

## DOTA prexy bet wins SSG polls by default

By JAMES WELL M. GORME

Having no opposing parties vying for seats in this year's Supreme Student Government election, Diligent and Objective Tyros of the Academe (DOTA) Party candidate won the EVSU Supreme Student Government (SSG) presidential race by default last September 20.

Joenuel C. Ramos, a 4th year BSECE student, was the only candidate for the said position after the filing of candidacy closed last August 31. However, there were three independent candidates for senator and representatives who joined the campaign.

"The main advocacy of our campaign this year is the empowerment of the students

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**RALLYING FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT.** This year's candidates for the SSG election presented their platforms to the student body and advocated for student involvement for their term of office. DOTA Frontrunner, Joenuel C. Ramos (second from left) won the poll by default since no other candidate for the presidential seat ran this year.

## EVSU TES application now for CHED evaluation

By CARLO D. REALINO

After the Student Affairs Office (SAO) submitted the requirements for the Tertiary

Education Subsidy (TES) last September 27, the Commission on Higher Education is now to evaluate the application of the students from Eastern Visayas

State University.

However, according to the Head of SAO, Prof. Sonia T. Enrile, due to a limited fund of eight-billion pesos to cover all students who are 4Ps beneficiaries, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) cannot guarantee that all applicants will qualify for the said cash assistance scheme established under Section 7 of the

Republic Act No. 10931, known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" effective S.Y. 2018-2019.

Prof. Enrile said that the CHED Central Office will collaborate with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and other agencies to administer

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**ALLEVIATING POVERTY.** As part of the provisions of RA 10931, the Student Affairs and Services Office prioritized the 4Ps scholars of the university in the application process of the Tertiary Education Subsidy financial grant. SASO submitted the forms to CHED last September 27. (Photo is EDGPPA Scholars' Seminar)

## IPDO eyes new library to stand by first quarter of 2019

By ALYSSA ISABEL D. PAGARAO

The Institutional Planning and Development (IPD) Office targets to accomplish the reconstruction of the old library into a state-of-the-art learning commons before the end of the first quarter of 2019.

According to the new IPD Director, Dr. Bartolome C.

Añano, the building which used to house the MIS Office, Supply Office, SASO and the Dental Clinic will feature printed, electronic and other forms of informational materials in compliance to the requirements set by international standards and accreditation systems.

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## NEWS

## NEW BREED

### IW welcomes 24 new scribes

By JAMES WELL M. GORME

**Twenty-four aspiring student-journalists take on the challenge to be the mediators between the students and administrators and joined The Industrial Wheel last September 11.**

Eleven staff writers, five cinematographers, four photojournalists, three cartoonists and one layout artist passed the publication's qualifying exam and were put under probationary status for one semester as part of the evaluation process of the new scribes' ability and capacity to work for the office.

"You have to work hard for your position in this publication that is why we are still putting you under probationary status for one semester and we'll see after the evaluation whether you really deserve to be part of this circle," Mr. Rex B. Palompon, the new adviser of The Industrial Wheel said.

Angeline Barsana,, Annisa Yangzon, Rebecca Joy Escleo, Nelson Palloc, Joel Rosario Jr., Christine Jean Tiape, Jean Mica Velasco, Alieza Jean Bulacoy, and Joshua Mel Aurelia composed the new set of staff writers with James Well Gorme and Erwin Elicot Jr posted as pilot Sports and Literary Editors respectively.

Jeremy Llorag, Cherry Mae Tabuena, Mary Cris Acosta, and Thea Muassab passed the qualifying exam for photojournalists. Jon Alec Mendel Adona, on the other hand, is the only one who applied as layout artist.

The Industrial Wheel also introduced its pioneer set of cinematographers namely, Jionel Carlos, Marlo Abunales, James Seth Capacite, Christian Kent Agner and Dan Michael Maderazo.

Furthermore, Carlo Realino, Joshua Padel and Pauline Joyce Lagmay are the new cartoonists.

"I was not expecting that I will be given a chance to be part



PHOTO BY CF COLIBAO

**GEARING UP.** After passing the qualifying examination, the new scribes of The Industrial Wheel were subjected to a basic journalism training last Sept. 12 at the Right Mezzanine of the SSD Building.

of one of the outstanding offices here in our school," Angeline Barsana, BS in Entrepreneurship freshman, one of the new staff writers said.

The new staffers, together with the senior staffers had a concentration training last September 12-14 in preparation for the Regional Tertiary School's Press Conference (RTSPC) to be held at Visayas State University

(VSU) on September 19-22.

Clifford F. Colibao, Editor-in-chief (EIC) of The Industrial Wheel, said, "We were initially worried that there will only be a few who will apply as new scribes since for the past two years, the publication has had a drought in new applicants. Fortunately, God has provided us with a new set of promising individuals who share the same passion we have." •

## RAISING THE BAR

### IW scribes win big in RTSPC '18; tagged best campus press



PHOTO BY PAT YU

**REGION'S BEST.** SPO Staffers' raises the university banner after winning CAMPUS PRESS OF THE YEAR in the RTSPC held at VSU-Baybay last September 12-22.

By CLIFFORD F. COLIBAO

**The Industrial Wheel, the official student publications of EVSU-Main Campus, is Region 8's Campus Press of the Year!**

SPO scribes outwitted 32 private and public student publications in the region and bagged 11 major awards for the group category and 10 awards for the individual category in the recently concluded Regional Tertiary Schools Press Conference 8 held at Visayas State University, Baybay City last Sept.19-22.

"It is quite poetic when we won this year because a lot of glitches were experienced during the conference. We've lost some cash and received some bad news about the health of a loved one. I think the award

was God's compensation for all the heartaches we've been through," said Marlo Abunales, IW's cinematographer on their recent win.

The last time IW won the most coveted award for journalism in the region was in 2014. In 2016 and 2017, IW's chief editors consecutively bagged the Journalist of the Year awards.

"My first RTSPC was here in Baybay also and on that year we were also tagged as the Campus Press of the Year. That is why I am grateful that on my last RTSPC, the same thing happened. Of course, we owe it to the staff and our adviser who kept pushing on despite the odds being not on our favor," Clifford F. Colibao, Editor-in-Chief, said.

IW's adviser, Mr. Rex B. Palompon was likewise elected as the new Vice President of the Regional Tertiary Schools Press Advisers' Association.



## NSD advocates recycling, eco-bricks for Sci Month fete

By ERWIN M. ELICOT, JR.

The faculty members of the Natural Science Department (NSD) brought together the locals of Brgy 43-B on Ecological Solid Waste Management as they enter the final phase of their four-year partnership last September 22 at the ground floor of the Science Building.

Said workshop dubbed as "Recycling and Eco-Brick" was NSD's pitch for the Science Month Celebration anchored on the theme "Wave Front: Accentuating Potentials, Activating Technological Advancements".

In 2015, NSD signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Brgy 43-B, establishing a partnership mandated to develop the potentialities of Region VIII along four-fold functions of the institution, research, production and extension services.

"We should go out and share our expertise," Prof. Lorna May G. Parado, NSD extension

coordinator said. "Nakashare ka na, naka-experience ka pa."

The workshop focused on creating eco-brick and crafts made from plastics.

Mr. William G. Agner Jr., Public Health Associate/Regional Coordinator, introduced Eco Brick which is a plastic bottle stuffed solid with non-biological waste molded into a brick that is used as a substitute to conventional construction materials.

Likewise, Dr. Rosalie A. Ocaris, head of Field Study and Student-Teaching Department presented wallets made from plastic wrappers and emphasized on the economic potential of such when made into a livelihood.

"You try to search on the net, makikita niyo na very expensive na pala ito," Dr. Ocaris said as she discussed the value of recycled material products in the market. "Pero himuon na baga quality na talaga hiya."

To elaborate more on the craft, Mr. Agner and Dr. Ocaris,



PHOTO COURTESY OF CML TABUENA

**WIN-WIN.** NSD's pitch for the Science Month Celebration is advocating Eco-Bricks and Plastic Livelihood which are both eco-friendly and a sustainable source of income

with the help of student interns from the Environmental Science Department demonstrated the creation of plastic wallets and Eco-Brick to the participants.

NSD is planning to implement the program to the said community by October as the continuation of the extension program.

### Science Month Celebration

As part of the Science Month, NSD established a Science Exhibit featuring science experiments and displays at the Science Building, third floor last

September 19 to 21.

Prof. Ma. Cristita G. Elmido, overall chairman of the Science Month Celebration headed the said exhibit that was participated by students from different science departments.

Also, NSD invited participants from ACLC College of Tacloban and Cirilo Roy Montejo High School to visit the said exhibit.

"Knowledge is indeed essential to the learner, but without accompanying experience, knowledge would be virtually lifeless," Elmido said. •

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"A budget of 28 million through the General Appropriations Act of 2018 was allocated for the said project

that will house a conference room, staff lounge, utility room, storage room, mechanical room, control room, courtesy booth, waiting and lobby area, audio-visual room, computer area and

others," Dr. Añano said.

According to the new perspective presented by the IPDO director, the library was originally designed to be a three-storey edifice, but was revised to be a six-storey building. However, because of set budgeting, said building will undergo its first phase of construction of two-storey for now.

"For Phase 2, if we will be given another budget, we will construct another two. Most probably our design for that is six-storey," said new IPD director, Dr. Bartolome C. Añano.

The director further clarified that there will be no other student services offices to be housed in the said building up until the sixth floor which cannot be realized yet due to funding.

The Old Main Library

adjacent to the Graduate School, however, will be converted into a space for student services offices such as the Student Affairs Office (SAO), Office of the Guidance Services (OGS), Student Publications Office (SPO) and the Office of the Student Affairs and Services Office (SASO) director.

Furthermore, in response to the ASEAN integration in higher education, the "Learning Commons" will also feature telecommunication links that provide international users with access to data at remote sites, along with real-time streaming of multimedia information through the internet.

Aside from the Learning Commons, ongoing construction are the Automotive Technology Building, Maritime Building, Asia Pacific Center, new COBE building, Academic Building and the TechnoMart. •



PHOTO BY JM LLORAG

**FOR THE BETTER.** Aimed to provide a better space for student development, the IPDO eyes to establish a new Student Center or Learning Common in where the old SSD Building used to stand. IPDO targets the completion of the Learning Commons by the end of the first quarter of 2019.

## NEWS

# ICT upgrades Student Portal

By NELSON B. PALLOC

**The Information and Communication Technology Office recently installed the Unified Threat Management System to the Student Portal, allowing them to block viruses and prevent hackers from getting private information stored in the app.**

Launched last September 10, the online records of students across the EVSU system now features the students' dashboard, subjects enrolled, schedule, grades, assessment, ledger and Free Higher Education data. Said updates were developed by the Head of Systems Development Office, Prof. Vienmar S. Ogrimen.

"All students of EVSU, whether you are taking up college, Masteral or Doctoral degrees, you can now access the app. We've also expanded the reach of this app to accommodate students from the external campus," Dr. Danilo B. Pulma, Director of Information and Communication Technology, said.

In addition, EVSU information system website will feature the Document Tracking System, OJT monitoring system, Employee portal, Industrial Wheel, Online Public Access Catalog, e-Learning and University Manual.

"We bought new servers worth two million pesos that can help the [evsu apps website] process faster, and also increase the internet bond from 35mbps to

75mbps. Hopefully next month it will be in place, so by November we can enjoy it," Dr. Pulma added.

Back in 2016, a different online record keeping app, sPortal developed by Mr. Joseph Vincent Maneja, substituted the "myevsu" accounts of students after the said system broke down due to some upgrade malfunction.

"Unlike before, we can't access our account through phone, we still need to visit the library or admin just to check our records," Melanie A. Pacle, BEED-4C stated.

The ICT Office is currently working on adding grades graph dashboard, student activity dashboards, reports section, personalized photo, printable/downloadable version for significant pages, and change evsu.edu.ph into my.evsu.edu.ph. •

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and envisions the long-term impact on student's attitude. We will be starting in getting your interest by giving you activities and programs which give you enjoyment. The enjoyment that awakens your interest in participating," said Ramos in his speech during the Miting de Avance at the administration lobby last September 19.

Despite having only one party, the election took place according to the EVSU-SSG Election Code which states that a winning candidate must have the plurality of votes. With this, Ramos casted 3,097 votes.

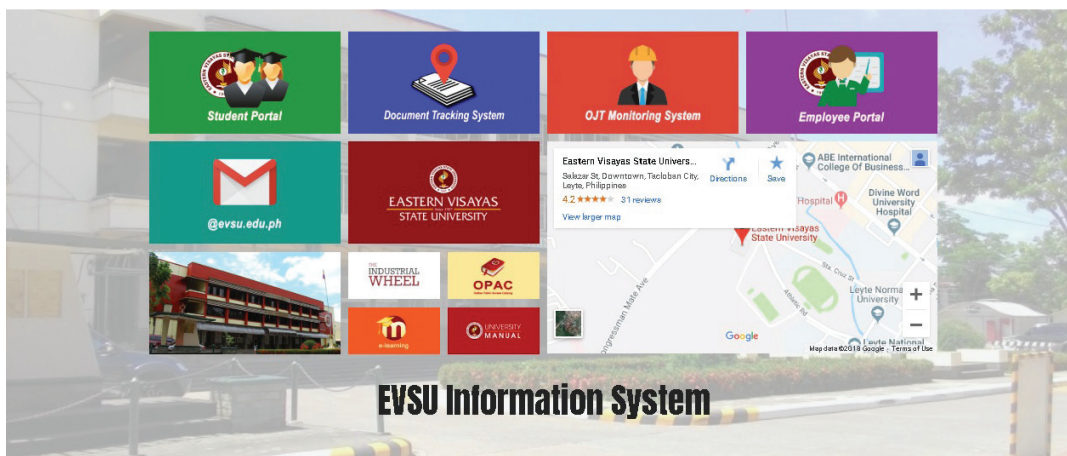
Other than Joenuel Ramos, Cokie Mae S. Costelo, a 4th year BSED student won the vice presidency by 2,978 votes.

Newly elected SSG Senators and Representatives; Arjil Gailan and Al Jhun Alarde as COBE Senators, Norlito Barrantes as COT Senator, John Laniel S. Duran and Jessica Costelo as CAS Senators, Chrebon Jomar U. Adolfo as COED Senator, Nikie B. Golong and John Michael Sia as COE Senators will likewise serve the studentry under Ramos' term.

Moreover, independent candidates Sammuell P. Sabido won as COT Senator, Charlo James Y. Evangelista as COED Senator and Joli-Ann B. Bisamos as BSChem Representative.

"A leader's job is not to do work for others. It is to help others figure out how to do it themselves," Ramos added. "To get things done and to succeed beyond what they thought possible."

This year's SSG Officials officially took their seats on October 1 after being sworn to office during the flag ceremony of the same day. •



**EVSU Information System**

PHOTO SCREENSHOT OF THE NEW EVSU INFORMATION SYSTEM SITE

**NEW AND IMPROVED.** The Information and Communications Technology Office upgraded the university's information system by installing a Unified Threat Management System into the platform to ensure the confidentiality of the data stored in the system. The office likewise integrated new features to the website such as OJT monitoring, Document Tracking and the publication's official Facebook Page.

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the evaluation through the existing admission and retention requirements and other screening and assessment procedures required for the program.

Said evaluation aims to prioritize students who really need the assistance, for them to provide allowances for books, transportation, boarding house, supplies, and other school related expenses.

"Actually, the DSWD will

try to choose who are really qualified for the program as to who are the poorest among the poor. Kasi yun talaga ang nasa laylayan ng kahirapan, talagang nasa marginalized family. The program is trying to help the marginalized family so that their students will be able to finish college and parents be given additional assistance since wala nga silang income, walang pinagkakakuhanan although free na ang higher education," Prof. Enrile further clarified.

A financial aid of Php 40,000.00 will be given to every student per academic year who will qualify for the said subsidy.

"Being a beneficiary of TES, it will be a great help in expenses for school like purchasing of book, photocopying of handouts and transportation fee will always be a big deal. TES will be a helping arm to support us financially in our studies", said Jocelyn San Miguel, BSCE first year student. •

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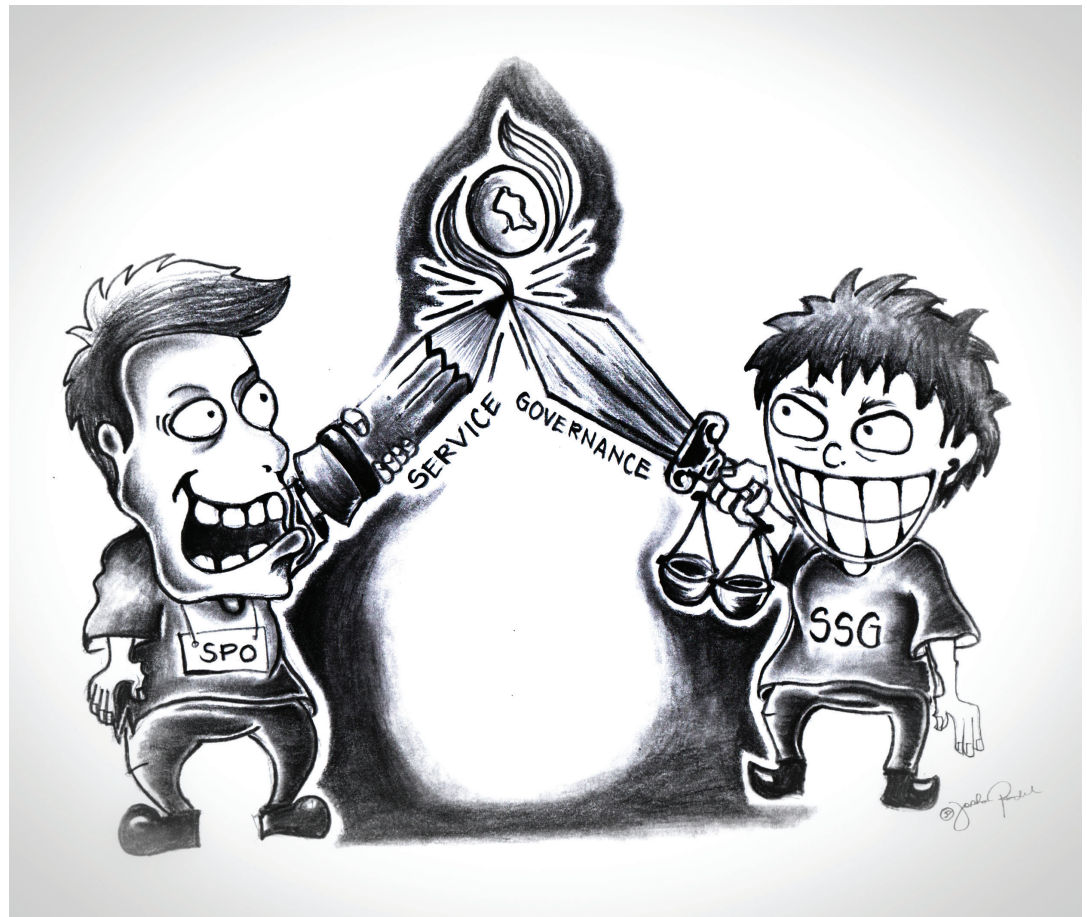
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# Might as well

**Despite being the two biggest student bodies in this university, the Student Publications Office and the Supreme Student Government have rarely seen each other eye-to-eye when it comes to the issues concerning the studentry. Resulting from a long history of stereotypical disconnect and autonomy from both the administration and each other, these two offices have fallen into a status quo that each must be separated from the other. This should not be the case.**

The mandate of the Supreme Student Government is student representation. Their primary function is to deliver and create programs

that aim to increase student engagement and facilitate student welfare. The Student Publications Office on the other hand is mandated to be the platform for student information and expression. They act as the media arm in the academic landscape of this university. Both are mandated to be the voice of the students. Both are expected to be united to ensure that the student body they are serving is given priority by the authorities. Although these two have endured a metaphorical feud without any bases thanks to the people who ran their offices before, the current leadership of these offices can change that. It starts with proper communication and

coordination.

The student body has long been inadequately served by these two offices to the point that they've become indifferent to their existence. It is but about time that these two unite and strengthen each other to make sure that their mandates are well coordinated for the benefit of the students. Upgrading and making their presence more felt by the students start with them reaching out to the students. Should these two offices realize that them being united in their causes and programs will greatly benefit the student body, then a new era of leadership will begin.

## OP-ED



DAN JAKE BASALO  
**ARCHETYPICAL**

## *Involvement is power*

**“Learning and earning good grades is important but student involvement is also important because through this, we grow more.”**

Gather a hundred students from the different colleges of this university and ask them who the new SSG President is and let them, at least, describe his or her face. In this hypothetical scenario, only a few would probably be able to answer correctly and others would most likely not know him at all. Disheartening this may be, this has been a fact among our students. Most students don't care. They don't interact

much because they have grown indifferent to what's happening in the university.

In my stay here in Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU), one thing that I have realized is that student involvement is not as extensive as it should be. Although there are valid reasons why students opt not to be involved in school activities, I have come to believe that there are three main factors as to why the involvement of students is

scarce.

First, student representation, mostly carried out by the Supreme Student Government (SSG), is unfelt. The student government is very much active all throughout the school year, however, they are mostly visible only during big events such as Teachers Day, Intramurals, and other general events that are majorly coordinated with the administration. Not that I am telling them how to run their office, but wouldn't it be much better if they create programs on a regular basis. Like maybe what they did two years ago, an org fair to promote the different organization or the free Friday movies so that students would get to unwind after a week full of lectures, reports, quizzes and the likes. Student government is vital in the promotion of student development and that starts by involving the students and creating projects that will make them more visible.

Another factor is the Student

Publications Office (SPO) or The Industrial Wheel who acts as the mediator for both the students and the administration. The publication's job is to disseminate information and although they are able to do their job, I believe, well enough, they lack interaction with the students and information coming from the students as well. The organ's engagement is quite low and the contents are minimal and boring to some readers, the paper's content should catch the attention of both the admin and students. Normally the content of the publication's newsletter are those which the admin can benefit from, like for example accreditation and events reporting and not much for the students. It seems unbalanced but each paper produced must have equal interest in order for the students to engage more on what is happening in the university.

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ERWIN M. ELICOT, JR.  
**RECKON**

## *Sharp pens on blunt surface*

**"What used to be just for fun became my responsibility."**

**Words. Opportunities. Challenges. Bring it on.**

September 11, 2018 at exactly 1:16 in the afternoon. I can still remember how my eyes widen upon receiving a message from a staff of the Student Publications Office, The Industrial Wheel, stating that I passed the qualifying exams and that I was invited to attend a journalism training the next day. I felt a rush of confused feelings of accomplishment and disbelief since I thought my performance during the

exam was an epic fail. But above everything else, I felt grateful for an opportunity to develop my skills and passion in writing was opened for me – an opportunity that was non-existent when I was still studying here in my high school years.

It came like a blessing and a burden for me. Back then, I thought writing is all about me. It is about sharing my insights, proving I'm right, and maybe more on complying my requirements in school. It was just for leisure and academic

endeavors. However, all these changed when I finally became part of the SPO. I realized that it is not about me at all. It is creating for the readers tasteful stories that is relevant to our everyday lives. What used to be just for fun became my responsibility. Everything I wrote must be precise and credible. Everything must be in order, no space for grammatical errors and the stories I wrote must be distinct. Back then, I thought I can really write but the publication slapped me with the truth that I am a pencil barely able to fill a blank page. I am not the writer I thought I was. Fortunately, the office was not on the lookout for great writers but for people who are willing to learn and to be of service to the student body. Now, I am given the chance to acquire an arsenal of skills needed to properly pen reality and the truth. I am now underway to develop my writing skills

– from fixing my grammar problems to analyzing every angle of stories to properly frame events that I have and will cover. I am now like a blunt surface being etched with sharp pens.

The publication is also becoming my home inside my second home. Somehow, being a member of the student organ made me feel that I belong and that I now share a common purpose with my co-staffers. Our adviser, Mr. Rex B. Palompon, is doing his best to support the publication. Our seniors are standing as our “Ates” and “Kuyas” who train us to properly deliver our mandates in the office. Of course, the junior staffers have become my close friends despite of our diversity. They taught me that being in a family is not about the blood running through our veins, it is about the support, attention and appreciation that we

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# Should the government open the TES financial aid to non-4Ps beneficiaries? Why?

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"Ok la naman ada ig open gehap ito ha iba na dre 4ps benef.kay deserve man geap hit iba na students it iton na program kay dre tanan na dre api hit 4ps is financially capable talaga. Sugad hit iba na ginpapaiskuyla la, pero dre api ha 4ps. Dire all the time meada ka guts hin pag aro hin allowance hit nag papa eskula ha imo, syempre maawod ka naman tas ikaw mag aadjust ka magtitiis ka hit imo allowance bisan kun guti nala. Asya na ba tak gin bubuhat." JESSAG BSCE

"Undoubtedly, the gov't should open the said financial subsidy to non-4Ps beneficiary for various reasons. First, many college students are also subjected to financial constraints. Thus, there is a need for gov't assistance. Also, this program is beneficial to college students who work and live on their own. ALTHOUGH, the government must set certain qualifications for those non-4Ps such as socio-economic income standard, other scholarship grants from private and public agencies, academic performance and others". RODERICA GOLES BSGE 1-A

"NO, We should consider those families who are really in need of the said subsidy. Although we all have equal rights and we all deserve support from the government, in a practical thinking we should not be selfish. Let the families who are in need be guaranteed with the benefits they should have, so that they are also guaranteed a better future. Who are studying in college". FUTURE ENTREP, MAPAGMALASAKIT 4A

"No, the family that can afford must not avail the said financial aid. There are many of our fellow citizens who can't afford to go to school. Therefore, the TES should be focused on those who are in need. Besides, we already have free education." RAYMOND C. MALINAO ESLPME

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Lastly, some professors discourage students to participate in extracurricular activities which are not related to their chosen programs. Not that I am generalizing it but there are selected professors here in the university that hold classes during intramurals, fails their students for participating on an organization that does not concern their course, giving a failing grade to students who represents the university among others although it is stipulated in our University Code that students representing the university in competitions and the likes can enjoy being

excused in classes and be given special exams. With this issue on the table, students are forced to quit their organization, stop their passion for sports, writing or leading because if they don't, they would have a failing grade that would stain their records. Again, I am not generalizing that majority of the professors in the campus are like that but it would be much better if teachers would support their students in growing outside the four cornered walls of learning.

A philosophy professor told us that there are three elements of human act: knowledge, freedom and voluntariness. If a man has the knowledge about something then he has the

freedom or liberty to do it or not and he also has the voluntariness to decide if he wants to do it or not. Learning and earning good grades is important but student involvement is also important because of this, we grow more. It would be better for students to explore and be able to expound their skills or maybe discover some hidden skills. A school is a place where we learn, it doesn't necessarily mean that learning has to occur within the classroom, sometimes we learn from the outside of the room, we experience more, we become mature even more and we get to know ourselves more. •

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are willing to show to every member.

Some would say that I was foolish to pursue my passion and joining the Student Publication since it is not even remotely relevant to my course which is Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering. But, like all things deemed detrimental, I know that my heart is in the right place. I won't let people pull me down. I know its hard to balance being a student and a journalist but it is harder to quit when you know you can do it both. •

**TO ALL CONCERNED** Students are encouraged to submit their comments, sentiments and feedbacks on relevant and sensible matters concerning their fellow students as well as faculty members, teacher-student conflicts, project, etc. for necessary actions.

Submitted articles will be posted in the *VOX SCHOLARIS* section of this newsletter. Names will be withheld upon request of the contributor. All articles for contribution should be submitted to the SPO or given to any member of the Editorial Staff.

## LITERARY

## Midnight Music

BY VLAD BLOOD

The night feels so young and free  
 As two lost souls meet.  
 Worrying not about the cold,  
 For he is there, she can hold.  
 Wearing nothing but the clothes of their true identity  
 Shared thoughts, laughs, secrets  
 As they flee from the uncertain reality

Then she starts to speak,  
 Her tone feels like music to the ears.  
 The way she talks plays a playful tune to hear,  
 Straightforward but graceful  
 Fragile yet careless  
 Fun and exciting  
 Dangerous they say  
 Attractive... in every way

She speaks of her secrets,  
 He promises he won't tell  
 She speaks of her insecurities  
 But he's sure she has the best qualities  
 She speaks of her dreams,  
 Then he knows when to sleep  
 She speaks of her humor,  
 This makes him love her more  
 She speaks of her stories  
 As they share a memory for keeps

It was a night filled with butterflies, honesty and music  
 But too bad, destiny cannot allow a long-lasting magic  
 The sun is starting to wake the night,  
 A sign that they must now bid their goodbyes.  
 The night may be over  
 But he promises it is just the beginning of a happy ever after

## Chained

BY SHORTFELLOW

You are my whiskey  
 Fell in like an idle  
 Addiction  
 Makin' me crazy

Lock and chain me up,  
 Go to the top,  
 House of cards  
 Just don't let it fall down

Take my last dance,  
 If it means not letting you have a chance  
 I just want more and more  
 Even if I'll feel destruction in my core

Just hold me real tight,  
 Hold me with all might  
 Just take away my last cold breath:  
 At least, I'd happily meet death





# First love dies

by JAMES WELL M. GORME

**Most people would say that their first love is the first person who gave them butterflies in their stomach. Some would say that it's the person who first made their heart beat so fast. It could be their first boyfriend or girlfriend. It could be their first crush. It could be someone special. But for her, he will always be her first love.**

Her knight in a not-so-shining armor

Growing up without the presence of a mother is hard. Being the only girl child is quite frustrating. But life wasn't all that difficult for her. He was there. He took good care of her.

"Ever since I was a child, though we're not financially stable, I always felt like I was a princess. He always made me feel safe. He made sure that I have food in my stomach. He always helped me study and maintain a good performance in class. He wanted to see me happy all the time. And most of all, he always reminded me that there's a God," she said. "I don't really know about others, but for me who doesn't really have much to brag about, I can say that I'm so blessed that I had him as my father."

She was his princess and even though he just wore shabby clothes and timeworn jeans, he was her knight-in-shining-armor.

## Her selfless keeper

We can't be who we are now if it's not because of our parents. They mold us into who we are now as a person. Just like how he molded her into a strong and independent woman.

"He used to be a barangay councilor. I can still remember every time they had seminars and symposiums, he didn't eat his snacks

instead he always gave it to me when he got home for he said that I am his "langga"," she said.

Being selfless is the greatest characteristic of a parent. He was able to provide her all her needs and wants even though he got tired and hungry sometimes. Seeing her happy and contented was enough for him.

## Her first love

Anybody can be your first love. It can be the person you met on the streets. Or the person you danced on the club. It can be a anyone. And for her, he was her first love.

"He's my first love because he was the first man who loved me with all his heart and soul and I can't think of someone who can love me more than he loved me," she said.

## Her first heartbreak

But just like any other typical stories, it's not just about happy episodes. There's always another side of every story. Her story had the most melancholic plot twist.

She promised to make him proud on her graduation day and he promised to be there, cheering for her. But, he got sick. He was brought to the hospital one cold night, weeks before her graduation. She always

prayed to God about him. She wanted him safe and sound.

But they're not in a cliché story where he gets all well and they will be happy in the end. No, reality is reality. He died. And that moment she knew, her heart was shattered into million pieces.

"I can still remember his last words. He told my brothers, "Take good care of your sister. Be there for her always. Protect her for she is our princess." Because of that, I still had a will to live and continue my life. I want to make him proud even though he is now in heaven," she said.

She is very thankful for her father. Because of him, she now has a standard as to what type of guy she should love next. Because of him, she now know her worth and what kind of treatment she deserves.

"Papa, if in God's will that I can find a guy I will love, don't worry, you will always be my first love and you will never be replaced. You may have loved me since I was born but I will love you my entire life. I promise."

Here's the thing, some time in our lives, we'll have a heartbreak that'll forever change us. And as for her, her first heartbreak made her into a strong, independent, and brave person. First love dies for we are just mere human beings. But the love you felt, the memories you shared, and the lessons you learned, they will be forever engraved in our hearts. •

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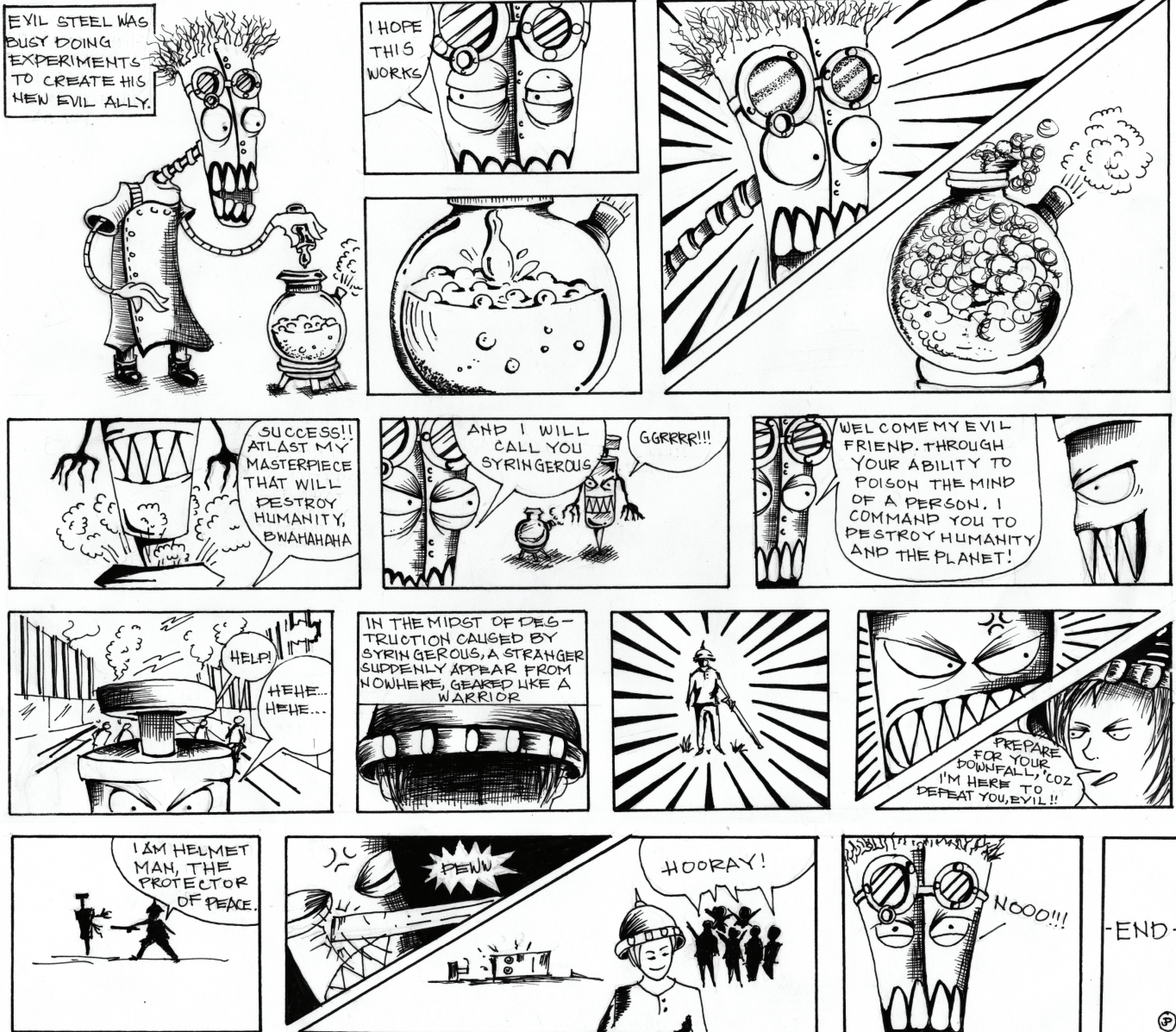




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