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• Prelim Examination: July 5, 7 & 8, 2008
• Midterm Examinations: August 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7, 2008
• Pre-final Examinations: September 6, 10 & 11, 2008
• Final Examinations:
  Prospective Honor Graduates: September 22 & 23, 2008
  Other Graduating Students: September 27, 29 & 30, 2008
  Non-Graduating Students: October 7–11, 2008
• GRADUATION: October 11, 2008

CIT Hosted 2 PACUCOA Accreditation Teams in 2 Weeks

“Accreditation is about change – doing better today than yesterday” said Engr. Vinci Villasenor, Chairman of the PACUCOA Level I Formal Accreditation Team, in his closing remark during the exit conference last September 25.

In behalf of the CIT community, Atty. Corazon Evangelista-Valencia, Vice-President for Academic Affairs responded, “I have always viewed accreditation not as a test, but as an opportunity.”

Those statements sum up the time, efforts, and resources invested by CIT when she decided to submit herself for accreditation. This year alone, three PACUCOA accreditation teams assessed the various programs of the institution – Level I Formal Accreditation for CE, ME, ECE and ChE programs last February 25-27; Level II First Re-accreditation for BSBA, BSCS, BEED and BSED programs last September 16-18; and Level I Formal Accreditation for BSA and BSIT programs last September 23-25.

The team for Level II First Re-accreditation visit chaired by Dr. Ellen Salac was all praises with the presentation of the exhibits. The last accreditation was Dr. Salac’s third time in CIT as chair of the team. Somehow, she has monitored the improvements in the institution.

CIT expects to receive the Chairman’s Report, which would contain the findings and recommendations of the accrediting team, a few months after the visit. The report is based on the compliance of the last accreditation’s recommendation; the self-survey evaluation, the exhibits presented; the dialog with the students, faculty and staff; the interviews of the administrators; and the inspection of the facilities.

Each program is assessed according to the nine survey areas: (1) Purposes and Objectives, (2) Faculty, (3) Instruction, (4) Library, (5) Laboratories, (6) Physical Plant and Facilities, (7) Student Personnel Services, (8) Social Orientation and Community Involvement, and (9) Administration and Organization.
Research Presentation

The Research and Development Coordinating Office (RDCO) spearheaded the holding of the Research Presentation at the Case Room last September 5, 2008. The activity was attended by the deans, department chairs, selected department heads, and representatives of the Faculty Club, the Supreme Student Government and the different recognized Student Organizations. The following researches were presented:

- CIT Tracer Study
  (which was commissioned by CHED)
  by Dr. Elmer A. Maravillas
  Chair, Computer Science

- Factors Affecting Choice of School
  by Engr. Bernard Nicolas E. Villamor
  MIS/SPS Director

Student Leaders attended Self Awareness and Leadership Training Seminar

[article by the Student Affairs Office]

The Student Personnel Services (SPS) through the Student Affairs Office (SAO) conducted a Self Awareness and Leadership Training Seminar for student organization leaders at the E-Room, New Academic Building last September 27, 2008. Engr. Bernard Nicolas E. Villamor, MIS/SPS Director and Mr. Benjie Belotindos, CIT SSG President were the main speakers.

The seminar is the first of a series of seminars that the SPS and SAO will be conducting for SY 2008-2009.

Engr. Villamor spoke on the importance of knowing oneself in order to understand and relate to others. He gave the group a questionnaire on Situational Leadership, which will enable the leader to determine his/her current style(s) of leadership and his/her effectiveness as a leader. Additional questionnaires to determine one’s motivation and team roles were explained. When the results of these are combined and applied, one can be very effective in leading a group.

Mr. Belotindos spoke of his experiences last summer at the Young Minds Academy (a project of Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.) when he was fortunately chosen as one of the scholars who went to Netherlands. Also, his talk was centered on Creative Thinking as one of the ways to improve learning strategies and styles. Creative-thinking is one of the modules in mind-mapping that can boost brain performance and thinking.

Updates: Community Extension

(article by the CES Office)

The College of Commerce Sariling Sikap Program is starting to make an impact to the residents of Sitio Callejon. In a monitoring session conducted last September 4, 2008, Rosalinda Sanchez, president of the Sitio Callejon CES Officers reported that 39% of the manicure-pedicure trainees of the program are engaged in business actively while 33% do the business occasionally. Delhia Gesman, one of the trainees, earns an average of PhP 150—350 daily and expresses gratitude to the CIT community for the skill acquired.

Meanwhile, Rosalinda Sanchez and Irene Magkilat, participants of the Peanut Butter and Ube Making training conducted last May 10, 2008 by Mrs. Lolita Bontilao (of the College Library) and Mrs. Nordie Pineda (Secretary of the College of Commerce), are into the business actively. Other trainees expressed their desire to be in the business; however, they need enough capital.

Students availed the Librarian’s Term Paper Consultation (TPC)

[article by the LLRC]

CIT-LLRC launched its annual Term Paper Consultation program last August-September 2008. This service is open to all students who need assistance in identifying and gathering sources for their term paper projects. Seven hundred twenty three students availed the service: 75.93% come from the College of Computer Studies, 18.40% from the College of Engineering and Architecture, 3.60% from the College of Arts and Sciences, 1.94% from the College of Business Studies, 0.14% from the College of Nursing.

Duck, Cover, and Hold

The non-continuous ringing of the bell [earthquake tremors] signaled the start of the earthquake drill. Building occupants should immediately move away from windows, glass or light fixtures and perform “duck, cover, and hold” under desks, tables or chairs. Evacuation from the building started when a continuous ringing of the bell [supposed tremors stopped] was heard. Students, faculty and staff proceeded to the evacuation area [school grounds] following the pre-determined evacuation route. In the evacuation area, faculty members checked and made sure that their students are accounted for. Office heads did the same for their staff. A brief demonstration on how to use properly the fire extinguisher to put off a fire followed.

The Disaster Management Committee with Chief Marshals Engr. Bernard Nicolas Villamor and Engr. Rodolfo Luis Lizares III made sure that preparations and actual conduct of the earthquake and fire drill last September 12, 2008 was in place. The drill was participated by the college, high school and elementary levels. Immediately after, a post evaluation meeting was conducted by the committee.
The College of Arts and Sciences conducted two departmental examinations during the first semester, SY 2008-2009. These were for Soc. Sci (012)/013 - (Philippine History & Government w/ New Constitution)/Politics and Governance with Philippine Constitution, during the Midterm, and Engl. 011 - Study and Thinking Skills, during the Pre-Finals. The examination in Social Science focused on the Bill of Rights found in the Philippine Constitution while the English exam centered on basic application of the simple tenses and agreement in sentences. The purpose of the departmental exam is to ensure that the students have achieved a broad background in social sciences and English as well as a firm understanding of particular topics in the courses that they have taken. Departmental Exams for the two subjects in the General Education curriculum were encouraged considering that topics in Philippine Constitution and English are often included in Civil Service Professional Examination.

LLRC conducted Online Databases End-User Training for HS and Elementary Teachers

Sixty-one high school & elementary teachers attended the Online Databases End-User Training at Room 103 of S & T Building on August 26, 2008. During the training, participants were given hands-on exercises to search and retrieve information using the following online databases: Worldbook Online Encyclopedia, Internet, and E-Catalog. Prof. Lydia Dacanay of Phoenix Educational System gave the lecture and hands-on exercises on the use of the online encyclopedia; our Chief Librarian introduced the use of subject directories in searching the internet; and Ms. Sheryl Gallardo shared the techniques in using the E-Catalog.

The Library and Learning Resource Center (LLRC) organized this activity to update and encourage the teachers to make use of the advanced educational facilities made available to them by the school.

The College of Education Teaching Laboratory located at the 2nd Floor of the Main Building was renovated to provide a venue for actual teaching demonstrations in an ideal setting. It is equipped with facilities for the enhancement of teaching competencies encompassing the different areas of the Bachelor of Elementary Education [BEED] and Bachelor of Secondary Education [BSED] programs. To aid instruction, updated instructional media are available.

TheTeaching Laboratory is also a venue for teaching demonstrations, seminars and conferences for education teachers and students. Other colleges may also use the venue for similar activities.

Mrs. Hazel Arches is appointed as Teaching Lab Coordinator to ensure the proper utilization of the laboratory. She is also tasked to coordinate with the College of Education faculty for the updating of instructional materials (projected and non-projected media) in the laboratory.

Pursuant to the goal of democratizing and improving the access to basic education at the secondary level, Education Service Contracting (ESC) and Education Voucher System (EVS) were implemented by the government under the management of Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE) and Department of Education (DepEd). These programs provide financial assistance to poor but deserving elementary school graduates who wish to pursue their secondary education in private schools. After complying with the requirements, Cebu Institute of Technology has become a participating school of these programs. As per record, CIT has 288 ESC and 304 EVS scholars.

The ESC/EVS participating schools are encouraged to continually upgrade their educational resources to become an effective school in delivering quality education; consequently, FAPE is scheduled to visit CIT High School Department for re-certification on December 2 or 3, 2008. A team composed of certifiers from both private schools and the Department of Education will evaluate if the school meets DepEd minimum standards for secondary educational institutions. They will re-assess the following areas: a) Philosophy, Vision, Mission and Goals; b) Instructional Program; c) School Personnel; d) Student Services; e) School Plant and Physical Facilities; and f) Academic Support Services and Resource Facilities.
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August and September 2008:
conducted in CIT by visiting alumni in Technology, the following lectures were
cooperation with CITAA Alumni Association and Cebu Institute of
cooperation with CITAA Alumni Australia Chapter, Inc. in

In line with the “Lecture Series on Innovations in Engineering and Technology” program initiated by the CITAA Australia Chapter, Inc. in cooperation with CITAA Alumni Association and Cebu Institute of Technology, the following lectures were conducted in CIT by visiting alumni in August and September 2008:

Visiting Alumni conducted Free Lectures

Central Visayas Regional Congress of Regional Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants – Central Visayas (RFJPIA-CV)
September 27-28, 2008

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS
Champion, Basic Accounting Wizard
HANZEL RAYMUNDO and BRENDA JANSDONCILLO

Champion, SGV Cup Level 1
JOSE ISABELO ABELLA and REGINE YOCTE

3rd Place, SGV Cup Level 1
MARY ANN CABARLES and LOVELY JOY AVISADO

Champion, KPMG PFRS Quiz
MOSES GANTUANGCO and FLORENDO JIMENEZ

3rd Place, Isla Lipana Cat Cup
GALELOU GUBALLO and MICHELLE MARIE ALCAREZ

NON-ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS
3rd Runner-up, Ambassadors of Goodwill
MICHELLE ANN RUIZ and MICHAEL VINCENT PAÑA

2nd Place, Be Famous: Bop Craze
ROMUEL BARANGAN, RAYMART AMAHAN, MARY GRACE YNCIERO, SIEGFRED JOHN SARMIENTO, JOH KENNETH ROCABERTE, MARGARET JOHANNA ALEGADO, LIEZLY ESCOBAR, and JERALDEN PINZ

1st Place, Be Famous: Kengkoy
ROMMEL BACHOCO, RODEL TALABA, JORDAN SAMSON, SUNSHINE BERNAL, and SHIELA MARIE BOLOTAULO

Focused VALUE for the Month of SEPTEMBER

SPRIT OF ALTRUISM AND COMMITMENT enhances capacity of persons to give witness to God’s love for mankind.

Focused VALUE for the Month of AUGUST

TEAMWORK AND TENACITY foster cooperation and collegiality in the pursuit of the institution’s mission.