

# UC-BCF is champ in Accountancy quiz

The University of the Cordilleras (UC-BCF) emerged as champion of the annual accountancy quiz bee participated by schools in Baguio and Benguet last Thursday afternoon. UC was represented by graduating students Dexter Espiritu and Raymund Escala.

UC accountancy team under coach Matthew Munoz garnered 106 points, just five points ahead of closest rival, first runner up Saint Louis University with 101 points. Defending champion University of Baguio with 96 points was declared second runner up while Cordillera Career Development College garnered 61 points and settled for third runner up.

Questions in various areas of accountancy were lifted from probable questions for CPA board examinations.

The quiz is an annual friendly competition sponsored by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA)

Baguio-Benguet Chapter held every July in celebration of the Accountancy Week.

Dean Ramsay Colorado of the College of Accountancy said winning duo Dexter Espiritu and Raymund Escala will represent PICPA Baguio-Benguet in the regional competition.

He said that UC emerged as regional champion in 2004 during the competition in Curimaog, Ilocos Sur, and has been consistent first runner up for years 2000-2003.

UC Chairman of the Board Jesus Salvosa congratulated the students, their teachers and dean Colorado for living up to established standards of the school.

Colorado said almost all UC accountancy winners in past competitions passed the CPA board and later absorbed into the faculty of UC. "They are worth emulating", he said.



**Upholding a tradition of excellence.** L-R: Dean Ramsay Colorado, PICPA Quiz Champions Dexter Espiritu and Raymund Escala with Coach Matthew Munoz.

## Youth reminded of their Cordillera identity

While the University of the Cordilleras gears for global excellence, the institution braces up for cultural identity loss brought by globalization.

Last week, in celebration of the Cordillera Administrative Region Anniversary, students of UC-BCF were reminded of their roots and the beauty of the ethnolinguistic culture in the Cordillera.

Under the theme "Look back to the past, step forward and leap to the future", activities kicked off with a symposium on Cordillera Culture and History in the morning of July 20 at the UC Theater.

Over a hundred students from the UC Laboratory High School

accompanied by Principal Mirabel Garcia along with some representatives of the Baguio City High School and some line agencies gathered before speakers Dr. June Prill-Brett and Prof. Geraldine Fiag-oy, both faculty members of the University of the Philippines.

High school students were reminded of the rich culture and resource of the Cordillera. Resource management, conflict management, indigenous laws, religious rituals, diversities in dances, attire, language, houses and even tattoos were explained to the youth.

Prof. Brett explained how the various ethnolinguistic groups maintained unity despite

a diverse culture not only for survival but for cultural identity.

While the symposium is going on at the UC Theater, the beating of gongs reverberated at the UC covered court where a cultural presentation culminating in a unity dance was performed by the UC dance troupe under Mr. Paul Malecandan. Students were shown various ethnic dances differing in dance steps, beating of gongs, costumes, and dialects.

The College of Teacher Education through Dean Miriam Janeo delighted students with a live mannequin show where beautiful models garbed in different tribal attire posed in elegance. Cordillera products on display and a video cultural review were also coordinated by CTE.

The tribal dances and colorful live mannequins attracted local and national photo-journalists who joined the Cordillera celebration and at the same time, to reminisce their student days in UC.

Not to be outsmarted, the College of Hotel and Restaurant Management treated visitors, students and faculty with indigenous delicacies in appetizing presentations such as binagoongang camote and sayote tops, squash in meat ball forms, the usual pinikpikan, pork chop and sweetened banana and camote mix.

The destiny of the Cordillera region and its resources was discussed in a debate between four contending debating teams on July 21 at the UC review center organized by the College of Arts and Sciences and the UC Debate Society. The parties debated on whether to live in a developed and modern Cordillera or in a preserved environment but remaining in poverty.

### Live Mannequins taking pride in unique costumes



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catching the cordilleran rhythm

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Cordillera Autonomy remains a dream but unity through diverse culture remains. The University of the Cordilleras reminded its students of the rich culture and resources in the Cordillera last July 20 & 21 in the celebration of CAR anniversary.

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is to endow the lives of our students . . .  
with the guidance of a moral compass.



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