Happy Birthday Sir Eric

NLPS C family is wishing you, Sir Eric, our Congressman and founder of NLPS C, a happy happy birthday this June 15, 2014. May your birthday be filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter, love, and cheer. May you have many more birthday celebrations to come. May God continue to bless the work of your hands and grant you continued favor in your life.

From the NLPS C family headed by OIC president Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana, officials, faculty staff, non-teaching personnel and the studentry, we wish you all the best Sir. God bless you and more power.

We also thank Candon City administrator Grace G. Singson for the unending support to us. The assistance you have provided for the college and to the NLPS C faculty and staff are monumental and a legacy for public service most especially to the students, the young people of Ilocos Sur.

(Ver G. Alviento)

SY 2014-2015 Officially Started

Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana, Officer-in-Charge of the college, happily welcomes all students in her message after the flag raising ceremony on June 9, 2014 as the SY 2014 – 2015 has officially started. Dr. Gacusana announced that all NLPS C personnel and rules and regulations of the school will be properly introduced during the Orientation program to be held on June 17, 2014 at the college gymnasium.

Meanwhile, Dr. Andres T. Malinmag, Jr., Director for Administrative and Finance Services, explained to students that they are part of NLPS C family and that they have to follow some rules and regulations of the college and help the administration for the maintenance of order and discipline while in school. All faculty and staff are in full attendance during the said ceremony.

It's the OIC President’s Birthday

Born under the Zodiac sign of Gemini and known for the ability for self-expression, Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana, who is openly called by many people as simply ma’am Beth, is a person with the capability to do more than one thing at a time and who can easily see both sides of an issue. She is a kind of person, as astrologers claimed for a typical Gemini, who

Pre-amalgamation Activities of NLPS C

by Alex Q. Mendoza, MAT Eng

A pre-amalgamation meeting was held on October 18, 2013 at 3:00 in the afternoon at the NLPS C Conference Room to formulate the plans, programs and activities of North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPS C) prior to the realization of the proposed amalgamation of state universities and colleges (SUCs) of Region I comprising the following HEIs: Mariano...
Students of NLPSC presented their Research Studies in the 3rd National Scientific Conference

Students of NLPSC under the Teacher Education Department presented their research studies during the 3rd National Scientific Conference with the theme “A Greener Environment for the People’s Well Being” held on May 6 – 9, 2014 at UP Baguio. This conference was sponsored by the Restoration Ecology Society of the Philippines Saving the Cordilleras Ecosystem Network (RESPhil - SCENE), Inc.

The researches presented by the students are: 1) The Best Practices in Environmental Management in Candon City, Ilocos Sur authored by Carissa Blance T. Fabian, Venus V. Gayed, and Hay-lyn D. Dukiling and The Environmental Protection Program of the Municipality of Galimuyod, Ilocos Sur authored by Jasmine G. Licudine, Sonny David R. Corpuz, and Marisol C. Cayso.

Two faculty members of the college were also presenters in the said conference namely Dr. Severino G. Alviento and Mrs. Mariefe D. Alviento. The paper they presented was entitled “Candon City Watershed Rehabilitation Development Project of Candon City, Ilocos Sur: A Concept for a Viable Agroforestry”.

The keynote speaker in the said conference was Dr. Virginia C. Cuevas of the University of the Philippines – Los Baños where she lectured on “A Greener Environment for the People’s Well Being”.

The conference was grouped into several sessions and was clustered with topics such as: Environmental Protection and Restoration, Issues and Best Practices in Environmental Management, Indigenous Knowledge, Health and Research Updates, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, Biodiversity Studies and Biodiversity Conservation, Ethnobotany and natural products, High School Students’ Oral Presentations and Organic Agriculture and Sustainable Resource Development.

Participants during the 3rd National Scientific Conference with the theme “A Greener Environment for the People’s Well Being” sponsored by the Restoration Ecology Society of the Philippines Saving the Cordilleras Ecosystem Network (RESPhil - SCENE), Inc.

Other research studies conducted by faculty members were also presented in several conferences, these are:

1. Stress and Job Satisfaction of Faculty Members of North Luzon Philippines State College by Dr. Rodolfo C. Moreno presented at the 1st International Conference on Accounting & Management Education, Research & Practice at the Hotel Supreme, Baguio City on February 24-26, 2014 hosted by the University of the Cordilleras.

2. The Protection of Rights and Well-Being of the Indigenous Peoples in Rosario, La Union by Mr. Samson C. Nisperos and Dr. Severino G. Alviento presented at the National R&D Forum Across Disciplines: Establishing Synergy for Sustainable Development on April 9-11, 2014 at the Bitung Beach Resort, Mobo, Masbate hosted by the Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology (DEBESMCAST).

3. ASEAN Integration: The Researchers’ Perspective by Dr. Severino G. Alviento presented at the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) International Conference with the theme Gazing Out: Locating Asia in the Philippine Political Worldview held at the University of the Philippines Visayas, Iloloi City, Iloilo on May – 2 – 3, 2014.
from the corner of ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**NLPSC Midwifery 2014 Graduates Garner 100% Passing Rate in April 2014 Midwifery Licensure Examinations**

The 2014 Midwifery graduates of NLPSC set another achievement record of North Luzon Philippines State College by attaining 100% passing rate in the Midwifery Licensure Examination (MLE) held last April 2014.

Two of the 2014 graduates were **Regional topnotcher** awardees. These are Jansen Gameng and Germilynn Lockey. Three graduates of 2013 were also in Rank 1, Rank 2 and Rank 3 among the Regional board passers namely; Aprielyn Baylon, Eduardson Avisa and Wesley Dumag respectively.

For 2014, the NLPSC performance passing rate is 84.62% higher by 38.62% in the national passing rate of 46%.

The College has been consistently higher than the national passing rate in the Midwifery Board Examinations conducted in the last 3 years. In November 2012, the institutional passing rate is 100%, an exemplary record of achievement by the College and the Midwifery Department.

**NLPSC yields 9 new licensed teachers**

North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC) produced nine new licensed teachers in the just concluded Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) on January 29, 2014.

In the Bachelor of Elementary Education, the college obtained an Institutional Passing Percentage of 62.50% compared to the National Passing Percentage of 28.98%. The five new eligible elementary school teachers are: Rexie G. Gabatino, Edgar Francisco O. Gamboa, Leo Angelo O. Gamboa, and Rhea May T. Madarang.

In the Bachelor of Secondary Education, the college achieved an Institutional Passing Percentage of 66.67% which is higher than the National Passing Percentage of 28.41%. The four new licensed secondary school teachers are: Vicky Joy G. Cam-aní, Maria Lucia D. Gandol, and Laurence L. Sevilla.

**NLPSC Promotes 8 Faculty Members**

North Luzon Philippines State College promoted five regular faculty members: Dr. Severino Alviento, Mr. Alex Q. Mendoza, Mrs. Filipinas Gasalao, Mrs. Joselita Viado, and Miss Jannah Aromin. Their promotion will take effect this school year 2014-2015.

Likewise three new teachers will join the institution as Instructor I: Dhana Biteng, MPA, Mrs. Aurelyn Mina, MSCRim, and Ms. Donabel Banasan, MSCRim. There are also six new part time faculty members to be assigned to the different academic departments: Ione Eugenio, Rafael Gacusana, Pearl Garcia, Valentina Lamarca, Merly Sioco, and Atty. Robert Tudayan.

News from the Office of the Student Affairs

by Samson C. Nisperos

Chosen students who were identified as 4Ps from the different municipalities of the second district of Ilocos Sur came to the college to undergo the qualifying examination as part of the process of screening for the recipient of the Expanded Student Grant-in-aid for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA). There were 97 who took the qualifying examination held last April 25, 2014 at Rm. E-122. The Differential Aptitude Test (DAT) bought from the Philippine Psychological Corporation (PHILPSYCOR) was utilized. The examinees were divided into three batches 45 each for the first two batches and the remaining 7 examinees were accommodated at the testing room (Please see picture above).

Mr. Samson C. Nisperos, Coordinator for Student Affairs & Services and concurrent Guidance Counselor served as the examiner while Lorebel Domingo, Coordinator for Scholarship and Mrs. Honeylyn G. Pacquing, Guidance Counselor served as proctor. The examinees were accompanied by the focal person from DSWD in their respective localities together with the focal person from DSWD Regional Office. After the qualifying examination, the examiner, proctor and the focal persons who accompanied the examinees paused for a group picture (Please see picture above).

The NLPSC officials and personnel paused with the focal persons in the Expanded Students Grant-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) of the DSWD-ROI after the Orientation Program for the 85 student grantees with their parents/guardians last May 19, 2014 at the college gymnasium. From left to right, Samson C. Nisperos, Lorebel Domingo, Dr. Severino G. Alviento, Dr. Andres T. Malinnag, Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana, Mrs. Estrella C. Gaerlan, Mrs. Maribel C. Ibanez, Mrs. Luz V. Jimenez, and Dr. Lanie B. Tiu.
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Marcos Memorial State University in Ilocos Norte; the University of Northern Philippines; the North Luzon Philippines State College in Ilocos Sur; the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University in La Union; and the Pangasinan State University in Pangasinan.

The RUS-I Team, which is the Technical Working Group in Amalgamation, is composed of the following officials and personnel of NLPSUC: Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana - TWG over-all-chair, Dr. Severino G. Alviento, Dr. Andres T. Malinnag, Jr. Mrs. Estrella C. Gaerlan, Dr. Rodolfo C. Moreno, Mrs. Cristina R. Martinez, Mrs. Luz C. Inigo, Dr. Lanie B. Tiu, Mrs. Filipinas Gasalao, Mr. Alex Q. Mendoza and Miss Dhana Biteng.

Survey on Socio-Political Acceptability of the Proposed Amalgamation of SUCs in Region I

The drafted survey form containing the question: Are you in favor of the proposed Regional University System of Region I? (Umanamong ka kadi iti pannakabuke ti maymaya nga universidad to Rgyion I?) was floated to the LGUs, PNP, neighboring barangays, city officials, students, faculty and staff members and community people from October to November 2013.

The team personally met the mayor of San Emilio, Lidildda, Banayooy, Candon City, Galimuyo, Salcedo, Sta. Lucia, Sta. Cruz and Suyo and requested them to distribute the questionnaire survey to the employees of their respective municipal offices. The team was also able to discuss the highlights of the amalgamation in front of the Sangguniang Bayan members in the Regular Session in the Municipality of San Emilio in October 21 and in the City Council of Candon in October 28.

Result of the survey is shown in the table below:

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A luncheon meeting with the Candon City councilors and officials from neighboring towns was also conducted on the same date between 12:00 noon to 2:00 in the afternoon. Hon. Kristelle Singson, Hon. Rhodana Abrero and Hon. Charina Bona from the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Candon City joined the RUS-I NLPSUC Team, Dr. Miriam E. Pascua, Dr. Caridad O. Abuan, Dr. Zenaida Suyat of Pangasinan State University, Dr. Francisco Lopez of Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College, Mayor Jesus Sagay of Lidildda and his Sangguniang Bayan members, representatives from cooperatives and neighboring barangays.

Hon. Kristelle Singson, the spokesperson of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Candon City related all the views and queries of the City Council to the guest speaker regarding the proposed amalgamation. Key points of their views and
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queries include the following:

- Universityhood (RUS qualifies NLPSC to become university; can NLPSC pass the requirements for universityhood)
- Fiscal autonomy (decisions always come from the head university)
- Identity of the college (name of the college is lost)
- Resource Sharing (only head university is benefited with its resources)
- History repeats itself (the same college flight as it was under UNP)

At 2:00 in the afternoon when the luncheon meeting was finally done, the faculty and staff members of NLPSC gathered at the conference room for the forum of amalgamation. Questions on status of appointment, plantilla positions and administrative concerns were raised and were positively responded by Dr. Abuan.

On November 20, 2013 at 9:00 in the morning all student leaders in NLPSC were convened at the conference room for a forum on amalgamation. Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana, Dr. Andres T. Malinnag Jr., and Dr. Severino G. Alvierto were tasked to give their lectures on the overview, highlight and the pros and cons of amalgamation.

Radio Programs

NLPSC entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with DZTP Radyo Tirad Pass for the radio broadcast on the highlights of the proposed amalgamation of SUCs in Region I. Mrs. Luz C. Inigo, Board Secretary of the College, has taken the time slot at 8:00 to 9:00 in the morning and started her radio broadcast on November 19, 2013 on the same time slot. A tape-recorded discussion on the highlights of the proposed amalgamation of the SUCs of Region I has been aired over Radyo Tirad Pass every morning.

Visiting Quirino, Ilocos Sur

Dr. Severino G. Alvierto, accompanied by Mr. Samson C. Nisperos on May 22 -23, 2014 at the municipal hall of Quirino, Ilocos Sur, conducted a survey on the acceptability of the proposed RUS. They explained how SUCs particularly in Region I would complement and cooperate with each other in the said proposed RUS. After the short meeting with Mayor Clifford Patil-ao with the presence of selected employees of the said Municipality, they positively expressed their support to the advocacy of SUCs for Amalgamation.

Dr. Alvierto and Mr. Nisperos also went to barangay Patungkaleo of Quirino on May 29, 2014 where they presented the rationale of the RUS. Some of the people they met in the said barangay were the two Sangguniang Bayan members of Quirino, SBM Rey Alberto Marquez and SBM Benedict Reynante, together with the barangay officials, residents and representatives from DepEd, and sectoral organizations.

On May 30, 2014, they went to barangay Pariacan and discussed the RUS to the barangay officials, some DepEd teachers, and residents. In both forum and consultations conducted, the people in the two barangays have stated their support to the proposed RUS.

A Day in Sigay and Del Pilar

Friday, June 6, 2014 was a busy day for the RUS Team of NLPSC to solicit the socio-political acceptability of the proposed amalgamation of state universities and colleges of Region I in the upland municipalities of Sigay and Gregorio del Pilar, Ilocos Sur. Aboard a heavy-duty jeepney designed to climb up rough and rocky roads in the interior towns of the province, the team reached Sigay Municipal Hall at one and a half hour of travel.

Dr. Severino G. Alvierto, the team leader of the group, took a courtesy call at the Mayor’s Office; however, the municipal administrator welcomed the team as the mayor was on official business that time. In a session assembled comprising of SB members, municipal employees, school principals and teachers, youth leaders, barangay officials and NGOs officers, Dr. Alvierto recounted how amalgamation came into being. He also explained the benefits that can be derived when the SUCs become one University System, i.e., trimming down the hundreds of SUCs in the entire country into few regional universities.

Assisting the team leader in explaining the rudiments of RUS were Mr. Alex Q. Mendoza, FA President; Mrs. Maribel C. Ibanez, GAD Coordinator; Dr. Lanie B. Tiu, Coordinator for Extension; Ms. Dhana Biteng, HRMO-Designate; and Mrs. Luz C. Inigo, College/Board Secretary. Harmonization of the curriculum, uniform college admission and retention policies, resource sharing and equal opportunities for research, extension and production activities were the highlights of their lectures. The audience aired some views, gave opinions, asked clarifications and voiced out doubts, but in the end, raised their hands in support to the proposed amalgamation.

Reaching the municipality of G. del Pilar was also an enriching experience. It was just less than an hour of travel from Sigay. The RUS Team members helped themselves with a hearty lunch before placing themselves once again in a rigid campaign. Municipal employees, members of the PNP, teachers and barangay officials served as the audience. Overwhelmingly, the team was victorious in enticing the audience to support the proposed amalgamation of SUCs in Region I.
The Administrative and Finance Services in action . . .

By: Andres T. Malinnag, Jr. Ed.D.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE CHED WEEK, MAY 19-23, 2014

Tree Planting (May 19, 2014)
At around 8:30 in the morning, a scheduled tree planting at the campus started. The tree planting inside the campus was initiated by the Office of the Administrative & Finance Services. In front of the CHED-funded building, a presidential Narra Tree was planted by Dr. Elizabeth M. Gausana; followed by Mr. Efren Orpilla (Senior Employee); by Dr. Andres T. Malinnag, Jr. Director, Admin & Finance; Mrs. Estrella Gaerlan, Director, Acad. Affairs; and by the deans of the different departments.

Mahogany seedlings were also planted at the southern part of the campus. Fruit bearing trees like avocado, jack fruit, mango, and coconut were planted at the western side.

Ground Breaking for Alumni Hall Building
On the same date, ground breaking ceremony for the Alumni Hall building was held at around 10:00 in the morning. This was witnessed by the faculty and staff including the newly elected Student Government (SG) President, Mr. Gil Valdez and a few students.

Opening of Ornamental Plants Propagation Area
On the same date, the propagation area was opened formally by the OIC, Office of the President Dr. Elizabeth M. Gausana. This is a place where plants will be nourished for use during special occasions. Plants will be used to decorate the conference room, and the gymnasium wherein meetings, seminars and other gatherings are held.

Slogan Making Contest (May 20, 2014)
The slogan contest was initiated by the Multi-Art Inclined Students (MARIS) group with Mr. Ian Buccat as their adviser.

Eight Newly Hired Personnel Boost Admin Services

The college hired 8 new personnel (under Job Order Basis) and started working last June 02, 2014 deployed at the different offices to augment the working force of the institution. It is hoped that it will help boost the services needed in order to cater quality services to the stakeholders. Two added at the library, one was deployed at the Office of the Director for Administration and Finance, one was deployed at the Registrar’s Office, one was deployed at the Planning Office, two were deployed at the Cashier’s Office and one deployed at the HR Office. The lucky eight welcome to NLPSC work force.

Also, congratulations to the newly promoted non-teaching personnel namely Mrs. Lorebel Domingo, Mrs. Marissa Monez, and Mrs. Eden Cortez.

NLPSC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The e-library. The construction of the e-library (5M, Phase III Project) is on-going; it was started last May 2014. The building will house an audio-visual room and the state of the art e-library of the college. Hopefully, the e-library will be the best in the province if not in the entire Region I. The project was funded by the founder of the college, Hon. Rep. Eric D. Singson.

The Student Government Building, The two storey SG Building is on its Phase II. The contractor is still working on its electrical parts but the roofing is done. A while back, I asked Mr. Vladimir Maala (SG President) about his feelings concerning the soon to be finished Student Government building, and he said “sir, mixed emotions, proud and happy…a legacy and our tribute to the studentry”. 
Key Officials of the College Completed the Executive Development Program for SUCs

Flagship Course on the Management of Research in SUCs
Attended by Dr. Severino G. Alvierto

The Flagship Course on the Management of Research in SUCs was designed to equip the Research managers and officers with responsive, relevant and practice-based competencies that are essential to effective management of research in their respective schools. It is in adherence to the Philippine Higher Education Roadmap (PHER)’s commitment to provide all SUCs with equitable access to capacity building efforts of the government.

The first session was held on November 4-8, 2013 at the Astoria Plaza, Pasig City. The 2nd session however was held at Sarangani Highlands in General Santos City on December 2-6, 2013 and the 3rd session on the other hand, was held at the Astoria Plaza, Pasig City on January 5-7, 2014 where members had presented their Action Plan and Project for their respective SUC before a panel composed of their respective President, and representatives from CHED and DAP. The graduation immediately followed after the successful presentation of the action plan of the participants.

Executive Course in Education Management and Leadership
Attended by OIC President Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana.

The Executive Course in Education Management and Leadership is a major component of the Executive Development Program for SUCs (EDPs) which was a joint project of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The course aimed to equip State Universities and Colleges (SUC) presidents with knowledge, competencies, values and skills required for effective educational leadership and management in contemporary times.

The highlight of this course was the opportunity for participants to visit foreign academic and industrial institutions and able to observe and appreciate tangible evidences of their development endeavors. OIC President Gacusana was one of the delegates who went to Australia and benchmarked the best practices offered by the public higher institution in that country.

The course was conducted in strategic locations in the country as a manifestation of the commitment to provide all SUCs in the country equitable access to capacity building efforts of the government. Dr. Gacusana received her certificate of completion for this course in a graduation held on May 6, 2014.

Flagship Course on Academic Excellence
Dr. Jaime G. Raras attended and finished this course. It was designed for SUC academic executives who are responsible for thinking strategically about their organization’s change and development for institutional and academic excellence. Part of the module of this course was intended for participants to learn to understand what aspects of their institutional mission and culture are critical to future success and how to close the gap between their best motives and what they can actually accomplish.

Each participant was required to present with the insights, principles, trends, tools and techniques in discussions on academic management, to be able to contribute and to think more strategically, balance the demands of colleagues and of the operations, and spent more time providing support to forward-thinking leadership.

Flagship Course on Administrative Excellence
By Dr. Andres T. Malinmag, Jr.

The nose-bleeding, painful and sleepless training started at Bahay Bakasyunan Resort in Tanay, Rizal last December 9-13, 2013. The second session was held last February 10-14, 2014 at Rizal Honor Hall, DAP Bldg., Ortigas Center, Pasig City, instead of the scheduled venue in Mindanao at Holiday Inn Plaza. The last session was held last March 05-07, 2014. The defense of the proposal was scheduled on the 6th and the Commencement Rites was on the 7th.

He submitted REAP paper in completion for the course, which is entitled “Improving the Revenue of North Luzon Philippines State College”, and graduated last March 07, 2014.
NLPSC Personnel Joins ASCU-SN Summer Olympics

By Rico G. Gagto - Sports Coordinator

The NLPSC Personnel, both the teaching and non-teaching, joined the Association of State Colleges and Universities of Solid North (ASCU-SN) Summer Olympics 2014 held at the University of Northern Philippines, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur on April 29 to May 3, 2014.

The Summer Olympics is an annual sports event participated by the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) personnel of Solid North or the Northern and Central Luzon areas.

The main purpose of this event is to develop camaraderie among all personnel of SUCs of Northern and Central Luzon through sports.

(Photos by Mrs. Maribel C. Ibañez)

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generally has the heart in the right place and look at a project on all sides and putting forth some logical and well-thought-out ideas.

Ma’am Beth’s 55th birthday is celebrated today, June 11, 2014 (coincidentally the birth of NLPSC Newsletter) at the Aloha Nui Events Center at barangay Paras, Candon City, Ilocos Sur. The entire NLPSC family, friends and family of ma’am Beth, and all well-wishers are expected to attend to this special affair, which is also considered an important affair of NLPSC.

From the office of Research and Extension and the rest of NLPSC family, wishing you a super awesome birthday ma’am. Let this new year of your life be special, full of precious moments, bright emotions, full of happiness and joy. May the wind blow much happiness into your life and may God continue to grant you long life. The gifts you receive today should not be compared to what you give to others every day. You deserve everything and I hope that it is exactly what you receive. VGA