

LONG TIME COMING

CE hits highest board passing rate in two decades

By JEREMY M. LLORAG

The Civil Engineering Department struck another milestone after scoring 70.09% in the November CE Licensure Exam, a rating considered as the highest passing rate of the department for over 18 years.

Eighty-two of the 117 examinees from the Main Campus passed the said board exam administered last November 10 and 11 in different PRC Testing Centers. As announced by the Professional Regulation Commission, 6,262 of the 13,887 examinees passed the licensure exam.

Head of the CE Department, Dr. Dioscoro Mancao, Jr., attributed this the department's adaptation if the "Admission and *CE continued on Page 4*

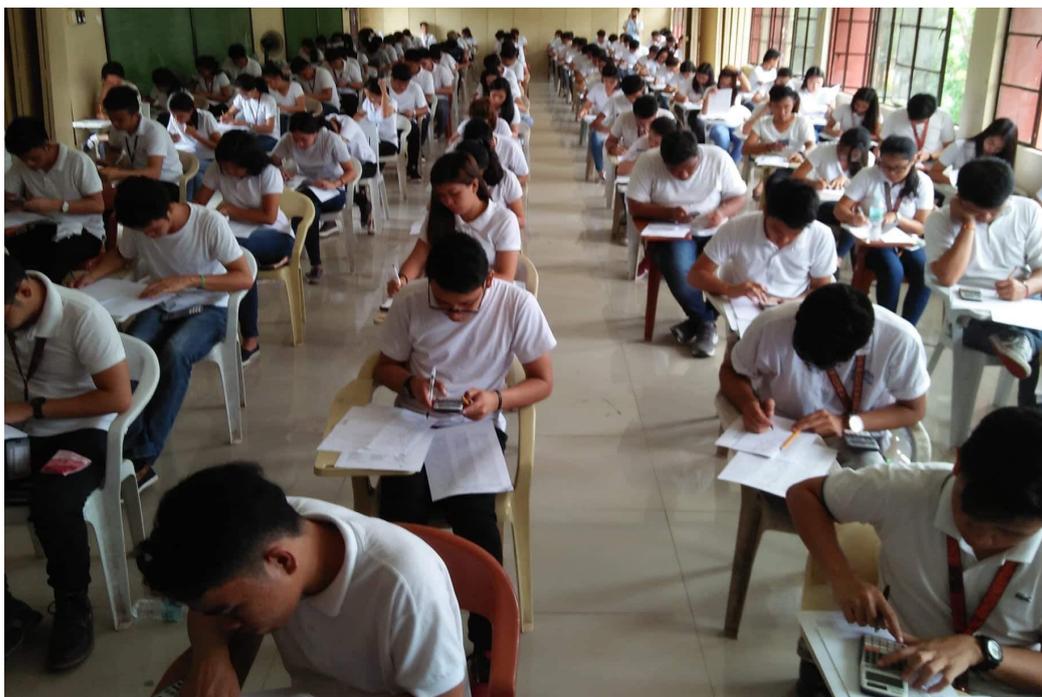


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STRATEGIC WIN. COE attributes their 70.09% passing rate in the recently concluded Civil Engineering Licensure Exam to their intensified implementation of the admission and retention policy which aims to sift through students who are ready to take the exam. CE students have to pass the pre-board exam before fully graduating.

Student Regent re-elected for second term

By ANGELINE B. BARSANA & ANNISA S. YANGZON

Having no opposition for the seat, the current Student Regent will continue his

term for another year after being re-elected as the Federation of Student Government's President.

In the election held *FSG continued on Page 5*



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ANOTHER YEAR OF SERVING. Hon. Jobert Briones, the current Student Regent, will continue his term as the President of the Federation of Student Government for another fiscal year. He is pushing for the hastened implementation of incentives for then institutional scholars.

TES now ready for distribution, Comm. De Vera says

By CLIFFORD F. COLIBAO

"Na evaluate na namin and 1.1 million applicants for 300 thousand slots at gusto kong sabihin na they will get their TES (Tertiary Education Subsidy) starting December this year," newly appointed Commissioner for the Commission on Higher Education, Comm. J. Prospero E. De Vera III announced during the opening program of the Regional State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) Meet earlier this morning.

According to Comm. De Vera, the check for the TES

budget is to be distributed and downloaded among the SUC Presidents on Tuesday, December 11.

"Inutosan ko na silang gumawa ng payroll at ibigay din ang mga lista ng mga beneficiaries of TES," the newly appointed commissioner said on his keynote address.

Among the 11 SUCs in the region, Eastern Visayas State University got the most number of beneficiaries with 3,079 students of the 11,474 TES grantees to benefit from the said financial grant which will amount to Php 40,000.00 per year as part of

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8th reg'l business forum zeroes in on economic engagements

By ALIEZA JEAN T. BULACOY

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Region 8 convened for the 8th Regional Business Summit anchored on the theme "Dynamic Convergence for Sustainable Engagement" held at Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU) last November 26 stirred on encouraging young entrepreneurs to respond to the call of sustainable development.

"Here in our region, our globe rate for development is in strive in the Regional Development Plan consolidated by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). It underscores the needs for convergence by including all sectors to generate among united and collaborative strategy to make the region rise up from its deplorable status as among the poorer region in the country," University President, Dr.

Dominador O. Aguirre, Jr. said.

Dr. Aguirre added that by constantly taking the initiative to align the region's programs to the needs of industry, sustainable development can be achieved.

"Our country aids to strengthen the network among young entrepreneurs from ASEAN and other countries capturing the classic base development in key sectors such as food, agriculture, information technology and Business Processing Outsource (BPO), start-ups and other related concerns," Dr. Aguirre said.

Aside from ways on responding to the call for sustainable development, investment climate and opportunities in the region, the national legislative agenda and reinvestment to financial services for inclusive growth were also discussed during the summit.

According to Dr. Edward Y. Chua, President of Council



PHOTO BY JM LLORAG

ENGAGING FOR DEVELOPMENT. This year's Regional Business Summit refocuses the attention of entrepreneurs to dynamic convergence for sustainable development. EVSU Pres. Dr. Dominador O. Aguirre, Jr. encourages young entrepreneurs to engage and strengthen their networks.

of Deans and Educators of Business (CODEB) 8, pioneering social enterprise converge together for one purpose to make sustainable business the new way forward.

"If the Philippines, is to realize its full potential and improve the lives of citizens, sustainability advocate must stop working in a single issue in isolation and man together to achieve change in systematic level," Dr. Chua said.

Hon. Florencio "Bem"

Noel of An Waray Party-list stressed out that to attain sustainability one has to possess the quality of being creative to achieve development.

"This is how I believe Eastern Visayas can respond to the call of sustainable development," the representative added.

Said representative also pledged for the initial funding of the Waray Research Sector for Culture and the Arts that will be established in the university. •

Youth advocate launches coalition for youth development



PHOTO BY JM LLORAG

EMPOWERING THE YOUTH. Congw. Sarah Elago of the Kabataan Partylist stressed the need to create a dynamic environment for the youth sector to fight issues threatening their welfare during the launch of Eastern Visayas and Student Leader Coalition last Nov. 23 at the EVSU-GAD Audio-Visual Room.

By ANNISA S. YANGZON & ANGELINE B. BARSANA

Student and Youth Leaders launched Eastern Visayas Youth and Students Leader Coalition (EVSYLC) to craft an action plan to end hunger, poverty and militarization that involves the youth.

Introduced last Nov. 23 at EVSU-GAD Audio visual Room, EVSYLC aims to encourage the youth to stand firm and be empowered to face on this life's various issues.

Several youth and student leaders from different schools and municipalities convened to raise awareness on issues that threaten the welfare of the current generation.

"Children in the country have always been at the bitter end of every anti-people policy or campaign our

government pursues. They have been victims countless of times both directly and indirectly," said Kabataan Partylist Representative, Congresswoman Sarah Elago.

Congresswoman Elago advocated the democratic spaces entitled to the youth to truly become the "Pag-Asang Bayan" during the two day event which culminated at UPVTC on November 24.

Congresswoman Elago further pushed for student-led manifesto of unity for higher budget of SUCs in the pursuit of free and quality education for all.

The program ended with a solidarity action to mark the youth and students' commitment in the pursuit of justice of the victims of Ampatuan massacre and impunity. •

LLD centers on language's role in internationalization

By JEAN MAICA G. VELASCO

Languages and Literature Department (LLD) in collaboration with the English Language Society (ELS) organized a literary, arts and music contest last November at the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) lounge as part of the celebration of the English Month highlighting the role of English language in globalization and industry.

“English is the language of globalization among others. Everywhere, anywhere, today and most certainly tomorrow English could be present in the life of every citizen around the globe. It is the main tool for operating in most of commerce, banking, arts, travelling and even in entrepreneurship,” Dean of CAS, Dr. Fatima Socorro M. Quianzon said.

She pointed out that English is not only for AB English students but also for other degree programs. The Dean put emphasis on how English provides the leverage to someone who is looking for a job or even looking for a lifetime



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARNEL ADONA

GODS AMONG US. Bachelor of Arts in English Language students paraded along the EVSU Grounds to flaunt their costumes of different mythical characters in one of their pitch for the annual English Month Celebration last November. Other than the said parade, the English Language Society catered various activities which aim to instill the role of English Language in internationalization.

partner.

“Language is significant for us to unify diverse cultures, minds, beliefs and values which are actually inculcated particularly in the academe thus, again it is high time to instill cognizance to you the language and relevance in dealing and bringing connections to this

multicultural world,” said Prof. Cristine Dawn Mombay, CAS’s program coordinator.

Contests like spelling bee, essay writing, poetry reading, solo and vocal duet, acoustic band, theater and cosplay were participated by students coming from different colleges.

“I was motivated to join the essay contest since

it’s as mantra for me to be part of the English month celebration way back in high school. While catching my piece, I felt uncertain with the stream of my ideas, given the fact that I didn’t make some little research about the present theme but then again. I made it!” said Marvic Casio, the essay writing 1st placer. •



PHOTO BY CJB RONDINA

FULL-SPEED AHEAD. EVSU students now has a vehicle they can use for their school-related travels after the University Bus was delivered to EVSU last November. The purchase of the bus was pushed for by Mr. Aldrin Nitura during his term as SSG President using the Student Development Fund.

University bus now ready for a ride

By JEAN MAICA G. VELASCO

EVSU now has a coaster ready to serve the travel needs of the different stakeholders of the University.

The Php 4,000,000.00 vehicle was purchased last November using the Student Development Fee which remained untouched for several years.

Main proponent of the proposal to purchase the said coaster, Mr. Aldren Nitura, SSG President for

school year 2016-2017 said that the project is one of the proposed ventures that the SSG has seen fit to benefit from the almost Php 15,000,000.00 SDF lumped in the school’s budget.

“These were the money intended for our students so it is but only appropriate that we create projects that the students can see and enjoy especially that we may be the only university in the region that does not have a university bus,” Mr.

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EVSU bags 12 awards on Reg'I PASUC fest '18



PHOTO BY CML TABUENA

UNTO THE NATIONALS. J. Merrill Calda from the Tanauan Campus is the sole representative from EVSU to represent the Region 8 in the National PASUC Culture and the Arts Festival in Davao after gaining gold in the Photo Contest. EVSU stashed a total of 12 wins in the recently concluded Regional PASUC Fest held at ESSU Borongan City last November 12-14.

sole gold medal of the EVSU delegation with his photo of a farmer toiling under the rain. Leandro M. Go, on the other hand won 3rd place for Poster making contest.

For the Musical Contests, EVSU bagged fourth place in Pop Solo (Kundiman), Vocal Solo and Vocal Duet category and third place for the Sweet and Short Play Musical and Live Band Competition. EVSU Koro Waraynon, the undefeated chorale in the region for 11 years took home its first silver medal this year.

Although the chorale finished on second spot, they are still on high spirits saying, "It's okay, that's life. We'll not always be the winner, the important thing is that we enjoy!"

For the Dance Competitions, EVSU ranked second place for the Indigenous and Contemporary Dance Contest and third place for the Folk and Street Dance.

Winners of this year's PASUC Fest will compete in Davao by the end of November for the National PASUC Culture and the Arts Festival. •

By ANGELINE B. BARSANA

Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU) pride proudly raised the maroon and gold banner with 12 placements in

the recently concluded PASUC 8 Culture and the Arts Festival at Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) Borongan, City on November 12-14, 2018.

The two-day regional

festival focused on preserving the culture of Region 8 with 10 different SUCs competing on different Arts, Music and Dance tilts.

J. Merrill Calda, Batingaw Photojournalist, bagged the

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Retention Policy" which eliminates those students who fail their subjects in their undergraduate studies

"The department really worked hard for this. They adopted the admission and retention policy. It was really necessary to be done in order to increase the passing percentage rate," Dr. Mancao said.

Said policy provides that students are to shift to another program or transfer to another school should they obtain three failing grades in one semester or an average grade of 3.0.

"During the 5 years, I disappointed a lot of people,

I eliminated including sons and daughters of EVSU employees and it really needs a lot of courage and political will, I was really the kind of instructor the students love to hate because of the process but it is worth it after seeing them benefiting from the outcome," Dr. Mancao added.

Asked on what other strategies did the department impose to secure optimum results, Dr. Mancao said, "reviewing in school or in-house-review practices and trains students. Teachers must also be committed, it means they give the students all the

chances to succeed at their own phase. If a graduating student is not guaranteed to graduate, he/she will not be released."

"An akon la hadtu na magsulud-sulod gud la ngan manmati gud, ky ha boarding house di gud ak hadtu nastudy, mag-aram iton nak mga boardmate, nak style hadto ha boarding house, natampo la ak ha ira mga discussion han ira pagstudy, ngan kun inabat man hin hubya, patuman gud la it kalugaringun ky kun piriton waray gud hanabo, tagi la hin oras tim kalugaringun, kay maabot gud it oras nga makahunahuna ka nga kinahanglan mon

a magstudy, dida mas makusog na tim pag-absorb hit mga lessons," said Engr. Pacifico Tiu Matol IV, one of the passers of the November 2018 CE Licensure Examinations.

"Being able to obtain the 70% passing rate in the CE department is very difficult because there are a lot of graduates. My advice is to prepare like you are planning to top the board exam and you should develop two things, speed and accuracy," Dr. Mancao concluded.

EVSU's highest passing rate in the CE Licensure Exam was recorded in 2001 with 80% on the tally. •

7 programs earn AACUP approval



PHOTO BY LLB ARPON

SECURING QUALITY. After thorough evaluation, EVSU's seven degree program in the main campus passed the AACUP Survey Visit last Nov. 5-10. College of Technology and College of Engineering got re-accredited while the Graduate School now has level one accreditation. The university administrators are now on prioritizing the establishment of the library and strengthening of the Research and Extension Programs.

By ERWIN M. ELICOT, JR.

Seven programs of the Main Campus passed the Accreditation Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) Survey Visit last November 5 to 10 at the EVSU Executive House.

The Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT) and Master in Public Resource Management (MPRM) of Graduate School passed the level one survey

visit.

Furthermore, Bachelor of Science in Geodetic Engineering (BSGE) and Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communication Engineering (BSECE) of the College of Engineering (COE) made it to the level two survey visit.

The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) of COE, Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Technology (BSHRT) and Bachelor Mechanical Technology of

College of Technology (COT) passed the first phase of the third level survey visit

"We are actually expecting that we will pass because we have the best faculty, good curriculum, and then we are just expecting for the best," said Dr. Lydia M. Morante, OIC-Dean of the Graduate School during an interview.

Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), Dr. Denis De Paz said that all seven programs passed the survey visit for having

quality students and quality faculties.

Despite of the successful accreditation, Dr. De Paz admitted that there are still certain issues that the faculty needs to improve and strengthen for the preparation of the succeeding AACUP survey visit.

"The major finding during the accreditation is always our library. We are lacking of books, shortage of library personnel, and the physical arrangement is not that organized but the university is already making an effort to sort things out. There is an ongoing construction for the new library which will be called Learning Commons," said Dr. De Paz with an assurance that the library needs will be prioritized.

Another area identified by Dr. Morante in which EVSU can improve on is its extension programs.

"In most of the accreditation, the weakest link is the extension. What we are doing now is actually try to assess where we can possibly come in and then what we will do is all the program in the GS will come in, will actually try focus on their specialization" Dr. Morante said.

Dr. De Paz said that the university is continuously preparing for the next level of accreditation that the university will go through. •

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last November 29 at the Executive House, Hon. Jobert Briones from the Bureau Campus became the sole candidate for Presidency when Supreme Student Government (SSG) Presidents Hon. Jonuel Ramos of the Main Campus and Hon. Marco Capablanca of Carigara Campus refused their nominations in the said position due to academic priorities.

Tanauan Campus' SSG President lost his bid for the seat after failing to attend the election personally but was instead represented by one of his subordinates. Ormoc Campus' SSG President was not able to attend due to some complications in his travel orders.

"We are conducting this election for us to choose a leader who is responsible enough to handle the said responsibility," said Prof.

Sonia T. Enrile, head of the Student Affairs Office (SAO) who facilitated the said elections.

Hon. Briones proposed to have a Student Regent (SR) fund, a unified SSG elections, furnishing the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the incentives and the move to change the term of the student regent from fiscal year to academic year for his second term as the Student Regent.

"Sometimes I was told by some people that I am not fit for the degree that I've finished (BS Theology), because sometimes I am losing my manners and moral personality whenever it comes to defending on what is right and wrong. Yet, I don't care, as long as I'm in the right place to talk. I will do my responsibility as a leader and I will stand for what is right," Hon. Briones said. •

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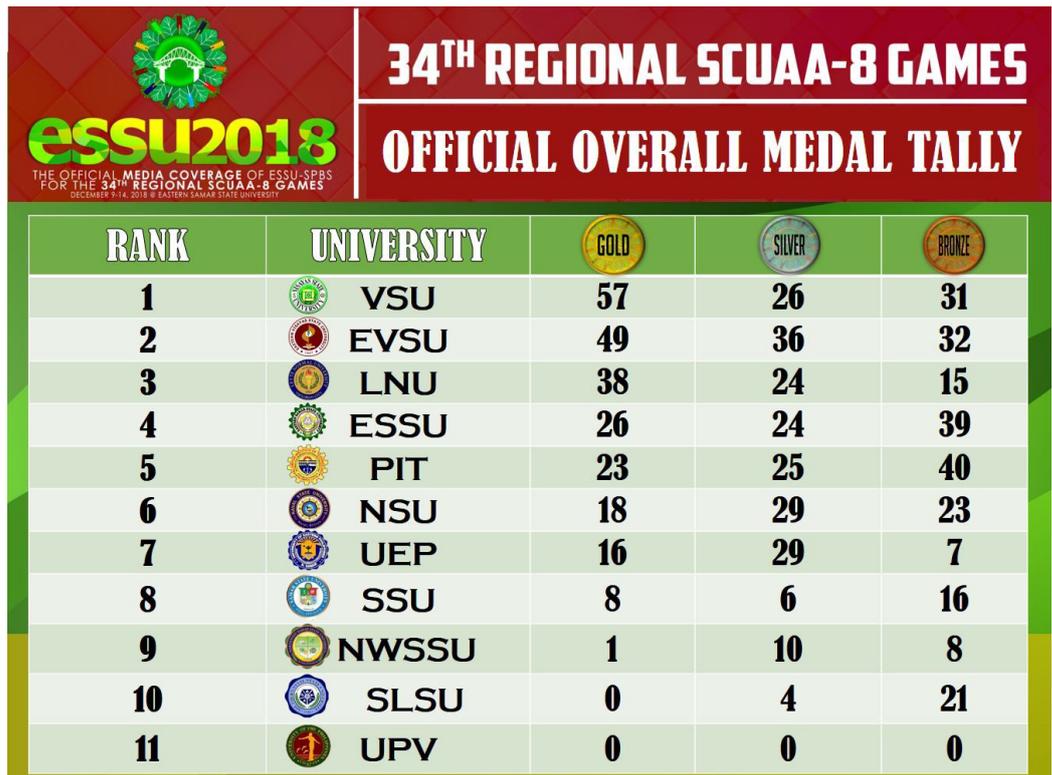
Eagles earn silver talons in Reg'l SCUAA Games '18

By JAMES WELL M. GORME & ANGELINE B. BARSANA

Showcasing their promising skills in the field of sports, EVSUnistas staged a remarkable finish this year after bagging a total of 49 gold, 36 silver, and 32 bronze medals in this year's Regional State Colleges and Universities Athletics Association (SCUAA) meet with the theme, "Bridging Islands through Sports" last November 9-14 at Eastern Samar State University (ESSU), Borongan City.

The EVSU delegation landed next to Visayas State University (VSU) which topped the SCUAA games with 57 gold, 26 silver and 31 bronze medals according to the official over-all medal tally released by the host university.

"Enjoy the festivity, enjoy the SCUAA Meet. Meet new friends, create new networks and make your stay in ESSU as memorable as it could be," said Dr. Edmundo A. Campoto, ESSU University President in his opening speech during the Welcome Night.



RANK	UNIVERSITY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1	VSU	57	26	31
2	EVSU	49	36	32
3	LNU	38	24	15
4	ESSU	26	24	39
5	PIT	23	25	40
6	NSU	18	29	23
7	UEP	16	29	7
8	SSU	8	6	16
9	NWSSU	1	10	8
10	SLSU	0	4	21
11	UPV	0	0	0

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ONE RANK HIGHER. EVSU Eagles staged a sterling performance in the Regional SCUAA Meet and managed to rise to the second place from their third finish last year. Grand slam top performing school, Leyte Normal University, slides to third place after VSU secured the top spot. Winners of this year's SCUAA meet will compete in the national level as announced by the Regional Sports Director, Dr. Jed Lerios.

Eleven competing SUCs namely Palompon Institute of Technology (PIT), Visayas State University (VSU), Eastern Samar State University (ESSU), Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU), Southern Leyte State University (SLSU), Naval State University (NSU), Samar State University (SSU), Leyte Normal University (LNU), University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC), Northwestern

Samar State University (NwSSU) and University of Eastern Philippines (UEP) with their best athletes competed in different sporting events to secure places for the upcoming National SCUAA Games next year.

"Talent wins games but teamwork and intelligence wins championship," said Raul Martin Ramos from EVSU's winning basketball team who snatched the title back after nine years.

Mr. EVSU 2018 Ritzie John Edsell Maning was crowned as first runner-up and earned the Mr. Primea Hotel award during the search for Mr. and Ms. SCUAA-8 2018 with Ms. EVSU 2018 Ma. Kim Bocao as one of the five finalists.

EVSU's Sports Director, Dr. Marlon E. Lora further commended the athletes despite struggles in their final examination, food accommodation, uniforms and others. •

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the provisions for RA 10931. "It really is a big help for us students who do not have

much to sustain our college education. Should I be part of those students who qualified for TES, I'm pretty

sure that I will be more than motivated to really do well and pursue my degree with a passion," said Cherry Mae

L. Tabuena, EVSU student, said. •

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Nitura said. Said vehicle may be used by the different organizations accredited in the university to shoulder their transportation requirement such as during

SCUAA and PASUC which are commonly held outside the university. Moreover, University staff may also use the coaster to travel.

"This is a great relief to our staff and students to have this university bus

since this will eliminate the need to hire public utility vehicles when we travel. Of course, this comes with the need for us to really take care of it, VPAA, Dr. Dennis De Paz said.

The university bus is

a typical coaster bus, air-conditioned with radio and has 30 seats, painted in white and has the university logo. It is regulated by the Office of the Director for Administrations, Dr. Dorris Agustina. •

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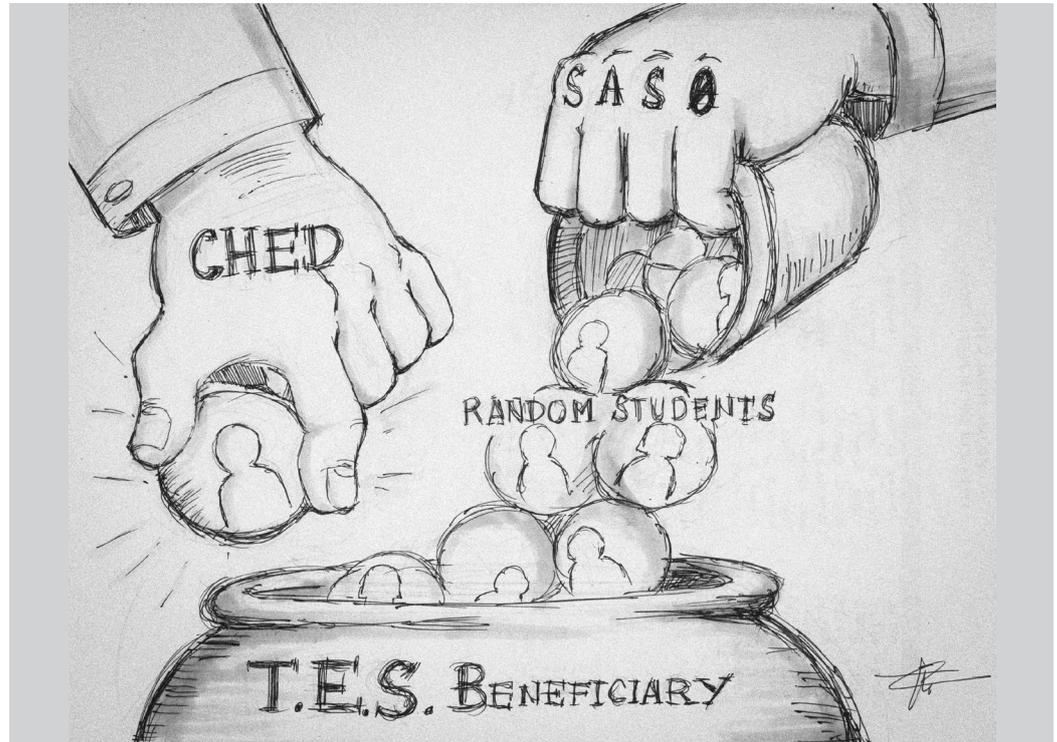
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Who defines “qualified”?



When newly-appointed Commissioner J. Prospero De Vera announced that the fund for the Tertiary Education Subsidy is ready for downloading and distribution, students all went joyous and relieved for finally another aide is on its way to make higher education more accessible. However, when the list of grantees was released, some of these smiling faces frowned for two reasons: 1.) Their names were not on the list, and; 2.) Those they deem unqualified (i.e scholars already enjoying stipend and rich kids) made it to the list which was supposed to “prioritize the less fortunate.” And so, accusations of unfairness have been thrown to SASO and even the publication.

According to the IRR of the TES Provision, Rule 4, Sec. 22 and 28, any student who is a registered undergrad and qualifies under the admission and retention policies of the institution may avail of the said cash subsidy. Moreover, in Section 25, students who, 1.) reside in places that do

not have an SUC or LUC in their locality; 2.) included in the most recently updated “Listahan”, and; 3.) those ranked according to their per capita income based on submitted documents of proof of income will be prioritized by the UniFast Board. What SASO did was submit the names of all the students who were able to avail of the Free Higher Education Program and followed the rule that only the UniFast Board can determine who will qualify for the TES. Now, is it unfair or a misunderstood attempt to be fair?

Given that SASO probably just wanted everyone to have a fair shot on availing the said subsidy, the accusations could have been avoided had the process been made clearer to the students. Perhaps SASO could make the students “apply” for the TES just so proper documents can be collected to support those who are really in need of the subsidy. In this way, they can come up with an actual priority list to determine those who do not enjoy scholarships and actually

part of DSWD’s Listahan. This will also create a transparency to the students for them to realize that it is not SASO, or the university in general, who selects the TES grantees.

Students should also try to be a little more diplomatic and try to read the actual law and IRRs before spewing out negative comments to the authorities. After all, College is a place where everyone is expected to practice decency and finesse. More so that SASO is actually trying to find ways for EVSUnistas to have accessible education. One of which is the incentives program for the institutional scholars before which is already underway.

Everyone is basically qualified to avail of any programs that the government is offering to make quality education more accessible to all. It is now the part of the university to make the students aware of such programs and the students should likewise strive to make themselves deserving of any assistance that is available for the taking.

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CLIFFORD F. COLIBAO
INCOGNITO

The year that was

“One cannot take away the fact that there will always be villains who prey on people’s thirst for involvement.”

Twenty-eighteen was the year when the word “change” took on a multitude of mutation.

Affected by the diverse and passionately backed-up views of people on the different issues faced by the society, change became sensationalized and trivialized at the same time causing a meltdown of whatever is binding the morality and rational thinking of the human race. However, this is not to say

that nothing good came out from the shifts of 2018. This year also brought to light the monsters that haunted the society but were constantly overshadowed by indifference and literal thinking.

Politics played the linchpin of change for this year. The shifts in the political arena rippled alterations on the perception of evils and good intentions. Sometimes these two are alienated from one another

and often both are mixed in a concoction that blurs the line between being humane and being barbaric. Because of these shifts, people are divided into factions who, in a general sense, are hostile to one another; a philosophical divide that does not allow mutual propagation of learning and unified progress. If there is something good about this, it would be the notion that because of this division, people get to communicate more vividly. They get to evaluate the good and bad side of all existing issues and try to as much as possible educate themselves so as to get more involved and give sensible arguments in a rather chaotic discourse. Of course, one cannot take away the fact that there will always be villains who prey on people’s thirst for involvement often resorting to the propagation of adulterated truths in the

expense of sensibility and trust.

Twenty-eighteen is the year when humanity finally took a stand on the pressing issues that plagued our society. We get to be exposed to the harsh realities of the world that we chose to neglect for ages. Whether you are for or against the solutions presented by our leaders, what matters is that we chose to no longer be mundane and indifferent. We finally shifted our gears and got ourselves involved in creating the world that we want. Yes, it may be messy and our people may be divided today, but if we keep a wary eye on the horizon and an open heart for development then the future we long dreamed of will soon be realized. Cheers for a good year ahead!



CHRISTIANNE FAITH A. MAHINAY
AD LIBS

Not merry Christmas

“As you become older, reality hits you more than you think.”

Lately, I’ve been reading posts of youngsters in my news feed that Christmas, as time flies, has becoming sadder to them. It was mentioned on their posts that as they grow older, they tend to feel not merry about Christmas anymore rather a rush of overwhelming sadness they don’t even understand the cause like when one starts to feel unhappy for no reason at all. As part of the generation who has lately become outspoken of this belief, well, there is little

truth in it but there is more to explore deeper than just stay on the surface.

I remember that when I was younger, I am always excited about the perks of Christmas like a seven-year old kid whose eyes twinkle whenever he/she is brought to a famous fast food restaurant. A little older, Christmas for me meant a rest from school, an overflow of different recipes on the table, the opening of gifts from godmothers and godfathers and just blissful happenings around me.

I became excited of the thought of playing with my little cousins again who come to the family’s ancestral house to spend the holidays. That feeling of Christmas always linger until recently, just like my virtual friends keep ranting about, I gradually found myself not feeling ecstatic about Christmas anymore.

Just recently, my eyes did not shimmer after seeing the series of lights. Nostalgia dived in whenever I hear a Christmas song being played on the radio. I am not already expecting to receive anything from my parents and relatives every Christmas. And I came to realize that Christmas like any other day, would just pass by after waking up at twelve midnight.

Finally, I came to understand that it is not about the coming of Christmas that makes one sad but the fact that as one gets a little older, his/her

perspectives change like how he/she feels towards Christmas. As you become older, reality hits you more than you think. Your priorities change. Your outlook pivots into another dimension and your goal becomes more realistic that it is before. You lose the feeling of living like you’re into a fairy tale. If you’re a girl, you suddenly realize that for all those years of schooling, you never really bump into some hot guy and held hands with him while picking up your things.

For a lot of times, you don’t get to have a good sleep because of all the mental torture you experience over the night thinking on how to survive the next day considering the things you need to accomplish. Over the time, you become an over-thinker and your to-do list becomes more lengthy and complicated. You are anxious of what will

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gonna happen later, tomorrow or the following weeks. In short, you suddenly become futuristic.

Despite of all these sudden turn of tables, later you realize that you somehow become a little wiser. When it comes to decision making, you become more independent. You save more money for future expenses, thus making you wiser when purchasing things you just need or want. You become a critical thinker if things go out of its place. And when are things are already going rough, you think of a solution in order to free yourself from the dilemma.

Just last Christmas, I lost a loved one and my whole family experienced one of the strongest typhoons encountered by the province just when the year is about to end. That also made me realize that Christmas did not only mean joy but also brokenness and hard times. And if you think you feel the same way about me in the recent paragraph, somehow and somewhere, I would say it again, you've just become a little wiser.

What are your thoughts on the Tertiary Education Subsidy?

Compiled By ALIEZA JEAN T. BULACOPY

Helpful hiya actually pero I think naging biased an pag pili han beneficiaries kay mayda iba nga nag papakarawat nga mga riko naman ngani. tim_ateML

Well, Tertiary Education Subsidy is a great help to the students especially to those who came from a less fortunate family like me. Indeed, students who had the opportunity to be one of the beneficiaries is to be considered as blessed because this is a one life time offer. eDzz

As one of the grantees, waray na ak nag wonder kay api man kami han 4ps. Dako na ito na bulig ha am, asya thankful kami. SirEduc

The Subsidy itself is helpful and I have no hard feelings for it even though I am not one of the grantee but I heard some of the grantee were not using the money well, I don't know though how to react about it. Diri kasi ak sugad ka judgmental :). Ain't_ur_bibi

Naguguluhan gihap ak up until yana kay waray man hira nag yakan ano talaga iy ira proseso ngan requirements keanu it iba nakakarawat ngan iba waray man. Dyidyi

Maupay ito na TES especially for those na nangangailangan talaga, waray ak nakarawat pero diri ko gihap gin bla-blame it admin kay it CHED man talaga an may aram about hiton, We can't blame CHED gihap kay adto hira national alangan naman maaram hira ha at status tanan. Mamshie

Mas maupay kun tanan nakarawat hiton, pwede man tag 5k each hehe. miss_entrep

Ambot ano it ira qualifications talaga kay nayakan for 4p's adto na beneficies, an iba for mcct, an iba liwat for CHED sholars pero api man ak han CHED tas waray ak. Tak sangkay api hiya han TES even CHED scholar hiya, ano talaga? Gwapo

Dako tak pasalamat han TES kay pang JS Prom ngan pang tour asya tak gamiton pang gasto. Ategurl

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.

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FEATURE

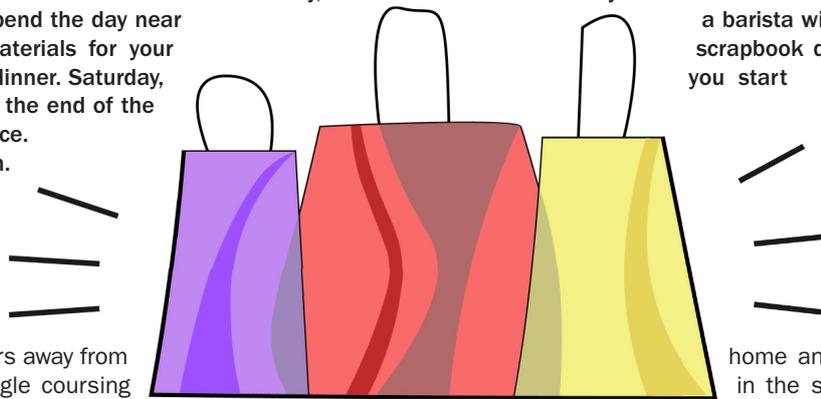
Shopping Shake-Up

Hacks on how to survive your monthly allowance

By DAN JAKE BASALO

Monday, you paid your monthly rent and went to the grocery to buy the things that you want. Tuesday, spent the night at your friend's house watching movies, chilling with some booze. Wednesday, and so the both of you spend the day near Thursday, you bought materials for your for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Saturday, you start praying that it's the end of the can receive your allowance. the month has just begun.

your friend starts to crave some overpriced coffee a barista with your macchiato at the side. scrapbook due next week. Friday, noodles you start borrowing money. Sunday, month already so that you Basically, you're broke and



When you're four hours away from sets you free like an eagle coursing broke— college is fun and exciting students face two struggles in this matter. First, they have to do all the tasks that an independent person should do: pay rents, buy food, do laundry, buy school supplies and a lot more that includes money and all of those things make their wallet crippled. Second is the time that they need to thicken their face to tell their relative that they've spent all of their allowance and that they have nothing decent to eat or any excuse that will give guilt to them. Imagine the frustration in those struggles. However, believe it or not, there are simple ways to balance out your monthly allowance:

home and the tingle of independence in the sky but the problem is, you're when you're not broke. Majority of

HOLD YOUR HORSES

Once you have received your allowance, you're mind wanders to the mall and starts thinking on buying the things that you want. Stop and sit down for a moment. The first thing you should do is to pay your rent and set aside at least 20% of your total allowance. After that, go to the grocery and buy the things that you actually need and not the things that you just want; restock your basic hygiene kit (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.); next is buy sufficient canned foods, biscuits, rice to lessen your visit to the overpriced 'karenderya' and 'tindahan'.

CLAYGO

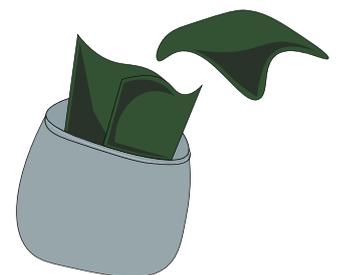
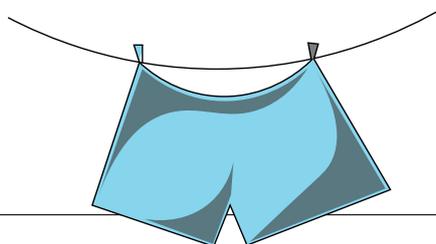
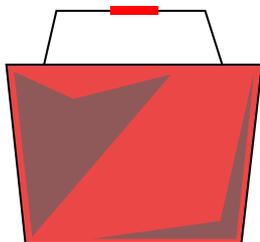
CLAYGO stands for clean as you go. Doing your laundry is not really an exciting chore same as washing the dishes, although for some they find this easy to do. But if you're one of those students who prefer to stack their clothes and wait for it to reach the maximum kilogram for every laundry shop, which is 8kg— well, do the CLAYGO. Every time you take a bath, immediately wash your clothes or at least just your underwear and your shirt or uniform, this process won't even consume 10 minutes. You save yourself from spending too much on laundry and you get to have a clean set of clothes every day.

SAVE UP FOR THE BETTER

Remember that 20% of your total allowance that you need to set aside? Add that up with the extra money that you have from not spending too much on expensive 'karenderya' and laundry shops. More or less you have at least 40% - 50% of your total allowance left and you're secured for the entire month because of the grocery and daily laundry. Now, in that remaining money, set aside 10% for unexpected expenses that your professors might require you, photocopy for reviewers, materials for scrapbook and the like, the rest of your money, well, its up to you. You can go hangout with your friends, you make the 10%

as your tithe for your church, or you can just save it up for the better.

Before you allow your mind to wander around on buying new things, secure yourself first. Surely, you don't want to hear your relatives scolding you on the phone telling you how that money is hard earned or how money is not grown in trees. Easy steps for an eased life.



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By Alieza Jean T. Bulacoy

She may had once lost her dreams, her faith and her track she never let all of those to be a hindrance to continue her own battle because she believes that there are still million reasons out there which are still worth a fight.

Starting all over again equipped only with nothing but a handful of hope is quite challenge for a 17 years old typical girl who used to define life as splashing vibrant colors. She had lost everything she had, to the point that she almost lost herself as well but she realized life must go on, that she needs to keep going especially now that she will be facing one of the greatest battle she will encounter in her life.

Her greatest weapon.

She could not even imagine conquering the battle alone this time, knowing that all her life, she had with her best companion - her mother, but when her mother passed away that's when she became more confident because she knew she will not be facing this battle all by herself, because as long as she had her faith she will make it.

"I was afraid that I may not make it, especially that I have no one. But facing alone the journey I realized I am not alone after all. I have God who will never leave me. And with that I am so much grateful for what happened because it drew me closer to him, to God". She said.

The prize.

At first she keeps asking why it all happened but the moment she began to believe again, that's when she understood all of it.

"Maybe it is meant to happen. Remembering how tired my mom look like when she was still alive made me realized that it is way too better that it turned out that way, because finally she would no longer carry the burden she carries for years. Maybe my dreams were meant to end that way, because it is not great enough and I have to dream big not only for myself but for my family as well. Maybe it all happened because I forgot Him, I forget that no matter what happens He will always be there for me. And maybe that happen for me to realize how to live my life more meaningfully."

Her triumph.

Experiencing all of those thing made her a true warrior. She may had lost her battle before yet she never give up but instead she learned how to stand up and rise up again.

"Right now, I can say that I am ready. Especially now that I have God. I may be lost my mom yet our story won't just end that way, because I will still keep this fight and will win this soon. I have now with me my dreams, my hope, my faith, I know this time, and I will surely win this fight".

Today, she is now back on her journey. To finish her studies, not only for herself but for her mother who mold her each and every day to become better individual. She just prove that no matter how hopeless life can be, there would be still reasons out there which are worth living in. That you just need to keep moving on, and see the goodness in everything. That you maybe defeated but the important thing is that you learn how to stand. You may lost track yet you learn how to survive, you may lose someone yet you learn how to accept and live happy because at the end of the day it's not about how many times you lose the battle but it's about how you get to rise up and continue the fight.



LITERARY

BY JE PADEL

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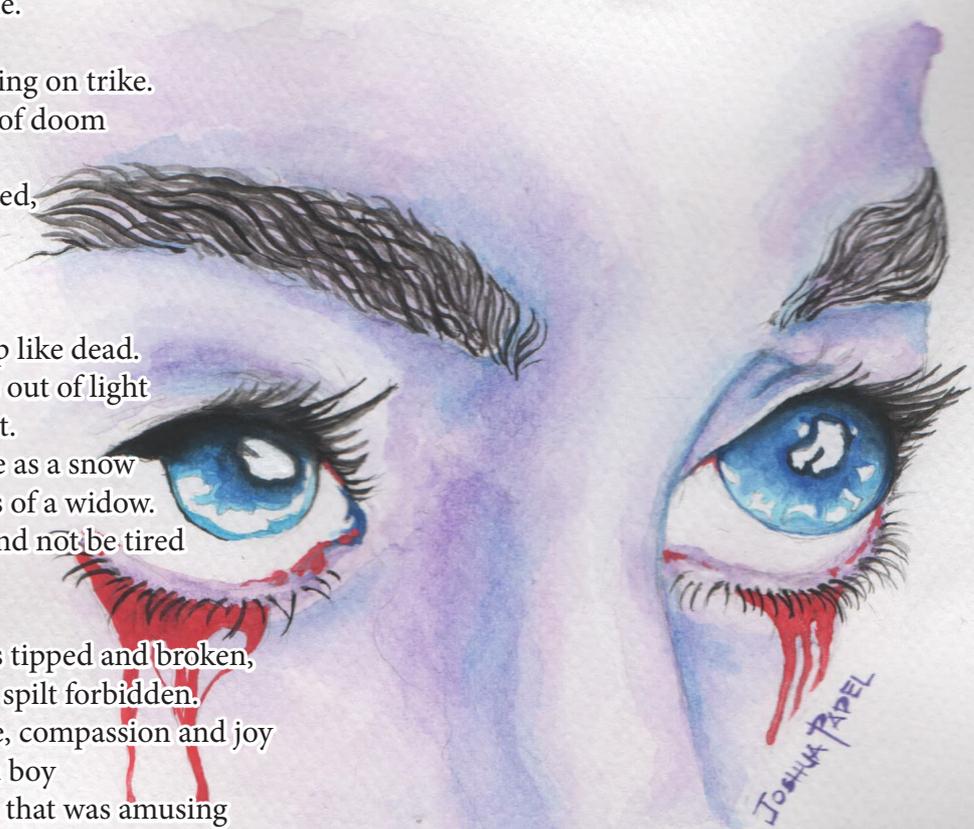
When insurgence is the theme
 My heart pumps on tame.
 When sorrow strikes
 The pain keeps penetrating on trike.
 My life was on the state of doom
 With a knife on loom.
 The lake of tears was dried,
 But then I cried.

Frustration is my bed
 That brought me to sleep like dead.
 The one bright star runs out of light
 Delivers a dreadful night.
 My hanky that's as white as a snow
 Now colored like a dress of a widow.
 I lift myself to be alive and not be tired
 But then I cried.

Glass of consistency was tipped and broken,
 With victory and honor spilt forbidden.
 Coffin of kindness, hope, compassion and joy
 Was offered in front of a boy
 The book on the shelves that was amusing
 Displaced, robbed, and missing.
 Samaritan's help failed to wire
 Again I cried.

I'm exhausted of everything
 That molds me into nothing
 Like a lion in a cage
 Roaring to destroy the sage
 Is this what it fells?
 When somebody now owns your shell
 Like a groom without a bride
 Can't control your eyes and cried.

The hope that I left jailed
 Acquitted and sent me a mail:
 "Your land of trash
 Is your foundation of getting the sash."
 I may have drowned on thousand sorrows
 I've swam knowing there's always tomorrow.
 Heal my heart thrust with thousand knives
 And promised that once I cry - I cry because I've survived.

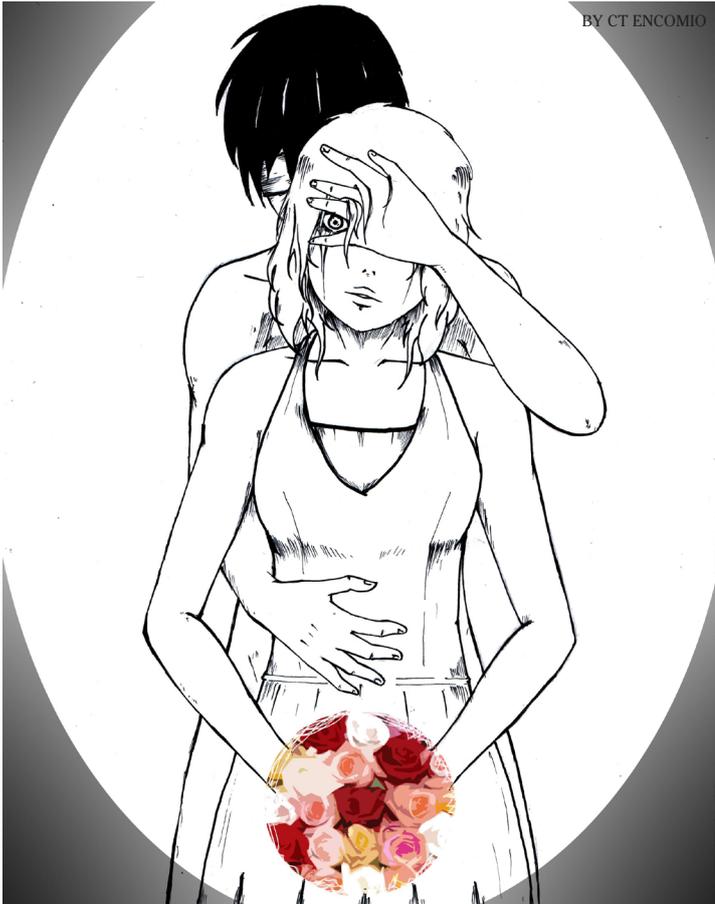


A FINAL GLANCE BY YZAZENN

The rays of the sun flash through my face,
 As I untied my favorite curtain's lace
 Ready to spend this brand-new day
 With hopes a gleaming and music at play

I hurriedly get dressed and went down
 Planning to visit our neighboring town
 There I see my mom, cooking her favorite dish
 Our all-time favorite that we can't miss

I sat beside dad and look at him
 Pouring his strong coffee with a cream
 He will always be the kind of person I will look upon
 For he was my first man



"Is breakfast now served?" I smile as I heard
 Surprise how on earth my brother grown a beard
 He now grown tall and tougher
 Was once so skinny as I remember

No words can explain how happy I am today
 For this is what I always pray
 To see again my mom's brightest smile
 And to hear again my dad's funny stories for a while

Tears began to escape my eyes
 As I manage to compose myself for a final goodbye
 Cause this may be my last and only chance
 To take a peak for a final glance

If only I could live a little longer
 My existence perhaps won't just be carved on their
 memories forever.

LOST LOVE BY MELCHIZEDIEK

First time I saw her, she was wearing a beautiful white dress and she was dancing in the rain. Man, that time I knew it was love at first sight.

Second time I saw her, she was still wearing that same white dress and she was still dancing in the rain but the only difference was that I was there dancing with her. Time moved slowly when I was with her. Everything was like in slow motion. Her smile. Oh god her smile! Man, that time I knew I should marry her. I should make her my wife.

Destiny was all great and powerful, it made her my girlfriend. We'd been together for five years. We had fights and arguments but we passed those stumbling blocks of our relationship. I was patient with her and she was the same. We understood each other. I finally asked her to marry me and she said yes.

But destiny was all great and powerful indeed, it tricked us. My love, she never came on our wedding day. I did not know why. We were okay. We were happy. But she left. She just vanished. No explanations, no everything.

I looked for her in every corner of every building. I looked for her in every places we have visited. I even looked for her in the depths of the sea. And after days and months and years of searching, I finally found her. I found my love. Funny, she was in the same white dress she wore the first time I saw her. And I took her home, our home.

They say, "Until death do us part." I say no, I doubt that. Death can't separate us. She was buried six feet below the ground but I found her again. I found my love again. We are together again and I will do everything to keep her forever. Necrophilia, yes. Necrophiliac. I am.

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HIDDEN MESSAGE

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