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The Alternative Shines in Journalism Meet

The University of the Cordilleras showed writing prowess extraordinaire, bagging 16 awards in the Fifth Luzon-wide Higher Education Press Conference held last February 8-11 at the Naga Regent Hotel, Naga City.

The Alternative, UC's official student publication took home six awards in the group category, three each for the Magazine and the Newsletter categories. The staffers meanwhile, bagged 10 awards as they continued to stamp their class in the field of journalism.

The Alternative team's medal romp comes in the heels of its successful campaign in the Regional Press Conference tilt held last January 16-18. The staff and the publication garnered 28 top ten finishes in a remarkable display of journalistic excellence.

With Mrs. Naomi Buenaagua-Boac as adviser, the publication bagged first place in Best Development Community, fourth in Best News Page Page, and fifth in Best Page design for the Newsletter category. In the Magazine category, The Alternative finished third in Best Sports Page, fourth in Best Page Design, and fifth in the Best Literary Page.

Alternative Editor-in-Chief led the individual winners, bagging second place in Sports Writing (English), and eighth place both in Editorial Writing (English) and Copy Reading and Headline Writing (English). Christopher Acurin finished first in Comic Strip (English) and fourth in Literary Graphics (English).

Other winners were Mildred Lumsit (Third, Editorial Writing-Filipino), Lincoln Dionisio (Fifth, Sports Writing-Filipino), Jominee Blanco (Sixth, Editorial Cartooning-Filipino), Hector Kawig (Seventh, Poetry-Filipino), and Don Carlo de Francia (Ninth, Photojournalism-English).

"The Alternative team really deserved to win because they all worked so hard," said publications adviser Naomi Buenaagua-Boac.



The Alternative Staff: From L-R: Don De Francia, Lanilyne Estepa, Abraham Foronda, Jose Maria Gabriel, Hector Kawig, UC OIC-Pres. Atty. Reynaldo U. Agranzamendez, Lileth Martinez, Mildred Lumsit, Adviser - Ms. Naomi Boac, Christopher Acurin, Lincoln Dionisio, Jesus Miguel Agreda, and Jominee Blanco

She added that a top ten finish is already a big achievement because of the scale and scope of the competition.

UC led the Cordillera Administrative Region's remarkable jump from sixth overall last year to third overall this year, accounting for 45% of the scores garnered by the region. Other schools from all over the Cordillera region accounted for the remaining 55%.

The Fifth Luzon-wide Higher Education Press Conference gathered more than 600 of the finest campus journalists from the seven regions in Luzon. In all, 55 schools, including UC, participated in the competition, which tested the student's mettle in the different fields of journalism, including editorial writing, news writing, copy reading, and photojournalism.

Group Category

Newsletter:
1st Place: Best Devcom Page
4th Place: Best News Page
5th Place: Best Page Design

Magazine:

3rd Place: Best Sports Page
4th Place: Best Page Design
5th Place: Best Literary Page

Individual Category

Comic Strip
1ST Place: Christopher Acurin

Literary Graphics

4th Place: Christopher Acurin

Sports Writing (English)

2nd Place: Jose Maria Gabriel

Editorial Writing

8th Place: Jose Maria Gabriel

Copy reading and Headline Writing

8th Place: Jose Maria Gabriel

Editorial Writing

3rd Place: Mildred Lumsit

Poetry Writing

7th Place: Hector Kawig

Sports Writing (Filipino)

5th Place: Lincoln Dionisio

Photojournalism (English)

9th Place: Don De Francia

Editorial Cartooning

6th Place: Jominee Blanco

Adviser: Ms. Naomi Boac

UC Bags 2 BBEAL Championships

The University of the Cordilleras added two 2006 BBEAL Championships to its growing list of achievements after posting impressive victories in badminton and dance sport last February.

UC's male shuttlers romped away with their first Men's Team title in badminton as Hunter Montefalco, Emerson Manabat, Jonathan Deauna and Gerald Gonzales displayed a remarkable arsenal of smashes, drop shots, and digs in dominating the men's division in the finals held on February 4 and 5.

The win improved the team's fourth place finish last year when they first joined the competition. Only on its second year, the men's team showed significant improvements, combining masterful shots, blazing speed, all-out hustle, and unflappable poise in winning the title, and serving notice to the rest of the field that a new force in badminton has arrived.

Before winning the BBEAL crown, ace shuttler Hunter Montefalco teamed up with Emerson Manabat to bag the title in the First Lion's Badminton Open doubles category last November 19, 2005 in San Fernando, Pampanga. Montelafco then topped the Baguio Day 2005 Tournament last December 10-11, 2005 at the Brent Gym

On the distaff side, the Women's team finished third, led by Camille Aquino, Leilani Aspiras, Diana Capuyo, Abigail Nobres and KC Silva. The team placed second last year.

Coached by Ramir Austria, the team underwent rigid training and daily practices despite problems in finding practice venues for the players. They, however, responded with focus, grit, and patience, as they remained determined to bring honor to the university. To give the team exposure, coach Austria independently sought competitions for the players to participate in. Evidently, all the hard work paid off handsomely as the UC team is now considered a badminton powerhouse in the



The UC Badminton Team. From top, L-R: Hunter Montefalco, Emerson Manabat, Coach Ramir Austria, Gerald Gonzales, Jonathan Deaun, Leilani Aspiras, KC Silva, Camille Aquino, Abigail Nobres, and Diana Capuyo



From L-R: Dean Alec Mapalo, Alfeo Levi Gamueda, Sherel Dela Torre, Michelle Cacho, Mr. Ramir Austria and Coach Jess Soloria

region with impressive victories in different tournaments.

After an impressive showing in badminton, UC then showed prowess in dancing as Alfeo Gamueda and Sherel dela Torre danced their way to another title, winning gold in the BBEAL dance sport competition, held last February 11 at the SM City Baguio Atrium.

The pair of Gamueda and dela Torre snatched the crown from back-to-back champions SLU with a routine that featured graceful moves and elegant choreography. They began training last December and choreographed their routine without the help of professional dance instructor. Mr. Jess Soloria guided the two as they trained hard to top the competition and dethrone SLU.

Dela Torre won gold in the 2004 UC Dancesport while Gamueda won gold in the 2002 edition. He also bagged gold in the First Higher Education Academic and Cultural Festival with a different partner.



The winning dance couple in an intense paso doble performance

Champion:

Men: Badminton
Hunter Montefalco
Emerson Manabat
Jonathatn Deauna
Gerald Gonzales

Champion:

Dancesport
Alfeo Levi Gamueda
Sherel Dela Torre

2nd Runner-Up:

Women: Badminton
Camille Aquino
Leilani Aspiras
Diana Capuyo
Abigail Nobres
KC Silva