

May 2009



**Dear Fellow
Sillimanian:**

A bloom in May is captured by the brushstrokes of Dr. Elizabeth Susan Dimaya Vista Suarez, one of the country's best choral directors. Painting is just one of her multi-faceted achievements.

Susan is the current Cultural Officer of Silliman University. She recently accepted the co-

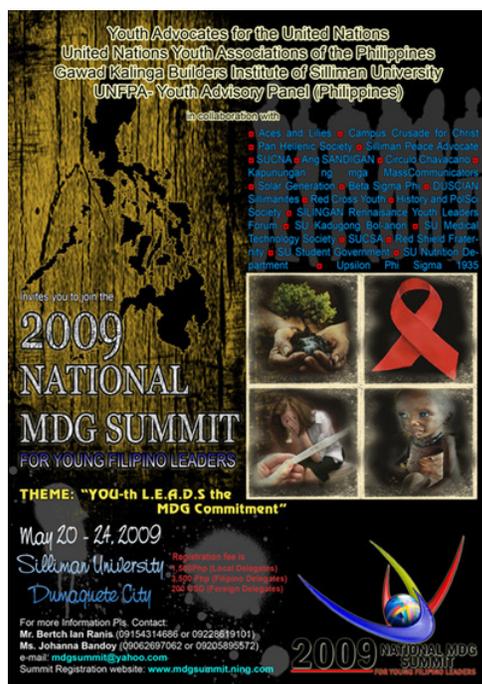
chairpersonship of the 108th Founders Day celebration together with Prof. Carlos M. Magtolis Jr. Preparations for the biggest alumni homecoming, the 110th Founders Day in 2011, will also be under their joint leadership.

In Dumaguete, the College of Performing Arts is also a favorite summer learning center when school is out. This summer, COPA had 85 students in piano, 52 in voice, 22 had violin, 16 in classical guitar, 16 in a workshop on band instruments, and 31 in ballet and contemporary dance. Jutze Pamate, one of the country's best visual artists, had 31 students who took lessons in Painting and Sculpture. The closing recitals and exhibits at the Luce Auditorium on May 20 gave the city a busy weekend of culture.

The 48th Dumaguete-Silliman National Writers Workshop was held on May 4-15, with 15 fellows: five poetry, eight fictionists and two creative non-fiction writers. The Writers Workshop was led by Workshop Director Emeritus Dr. Edith Lopez Tiempo who is also National Artist for Literature with the Silliman University English and Literature Department as host. It had the support of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the friends and alumni of Silliman University like Ms. Olivia Villaflores-Yanson of Vallacar Transit, Mayor Lawrence Limkaichong of La Libertad. This year, the workshop ran for two weeks instead of three weeks as the previous workshops, a decision that elicited various comments from veteran supporters and past fellows. This year's

panel of critics was composed of Gemino Abad, Juaniyo Arcellana, J. Neil Garcia, Susan Lara, Rosario Lucero, DM Reyes, Alfred Yuson and the Dumaguete-based writers Myrna Peña Reyes, and Cesar Ruiz Aquino and the late Ernesto Superal Yee (May 23).

In a unanimous vote, Silliman University President Dr. Ben S. Malayang III was elected president of the Association of Christian Schools Colleges and Universities (ACSCU) during its 48th National Convention held May 11 to 13 at Silliman. As ACSCU head, Dr. Malayang also chairs the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA).



Silliman also hosted the 3rd National Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Summit on May 20 – 24, 2009, on the theme “YOU-th: L.E.A.D.S the MDG commitment”. The LEADS principle stands for Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy, Dedication, and Sustainability of the eight development goals to be achieved by 2015 in response to the world’s development challenges. They include reducing poverty, reducing child mortality rates, fighting disease epidemics such as AIDS, and developing a global partnership for development. The main anchor of the event was Silliman College of Nursing alumnus Bertch Ian N. Ranis of the The Youth Advocates for the

United Nations (formerly UNYAP), a member of the Global Youth Action Network (GYAN). The holding of the summit was in partnership with the United Nations Integrated Council for Youth Development (UNICY), UNFPA Philippines Youth Advisory Panel (UNFPA-YAP), and GK1MB Silliman University.

In line with a hastily sent memo from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on the swine flu prevention measures, Silliman postponed the opening of classes in the tertiary and graduate school levels from June 8 to June 15. The University also undertook its own precautionary measures to combat the spread of swine flu through an information drive. Activities were provided for the dormitory residents

who had arrive before the CHED memo such as campus and city tours for new students, the of showing of hit movies at the audio-visual theater and a concert featuring pop bands like the J2Mad that was mounted by the Silliman Church youth ministry program.

IN MEMORIAM: Dorothea Agus (BSE '49, MS '50) on May 1, Ma. Chona v. Jomilla (BMC 1984) on May 3, Jesus Enrique G. Martinez (AB '72, LIB '84) on May 6, Pamela L. Catague-Villagonzalo (HS '68, BSN '73)) on May 9, Congressman Prospero Amatong (AB '51) on May 16, Jose "Guy" P. Ortouste (HS '70, BSME '73) on May 16, Esther Micu Chadwick (BSN'58) on May 18, Arturo Flores Galicano (HS 1946, BSCE 1957) on May 18, writer Eduardo Perez Ortega (BS Bio '69) on May 19, Jordan Emeterio (BSCE '51) on May 19, Ceasar Manuel U. Cadiz Jr. (LIB '80) on May 22 and poet Ernie Superal Yee (BBA '75, LIB '84) on May 23 . (If you know of a Sillimanian not in our memorial list, please inform us.)

Thank you for always being there for dear old Silliman. President Malayang has requested this office to regularly update you about happenings on campus. We are also interested in knowing what you and your alumni chapter are doing. Please keep in touch and update your file with our office if you have not done so. We would truly appreciate it. You may reach the President's Office through this email address: pres@su.edu.ph or our Alumni Affairs Office through this address: sillimanspool@gmail.com, alumni@su.edu.ph or sillimanualumni@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

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cc:

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