



## Faculty evaluation goes online

and Research Council considered the significant benefits that the system will provide in improving the administration of the evaluation and, consequently, in enhancing the quality of instruction in the University.

The online evaluation gives students the flexibility to evaluate their teachers at their own time and place of convenience, within a 7-day period, allowing a more introspective and pressure-free exercise.

Moreover, the online mode will provide students with more bases for their ratings. The efficiency of the new system gives way to the scheduling of the evaluation towards the end of the term, rather than during midterm, as was the practice in the old system.

The Information Technology Services, the developer of the online system, guaranteed that the confidentiality of the responses will not be compromised.

THE EVALUATION OF FACULTY MEMBERS by students will be done online beginning August of the current academic year.

In approving the proposal to go online, the Vice Chancellor for Academics

## Most extensive training for Sea Scouts of Talim Bay

A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS FROM DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY conducted the most extensive training on the preservation and protection of Talim Bay for a select group of local youth in Lian, Batangas known as Sea Scouts, teaching them on specialized protocols for the assessment of mangrove, seagrass, and coral reef habitats.

Held last June 12-13 at DLSU's Br. Alfred Shields Marine Station, the laboratory and field activities were meant to provide the Sea Scouts the skills needed to assist researchers and field classes working in Talim Bay. Thirteen faculty, staff, and students of DLSU facilitated the training.

Of the 57 participants, 31 were trained towards being Seagrass and Mangrove Scouts, badges in the Sea Scouts Program. Their were trained to identify the different species of mangroves and seagrasses and to map the extent of their habitats. They were also taught to determine the best conditions for growing mangrove seedlings.

Sixteen of the older Sea Scouts began their training as Reef Scouts, another badge of the program, by learning the Ecosnorkeller pilot module of Reef Check. The latter is a global organization of volunteers that monitor coral reefs. During the field surveys, Scouts were able to observe the bleaching of corals due to unusually warm waters off western Luzon.

Previously this summer, the Sea Scouts assisted in the conduct of practicum classes of DLSU Biology students, and collected mangrove seedlings for planting by employees of a telecommunications company.



## FACTS and FIGURES



Total number of industry linkages in the last academic year

101



Total number of academic linkages in the last academic year

166



Daily average of visitors in the recent Job Expo on campus

800



Total number of companies that participated in the recent Job Expo on campus

125



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## Students explore IT-based disaster response systems



Participants of the roundtable discussion recently hosted by the Center for ICT for Development (CITE4D) discuss the role of IT in community-based disaster risk reduction and management.

2401 (twen 'te fór 'o, wun) is a landmark number along Taft Avenue. It is the location ID of De La Salle University, home to outstanding faculty and students, and birthplace of luminaries in business, public service, education, the arts, and science. And 2401 is the name of the official newsletter of DLSU, featuring developments and stories of interest about the University.

STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE are exploring information technology and social networking concepts in their

undergraduate theses to create systems of disaster response.

One of these theses projects is E-VAS, an

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IT system designed to efficiently manage the volunteer database of the National Red Cross. E-VAS facilitates better response to emergency situations by matching them to appropriate volunteer skills and resources.

Another thesis project, Masikan, takes inspiration from the popularity of social networking sites. It makes use of fora, blogs, video galleries, and on-line chat to disseminate information about impending or on-going natural disturbances or rescue and relief operations.

Project Sawatain is a flood mapping system for the province Bulacan. It creates

simulations and forecasts of flooding based on information on the amount of rainfall or dam outflow. Sawatain is intended to help disaster management councils analyze the effects of an incoming or on-going typhoon so that early warnings or evacuations may be done. The forecasts are accessible via website, making the flow of information to the general public faster.



Photo shows the creators of E-VAS presenting their project to members of the Lasallian community and the media during the Center for ICT for Development (CITe4D) roundtable discussion held recently.

Other research projects being produced by the CCS are: Zouranouz, a disaster coordination system for the National Disaster Coordinating Council and SAGIP, a system for the management and distribution of relief goods.

## University introduces E-cash payment

### GREENPURSE, AN ELECTRONIC CASHLESS PAYMENT OPTION

within the DLSU campus, is now available for undergraduate and graduate students. Using their ID cards, students can pay for selected transactions with the following offices: Office of the University Registrar (OUR); University Library; Information Technology Services Computer Laboratories; and Finance and Accounting Office.

Future applications of the GreenPurse shall include payment for parking at the Andrew Gonzalez Hall and Enrique Razon Sports Complex parking facilities, purchases at the bookstore and canteens, as well as photocopy services.

For more information about GreenPurse, visit <http://my.dlsu.edu.ph/procedures/greenpurse.asp>

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the GreenPurse may be found at <http://my.dlsu.edu.ph/faq/faq-greenpurse.asp>

## Preparing communities for disasters

### IN TIME WITH THE ONSET OF THE TYPHOON SEASON,

the DLSU College of Computer Studies Center for ICT for Development, CITe4D, held a roundtable discussion on community-based disaster risk reduction and management last July 23 on campus.

The symposium was the first of a series aimed at encouraging discourse and research on the subject and help communities reduce disaster risks with an organized volunteer system.

CITe4D organized the symposium having seen the potential benefits of volunteer work to disaster-prone communities based on the major role played by volunteer organizations in rescue and relief operations.

Guest speaker Dr. Ralph Brower,

a professor at Florida State University and expert on Philippine volunteer organizations, expounded on the crucial role of volunteer in managing community emergencies, most notable of which is the Ondoy deluge last September.

Among the attendees were representatives of the Philippine National Red Cross and the media.



## Visiting scholars learn Filipino language

Scholars under the Advanced Filipino Abroad Program (AFAP), a Fulbright-Hays Groups project funded by the United States Department of Education, are spending part of their eight-week program in two La Salle institutions.

Now on its 19th year, AFAP is being implemented at the DLSU Manila and Dasmariñas campuses through the Departamento ng Filipino and the Kagawaran ng Filipino at Panitikan from June 12 to August 7.

AFAP provides intensive and specialized instruction in Filipino within its natural, cultural, and social context. DLSU-M's Dr. Teresita Fortunato, AFAP 2010 in-country director, said students have been exposed to Filipino families, non-governmental organizations, and communities.

Learners discuss themes like Katutubong Buhay sa Cavite; Kasaysayan at Politika; Ekonomiya, Globalisasyon, at mga Isyung Pangkapaligiran; Relihiyon at Edukasyon; Sining at Babae; Kulturang Muslim and Sikolohiyang Pilipino in structured and non-structured learning situations.

Two of the University's faculty members, Ramilito Correa and Evangeline Encabo, both trained for foreign language teaching, serve as AFAP teachers for this year. Dr. Josefina Mangahis, also of DLSU-M, and DLSU-D's Jennifer Arroyo and Dr. Myrna Torreliza, serve as the program's administrative assistants. Meanwhile, Dr. Teresita Ramos and noted feminist poet Dr. Ruth Elynia Mabanglo are the US project directors.

## DLSU centennial watches

### IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK.

In celebration of 100 years of Lasallian presence in the country, De La Salle University ties up with Swatch in launching a limited edition DLSU Centennial Swatch Collection.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the One La Salle Scholarship Fund, one of the highlights of the DLSU Centennial celebration in 2011.

The One La Salle Scholarship Fund is a campaign to raise one billion pesos to support approximately 18,000 full scholars in 17 La Salle schools nationwide. This is part of DLSU's commitment to the mission of its Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, to make quality education accessible to all.

For reservations, you may contact the DLSU Centennial Office at local 290 or visit any Swatch outlet.



## Advocating human rights

### DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY PARTNERED

with The Asia Foundation, USAID from the American People and the Ateneo Human Rights Center for the "Nationwide University Roadshow on Extra Legal Killings and Enforced Disappearances."

The symposium was held July 23 at the Natividad Fajardo-Rosario Gonzalez Auditorium and was attended by various students and professors from the Political Science Department. Guest speakers included Karen Gomez-Dumpit, director of Government Linkages Office of the Commission on Human Rights, Atty. Nina Patricia Sison-Arroyo, director of Ateneo Human Rights Center and Adhikain Para sa Karapatang Pambata and Atty. Carlos Medina Jr., executive director of Ateneo Human Rights Center.

The program opened with welcome

remarks from Dr. Eric Vincent Batalla, chair of the Political Science Department and an introduction by Atty. Jeremiah Quan, internship director of the Ateneo Human Rights Center. Both of them underscored the importance of raising awareness on national human rights issues.

Speakers tackled the various aspects of human rights. Dumpit gave a brief summary of statistics gauging the state of human rights in the Philippines, Sison-Arroyo tackled domestic and international standards that could be reformed, and Medina ended by discussing the challenges that come with addressing human rights issues, specifically extra legal killings and disappearances. The program ended with students giving various inquiries on the nature of these events and sharing insights as well.



## Donation to Sports Academy

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) regarding the establishment of the Philippine Sports Academy has led to a P500,000 personal donation made by PSC chairman Harry Angping to the University.

During the turnover ceremony, DLSU Vice Chancellor for Lasallian Mission and External Relations Br. Bernard Oca FSC shared that the donation would be used for the development of scholar athletes in the Philippine Sports Academy.

Prior to his personal donation, Angping, together with the Rotary Club of Binondo, donated a Professorial Chair to the University. Angping said he hopes to encourage his other friends and colleagues in the Chinese community to also donate to DLSU for the One La Salle Scholarship Fund and the Philippine Sports Academy.



In times of apathy, occupy your mind with reflections.

---St. John Baptist de La Salle

