



UC Hosts Debate Tournament

The University of the Cordilleras gathered Baguio's best student debaters as it hosted the Northern Luzon Debate Championship last February 4 and 6 at the UC Theater.

UC participated in the competition that also featured teams from the University of Baguio, the University of the Philippines-Baguio and SLU in an Asian Parliamentary-style format. Hanz Dimatulac, Marlon Bosantog and Parable Dizon from SLU won the tournament, outclassing 13 other teams in a thrilling two-day showcase of eloquence and intelligence from all competing groups.

"The tournament aims to fortify English proficiency not just in the region but in the Philippines, for its constituents to become globally competitive," said tournament director and UC Debating Team president Villamor Mostrales. He added that UC is a conducive forum for academic competitions.

According to Mostrales, the tournament used the Asian Parliamentary format to help the UC Debating Team in its preparations for the upcoming IICD5, to be hosted by the UP-Diliman campus this April.

UC Strengthens Community Services with MOA

The University of the Cordilleras took another bold step in establishing an integrative community development program by signing a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Barangay Irisan last February 15, 2006 at the UC Academic Hall, making it the pilot area for HELEN (Health, Education, Livelihood, Environment and Nurturance), UC's new community extension service project.

With the signing of the MOA, the university further intensified its ties with the community, helping it in its mission to empower the less fortunate toward self-reliance through different community projects and services.

Included in the MOA's terms and conditions are stipulations covering financial and technical assistance from the university. In return, Brgy. Irisan must properly allocate the funds received from UC



From L-R: Barangay Irisan Kagawads Thomas Dumalti and Jonah Cirilo, with UC OIC-President Atty. Reynaldo U. Agranzamendez and UC VP for Finance Dr. Saturnino Y. Ebusca

and assist the university in coordinating and sustaining the community projects to be launched in the area for the next three years.

Brgy. Irisan Chairman Bernardo Catalan and UC Office of the President officer-in-

charge Reynaldo U. Agranzamendez signed the MOA in a ceremony attended by UC president Jesus Benjamin Salvosa. The partnership is part of the university's continuing mission of service and compassion.

UC Holds Leadership Seminar

Staying true to its commitment in molding future leaders, the University of the Cordilleras hosted the Strategic Leadership for Population, Family Planning and Reproductive Health Champions seminar-workshop last February 17 and 18 at the UC Executive Training Center.

The seminar-workshop provided guidelines to

sharpen the participants' leadership skills using Strategic Thinking, Action, and Reflection (STAR). The program laid out the basic principles and values necessary to become good and effective leaders, specifically in the field of family planning and reproductive health.

Representatives from the different schools and universities in Baguio, along with members of non-government organizations attended the seminar-workshop coordinated by UC's Community Extension Service Office in its bid to intensify the university's sustainable social responsibility duty. Representatives from religious and business sectors, together with medical practitioners and healthcare providers also participated in the seminar-workshop.



Mr. Mike Dela Rosa of the Forum for Family Planning and Development Inc. (FFPD)

UC Wins Again

Students from the University of the Cordilleras came through with yet another impressive show of talent and poise, bagging several awards at the YMCA Northern Luzon Academic and Cultural Olympics despite having less than a week to prepare for the competition.

Villamor Mostrales topped the Extemporaneous Speech contest while Rhea Mejos romped away with the Cultural Vocal Solo championship. Vicente Raras took first runner-up honors in the Bible Quiz Bee while the trio of Kirstein Pangod, Jayson Costina and Julie Calvez also won first runner-up honors in the Quiz Bee. The group of Jerbelyn Corpuz, Rosalie Zapigao, Angel Sabado, Chester Lazo, Carlo Gacad, Caress Dularte and Norelyn Bautista, meanwhile finished second in Interpretative Dance.

UC emerged as the champion in the college division, helping Baguio finish second overall among eight participating provinces that included Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Pangasinan, Cagayan, Nueva Ecija, La Union, and Olongapo.

With another medal haul, UC has added to its continuously growing list of achievements, proving once more that the university is indeed a breeding ground for excellence.

Sponsored by the Forum for Family Planning and Development Inc. (FFPD), in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, the Johns Hopkins University and the University of the Cordilleras, the seminar-workshop was facilitated

by Mike Dela Rosa, Executive Director of the Forum for Family Planning and Development Inc. The event was made possible through a memorandum of understanding between UC and FFPD; the purpose of which is for the latter to support follow-through activities designed by the graduates of the leadership workshop.