

# UC-BCF opens graduate course in Teaching SPED and ESL

**BAGUIO CITY – Enrolment is now on-going here to train globally competent Master Teachers in Special Education and English as a Second Language.**

**The University of the Cordilleras formerly Baguio Colleges Foundation announce that they are now offering two new courses starting this second trimester - Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language and Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education.**

Dr. Cleofas Basaen, dean of the UC Graduate School said the new course offerings is in response to the growing demands of language globalization and special care for children with special needs

Locally however, Basaen said the great influx of foreign students prompting the establish-

ment of English Tutors and Learning Centers and agencies requires English teachers properly equipped with the necessary professional teacher's knowledge in teaching proper English language. The ESL program has courses like Linguistics, Phonology, Language Acquisition and Supervision and

Language Instruction, among others.

The University of the Cordilleras also recognizes that although there are schools that cater to the needs of visual and hearing-impaired students, many children with other special conditions like autism and learning disabilities like dyslexia are left with very few teachers who are properly trained to capably provide the special instruction and guidance

that they need, thus, the MAT-SPED program.

With the local and international demands for SPED and English teachers, graduates of education courses and behavioral science courses are also given the opportunity to specialize in SPED.

Those who are inclined towards a career in English instruction on the other hand will greatly benefit from the MAT-ESL program.

## Two UC professors receive awards

Presidential medals and bronze plaques were awarded to Dr. Cleofas M. Basaen, Dean of the UC Graduate School and Dr. Alfred J. Herbolario Director for Research and Development for being Outstanding University Dean and Outstanding University Project Director, respectively. Both also received citations for being Exemplary Educators of the Philippines. The two UC educators were among twenty exemplary citizens from different fields nationwide conveyed Public Service Awards given by the Leadership Organization of the Philippines Incorporated held at the Manila Pavilion last September 9.

## Jails make criminals out of youth inmates

"Juvenile delinquents become master criminals by the time they get out of jail."

This was observed by Mr. Ray Dean Salvosa, Managing Director of Consuelo Foundation and guest speaker in a forum on juvenile justice system before University of the Cordilleras students sponsored by UC-BCF, Commission on Higher Education and the National Police Commission.

Ray dean Salvosa told UC-BCF students that the reason for his observation is because juveniles share with adult offenders the same crowded cells in "pig sty" state. Also, there are no comprehensive rehabilitation programs to redirect their lives towards a meaningful path. As a result, the children mostly end up becoming chronic offenders who go behind bars from time to time.

While it is expensive to solve jail systems, there is a cheaper solution -- providing peaceful and nurturing home-life.

UC students mostly from the UC college of nursing were exposed to harsh realities of prison life for child offenders through video documentation and statistical data presented by Salvosa.

"Our juvenile justice system is punitive rather than reformative", Salvosa continued. "The thing is, these juveniles do not have to be put to jail in the first place", the solution accordingly is to break the cycle of violence by establishing a strong and stable family.

UC students resolved to be more vigilant in addressing youth abuse, neglect and victimization and to support programs that address and prevent involvement in alcohol, drugs and gangs and to strengthen their own ties with their families.



Dr. Virginia Akiate of CHED-CAR (left) pose with University of the Cordilleras (UC-BCF) Mentors Dr. Alfred Herbolario and Dr. Cleofas Basaen.

## Abortion rise alarms School

The rise in abortion cases blamed on poor knowledge and sexual freedom has alarmed colleges and universities in the City.

To protect its students, the University of the Cordilleras immedi-

ately responded to the alarming reality by embarking on a continuing Adolescent Reproductive Health Seminar and information drive.

Poor knowledge was identified as the prime cause of incidents in unwanted pregnancies, abortion and sexually transmitted illnesses according to the Guidance Center and Peer Facilitators of UC during a seminar last month participated by more than 200 Social Orientation and English students.

Dr. Jessie Diaz, a gynecologist from the Baguio General Hospital and resource speaker of the seminar said that Baguio City has the second highest number of abortion cases in the entire country, with rates increasing a month or two after enrollment in

June and before the final examinations in March. Dr. Diaz enlightened students about misconceptions on sex brought about by cultural orientation as well as the dangers of abortion.

UC Guidance Director Judith Adina also warned students against the possible consequences for pre-marital sex and irresponsible behavior.

It could be recalled that UC Peer Facilitators for elementary school pupils earned UC Peer Facilitators Organization a slot in the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Award in the entire Luzon area by the National Youth Commission NYC last July 28 for their project on Reproductive Health among elementary grade pupils.



Ray Dean D. Salvosa, Managing Director of Consuelo Foundation joins Dr. Magdalena C. Jasmin, CHED Director and NAPOLCOM CAR Director Rodolfo G. Santos in discussing juvenile justice system before UC-BCF students.

### Enrolment Schedule

#### Second Trimester 2006 - 2007

Arts and Sciences	- Sept. 11 & 12
Teacher Education	- Sept. 11 - 13
Criminal Justice Education	- Sept. 11 - 14
Information and Computing Sciences	- Sept. 14 & 15
Hotel, Restaurant Management and Tourism	- Sept. 14 - 16
Business Administration	- Sept. 15 - 18
Accountancy	- Sept. 15 - 18
Engineering and Architecture	- Sept. 15 - 19
Graduate School	- Sept. 11 - 20
All Courses	- Sept. 20

**Classes Start September 21, 2006**

### Job Openings

#### Clinical Instructors

##### Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Passed Nursing Licensure Examinations
- Preferably with Master's Degree in Nursing
- Professional clinical practice of at least one (1) year.

#### College Instructors

##### Qualifications

- With Master's Degree

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