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SPU MANILA CELEBRATES THE YULETIDE SEASON

This will be the last school week of the year 2008 and the week before Christmas, and the different sectors of St. Paul University Manila will be celebrating it through liturgical services, programs, and parties.

The **Institutional Christmas Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Manabat at 10:00 A.M., 18 December 2008 in the Fleur-de-lis Theatre. At 3:00 P.M., there will be an **Advent Recollection** in the Levesville Hall. The recollection, which will be facilitated by Fr. Cris Robert Cellan, SSP, will be focused on **"St. Paul and the Advent Season."**



The **Institutional Christmas Party** for administrators, faculty, and staff will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, 19 December 2008 in the SPU Manila Quadrangle. The committee in charge of the celebration has not submitted its plans for dissemination, but based on track records, the party promises to be a grand time for everyone, with loads of delightful numbers, games, raffle prizes, and great food.

MASS COMM STUDENT SHINES IN AAP COMPETITION

Anna Marie Recirido, a senior Mass Communications student, bagged two prizes in the awarding ceremonies of the **61st Annual Art Association of the Philippines (AAP) Competition** held on 13 December 2008. She was the Grand Winner in the Photography Category and honorable mention in the Drawing Category.

Four from St. Paul University Manila had been named finalists--three for photography and one for drawing. Brian Bantugan (Institutional Research Officer), Dorothy Mediavillo (SPU Manila AB-CA 2007) and Ana Marie Recirido were finalists in the photography category. Ana Marie was also a finalist in the drawing category. Shiena Pinon, a senior advertising major, was also a participant in the competition. St. Paul University Manila Mass Communications students have consistently joined the AAP Annual Art Competition since 2004.

SHARING ...SHARING ...SHARING

From the Department of Information Technology and Education

Ms. Regina Cachero, Department Chair for Information Technology and Information, shares this good news:

Computer Science and I.T. students bag 3rd place in the Google Earth Amazing Race



On 4-7 December 2008, an annual event known as the **COMDDAP Expo Manila 2008** was held at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia, Pasay City. This is a yearly gathering of manufacturers, distributors, and dealers of ICT resources in the country where exhibits and discussions on latest trends in technology take place. During the expo, a competition called the “Google Earth Amazing Race” was held. It was intended to utilize technology in traveling to different places of the world via the Internet.

Three students from the Computer Science and Information Technology programs formed the Team Erde (German term for “Earth”), joined the race, and qualified as finalists. The race, which began on 5 December and ended on the 7th, was participated in by various schools in Metro Manila. The event consisted of three legs, where the contestants had to go through different points in Metro Manila (first leg), Philippines (second leg), and the world (final leg) via Google Earth. Google Earth is an interactive program that shows the earth through images obtained from satellite, aerial photography, and GIS.

The team succeeded in qualifying for the first two legs of the competition and eventually bagged the Third Place. Ateneo de Manila University and Informatics Makati won the first and second places, respectively. Team Erde won a cash prize of PhP 3,000.00. It was composed of Kerwin George Fortes (CS 2), Ruby Ann Carpio (CS 4), and Jian Carlo Jongco (IT 2).



From the College of Music and the Performing Arts

Ms. Bing Morado of the College of Music and the Performing Arts shares three events participated in by the students of the college:

PAULINIAN SINGERS IN PACO PARK

The Paulinian Singers performed in **"Paco Park Presents"** at 6:00 P.M. on 12 December 2008 in the Paco Park San Marcelino St., Manila.



The singers were:
seated from left:
Camille Monique
Gallano, Regine
Garabiles, Michelle
Jean Valeriano, Fiona
Eleni Gallano, and
Marife Villaroman;
standing from left:
Carl Trazo, Jeffrey
Buensuceso, and
Russel Indab.

The program for the evening was :

PACO PARK PRESENTS "THE PAULINIAN SINGERS"

It's a grand night for singing – ensemble
It might as well be spring – ensemble
Down in the valley – Russel Indab

Belle nuit – Fiona Galano and Regine Garabiles
Alma sintamos– Carl Trazo
Lascia ch'io pianga – Jean Valeriano
Quiero morir – Regine Garabiles

Excerpts from W.A. Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro

- 1) Deh vieni non tardar – Camille Galano
- 2) Porgi amor– Marife Villaroman
- 3) In questa gl'occhi – Jeffrey Buensuceso
- 4) Sull'aria – Camille Galano and Marife Villaroman
Dalagang Pilipina – all male

Kahit isang saglit – Jean Valeriano and Carl Trazo
Araw-araw sa Maynila – Regine Garabiles nad Russel Indab
Arimundingmunding – Fiona Galano and Jeffrey Buensuceso
Katakataka – all female

Christmas Swing arr. Don Marsh:

- 1) O come, all ye faithful
- 2) Joy to the world
- 3) Messiah Medley:
 - a) And the glory of the Lord
 - b) For unto us a child is born
 - c) The Hallelujah Chorus

Josefina Antonio, Eloise Gonzalo, Melissa Taqueban – assisting artists

The St. Paul College of Manila Conservatory of Music was opened in 1940. It pioneered in various musical genres and music methodology and was a proponent of choral music and organization of a string orchestra in the 1950's; Broadway musicals directed by Fr. James B. Reuter, SJ in the 1960's; and the ward method and Kodaly choral methodology.

Now named the St. Paul University Manila College of Music and the Performing Arts, the school has remained committed to its goal of discovering and honing the skills of talented Filipino youth and of developing the aesthetic aspect of the human person, which will enable him/her to perceive the reality that cannot be perceived by the eyes but leads to the ultimate beauty – God. The motto that impels the college to move on is "Caritas Christi Urget Nos."

The performers are voice majors under Prof. Ronan Ferrer: Camille Monique Gallano, Fiona Eleni Gallano, Marife Villaroman, Regine Garabiles, Jeffrey Buensuceso, Carl Trazo, Russel Indab, and Michelle Jean Valeriano--all brought together by their love for music, their love for singing. They rendered arias, excerpts from W.A. Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro, immortal Filipino duets and Christmas songs.

PAULINIAN PIANO FESTIVAL

The **4th Paulinian Piano Festival** was held at 1:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. on 14 December 2008 in the Francisco Santiago Hall, BDO South Tower, Makati Avenue corner H. V. Dela Costa St., Makati City.

The Paulinian Piano Festival, organized by St. Paul University Manila College of Music and the Performing Arts, is especially designed to benefit piano students who are being taught by Bachelor of Music graduates of the college. Teachers who have been under a Paulinian graduate and students of piano teachers teaching in St. Paul Schools are welcome to participate.

Specifically, the festival aims:

- a. To facilitate communication among the Paulinian piano teachers and among their students.
- b. To provide and support venues by which the potentials of our young people are discovered and developed to maturity.
- c. To promote furtherance of educationally valuable music repertoire.
- d. To encourage and assist Paulinian piano teachers to bring appropriate musical performances of high quality to their student populations by providing opportunities such as non-competitive musical festivals.

SPU MANILA CHORALE IN THE ATRIUM



The St. Paul University Manila Chorale will perform at the Midtown Atrium, Robinsons Place Manila, at 6:00 P.M. on 16 December 2008. Admission is free.

Members of the chorale strike a playful pose with their mentor and conductor, Sr. Ma. Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC.

From the Graduate School

Mr. Aldrin Darilag, Dean of the Graduate School, reports on the December activities of the school:

On 6 December 2008, the Graduate School sponsored the Anticipated Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass was held at 12:00 Noon.

On the same day, the MBA students held a seminar/forum entitled **“Driving Strategic OD Interventions to Deliver Breakthrough Results”** with Mr. Efren L. Elane as the resource speaker.

The organizing committee of the forum was chaired by Camille Ilagan, with Pia Cruz and Joan Riosa, members.

The comprehensive examination for Master of Nursing students was held from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on 6 and 13 December 2008. Courses covered in the exam were Bioethics, Management, Practicum, Research and Statistics, and Clinical Instruction.

The Graduate School Christmas Party will be held at 5:30 P.M., 20 December 2008 in the HRM Training Center. It will bring together the graduate students of SPU Manila and of the extension campuses--St. Dominic College of Arts and Sciences in Bacoor, Dr. Yanga's College in Bocaue, College of the Immaculate Conception in Cabanatuan, Columban College in Olongapo, and De La Salle in Lipa, Batangas.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



15 -	Sr. Delfina, SPC	15 -	Joan Patrick Tajonera
16 -	Carlos Evangelista	16 -	Elvira Manalansan
19 -	Mylene Naboya	19 -	Reniel Potestades
21 -	Myra Patalay	22 -	John Francis Faustorilla
22 -	Oliver Rodriguez	23 -	Murielle Frances Cajulao
24 -	Hyacinth Tudor	26 -	Gloria Orobio
24 -	Esteban Soliven	28 -	Sr. Mary Edmund Antonio, SPC
29 -	Gemma Corpuz	31 -	Arrianne Joyce Tortuya

A WEDDING!

Ms. Athenee Pacardo, Research Coordinator for the Undergraduate School, will exchange marriage vows with Mr. Juan Alberto Mercado on 20 December 2008 at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish Church in Los Baños, Laguna. Ms. Pacardo has been with SPU Manila as a researcher since 2003.

AND A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE ...

Jesus is Better than Santa

Santa lives at the North Pole.

JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh

JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year

JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies

JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited

JESUS stands at your door and knocks.. and then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa

JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap

JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly

JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO

JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry"

JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.

We need to put Christ back in Christmas.

Jesus is still the reason for the season.