

E-learning now in Baguio

UC-BCF first to use north of Manila

BAGUIO CITY-- An alternative learning experience widely used by developed countries is now available in this mountain resort city at the University of the Cordilleras formerly Baguio Colleges Foundation.

Only four Manila-based schools and two in Cebu are using the United States developed computer learning program. UC-BCF will be the first to adopt the latest computer learning technology north of Manila consistently sustaining CHED's recognition of UC as a Center of Development for Excellence in Information Technology Education Program.

The e-learning program at UC-BCF will be available in two computer laboratories with 50 computer capacity each at the newly constructed nine-storey building. Selected faculty and students have been doing experimental use of this since November last year. However, the launching of the E-learning systems will

be scheduled later this month and expected to be in full operation by February.

Dean Nancy Flores of the UC College of Information and Computing Sciences explained that students will be assigned individual computers and accessories then learn by themselves by just following recorded instructions. Students will then be guided in a learning experience through a mixture of animation, simulated examples and recorded actual situations.

"Each computer is a virtual classroom. It's a mixture of seeing, listening and experiencing a learning process followed by computer-based exercises and actual examinations that provides immediate results through computerized

checking and grading", Ms. Flores said.

"With all sense combined in the learning experience specially with recorded real life applications, there will be lasting retention of learning. Students can also set their learning pace with unlimited replays because they can not move on to the next pace unless they get a passing rate in the practice examinations. Although each student can access only his files through user

name and passwords, a centralized tracking of performance by an assigned monitor will be done through a server.

In nursing for example, dean Flores explains that the course RLE (related learning experience) will be augmented by actual hospital situations recorded on video "as if the student is inside an operating room, a delivery room or emergency room". The E-learning experience will accord-

ingly prepare nursing students before actual clinical duty. It will also augment learning of fielded students who failed to get full hospital experience due to the increasing number of nursing students from all schools but with limited hospitals and patients.

Other E-learning programs acquired by the school include English proficiency, sciences, mathematics, and foreign language among others.*

Seven UC Jaguars lead Kafagway sports awardees

At least six University of the Cordillera Jaguars will be leading over 40 other athletes and institutions in the 21st Annual Kafagway Sports awards for 2006 on January 21, 2007 at the Malcolm square. UC-BCF as an institution will also be recognized as the Wushu team of the year.

Sportswriter and Kafagway organizer Nars Padilla said three UC wushu players will be among the four chosen athletes of the year

namely; Asia Games Wushu Silver medalist Edward Folayang, along with SEA games gold medalist Rhea May Rifani and three time world wushu combat champion Benjie Rivera.

Special award of distinction will also be given to two other UC Jaguars; Bronze Medalist in World Junior Wushu Marianne Mariano and SEA bronze medalist Mark Eddiva for his participation in the recent Asian games.

Two UC coaches will be among 10 awardees for sports leadership such as the Athletic Director of the Year to be conferred to UC sports director Yul Benosa who is also the head coach in the men and women volleyball teams who are reigning champions in the recent BBEAL competition.

The Coach of the year will be awarded to UC-Wushu coach and international referee Marques Sangiao.*

BCF Batch '77, home after 30 years

Success in life is best felt when shared with classmates and former mentors in a school that molded their moral compass.

Some 75 professionals from all walks of life, 10 of them coming from different parts of the globe, came to Baguio for a simple reason—they want to share that "there's really nothing like the warm feeling of coming home especially when you've been away for 30 years".

This was written on the faces of the Baguio Colleges Foundation High School Batch '77 last Saturday, January 6, as they took a trip down memory lane, walking through the halls of what used to be their classrooms before.

"We were among the first batches to step into this building. Looking at UC now, we could not help but wish we had all these beautiful facilities that students today are enjoying", said Ms. Estrella Mendoza, the class valedictorian and one of the organizers of the reunion who now works as an administrative officer for the Department of Health.

Members of Batch '77, most of whom went on to become engineers, nurses, medical technologists and military men were transported back into their high school

years as they giggled like schoolgirls and frolicked like teenage boys, snapping photos every now and then, swapping classroom jokes or just catching up.

The campus tour was one of the highlights of the three-day affair which kicked off with a karaoke night on January 5 followed by a motorcade the next morning. During their "Big Night" on Saturday at the Golden Pine Hotel, UC Chairman Mr. Jesus Benjamin Salvosa addressed the group and expressed his appreciation for their efforts in coming up with the event.

Before they parted after the Family Day picnic, the batchmates vowed to stay in touch and Overall Chair Jong Jimenez expressed his intentions of coming up with another reunion after 3 years.*



Fresh from being tagged as one of the best culinary schools in the Philippines, the UC-College of Hotel, Restaurant Management & Tourism headed by Chef/Professor Anthony Salazar (center) and multi-awarded student chefs Cyril Valle and Barry Sadlay whip up a scrumptious meal at the cooking demonstration during the Mangan Tayon Ilocos Sur Cuisine Festival at Plaza Burgos, Vigan City on December 8-9, 2006 as Unang Hirit's Chef Tristan looks on.



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