INTERNATIONAL

WOMEN’S DAY parade in Davao City on March 8 included a UP Mindanao delegation together with contingents from the national and local government units, civil society, and the academe. The UP delegation was led by the University Gender Committee and the Office of Gender and Anti-Sexual Harassment with the chant, "Abante, Babae! Palaban! Militante!".

WOMEN’S FOOTBALL VARSITY competed in the Women’s Football Day in Davao City on March 8. This was organized by Asian Football Confederation-Phil. Football Federation in cooperation with Davao-South Regional Football Association to “bring a friendly one-day competition devoted to women”.

WOMEN’S RIGHTS and the Magna Carta of Women were discussed by a/Prof. LC Miñoza (Dept/Social Science) in the “Good News, Bad News, Fake News” forum organized by the Office of Gender on March 15. She cited the case of farmers unions in Compostela Valley province where women play leadership roles in negotiations with banana plantations. In the same forum, Bayan Muna partylist representative Carlos Zarate discussed the programs and directions of the Duterte administration.
"PAG-INAMBITAY: GENDER IN THE SOUTHERN TRAJECTORIES" panel discussions was organized by Office of Gender on March 20. A panel on the theme "Women’s narratives from the field" had the talks: “Life stories of women political leaders in Mindanao” by Raymundo Pavo (Dept/Social Sci.); “(Dis)Empowering Women? Rodrigo Duterte, Populism, and Gender Equality” by Leah Miñoza; “Bughat Narratives”, by Kenette Millondaga (Social Sci.); and “Assessing the empowerment of small-scale women farmers” in various towns by Kriska Layson (BS Agribusiness Economics). A second panel on the theme "Framing, Framed: Queering, Queered" had the talks: “Feminized and Queer Monsters.. in ‘Shake, Rattle, and Roll’ films” by Jay Quintos (Dept/Humanities); “Binabae: Body transformation experiences of young adult transgender women” by Patricia Capangpangan (BA Anthropology); and “Queering Life and (Creative) Writing” by Jhoanna Cruz-Daliling (Humanities).

WOMEN AND GENDER was celebrated in student events.

PRIDE PARADE was organized by the University Student Council Gender Committee on March 1 with the streamer, "We support the LGBTQ!" The Parade culminated in the Administration Building Atrium with drumming performance by the Agipo drum corps.

TATAK UPMIN, an annual show, held on 8 March 2018, featured LGBT themes in the “Search for the MX of UP Mindanao”. The winning student swept the categories: Best in Talent; Best in Q and A; Best in Casual Attire; Best in Formal Attire; People’s Choice Award/ Moda Resiklo Awardee; Best in “Wear Your Org” Attire; and the title of “UP Mindanao MX 2018”. “MODA RESIKLO”, from Architecture Student Council was a “costume/fashion show” using recyclable materials as part of the Tatak UPMin event.

DEVIANCE DAY, a long-running annual event, was held on March 22 after much secrecy. Organizers Dugong-Antro devised the theme, “Crackdown: Be Deviant. Be Revolutionary” to guide the student-participants. The evening event featured theatrics, bands, dances, and games. (photos used with permission)
ACADEMIC-ORIENTED PUBLIC SERVICE were given by students

15TH INTER-HIGH SCHOOL MATH QUIZ BOWL was held by Society of Math Majors on March 6 at Abreeza Mall of Davao. Some 31 schools from Davao City and satellite cities participated with Davao Christian High School emerging as Champions, followed by Sto. Tomas National High School, and Davao City NHS.

BIOLOGY 155 STUDENTS introduced Mindanao species of wildlife before an audience from eight education institutions as “Young Wildlife Ambassadors” in the UN Wildlife Week celebration "Wildlife Is Here: Celebrating Davao Region’s Unique Wildlife" held on March 9 in Ateneo de Davao University. The students were trained in public speaking by the Office of Research.

81ST ARAW NG DABAW

ARAW NG DABAW PARADE on 16 March included a UP Mindanao contingent among the about 300 contingents—and were rewarded with a “selfie” photo with City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio.

WOMEN’S (UNDER-25) FUTSAL TOURNAMENT for the 81st Araw ng Dabaw celebration was hosted on campus on March 18 at the UP-Davao City Sports Complex Multi-Purpose Gym. Seven football clubs participated. In the photo is the UP Mindanao team.

ARAW NG DABAW INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION produced a gold medal for University Scholar and Varsity Swimmer Juan Antonio Mendoza (BS Agribusiness Economics) in the 19-above men’s category. He is shown in the back row, second from right.
GEO-SAFER MINDANAO* MAPPING PROJECT held their first mid-year assessment on March 1 with DOST-PCIEERD science specialists May-Rose Pariñas and Clarinda Reyes (beside Chancellor Concepcion).

The objectives for Year 1 for 11 rivers are: to process elevation data; extract features from data; conduct ground/river survey; make hydrologic/ hydraulic models; produce flood/ hazard maps; conduct trainings to LGUs; do mentoring for regional HEIs; develop soil erosion and sedimentation models; present/ publish research papers.

Since July 2017, the project has: met with provincial, municipal, and barangay units of Davao Oriental, Compostela Valley, and Davao del Norte provinces; established workflow and organizational arrangements; made field work in 10 rivers; held training for Central Mindanao University and Caraga State University; presented at Southern Mindanao Agriculture Consortium (SMAARRDEC), 38th Asian Remote Sensing Conference in India, and 5th Science Meeting/National Remote Sensing Conference in Butuan City.

Accomplishments: Data Processing - 73%; Reconnaissance Surveys - 66%; Hydrological Measurements – 100%; Flood Modeling – 27%; 2D Flood Map Generation – 0%

*Geoinformatics for the Systematic Assessment of Flood Effects and Risks for a Resilient Mindanao

PUBLICATIONS from researchers were published/ accepted for publication in refereed journals:

From School of Management:

"Under-reporting of tuna catch: implications to technical efficiency of handline fishing vessels in General Santos City, Phils.,” by MD Lepardo et al, Banwa Series B


“Factors affecting the adoption of sustainable tuna fishing practices: the case of municipal fishers in Maasim, Sarangani Province, Region 12, Philippines”, by LN Digal et al, Marine Policy, 77, 30-36

“Market assessment on the incentives and disincentives for the adoption of sustainable practices along the tuna value chain in Region 12, Philippines”, by LN Digal et al, Marine Policy, 86, 39-46
PUBLICATION from Dept. of Math., Physics, Compu. Sci.:

“The relative contribution of direct and environmental transmission routes in stochastic avian flu epidemic recurrence”, by ME Mata, Bulletin of Mathematical Biology

ULAMRAPS* newsletter maiden issue was disseminated by email on March 28 by the University Library. The issue featured data on library patronage and facilities, visitors, awarding of a contest sponsored by Taylor & Francis Asia publishers, and a book donation from constituents of Wageningen University. *University Library Annual and Monthly Reports of Accomplishments, Programs and Services

LAAK LAND RESERVATION (2,800 has.) in Compostela Valley Province had the “Training and Field Demonstration on Major Diseases and Pests of Banana and their Management” on March 9 for the resident Dibabawon indigenous people farmers. This was organized by Land Reservation Mgt. Office on the track “Empowering Communities, Expanding Opportunities” with Bu. of Plant Industry, Kidawa National HS and Kidawa Bgy. Council, and the Dibabawon Tribe.
Goal: Promote access and diversity

NATIONAL COALITION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HIGHER EDUCATION (NiCHE) Visayas-Mindanao Cluster Meeting was held on 8 March to discuss the “3rd NiCHE Annual National Conference: 2018 IP Higher Education Conference” to be held in October In St. Mary’s Univ. (Nueva Vizcaya). Members of this cluster are Ateneo de Davao Univ., Bukidnon State Univ., Central Mindanao Univ., Phil. Normal Univ.-Mindanao (Agusan del Sur), Southern Phils. Baptist Theological Seminary, Univ. of Southeastern Phils., Assisi Dev’t Found’n, Upi Agricultural School, Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST), UP-Visayas, Davao del Norte State College, and UP Mindanao.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY-ATENEO DE CAGAYAN, Tra Vinh University (Vietnam) and UPLB researchers organized the "Climate Change Research" seminar in UP Mindanao on 26 March. The speakers were Agnes Rola, Maria Ana Quimbo, Dulce Elazegui, Cleto Nañola, and Kairos de la Cruz. The other HEIs represented in the seminar were Misamis University, Caraga State Univ., Western Mindanao State Univ., Surigao State College of Tech., Univ. of Science and Tech. of Southern Phils. (formerly MUST), Univ. of Southern Mindanao, Mindanao State Univ.-Iligan, Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Tech., SPAMAST-Malita and Digos campuses, Central Mindanao Univ., Davao Oriental State Coll. of Science and Tech., Ateneo de Davao Univ., Phil. Women’s College of Davao, Brokenshire College, Davao Medical School Fdn., San Pedro College, and Univ. of Southeastern Phils.-Mintal, Tagum, and Obrero campuses.
Goal: Improve Welfare of Constituents

REVIEW FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE EXAM for administrative staff ended on 15 March. Certificates of Appreciation were given to tutors and results of the mock-exams were disclosed. Some 14 of the 18 reviewees took the 18 March CSC exam. The review is an initiative of the All UP Workers Union-UPMin Chapter.

Goal: Optimize Use of Resources

UP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA funded "F.U.S.E. UP", a Christian fellowship on the theme "Living sacrifice: We, the Oblation" held on 15 March with youths from various HEIs. There was group festivity, prayer, talks, and fellowship. The grant was a result of a proposal from student orgs cours ed thru UPAA-Davao.

UP MINDANAO FOUNDATION INC. (UPMFI) approved 19 applications for scholarship for 2nd Semester of AY 2017-2018 and disbursed the monthly stipend assistance of P2,000 each in January 2018.

LUCIANO "SONNY" PUYOD II, Trustee/VP of UP-Mindanao Foundation and former president of UPLBAA-Davao, passed away on 1 March. Mr. Puyod was among the alumni who lobbied for the creation of UP-Mindanao. He guided UP President Javier in the search for the campus site. Mr. Puyod provided office space for UP Mindanao’s start-up operations and hospitality to first dean Rogelio Cuyno. He recruited some of the pioneering administrators and faculty. He was the first recipient of the Nelia Gonzales Alumni Service Award in 2006 UPLB Loyalty Day (photo: EP Puyod)