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The logo's rounded frame symbolizes unity and a safe space for meaningful engagement, while the shield stands for integrity and the defense against misinformation. The pen nib reflects the club's commitment to truth, education, and the power of the written word. The "S" signifies *Silakbo*—a burst of passion mirroring the emotional drive behind journalism. Its orange hue and metallic gradient express creativity, resilience, and the publication's dedication to truth and excellence



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editorial

TRASH TALK: ZERO PLASTIC, ZERO EXCUSE –THE URGENCY OF A PLASTIC-FREE CAMPUS

Cherlyn Manriquez

A war against plastic pollution has reached the campus and this has been one of the institution's and the world's ongoing problems, mainly due to the mass production of plastics over the years, which has resulted in widespread environmental damage. Government and private institutions have started taking action to address this issue, with initiatives such as reducing plastic use, promoting recycling, and encouraging more sustainable practices. With this growing momentum, the question arises: is zero plastic the hero for a greener future and a cleaner campus?

A single plastic bottle can decompose up to 450 years, remaining in our landfills for generations. To alleviate this problem and promote proper waste management, the Safety and Security Office of SEAIT has initiated a memorandum on the Zero Plastic Policy aligned with Republic Act No. 9003, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, emphasizing waste reduction, source separation, and ecological responsibility starting this academic year.

Countless students find this memorandum inconvenient, complaining and breaking the policy as they protest that it is unjustifiable—knowing that the school canteen sells products contained in plastics. However, since management can only rule over what it controls, it has imposed a policy to lessen waste mismanagement. It marks the first step towards sustainability. Single-use plastics—such as bottled water, disposable cups, and plastic bags—contribute to land pollution issues, primarily soil contamination, water pollution, and the aesthetic

impact on the environment.

According to the Climate Change Commission, the country generates around 2.7 million tons of plastic waste each year, with an estimated 20 percent ending up in the ocean. In line with Republic Act 9003, practicing eco-friendly alternatives—helps minimize environmental harm, conserve natural resources, and promote a cleaner, more sustainable community compared to the continued use of single-use plastics.

Reducing non-recyclable waste creates a cleaner, greener, and more aesthetically pleasing campus. Additionally, it will indirectly embolden students, faculty, and staff to shift into eco-friendly practices—such as using tumblers instead of plastic bottles and bringing reusable containers—which could gradually lessen the campus waste problem. By eradicating these items on campus, SEAIT management is encouraging students to be accountable and empowering an eco-conscious mindset for ecological succession in the long run.

So, is zero plastic the hero for a cleaner campus? The answer lies in our collective willingness to act. The time to embrace sustainable change is now—no more excuses—only solutions. As the world experiences intense climate change, imposing such policies could improve conditions globally. Everything must start at home by embracing the principles of reuse, reduce, and recycle and extending them to the community to achieve a waste-free environment. Remember, even the smallest actions can significantly impact the environment.

news



ONE BLOCK, ONE BREAKTHROUGH
BSIT-BA 4TH YEAR
ACHIEVES INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH RECOGNITION

Elined Eve Bacalando

Last December 2024, a block of 4th-year BS Information Technology specializing in Business Analytics students achieved international recognition as their research studies were published in the International Journal of Scientific and Academic Studies (IJSAS).

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SEAIT'S PERFORMANCE
IN VARIOUS PRC
EXAMINATION

100%

LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR FISHERIES

84.14% LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS (ELEMENTARY) | SEPTEMBER 2024

77.85% LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS (SECONDARY) | SEPTEMBER 2024

74.07% LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR SOCIAL WORK | SEPTEMBER 2024

62.50% LICENSURE EXAM FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING | APRIL 2024

61.02% LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR CRIMINOLOGY | FEBRUARY 2025

52.78% LICENSURE EXAM FOR AGRICULTURISTS | FEBRUARY 2024





D'Rush On the Beat!
D'Rush shaped their fate at the Regional PRISAA 2025

Photo from: PARAGON

From none to one: D'Rush celebrates 1st Runner-Up Finish in Regional PRISAA '25

■ Ismael V. Madayan

After being unplaced last year, the South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc. (SEAIT) D'RUSH made a powerful return on the dancefloor, securing a first runner-up finish in the Hip-Hop Competition during the Regional PRISAA 2025.

Hungry for their grooves and returns, the dance troupes gave their all for the glory of their respective teams and universities. With a clean and powerful performance that evoked potential, different colleges never failed to leave a mark of distinction, fueling the event into a close fight. With their red getups, a representation of their searing determination, D' Rush blended genres to a different level, often featuring steps in unison with compressed formations.

Showcasing stamina, technique, and performance, the team—composed of Eldie A. Aberde, Rheden C. Barrera, Kevin C. Capalla, Syn Dave S. Catuiran, Roygene D. Cenal, Angeline C. Cortes, Jayson E. Dapidran, Kyrk Zyn Isales, Rico P. Lagcao, Jhon Kevin S. Loyola, Fritz Ivan B. Mantiquilla, Clark Louise H. Manzano, and Irish L. Pari—an—delivered an electrifying routine. Justine Lloyd E. Bombales led the team as Captain, with Diosan Dave H. Venus as Choreographer and Aubrey Bryant D. Fuentes as Moderator, guiding them to rise from unplaced to a podium finish.

Furthermore, the crew employed its high-dash, high-reward stunt work to a massive payoff for bagging its back-to-back victory in the LOCAL PRISAA-SKCAA 2025.

ENGINEERING THE ODDS

Magbanua, Valerio Triumph in the 28th Philippine Statistics Quiz

■ Lovely Rose W. Pandong

Jezrell Vanne B. Magbanua, a first-year Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering student from South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc. (SEAIT), triumphed as champions in the 28th Philippine Statistics Quiz Provincial Championship held on October 25, 2024, at KCC Mall of Marbel Activity Center.

by Engr. Clar Don L. Evangelio, MEqEng.

Official Results:

Champion: South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc.

2nd Place: South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc.

Wences Neil G. Valerio, a first-year Civil Engineering student from SEAIT, secured 2nd place in the competition. Magbanua and Valerio outperformed 12 contenders from seven schools across South Cotabato. These students are coached and guided

This achievement highlights the academic excellence and competitive spirit of SEAIT's Civil Engineering students.

Silakbo Bags First Place in CINEMA22M

■ Andrea P. Trimucha

Silakbo bagged first place in the CINEMA22M Promotional Video-Making Competition organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, showcasing the unparalleled and preserved beauty of Mt. Matutum. This achievement is part of the celebrations for Amyak Maleh-Linggo ng Matutum, which runs from March 17-22.

With the title "Mt. Matutum "Bukal ng Tubig, Kagubatan, at Saribuhay," the winning video highlighted the breathtaking life, landscape, strong-bonded community, and majestic beauty of Mt. Matutum. With stunning visuals of lush greenery, clear rivers, and towering peaks, SEAIT perfectly encapsulated the mountain's timeless beauty and unspoiled charm.

Through this recognition, SEAIT continues to inspire a deeper appreciation for the timeless and preserved beauty of Mt. Matutum, and the efforts to safeguard it for future generations.



Summit!
SEAIT wins 1st place in Cinema22m



Ommu, FindMe Dominate Regional Start-up Pitching Competition

■ Elyn Joy T. Biba

OMMU and FindME celebrated a remarkable achievement at the Philippine Startup Challenge 9 Regional Startup Pitching Competition, held virtually on Zoom from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NN. From a pool of 30 entries and 19 competing schools in Region 12, SEAIT emerged victorious, securing two of the top three positions among the 10 finalists.

OMMU, a startup from SEAIT's College of Information and Communication Technology, clinched the prestigious 1st place title and won the Best Pitch Video special award. Originating from the word community, OMMU is a gamified platform for community involvement with an integrated rewards system that aims to bridge the gap between the community and its members. The team, composed of

Jedidiah Quime I. Agayan, Reydel A. Ocon, Kathleen Nicole D. Oliva, Mark Stephen Molina, and Fretz Gabor, showcased innovative solutions that impressed the judges.

Additionally, FindME, another standout startup from SEAIT-CICT, earned 2nd place with its groundbreaking emergency notification app, designed to assist in emergencies by notifying nearby contacts. The team members—Ronel F. Tubio, Elined Eve Bacalando, Liezi Jane G. Arreglado, David Roy Xerxes D. Omania, Frank Leimberg D. Armodia, and Jayson P. Siguenza—demonstrated exceptional creativity and technical expertise.

Michael Paul O. Sebando, CICT instructor, expertly mentored both teams. His guidance and support were instrumental in their success.

This double victory underscores SEAIT's commitment to fostering innovation and excellence among its students.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

JY Corporation Ltd. grants scholarships to 5 students.

■ John Lloyd L. Ellena

Five deserving students of the South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc. (SEAIT) have been granted scholarships from the JY Corporation Ltd. Foundation.

The first beneficiaries of the scholarship program were Angel C. Evaristo, Jordan Lozada, Sofia Nikkol B. Anoba, Van Anthony C. Padayogyog, and Zaira E. Briones from the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA).

During the granting ceremony, Engr John Paul S. Tamayo, MCE-SG, School President, explained to the students and their parents the importance of the scholarship grants and how the school managed to scout it through international partnership.

Meanwhile, Evaristo, one of the grantees, expressed her gratitude as one of the beneficiaries of the scholarship grant, emphasizing its help for school finances.

JY Corporation Ltd., owned by Dongjin Kim, Chief Executive Officer, is an activated carbon trader with a global network in Korea. It has suppliers from many varied countries and is one of the most oversized network holders for coconut carbon supply.



Chukahael Lozada receives scholarship grant



DEDICATION IN ACTION:

Catalysts secure Back-to-back Championship!

■ Shiena Fe Babaran

An atmosphere filled with excitement and a hint of competitiveness ruled over the Lagao Gymnasium in General Santos City as the Social Work Department of South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc. (SEAIT) together with four (4) outstanding institutions, surged in to participate in the highly anticipated Junior Social Workers' Association of the Philippines (JSWAP) Interscholarship Competition 2025 with a theme, "Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for Enduring Wellbeing".

The event was hosted by the Philippine Association of Social Workers Inc. (PASWI) General Santos City Chapter in celebration of the World Social Work Day on March 20, 2025.

The program took off with an engaging parade and Zumba session sponsored by Ms. Ella Barrera and Councilor Beth Bagonoc.

Locking in the excitement, the participants engaged in numerous activities that challenged and unity.

Contests in Bench Cheering, Documentary Making, and Quiz Bowl Competition were conducted, highlighting the beauty of the Social Work field.

Afterwards the nerve-wracking contests, Mr. Michael Stephen J. Pacquiao — Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Glaukos Trading Corp. GSC, stated his message of support and appreciation to the Social Workers.

"I acknowledged the contribution of our Social Workers in the growth and development of our countrymen. My salute is for all of you," he said.

The afternoon activities were the Runway Competition that has 3 categories — the Male, Female, and LGBTQ+ Category, it took place along with the Tiktok Mashup Competition. The contest were done to enable the participants to exhibit their skills on the dance floor, and creativity through transforming recyclable materials into creative set of clothing, promoting gender inclusivity alongside.

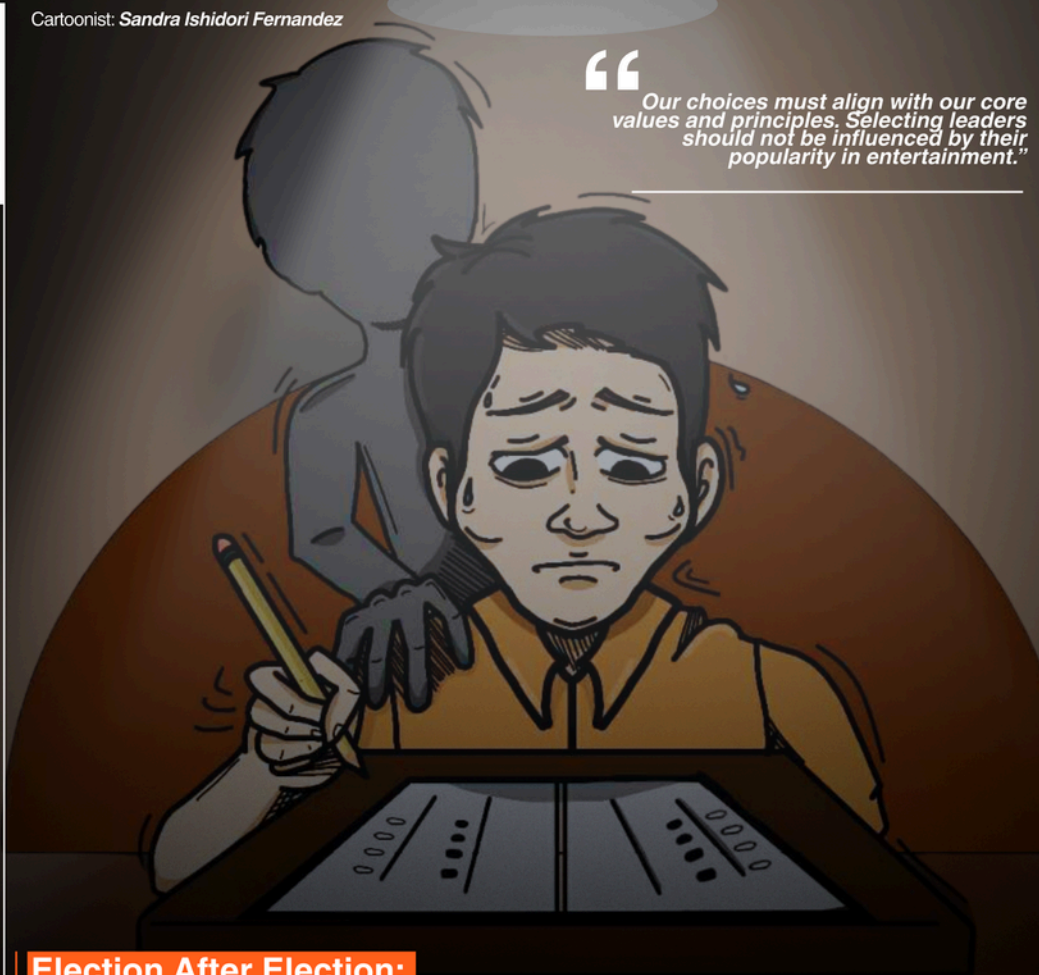
After the overwhelming contests, catalysts secured top spots in various categories!

- **Champion in Bench Cheering and Documentary Competition**
- **3rd place in Quiz Bowl Competition**
- **1st place in Tiktok Mashup Competition**
- **Runway King and Queen (Edwin V. Castro and Richelle Mae R. Serino)**
- **Runway Star 1st Place (Bennie Jade O. Zonio)**

The event concluded, declaring SEAIT the Overall Champion in the JSWAP Interscholarship Competition 2025, earning the institution its second consecutive win!

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Election After Election:

How Cognitive Dissonance Undermines Our Democratic Intent

Ismael Madayan

In the 2022 Philippine national elections, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) reported 67,523,697 registered voters, with 56,028,855 casting their votes—a turnout of approximately 82.98%. This means over 11 million registered voters chose not to participate. Notably, Filipinos aged 18 to 44, encompassing Millennials and Generation Z, constituted 63% of the voting population. 11 million Filipinos chose not to fight and tolerate normalizing apoliticism—letting injustice plague the ideology and power of democracy.

This paradox—where the youth, a demographic poised to influence change, abstain from exercising their electoral power—highlights a deeper issue: cognitive dissonance. This psychological phenomenon occurs when individuals experience discomfort from conflicting beliefs or behaviors, leading them to rationalize inaction. In the context of elections, voters may recognize the importance of their participation yet choose to disengage and abandon the responsibility to challenge the system that oppresses millions of cries from different voices of sectors, citing reasons like disillusionment or skepticism about the system's efficacy and apathy.

The consequences of such disengagement are profound. Political dynasties continue to dominate, with nearly 80% of elected officials in 2022 hailing from established political families that have been seated in Congress and witnessed the deteriorating state of our country but failed to alleviate it. This concentration of power is not solely due to the actions of the few but also the inaction of the many. Their silence puts the electorates at peace while staining chaos of suffering to the majority. Moreover, the proliferation of misinformation, especially on social media platforms, thrives in environments lacking critical engagement. A Pulse Asia survey indicated only a third of Filipinos actively verify political information encountered online, allowing disinformation to shape public perception unchecked. This negligence amplifies the danger of misinformation and contributes to the entrenchment of dynastic structure or manipulation of power.

Historically, meaningful societal transformations have been driven by active civic participation. The People Power Revolution in 1986 is a testament to collective action's impact. History speaks, but apoliticism is muting its volume to prevail. Conversely, apathy and disengagement have consistently enabled the perpetuation of unjust systems. As the 2025 elections approach, it's imperative to confront the cognitive dissonance that hampers our democratic processes. Recognizing the power of each vote and the responsibility that comes with it is crucial. Democracy thrives not merely on practicing your right to vote but on informed and responsible voter, consistent participation. We can foster

a more progressive political landscape by addressing the internal conflicts that lead to disengagement.

In this context, the words of the late Miriam Defensor Santiago resonate profoundly, "Being apolitical is the biggest crime." This sentiment emphasizes the moral imperative for citizens to engage actively in the democratic process and be informed individuals. Corruption prospers in silence with the spread of distorted truth. Choosing to remain apolitical is not a neutral act; it is a decision that perpetuates injustice and erodes democratic values.

Our choices must align with our core values and principles. Selecting leaders should not be influenced by their popularity in entertainment or other non-political fields. Instead, we must prioritize candidates with proven qualifications, credible credentials, and a track record of legislative accomplishments that reflect their expertise and commitment to public service. Silence is a crime that contributes to the equation because democracy thrives when opposition challenges.

Therefore, as we stand on the cusp of another electoral cycle, let us confront the cognitive dissonance that leads to disengagement. Let us recognize that our participation is not just a right but a responsibility—a commitment to uphold the principles of democracy and to strive for a more equitable society.

Critiquing the Status Quo:

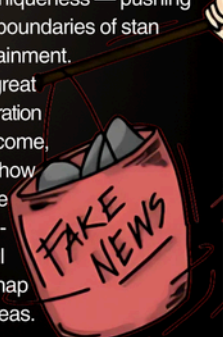
A Viewer's Perspective

Shiena Fe Babaran

The world continues to flow on the stream of technology, providing platforms that offer countless opportunities—a promising and much easier way to earn a living. Content creation is one of the most indulging ways to earn money online, and anyone can create it on almost every platform. However, what does it cost us?

The rise in the number of content creators has ignited criticism. Some dismiss it as a mere pursuit, fleeting and lacking substance—a narcissistic act. On the other hand, supporters view it as a revolution, as it opens the door for new ideas and opportunities, allowing people to showcase uniqueness—pushing beyond the boundaries of standard entertainment.

While it's a great path of exploration and extra income, it can somehow become a negative mainstream of vulgarity and inappropriate ideas.



Before monetization became known, content creators were mainly composed of famous individuals or mere citizens who just wanted to create memories but somehow gained attention that eventually led to fame. When META introduced monetization, everything went into a seemingly rapid twist—the viewers became creators. The context of most content we see in our feed has become increasingly explicit.

We're not pertaining about usual contents—we're talking about those people who went beyond their boundaries to gather viewers, those individuals prioritizing creating content over duties, mindlessly risking their work, values, and dignity for publicity.

A nursing student including a video of a patient going flatline in her "A Day in My Life" vlog is not publicity; it's negligence. An "empathetic" individual doing the "money drop" trend in accident-prone areas to "help" whoever gets the money—that does not help; that's recklessness.

Adults may control content, but children watch. Content creation should inspire, not exploit or degrade through false charity, image sacrifice, or public disruption for profit.

A Cheap Strategy: Misinformation Attack on Miscellaneous Fee



Andrea Trimucha
News Editor

In our current, fast-paced digital age, information—and, regrettably, misinformation—can spread rapidly, mainly due to the power of social media. Each day, we witness prominent examples of this reality. As we draw closer to the forthcoming elections, the political atmosphere is becoming toxic both online and offline, and unfortunately, SEAIT, a tuition-free institution that has served as a beacon and pathway for students seeking accessible and quality education has become a casualty in this pre-election conflict.

Recently, the storm on social media regarding the miscellaneous fee at SEAIT underscores a concerning trend of manipulating misinformation for political advantage. An identified broadcaster at Radyo Rapido 92.5 in Koronadal City—who is linked to a competing political party—defames the institution by questioning the validity of the miscellaneous fees, implying that it opposes SEAIT's status as a tuition-free school. This tactic aimed to convince the public that the schools dedication to free education is a facade due to a 'miscellaneous fee' in an institution described as 'tuition-free.'

This effort to negatively portray the school in public discussions is not merely misleading; it is also a blatant attempt to tarnish its reputation of the school. The core of the argument lies in the intentional misinterpretation of the

difference between Miscellaneous and Tuition fees. Tuition fees primarily cover the expenses associated with the school's education, such as instructor salaries, costs for educational materials, and other essential academic expenditures (OEd, 2024), while miscellaneous fee covers expenses like laboratory fees, athletic fees, or student activity fee (De Vera, 2019). Therefore, for clarity and to address the confusion fueled by this misinformation campaign, it should be noted that miscellaneous fees are not tuition fees. This crucial distinction was conveniently ignored in the politically charged assault. In fact, "free tuition" does not mean "free everything" because without a miscellaneous fee, how would school organizations conduct activities, events, and training workshops that require funds to promote enjoyment, camaraderie, and growth for students?

While Free College Law, also known as R.A. No. 10931, promotes universal access to quality tertiary education by providing free tuition and other school fees in state universities and colleges (SUC), J. Prospero E. de Vera III, the Chairperson of Commission on Higher Education (CHED), claimed that the Law excludes specific miscellaneous fees from being covered by the free education program. This means that even though tuition is a fee under the Law, students may still have to pay for other expenses.

On a positive note, the issue has sparked numerous reactions and from the SEAIT student body, who stand up for

the institution and elucidate the purpose of miscellaneous fees. This response indeed reflects the students' genuineness and dedication to the institution.

Anyone—if not everyone—has the right to express their views, amplify their voices, and question actions simply because we live in a democratic society. However, this also carries a significant responsibility: We must thoughtfully and intentionally assess information, ensuring it is grounded in facts and evidence rather than subjective opinions—especially during election time—before taking a position on any issue, event, or individual.

Over the past 19 years, SEAIT has been an avenue to ambitions and opportunities for thousands of students seeking to fulfill their academic and professional aspirations. The school has produced a large number of professionals in the fields of criminology, social work, engineering, education, agriculture, and other fields. Thus, we must not permit political propaganda to damage its reputation. The integrity of our institution in offering a free and equitable opportunity for the public benefit should be supported and defended instead because our institution's future rests on making just and well-informed decisions, not on spreading politically motivated and fabricated information.

Preserving Academic Integrity: Why Money Has No Place in the Classroom



John Loid Sumagaysay
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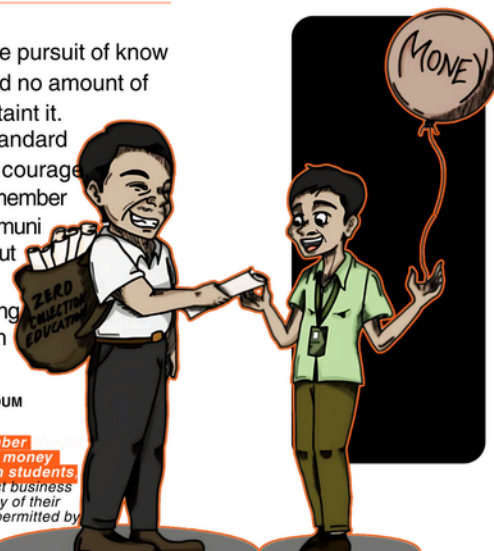
In a time when trust in institutions is constantly being tested, the South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc. has taken a bold and necessary stand. By banning unauthorized money collection from students, the administration strikes at the root of one of the most silent yet dangerous threats to academic integrity: the temptation to put a price on education. No student should ever feel that grades, opportunities, or recognition are commodities that can be bought or negotiated. Learning must remain pure—earned through hard work, not secured through hidden fees or unofficial transactions.

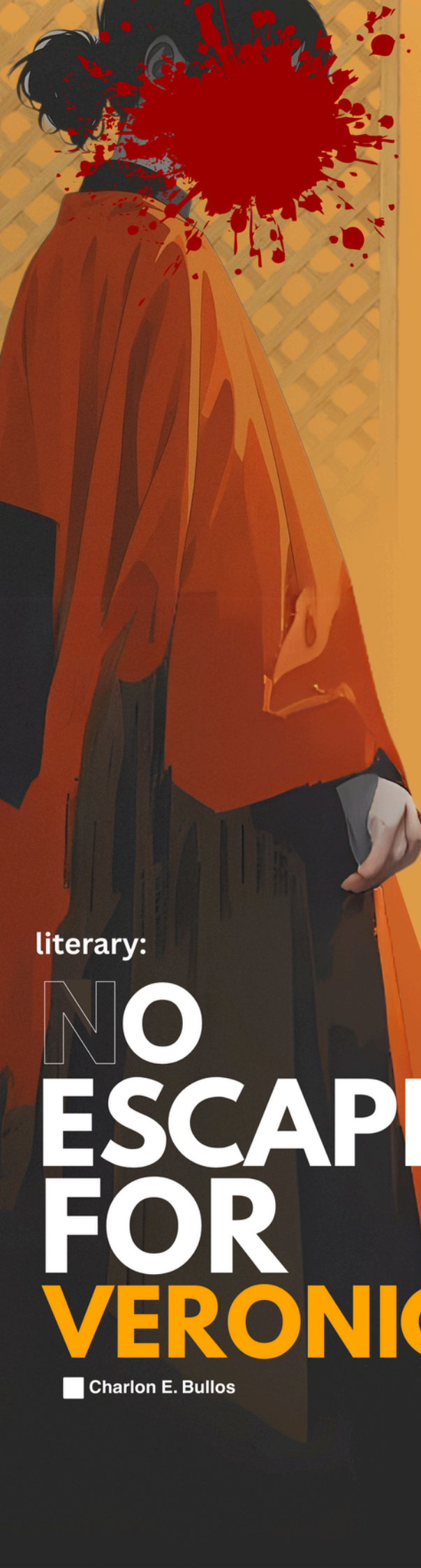
Letting faculty handle money, even under the guise of projects or panels, invites a slippery slope of favoritism, exploitation, and distrust. A single incident of mishandled funds could stain the reputation of an entire institution. Worse, it breeds resentment among students, erodes respect for educators, and poisons the very environment that should nurture fairness and meritocracy. This policy is not just precautionary—it is a shield protecting the dignity of both students and teachers alike.

The Memorandum No. 6, released by the OVPAA, is a line drawn clearly in the sand. SEAIT's message is

uncompromising: the pursuit of knowledge is sacred, and no amount of money should ever taint it. Upholding this standard demands vigilance, courage, and unity from every member of the academic community. It is not merely about following rules—it is about fiercely defending the honor of education itself.

EXCERPT FROM MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.06 OF 2025
Generally, no faculty member should collect or receive money directly or indirectly from students or handle money or transact business on behalf of students, in any of their activities, except in cases permitted by the school administration.





"Goodbye, Sir Carl".

Suddenly, all the students hurriedly left the room. They stopped in the middle of the hallway because of the 6.00 PM Angelus.

I inhaled the misty air of the night as I watched the blurry facade of Mt. Matutum from the 4th Floor of the MST Building.

It's been a tiring Wednesday, but the red-eyed "Galangsiang" birds, residing on the building roofs, are still busy singing an eerie song. It sounded like an elegy. In a brief moment, the air was filled with the scent of chrysanthemums, then it was gone into the thin air.

The prayer ended. The usual noise of the hallway covers the singing of the birds. I was about to leave the room when someone called my name.

"Sir Carl, nabilin imo na White Board Marker."

I immediately groped through the pocket of my faded jeans, assuming that the student had mistaken the thing as mine, only to realize it was missing.

The girl smiled and handed me the marker. "Thank you, Veronica," I uttered as I received the marker. "Wala ka lagi nagsabay sa imo mga classma-". My sentence was cut in mid-air as I touched her hand. It is cold.

"Kalamig sa imo mga kamot!" I exclaimed instead.

"Tungod guro sa panahon, Sir. Lamig kayo ang Tupi," she replied.

I nod. Maybe because of the weather. Just the weather.

The stairs in the building were dead silent. Where are the students? You can only hear your heartbeat and the sound of your footsteps. I stopped in the middle of the campus grounds when I noticed that the security guard has been turning off the lights in classrooms with no classes. When I'm about to continue walking, I see that Veronica has never left where we talked a while ago. She is not moving, but one thing is sure. She is looking at me.

I did not care. I just told myself that maybe she was waiting for somebody. Perhaps someone from another class. But at that moment, I look for her again, and she was no longer there, as if she was never been there.

The office was so quiet when I entered. I just left the door opened just to lessen the fright that I feel, not because of ghostly things, but because I'm all alone at the Admin Building. After I turned off the computers, I was ready to leave, but just then, the door suddenly closed. I hear a small voice outside the door.

"Kapoy kaayo sige libot dire. Hindi ko makita kung diin ang exit. Gina-istorya ko ang guard, wala man gasabat. Daw wala kakita sa akon."

I opened the door to see who is talking. Yet, as I go out, no one is in the hallways. What makes it more unusual is the scent of chrysanthemums, but now it is mix with the scent of a candle. Without looking back, I rush straight to the gate.

Before I reach the exit, I noticed Veronica walking towards me. "Diin ka makadto?" I asked.

"Ditto sa pikas gate, Sir. Kaduha ka na ni nga balik-balik. Hindi ko pagawason." she complained.

"Sabay ka na lang sa akon, pawala lang para hindi kalahata ang guard". She just smiled in response.

We passed the guard unnoticed. I was relieved shortly because I forgot to log out of the biometrics. There, I seen the guard. Without hesitation, I talked to him.

"Guard, wala mo daw to gipagawas ang student. Gipagbigyan mo na tani, gab-e nabitaw. Kalooy man nag sege balik-balik."

The guard was confused. *"Wala man student nga nag-balik-balik dre bag o lang sir. Wala gid. Tapos, nakita ta man ka nag agi-bag o lang. Tawagon ta pa ka tani kay nalipat ka log out. Wala ko may nakita na sabay mo."*

Thinking that the guard is just reasoning out, I just say goodbye. When I'm out, I looked for Veronica. She was not there. I searched the nearby, but there was no mark of Dolores. I was about to just let it be, when suddenly, a cold air hugged me, and right where I left her, I saw a white chrysanthemum flower.

Wednesday. I entered the class. After greetings, I checked the attendance of my students.

"Palermo Daisy..."
"Panes, Anthony..."
"Rosario, Veronica..."
"Respeto, Miles ..."

"Kinsa si Veronica, Sir" One of my students asked.

Something struck me. Who is Veronica. I have no student whose name is Veronica. *"Basi gaparamdamgo ka pa, Sir."* And the whole class laughed.

Something was not right. I can feel it, but I just laugh at a statement of my students. Casually, I told them, *"Eh, nabilin pa man gani s'ya dire sa 4th Floor kay gahulat guro sa iya mga mego sa iban klase."*

Then the class laughed again, *"Dakpan ka gid sa tinikal mo, Sir. Sin-o hulaton nya dire? Kita bala ang last class dire. Wala na iban."*

The whole class was laughing again, except me. Now, I confirmed it. But who is Veronica? Why do I know her name?

ALL IS WELL

Ivy Ora

Steal glances, your eyes captivating
Eloquence, your words are so
endearing
Like a snail, I feel pretty on my shell
For all is well, we hope it will

Walking on aisle, I had noticed a
shadow
I never expected, you weren't expecting
our tomorrow
I doubt, all fairness is my fair illusion
Wanting you so bad, is my agony and
desolation

Setting sun and leaves falling,
Down to a heart that's trembling
Constellations, twinkling brightly
As your image in my memory

Morning, with steaming coffee,
Wondering, what could we be
Sands on sea, where waves echo,
Dull and lonely me, I miss you so

Rumors spread, reprimands on me
Confused of Lover? Friend?
Paramour, maybe
But, what now I feel, I need not to tell
Just look these eyes, it somehow reveal

Moon above blacken sky, beheld a
firefly
betrayal illuminates me, well of tears
turns dry
Pain requires extra doses of cocktail
To say, all is well, I hope I will

Alter, when thorns and roses die
Love itself becomes worthwhile
When you've broken down the guitar
string
Change with brand new to continue
playing

Happiness is golden sky followed by
twilight
Blood and friendship becomes a
daylight
Olden story says time will heal,
A prodigy, all is well. Yes, it will!

literary:

NO ESCAPE FOR VERONICA

Charlon E. Bullos



RIGHT WHERE YOU LEFT ME

LOVELY ROSE PANDONG

"S arap talaga ng luto rito sa karinderya, sulit na, mura pa."

"Oo nga e, isipin niyo, pastil ang naging pamatay-gutom natin for all our highschool years!"

"Oh ano, dito ulit tayo mag lunch bukas?"

"Teh, graduation na natin bukas."

Oo nga pala. Graduation na namin bukas. magkakanya-kanya na kami ng mga landas. Si Jane, mag me-medtech sa kilalang eskwelahan sa kabilang bayan, si Mary naman kukunin ng tita niya para sa Maynila magkolehiyo. Si Bea at Kris mag-reenroll sa parehong eskwelahan pero magkaiba ng kurso, yung isa education, yung isa naman business ad. Ako, ewan ko kung handa na ako. Sa kolehiyo, sa mga adjustments, sa panibagong environment. Sa mga mananatili at sa mga aalis. Ako lang ang mananatili. Dito lang ako sa maliit naming bayan mag-aaral. Dito lang ako kayang pag-aralin.

Nag claygo kami bago umalis. Kung normal na araw lang 'to ay tatambay muna kami sa plaza pero nagyaya na silang umuwi, maaga pa daw silang me-make up-an bukas at kailangan nilang mag beauty rest.

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"Congratulations class of 2025!"

Masaya naming bati ng mga kapwa ko graduates saka inihagis paitaas ang graduation cap saka sinalo. Nag group hug kami ng mga kaibigan ko na 'gaya ko ay maluha-luha rin.

"Walang magli-leave sa GC ha? mag a-update pa rin tayo sa isa't-isa, magkwe-kwentuhan pa rin tayo tungkol sa buhay ng iba." Natawa kami sa sinabi ni Jane.

"Magse-send tayo ng mga picture ng mga bagong school natin. Bawat sulok!" Um-oo kaming lahat. Nakakalungkot man, somehow, assuring ang mga sinabi ng mga kaibigan ko.

"OA niyo naman, matagal pa bago ang enrollment, more than 2 months pa! Makakagala pa tayo at makakapagbonding! Mga advance mag isip!" Natawa kami. Oo nga naman, matagal pa yun, magkakasama pa kami nang matagal.

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Pero hindi na kami nakapag bonding. Busy ang lahat sa pagco-compile ng requirements para makapag entrance exam. Ang iba naman ay nagbakasyon. Naging tahimik ang dating maingay na GC. Ako lang yata ang malimit nag-uupdate doon.

Naging busy sa college ang lahat. Nag schedule naman sila para mag bonding pero ni isa sa mga 'yon walang natuloy. May hindi available, merong may klase, merong may lakad din sa araw na 'yon. Nagkaroon rin ng bagong circle ang bawat isa. Mga kasama nila sa IG story o tina-tag sa posts. Wala na rin kaming update sa buhay ng isa't-isa. Ang alam ko lang, busy ang lahat at hirap sa mga pagsubok ng college. Lahat survival mode.

Uminom na ako ng tubig at niligpit ang kinainan ko. Wala na namang ni isang dumating sa si-net kong meet naming magkakaibigan. Napangiti nalang ako nang mapait.

Help, I'm still at the restaurant. Still standing in the corner I haunt. Pero wala ako sa restaurant, nasa karinderya ako, sa karinderya kung saan kami nagpapastil noong mga highschool students palang kami.

isang PASASALAMAT

Heart F. Anoba ■

Kalayaan sa wika ang nais!
Daing ng mga Pilipinong dati'y naghihinagpis
Kadenang naka palupot sa mga dila
At telang naka tabon sa bunganga

Hiyas kung tawagin itong wika
Behikulo ng mga boses na nais kumawala
Kasarinlan ang gustong makamit
Sa sariling bansang sinilangan ay nanliit

Dayuha'y napaibig sa ating wikang perlas
Ngunit kagaya ng puno, nais nila itong malagas
Kahit ang mga bulaklak nito'y hindi pa sumisibol
Ugat ng ating wika, ay tuluyan ng pinutol

Sa gitna ng dilim, Pilipino ay nakaalpas
Wika't karapatan ay ipinaglaban ng patas
Bawat salita sa wikang Filipino ay pinapahalagahan
Ito ang tunay na simbolo ng karangyaan

Bagama't ang wika ay naging alipin
Ang ipaglaban ito at gawing malaya ang naging huling
habilin
Ng bayaning naging boses ng kasaysayan
Mga Pilipinong nag-alay ng dugo para sa bayan

Kaakibat ng kalayaang ito, ay ang boses na may tunog
Pagmamahal sa bayan ay umaapaw, sumasabog
Sa patuloy na pagwagayway ng ating bandila
Hatid nito'y mensahe na sa wakas ang wika ay malaya



INSPIRING. STUNNING. TIMELESS

In the world of pageantry, it usually paints an image of shining crowns, practiced smiles, and walking in heels. We usually hear heartfelt speeches and screams coming from the crowd, chanting their candidate of choice. But beneath the glamorous and polished stage lies a platform for legacy, advocacy, and authenticity.

For decades, pageantry continues to evolve as titleholders— may it be a woman, man, or a transgender person— redefine what it means to wear a crown.

Today, it is not just a swirl of sequins and walking in heels, it is about walking with a goal to speak up and advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves.

In SEAIT, pageantry is taken very seriously as the institution supports its candidates with pride. Four faces have already made their mark and achieved recognition— [Jhon Kevin Loyola](#), [Rey Mark S. Andre-e](#), [Majella Delandrino](#), and [John Christian Tolentino](#). Each of them embodies the values SEAIT holds high; service, excellence, accountability, innovation, and teamwork.

Pageantry today is more than just winning the title and wearing the crown. It's about resilience, representation, and transformation. These four faces of SEAIT continue to prove that winning is not the end, it is only the beginning. They walk with purpose and wear the sash with pride, rewriting what it means to be a titleholder. For them, this is more than just a pageant.

This is SEAIT cementing its name and making its mark through the stories and spirit of its representatives, whether in academics or in pageantry.

CROWN & C



HEART HUSTLE HOMERUN.

In the field where talent and tenacity reign supreme, the Baseball team of SEAIT showed raw talent, relentless determination, and teamwork— one of the institution's core values that everyone holds high— which secured their three-peat national championship.

Heart.

The SEAIT Baseball team has repeatedly proven that heart and passion beat all odds. With the proper training and support system, everything was possible and within reach for the legends. Their hearts were set to one goal —to win. Each one of them stood and fought with pride and passion in their heart.

Hustle.

As they say, teamwork makes the dream work. According to Vergonia, their teamwork was tight, and the institution helped them hustle as one, even with differences.

Finally, Homerun.

The legends in the field can feel the pride and intense pressure for future games. After their grind for the nationals, it will inspire future athletes and baseball players who wish to follow in their footsteps.

The question now is, will they maintain their championship title? When asked about recruitment and the growing pressure for the team, Kenbenedict D. Vergonia answered,

“As an upcoming senior, it's difficult, and there's still a lot to prepare for to win the title again. But I believe na we can defend our title para magserve narin as a tribute sa sarili namin as seniors, especially tothe school. Para sa mga juniors na gustong sumali, kailangan nila ng dedication at willingness to learn. Advice ko, always show up, listen to your coach, never stop improving, and play without mercy.”

Their championship is more than just a win. It is a testament and a symbol of what SEAIT truly stands for: excellence and unity. This is not the end for our legends; it is only the beginning.

Angelie Alberca ■

CHARACTER

A Future Cultivator of Success

Darwin Serenio: Sowing Dreams from SEAIT Classrooms to Taiwan's Fertile Fields

■ Shiena Fe C. Babaran

With dreams rooted deep in the soil of his hometown, Darwin Serenio, a proud alumnus of the South East Asian Institute of Technology (SEAIT) Batch 2023-2024, is now set to sow seeds of innovation and growth—this time on foreign ground.

A graduate from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, majoring in Plant Breeding and Genetics, Serenio was recently selected as one of the promising delegates of the Filipino Young Farmers Internship Program in Taiwan (FYFIPT) – Batch Five. After completing the rigorous Pre-Departure Orientation Course (PDOC), he officially embarked on his 11-month journey last November 12, 2024.

The FYFIPT is more than just an internship; it's a gateway to cutting-edge agricultural knowledge and global exposure. Participants immerse themselves in modern farming techniques, learning the latest innovations in crop production, marketing strategies, and cooperative management. The goal: to bring home not just new skills, but a fresh perspective to help transform local farming practices.

Joining Serenio on this journey are equally passionate youth leaders in agriculture—Feran Donato from Tulunan, Cotabato; Honey Pablo from South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur; and Rennel Linaja from Midsayap, Cotabato. All four were chosen for their outstanding dedication and potential to uplift the Philippine agricultural sector. For Serenio, this opportunity isn't just a personal achievement—it's a calling. Equipped with hands-on experience from Taiwan's progressive farming systems, he hopes to return with insights that can uplift communities and promote sustainable agricultural development back home. In a time when the world increasingly depends on food security and innovation, young minds like Darwin Serenio's are planting the future—one idea, one field, and one dream at a time.

A Legacy of Leadership

THE INSPIRING JOURNEY OF MARIO M. MADRERO, ED.D., CESE

■ Jarvisah P. Cutay

The SEAIT community mourns the loss of Mario M. Madrero, Ed.D., CESE, a remarkable leader whose passion for education transformed countless lives. His commitment to learning and mentorship left an enduring legacy, inspiring students and educators to strive for excellence. Beyond his titles, he was a beacon of wisdom and motivation, always encouraging others to pursue their dreams with purpose.

Dedication and service marked Madrero's journey in education. He served as the Principal of Koronadal National Comprehensive High School and later Assistant Schools Division Superintendent in South Cotabato. In 2019, he took a brief step into politics. Still, he ultimately found his true calling in SEAIT, where he became Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, eventually, Vice President for Academic Affairs. For over five years, he played a pivotal role in shaping the academic direction of SEAIT, ensuring that quality education remained the institution's top priority.

Para sa isang salat, may limitasyon ang lahat. Walang kakayahang ipinagkaloob upang mahabi nang mabuti ang pangarap sapagkat ang mga kasangkapan upang mahabi ang hinaharap ay para lamang sa mga mapalad. Kinakailangan niya pang pag-isaisahin ang mga sirang sinulid at hibla upang makabuo ng tela na magiging pundasyon ng kaniyang tagumpay. Nakakalungkot mang isipin, ngunit habang buhay na nga lang bang magtitiis sa tagpi-tagping sinulid ng pag-asa?

Ngunit may mga taong, kahit salat sa materyal na yaman, ay puspos naman ng pangarap at tapang. Para kay Kritner Molina, bente (20) anyos, o mas kilala sa tawag na "Kawaton," hindi hadlang ang iyong kinalakihang paniniwala, kultura, o maging ang iyong katayuan sa buhay upang mabigyan ng pabor sa iyong sarili at matulungan ang iba. Sa kaniyang masiyahing personalidad, agad-agad niyang nanakaw ang puso ng mga tao, kaya't mas umusbong at dumami pa ang kaniyang mga tagasunod, na ngayon ay nasa 80,000 na.

Panandaliang nahinto sa pag-aaral si Kritner dahil sa maagang nalihis ang kaniyang buhay bunga ng hindi magandang impluwensiya ng mga barkada. Subalit hindi ito nagsilbing angkla upang ang barko ng kaniyang buhay ay mawalan ng pag-asa sa muling paglalayag. Bagkus, ginawa niya pa itong sandata upang bumangon at maglakbay kasabay ng agos ng panahon, kung saan usong-uso ang social media. Dito niya natagpuan ang bagong daan—ang pagvovlog.

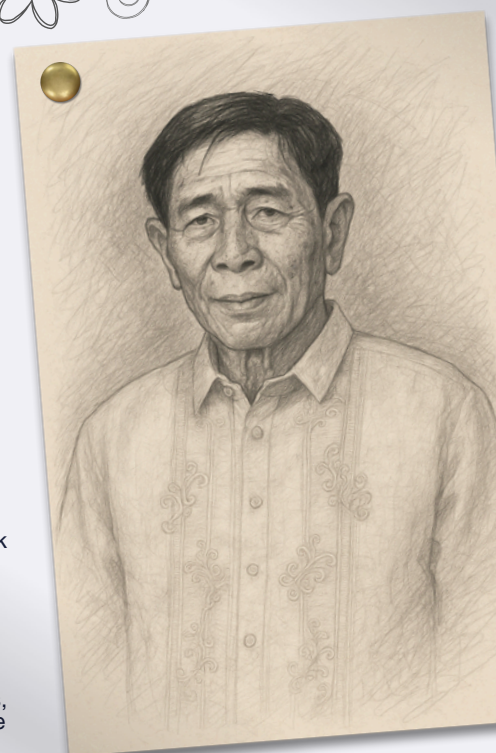
Ang pagvovlog ay hindi lamang nakakapagbigay ng saya sa mga tagahanga ni Kritner; naging daan din ito upang makatulong siya sa iba. Sa kaniyang mga makabuluhang video, napaglapit niya ang kanyang sarili sa mga taong nawalan ng pag-asa at tiwala sa buhay. Kasama ang mga may mabubuting loob na kababayan nating mga OFW, sila'y hawak-kamay na nakikipagtulungan kay Kritner upang magbigay ng tulong at biyaya sa mga nangangailangan.

Molina
Walang Tuldok ang Pangarap

Pinatunayan niyang walang tuldok ang pagkakaroon ng matayog na pangarap, mayaman ka man o mahirap, kapos o mapalad. Sa kasalukuyan, siya ay nasa unang taon na sa kolehiyo at kumukuha ng kursong Hospitality Management.

Nalihin man ng landas, unti-unti itong inayos ni Kawaton at nagpatuloy sa paglalayag hanggang sa ngayon. Magsilbi sanang inspirasyon si Kritner sa lahat ng taong panandaliang nahinto sa pag-abot ng kanilang matatayog na pangarap. Ang lahat ng ito ay isang pagsubok lamang tungo sa mas matagumpay na hinaharap.

Heart F. Anoba



During the prayer service for Madrero, Jestone P. Palaté, LPT, MBA-HRM, Vice President for Student Affairs shared heartfelt words about his dear friend, highlighting the essence of his character:

"Isang napakagandang kaibigan at kasama si Doc. Mario. Talagang ma-motivate ka at ma-i-inspire ka, at 'yung lesson na maibigay niya sa'yo ay talagang life-long learning."

His words reflect the profound impact that Madrero had on those who had the privilege of knowing him. He was known as an early bird, a testament to his discipline and unwavering work ethic. His guiding words, **"Life is short. Obrahan niyo ang dapat obrahan samtang bata pa kamo. Do it with purpose,"** continue to inspire many to pursue their goals with determination.

Though he is no longer with us, his teachings, values, and unwavering dedication will continue to inspire and guide future generations.

The Impact of User Experience on

SYSTEM ACCURACY AND EXPLORING WITH QR

Interfaces for Students Safety in Campus Office

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abstract

Quick Response (QR) codes have emerged as versatile technological tools across various domains, including education and safety management. Initially developed for tracking automotive components, these two-dimensional barcodes have evolved to become powerful communication and interaction mechanisms.

In campus safety contexts, QR codes offer potential solutions for rapid information dissemination, access control, and emergency response systems. This research investigates the critical relationship between user experience and system accuracy in QR code-based safety interfaces within campus environments. As

educational institutions increasingly adopt technology-driven safety solutions, understanding the nuanced interactions between users and QR code systems becomes paramount. By examining how user behavior, interface design, and technological implementation influence system performance, this study aims to provide actionable insights for developing more reliable and user-friendly safety technologies.

Through a comprehensive mixed-methods approach, we analyze the factors that contribute to scanning accuracy, user engagement, and overall system effectiveness.

THE ROLE OF USER-CENTERED DESIGN:

Assessing the Effectiveness of Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for BSIT Student

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Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) technology is significant because it enhances the usability and satisfaction of digital systems, making them more intuitive and user-friendly. As technology evolves, effective HCI design improves user intuitive and user-friendly. As technology evolves, effective HCI design improves user engagement,

satisfaction, and productivity across various domains, from education to healthcare (Shneiderman et al., 2016). User-Centered Design (UCD) is an iterative design process that focuses on understanding the needs, preferences, and limitations of end users at every stage of the design process. The goal is to create products that are highly usable and accessible, enhancing the overall user experience (Norman, D. A., &

Draper, S. W., 1986). This research aims to understand how User-Centered Design (UCD) addresses users' needs, behaviors, and preferences to create products that enhance usability and satisfaction, focusing on user interactions with a system to identify pain points and desires, ensuring the final design aligns with expectations and improves the overall experience.

OPTIMIZING USER INTERFACE AND USER EXPERIENCE: Exploring Design Improvements for the School Library System

abstract

This study explores the impact of modern User Interface (UI) and User Experience (UX) principles on the effectiveness of a school library system. With advancements in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and an increasing emphasis on user-centered design, the current library system, which faces usability challenges and outdated design practices, has become a barrier to user satisfaction and engagement. The research aims to identify specific usability issues and apply UI/UX best practices to enhance the system's functionality, ease of use, and overall user experience. Through usability testing and user feedback, the study evaluates design flaws such as inefficient navigation, poor color schemes, and cumbersome data entry processes, and investigates how their resolution can improve system performance. Findings reveal that incorporating intuitive navigation, clearer labeling, and modern visual elements, such as optimized button sizes and improved color contrast, significantly enhance task completion efficiency and user satisfaction. Despite some lingering response time issues, the research highlights the critical role of UI/UX design in creating more accessible, engaging, and efficient digital platforms, contributing to improved user experiences and overall system effectiveness in library management.

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF OLAP AND OLTP

In Managing and Interpreting Student Data for SEAIT Scholarship System

abstract

This research examines the integration of Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) and Online Transaction Processing (OLTP) technologies to enhance the SEAIT Scholarship System. Using qualitative methods, including semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions with administrative staff, the study identifies critical challenges in the current system, such as inefficiencies in real-time data handling, inaccuracies, and limited analytical capabilities. The findings highlight the benefits of integrating OLAP for advanced reporting and OLTP for real-time data processing. This dual approach aims to improve decision-making, optimize resource allocation, and ensure system scalability to meet future demands. The study underscores the transformative potential of combining transactional and analytical technologies within a Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) framework, offering a robust solution to the data management challenges faced by educational institutions.

EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF USER INTERFACE DESIGN ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENTRANCE EXAM SYSTEM:

A Design Analysis

Approach for the Entrance Exam System

abstract

This study explores the impact of user interface (UI) design on the effectiveness and user experience of the entrance exam system at South East Asian Institute of Technology (SEAIT). As more educational institutions transition to digital platforms for exam administration, the role of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) in designing effective, user-friendly interfaces becomes crucial. This research aims to assess how specific UI elements influence usability, task efficiency, and error reduction in the digital exam environment. Using a quantitative methodology, surveys were distributed to 350 first-year students who participated in the entrance exam, gathering data on their perceptions of the system's layout, navigation, and overall user experience. The findings reveal that while the current system meets basic functional requirements, several aspects such as navigation flow, error prevention, and user confidence in the interface require significant improvement. The study highlights the need for a more cohesive design that integrates visual hierarchy, clear navigation cues, and intuitive task flow. Based on these insights, the research proposes a user-centered design approach to optimize the system, focusing on enhancing user satisfaction and exam efficiency. Additionally, the study emphasizes the importance of accessibility, ensuring the system accommodates a wide range of users, including those with varying technical proficiency and demographic backgrounds. The findings offer valuable contributions to the field of educational technology by providing a framework for designing digital exam systems that prioritize user experience, leading to improved test-taking performance, efficiency, and overall satisfaction.



AI-Opening!
Samiliano opens the battle of technology.

SEAIT HOSTS 13TH PSITS REGIONAL CONVENTION WITH 25 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

■ Alleah Melody C. Escora

13th Regional Convention of the Philippine Society of Information Technology Students (PSITS) hosted by South East Asian Institute of Technology (SEAIT), brought together 25 schools across the region.

The convention began with the arrival and registration of participants, followed by the ceremonial Entrance of Colors reflecting symbolic presentation of unity and discipline shared among the various attending institutions.

Engr. Clar Don L. Evangelio, MEqEng, Vice President for Academics, welcomed the delegates with an inspiring

address, expressing gratitude to the participating schools and commending their commitment to advancing IT education.

He emphasized the significance of student participation in regional events that aim to enhance technical and collaborative skills in a rapidly changing technological landscape.

Mr. Donald Salminao, PSITE XII President, officially declared the convention open, signaling the beginning of a day filled with activities, competitions, and academic exchange.

This year's theme, "Empowering AI Era: Cultivating Skills,

Fostering Innovation, and Unlocking Opportunities." highlights the growing importance of artificial intelligence and its impact on the IT profession.

The event aims to equip students with the knowledge, creativity, and adaptability needed in today's digital era.

The PSITS is an annual platform for learning, networking, and showcasing talent among IT students. It fosters innovation, leadership, and collaboration in the academic community.

RCYC Reigns Supreme in Nationwide First Aid Olympics Chapter Level

■ Ellyn Joy Biba

The Red Cross Youth Council (RCYC) representatives of SEAIT reigned victorious in the Transfer Relay and Bandage Relay - College category - at the recently concluded Nationwide First Aid Olympics Chapter Level, held on November 3 at KCC Mall of Marbel Convention Center.

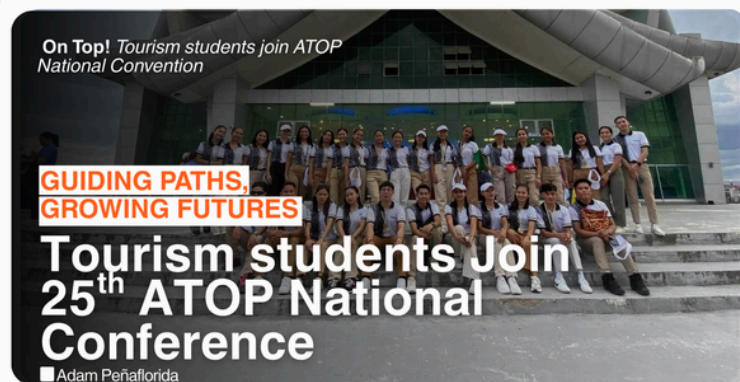
The SEAIT RCYC team showcased remarkable solidarity, with members Lawrence Ryan C. Nalugon, Aubrey Fe Sabido, Merel Joy A. Olvina, Maribel A. Pujida, Jerealle Bhrenz V. Orencio, John Weyn B. Cornejo, Jhon Patrick B. Aban, Mch-Lhydeen Skyy C. Narciso, Jomarie O. Sorioso, and Christielyn Kaye Rubico. They were trained passionately by Mr. Jed Patrick Loreno from MDRRMO Tupi and Ms. Marjorie Garcia.

The team also expressed their deep appreciation to Mr. Louie Lomboy from MENRO, Mr. John Mark Rufino from LYDO, Mr. Emil Sumagaysay from MDRRMO, and their co-teachers, Ms. Kathleen Oliva, RN, and Ms. Paulina Adre, RN, for their dedication and expertise in First Aid training.

Following this achievement, the SEAIT RCYC will advance to the First Aid Olympics Regional Competition.

Philippine Red Cross saves

5 million people each year



On Top! Tourism students join ATOP National Convention

GUIDING PATHS,
GROWING FUTURES

Tourism students Join 25th ATOP National Conference

■ Adam Peñaflorida

Tourism students gained valuable experience at the 25th Annual National Convention of Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines (ATOP) in Koronadal City, South Cotabato, and Isulan Sultan Kudarat.

The event, divided into four unique itineraries, allowed students to explore various regional destinations, including Tampakan, Norala, Lake Sebu, and T'boli.

Mary Ganaba, one of the participants, highlighted the empowering nature of the convention, stating that it challenged them academically while equipping them with practical skills.

The students served as tour guides for delegates from local government units and private tourism businesses, allowing them to engage with industry professionals, showcase their region's attractions, and build valuable connections.

The convention also provided opportunities for on-the-job training (OJT) placements and mentorship from experienced tourism professionals.

The SEAIT students left the event empowered by the knowledge they gained, shared experiences, and forged connections demonstrating their dedication to the tourism industry and commitment to promoting their region's beauty.



This is IT!
IT students recognized by IJSAR

International Recognition

from front page

What began as a classroom project turned into groundbreaking contributions recognized globally. By turning insights into impactful research, they have elevated their academic journey and set a high standard for future IT and business analytics students.

Their achievement was honored by the School President, Engr. John Paul Tamayo, MCE-SG, alongside the Chairman of the Board, Engr. Milagros S. Tamayo, MIM, Atty. Ghizelle Jean Tamayo-Jimenea, Lina A. Mondejar, Ph.D., and Reginald S. Prudente, MIT.

The students' gratitude belongs to Cedie E. Gabriel, MIT, Research Adviser, for always keeping the drive moving. Every push inspires them to continue despite the challenges faced during the study. His expertise is a valuable factor that contributes to their success.

This recognition is more than just a publication—it cements their legacy. As they step into the future, they do so as graduates and as published researchers, proving that one determined block can make a lasting impact on the world of technology.

One block, one breakthrough—now infinitely leaves a digital footprint.

PAUSE AND LEAD

PROCESSED! Guidance associates channeling their emotions.



SEIT Guidance Holds "I'LL TAKE TWO STEPS BACK" Workshop

■ Angelie Alberca

To fully realize their responsibility, the SEIT Guidance and Testing Center held its 'I'LL TAKE TWO STEPS BACK' Workshop for its student affiliate— SEIT Peer Facilitators' Organization to emphasize the roles a PEERkada should attain and the rules they should abide by.

Functioning as a training platform, old and new members gather at the Audio-Visual Room(AVR) to listen to the topics discussed by the guidance associates.

All Peerkada members were lectured on how to regulate emotions instead of suppressing them to be better student leaders and taught how to abolish toxic positivity, netiquette, and conflict resolution.

Individual and group activities such as spelling, general knowledge quiz, and life-boat game were also carried out to foster self-reliance, collaboration, and camaraderie as junior counselors. This one-day seminar surely is a core memory.

THREE BSBA-MM STUDENTS TO UNDERGO SHIPBOARD TRAINING

■ Shiena Fe C. Babaran

Angel M. Gabayeron, Charlie B. Sunson Jr., and Jennie Rose P. Develos are the first batch of Bachelor of Business Administration major in Marketing Management students to undergo Shipboard Training at 2GO Shipping and

JKNF Maritime Management Services.

Dr. Melvin Pomar, Program Head-BSBA, and Mr. Jestone P. Palate, MBA-HRM, LPT-Dean-College of Business and Good Governance, supervised the program.

JournKnows:



Introducing Journalism!
 Ismael Madayan passionately sharing his expertise.

SILAKBO CONDUCTS THE FIRST JOURNALISM AND SEMINAR WORKSHOP

■ Ivy C. Ora

On February 05,2025, South East Asian Institute of Technology (SEAIT), with the initiative of Silakbo Publication, conducted it's first ever Journalism Workshop and Seminar at the AudioVR, JST Building with a theme " The Art of Journalism: Strengthening Communities to Become Voices of Transformation ".

Aspiring journalist were inspired, educated and empowered with our skilled speaker Ismael V. Madayan, Editor-in-Chief of Silakbo, as he shares his knowledge and experiences in journalism, to tell stories that matter and advocate for responsible journalism.

Journalism is a form of democracy, where journalists are committed to a quality and relevant information. With passion in heart and determination in mind, aspiring journalist were trained to stand the truth in informing the public and invest in quality journalism.

SSC PARTAKES IN THE SOX STRAW CONGRESS 2025

■ Andrea Trimucha

April 12, the student leaders from the SEIT Supreme Student Council (SSC) participated in the 1st SOX Students and Rights Welfare (STRAW) Congress at the Regional Science Research Center, Mindanao State University-General Santos City.

The event gathered student leaders from various universities and colleges across the SOCCSKSARGEN Region to discuss pressing concerns about students' rights and welfare, and to promote student participation in governance.

Along with this, issues such as gender inclusivity and responsiveness, campus safety, and student support were emphasized.

According to Ramzel Delloro, the protection of student journalists was the most discussed topic, given that it is controversial.

Furthermore, included in these resolutions was the urgency of establishing a STRAW Desk and promoting political engagement among students.

With 20 out of 25 resolutions approved by the parliament, this project was a massive success for the region—marking a significant step in encouraging student leaders to foster commitment in voicing out the necessary issues and pursuing inclusive governance in shaping the future of the higher education landscape.



SEBSO Hosts 2nd Islamic Symposium, Inspires Bangsamoro Students in their Ramadan Journey

The SEAIT Bangsamoro Students' Organization (SEBSO), led by its dedicated adviser, Ms. Naila M. Giumna, MIB, and its dynamic president, Abdulwahid S. Dimalilay, recently conducted its 2nd Islamic Symposium with the theme: "Repentance, Blessings, Charity: Highlighting Your Ramadan Journey."

This symposium aimed to highlight the Ramadan journey of our brothers and sisters in Islam—their sacrifices, the blessings of the hereafter, and the strengthening of their faith.

In addition to providing meals for 300 Muslim students of SEAIT, a free *Iftar* drive was held. The Bangsamoro Youth Organization generously sponsored this initiative for

Peace and Development. The event featured four keynote speakers, led by Jestone P. Palate, HRM-MBA, LPT, Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, along with three Asatids -Arabic term for teachers - Ustadz Muhamad Daud Ambod, Ustadz Abdulbaser Delna, and Ustadz Mosiden Osman Jr.

These esteemed speakers shared valuable insights to inspire SEAITINIAN Bangsamoros to strive harder, deepen their faith, and unlock their potential as future leaders and societal role models.

Truly, our Bangsamoro students stand as a testament to forbearance, patience, and conviction.

■ Naila Guimna

Fun run - Mood boost!
SEAITnians run for their mental health

STEP BY STEP

SEAIT'S Fun Run, Seminar Prioritize Mental Well-Being on World Mental Health Month

■ Alleah Melody Escora

In observance of World Mental Health Day, SEAIT's Guidance and Testing Center, together with the Peer Facilitators' Organization, hosted a significant event aimed at mental health education. The day included a 5K fun run and a seminar with the theme "Prioritize Your Mental Well-Being Little by Little," targeting SEAIT students and teachers.

Students who participated in the fun run were rewarded with additional prizes. Mark Rennel Hubag hailed as the fastest racer in the male category, while Erika Villamonte claimed victory in the female category. Awards were also given for the best race costumes, as well as to the King and Queen of Zumba.

Following the fun run, students attended the seminar focused on promoting mental health awareness. Ma'am Glyza P. Lastico, RPM, MSPSYC delivered an insightful talk on the significance of mental well-being and ways to support individuals struggling with mental health challenges. The seminar emphasized the importance of staying aware of one's mental health and fostering a balanced outlook in life. Furthermore, the event paved the way for the recognition and oath of office of the new members of the Peer Facilitators' Organization, with newly appointed President Ismael V. Madayan, under the guidance of Ma'am Ghlea Teresa N. Siloterio. SEAIT Guidance Services and Testing Center's Fun Run and Seminar Prioritize Mental Well-Being on World Mental Health Day.



Foundation Anniversary Honoring Efforts and Hardworks through Recognition

■ Shiena Fe C. Babaran

With an objective to honor the efforts of the its students, South East Asian Institute of Technology Inc. conducted an Honors and Awards Convocation Program for the students who made an outstanding performance on their respective courses during the 1st Semester of the Academic Year 2024-2025. The Students, Faculty, Staff, Program Heads, Deans, and SEAIT's beloved School President, Engr. John Paul S. Tamayo graced the SEAIT Gymnasium with their presence, making the event more meaningful.

"Today is not just about awarding you for your high grades, it's also about honoring your hardwork and determination..."

After the remarks of the School President, the most awaited moment of the awardees followed. Dean's Lister of every department was awarded for their unwavering determination and hardwork during the first Semester, afterwards, Jestone P. Palate, LPT, MBA-HRM, the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs, gave an inspirational message for the awardees.

Truly, it was an event that empowered and inspired student to set a greater goal in the future.

The ceremony took off with a welcome address from Engr. John Paul S. Tamayo, along with his personal journey as a student, he left a message stating the sole purpose of the event.

SEAIT Participates in NDRRMC'S First Quarter Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

■ John Loid S. Sumagaysay

In line with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)'s First Quarter Simultaneous Earthquake Drill, SEAIT conducted its earthquake preparedness exercise at exactly 3:00 PM. The drill, which concluded at 3:13 PM, aimed to strengthen the institution's disaster response capabilities and reinforce safety protocols among students and staff.



Cover!
Students in Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

College RCY Council, Criminology Interns, the Safety and Security Office, and dedicated teachers, ensuring proper guidance and adherence to emergency protocols.

This initiative underscores SEAIT's commitment to disaster preparedness, aligning with national efforts to enhance resilience and readiness for seismic events.

Participants effectively executed the Duck, Cover, and Hold procedure, followed by a systematic evacuation to designated safe zones. The drill was successfully carried out with the assistance of the SEAIT

ABOUT **50,000** people die as a result of earthquakes.



Comics | Unexpected Journeys:

Surprising Moments in College Life

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NATIONAL PRISAA '24

STUDENT-ATHLETES RAISE THE BANNER OF TUPI

■ Ismael V. Madayan

Student-athletes who participated in the Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA) National Games, held in Albay from July 20–25, 2024, were given a certificate at Session Hall, Legislative Building, Municipal of Tupi on August 12, 2024.

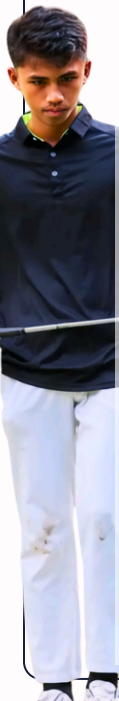
To commend and congratulate the victorious match of the student-athletes who participated in the PRISAA National Games '24, the Sangguniang Bayan expressed their gratitude for bringing the banner of locality Tupi in the course of the event in Legazpi City, Albay. Student-athletes of SEAIT—Baseball Team, Athletics, Boxing, Sepak Takraw Women, Billiards—who earned medals were during the match given a certificate to recognize their skills and vitality for their role in the youth of nation-building, bringing honor to the school and municipality.

The student-athletes' presence and the local's warm commendation were a remarkable honor in promoting and strengthening the world of sports and efforts to bring pride to the municipality. Athlete Tibay, indeed! It will fully manifest the honor they have got, both locally and nationally! The recognition of their efforts by respected and co-local officials filled the student-athletes with gratitude and honor. The municipal officials and personnel promptly gave the student-athletes the certificates to recognize their victory.

Medal Devourer

SABAN, TAGWALAN, SOAR HIGH AT THE 15TH DAVAO EAGLEMASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

■ Elined Eve Bacalando



The 15th Davao Eaglemasters Golf Tournament, held from September 16-22, 2024, was a momentous event where Jared Saban and Rex Zaragosa Jr. of Britannika Team A, along with Rainier Tagwalan of Britannika Team C, emerged as champions.

In the Flight A division, Britannika Team A clinched victory with an impressive total gross score of 361, securing their position at the top of the leaderboard.

Britannika Team C also excelled, winning the Flight C division with a total gross score of 247.

Their remarkable performances showcased exceptional skill and teamwork, earning them these prestigious titles.

Brittany Pauline Tamayo activated eagle-eye focus as she exhibited her expertise in swing planes and pivots at the recent 10-12 category title ICTSI Junior Mindanao Series I at Apo Golf Davao on July 24, 2024. Tamayo won her second career playoff match when she three-putted the par-5 18th hole for par in the playoffs. She also gained vital points for the National Match Play finals.

“I was very happy that I won the playoff,” Tamayo said, celebrating her second career sudden death victory. **“I had a chance for a birdie in the playoff but three-putted because I was too nervous.”**

Meanwhile, Jared Saban won the male division in the 10–12 division with an incredible 78, including a birdie on the 17th hole. Tamayo and Jared Saban, who worked just out of the Junior World Championships, got off to a great start in preparation for their Match Play finals bids, which took place from October 1-4 at The Country Club.



Future Stars Rise: (Left to Right) Brittany Tamayo and Jared Saban

Pressure Putts and Power Swings

TAMAYO, SABAN DOMINATE ICTS JUNIOR MINDANAO SERIES

■ Andrea P. Trimucha

Intramurals Among the Immortals

UNCONQUERABLE: FUSING IN STORY TO SECURE QUEST FOR GLORY

Embracing the chaos of the cosmos, seven teams rise to battle for the throne. The commemoration of the SEAIT Intramural 2024 has concluded, marking five (5) successive days from October 21-26, filled with determination and resilience.

Competencies, character, and capabilities erupted amidst fierce competition as each team pursued a common goal: to achieve victory in this epic quest for glory.

Underlining the theme “REIGN IN SUPREME: TOGETHER, WE CONQUER”, every event, teams excel in their strengths, and the final marks powerfully reflect their dedication and effort.

In athletics, each team exhibits their spirited skills and strong camaraderie. Everyone channels their passion to outperform competitors driven by a shared vision and resilience in sociocultural events.

In the literary competition, where eloquence and intellect are key, teams uphold a competitive edge over

adversaries. After a long and exhausting battle, Ethereal Harpies (CBGG I) prevailed; their relentless efforts and sharp minds stand out. The team mentioned above remains undefeated in the five-day event, accumulating medals in all events.

Overall, they have secured 5, 085 points and were declared the overall champion; they earned a trophy of recognition that symbolizes their hard work and unwavering determination throughout the journey.

Furthermore, even the fiercest wave cannot dampen the competitive spirit of Raging Lycanthrope (CCJE), which clinched first place as it unleashed its formidable efforts to propel the team to the pinnacle of success. Ultimately, they garnered 4,950 points, proving that with teamwork and determination,

nothing is impossible!

In addition, the team that secured second place possessed constant determination and energy despite fatigue and pressure.

The Menacing Bakunawa (CTE) achieved 4,255 points, exhibiting a menacing demeanor and consistently striving to maintain its position despite the remaining competitive teams.

At last, the Ruthless Griffin (CBGG II) earned 3,590 points, securing 3rd place, followed by the Chimera Firefox (CICT) with 2,760 points. The Dauntless Minokawa obtained 2,120 points, while the competitive Celestial Phoenix (CE), despite their numbers, collected 1,520 points to rank 6th.

■ John Loid S. Sumagaysay

Blazing Glory

BASEBALL FIREFOX CLINCHES THIRD STRAIGHT NATIONAL TITLE

■ Cheryl S. Manriquez

The baseball team of the South East Asian Institute of Technology, Inc. (SEAIT) secured their third consecutive national championship, marking a 3-peat victory at the Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA) National Games held in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, on April 9.

Known for their consistent performance, the team remained undefeated for the third year, showcasing steady skill and teamwork. In the final match against Region II, SEAIT delivered strong pitching and clean hitting, resulting in a decisive 9-0 win.

Individual Awards:

- Best Pitcher** - Dhyn Hurter Balanon
- Best Hitter** - Dhyn Hurter Balanon
- Best Catcher** - Lesten Sanchez
- Most runs Batted in (RBI)** - Lesten Sanchez
- Most Stolen Bases** - Christian Angelo Gaspar
- Most Valuable Player** - Christian Angelo Gaspar
- Best Coach**: Reynaldo Enrile

The discipline instilled by coaches and trainers played a key role in the team's success. Their guidance helped the players remain focused and grounded throughout the competition. Determination and preparation translated into results in the field.

The SEAIT community takes pride in this accomplishment. With their third straight title, the team continues to bring recognition and honor to the institution.

sports

Joy R. Beltran, a 4th-year Bachelor of Science in Business Administration student, claimed a double victory in the Short Trail Championship and National PRISAA '25 this academic year.

On March 23, Beltran claimed first place in the 40k Short Trail Championship organized by the Philippine Trail Running Association (PhilTRA) in Danao City, Cebu. Also, in the recent National PRISAA '25, she strongly clinched the silver medal in the 10,000m run, achieving a back-to-back finish.

One route, one goal. Trailers set their feet on both trails with a strong mind and a conditioned physique. In this short trail race, participants had to complete a 39.97-kilometer route across three peaks of Davao within eight hours to be considered finishers; Beltran was the first to reach the golden victory.

In addition, as she represents the institution through her goal, Beltran demonstrated great stamina and eagerness and claimed the silver podium in National PRISAA.

As Beltran continued to trail in the race, she also inspired trailers to stay determined and persevere in pursuing their goals despite the challenges.

■ Cherlyn Manriquez

BREAKING LIMITS, ONE LAP AT A TIME...

BELTRAN CLAIMS DOUBLE VICTORY AT PHILTRA, NATIONAL PRISAA '25



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Relentless Spirit Unleashed

STUDENT ATHLETES FUSE TO SECURE PERSISTENT VICTORY IN SCKAA 2024

The student-athletes of South East Asian Institute of Technology (SEAIT) showcased their prowess in the recent South Cotabato Athletic Association (SCKAA) tournament held in Koronadal City.

Triple Shot D's—Determination, Discipline, and Discretion—propelled the Firefox Basketball Men to a confident GRAND SLAM victory in the SCKAA '24 Tournament. Facing fierce competition from various colleges, the team exhibited unparalleled skill and composure under pressure, solidifying their title as three-time champions.

In the 3x3 Men's category, they clinched silver, driven by perseverance and exemplary teamwork. Every quarter ignited roaring cheers from the stands, with the crowd erupting as they delivered fiery shots, leaving an indelible mark on the court.

Serve, set, spike—three words defined the strategy

Victory in Their Veins

SEAITINIANS RISE AS NATIONAL PRISAA CHAMPIONS

With unwavering spirit and exceptional talent, SEAITinians soared to victory in their individual events at the National PRISAA Games, marking a proud moment for the SEAIT. Representing the institution with grit and excellence, these student-athletes and performers demonstrated not just skill, but the heart of true champions. Each medal earned stands as a testament to their dedication, discipline, and the relentless support of the SEAIT community that stands behind them.

Meet the SEAITnians behind the glory:



FOOTBALL - GOLD MEDALIST
• Charles Antalan Jr.
• Ryan Gaviño

SOFTBALL - SILVER MEDALIST
• Jofilyn Miagano

BOXING - BANTAM WEIGHT DIVISION
• Jaylter Nards Panding

ATHLETICS MEN : 1,500 & 5,000 M RUN - BRONZE MEDALIST
• Mark Rennel Hubag

ATHLETICS WOMEN 5,000 M WALK - GOLD MEDALIST
• Yahsharah Daligdig

400 M HURDLES - GOLD MEDALIST
• Doreen Omongos

400 M RUN - SILVER MEDALIST
• Doreen Omongos

10,000 M RUN - SILVER MEDALIST
• Joy Beltran

10,000 M Run - BRONZE MEDALIST
• Leedy Erika Villamonte