UNIVERSITY WEEK: LOOKING BACK

Voice Line, Pop Star: Harmony at Its Finest
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From The Paulinian

What started out as a dry and lackluster event became invigorating for the students and faculty alike with everyone singing songs of our times in unison. Yes, you heard it right. This year’s performances from the Voice Line and Paulinian Pop Star filled St. Paul University Manila with cheers and applause.

The College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences’ Trans Singers topped the inter-college a capella chorale competition, Voice Line, with students from the College of Music and the Performing Arts as their coaches. The Notey Ones of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education and the Paul-Harmonics of the College of Business and Management ranked 1st and 2nd runners-up respectively.

Meanwhile, in the Paulinian Popstar, a singing contest for Paulinians, students and employees belted out their songs. Charice Kapalan of the Tourism Management Program won in the Junior Division of the competition with Beah Javier of the Marketing Program and Mark Banta of the Computer Science and Information Technology Programs as runners-up.

In the Senior Division, Chanda Blanco of Campus Ministry was adjudged as the winner with Arvin Aldo and Mary Anne Pascual as runners-up.
CASE Men's Volleyball Team Inches to victory in FLCC
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The College of Arts Sciences and Education (CASE) men's volleyball team dominated the final games of the Father Louis Chauvet Cup, 17-25, 22-25, 25-13, 26-24, 15-7, in a best of five match against the College of Business and Management (CBM) on 25 January 2016.

CASE started off weak in the game as they struggled to counter the attacks of CBM with the latter also experiencing countless service errors, which ended the set in an 8-point deficit, 17-25.

CBM managed to claim victory in the second set as the team relied mostly on Vivencio Mahinay's attacks to down CASE, 12-15. CASE was able to close the gap, 16-16, after CBM's service error, but Mahinay regained steam to push another set win, 22-25.

After two set victories, CBM failed to end the game as CASE surprisingly put up a strong fight to win an easy set, 25-13, forcing a fourth set game. In an intense match between the two teams, CBM dominated the fourth set with a 7-point rally, 5-12, as CASE committed errors that jeopardized their play. After lagging behind, CASE successfully caught up with CBM, 18-18, after which the two teams inched each other until CASE claimed the set 26-24, after a service error from CBM.

CASE men's volleyball team dominated the fifth set in an easy sweep of an 8-point gap to win over CBM volleyball team and claim victory, 15-7.

CMPA earns Paulinian Quiz Bee victory
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In line with the celebration of National Bible Week, the Christian Formation Services held an inter-college Paulinian Quiz Bee, which covered the Acts of the Apostles, the epistles, and the life of St. Paul of Tarsus. The contest was held on 29 January 2015 in the Founders Hall.
The College of Music and the Performing Arts (CMPA) won with 25 out of 30 questions correctly answered, followed by the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE) with 21 points.

The College of Business and Management (CBM) and College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (CNAHS) placed third and fourth with 19 and 16 points respectively.

The quiz bee was composed of 10 questions for the easy, average, and difficult rounds. Three quizzers from each college formed teams to compete with one another. CMPA was composed of Christian Geo Molina, Agnes Gacula, and Angelica Valdoz, CASE was composed of Janine Pellossis, Luis Nera, and Emerit Orfinada. Annlinh Alcid, Jeiam Javier, and Jamaica Ronquillo represented CBM, while Katrina Katya Lingatong, Stephany La Guardia, and Kamilla Mappatao represented CNAHS.

The Paulinian Quiz Bee is an annual event held within the University Week celebration.

**PAULINIANS COME HOME**

The Annual Alumni Homecoming was held on 31 January 2016. Around three hundred Paulinians from varied batches, as far back as 1947, came home and enjoyed an afternoon and evening of fellowship and fun.

The homecoming started with a Mass in the beloved Chapel of the Crucified Christ, with live streaming in the Founders Hall for those who could not manage the chapel stairs.

Picture taking per jubilarian batch, as well as other batches not celebrating a jubilee, was held at the chapel steps.

Fellowship in the quadrangle was marked by laughter and shrieks of recognition of old friends and former classmates.

Mrs. Sherry Lara-Alingod, President of the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation Inc. (SPMAFI), and Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, University President, welcomed the alumni.
Other highlights of the event were dinner, raffle, and a program presented by the jubilarian classes. Photo shows the High School 1966-Golden Jubilarians doing their dance number.

Winners of the Grand Raffle were: Brian Bantugan (Research Director)-First Prize (P50,000.00); Ruby Sakkam (HS 1962)-Second Prize (25,000.00); and Portia Vitug (Nursing Faculty)-Third Prize (P15,000.00)

The night ended with singing of the Paulinian Hymn and Auld Lang Syne, a wine toast and dancing.

**HIGH SCHOOL 1962 PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR H.O.P.E. ABLAZE**

Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, in her welcome speech, spoke about the Adopt a Senior High School Student project of H.O.P.E. Ablaze and appealed to the alumni to support it.

In response to her appeal, High School 1962 was supposed to present Sister with their pledge to support 25 public school students for Grades 11 and 12 in St. Paul University Manila starting in the next school year. For some reason, the presentation was inadvertently deleted from the program. However, the class representatives gave Sister their pledge in the following letter:

*Our High School Class of 1962, in celebration of our emerald (55th) graduation anniversary in 2017, is proud to present to our dear alma mater, our pledge to sponsor scholarships for 25 public school students to attend Grades 11 and 12 at SPU Manila for the school years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. This is a financial commitment of Php 625,000.*

*Our class was inspired to offer scholarships as our 55th anniversary gift to SPU Manila because not only will we help students in financial need complete a high education, but also expose...*
them to two years of the best Catholic education available, and thus, give them a strong academic and moral foundation to pursue college and/or face the challenges of real life.

And most importantly, we know that our scholarships will provide funds to SPU Manila in the next two years when they face financial difficulties because there will be no freshman class entering the 2016-2017 school year, triggering a domino effect of no students in the succeeding higher year classes and causing SPUM to lose 40% of revenue in the next five years.

Our class feels very strongly that our success—in what we are and where we are in the strata of social and economic order—is largely attributable to the education and moral foundation that our dear alma mater ingrained in us.

Hence our gift of scholarships is an act of thanksgiving to our dear alma mater. We are deeply grateful for what SPU Manila has done to us and continues to do to better the world.

We would like to challenge the other classes to step up and share their blessings by giving to the HOPE ABLAZE program not only to help public school students but also to provide a lifeline to our dear alma mater in the coming years of financial crisis.

Yours truly,
The SPC-High School Class of 1962

SPMAFI BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECT OFFICERS

The Board of Trustees of the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation, Inc. (SPMAFI) had a regular monthly meeting on 2 February 2016 in the Meeting Room 1.

The Board elected a new set of officers: President-Sherry Alingod, Vice President-Lahla Laforteza, Secretary-Lalaine Mallari, Treasurer-Jennifer Ramos, Auditor-Marichen Dychangco. After the election, they evaluated the recent homecoming and suggested improvements for next year.