

These weren't straightforward Pythagorean theorem questions. They had to do a little bit more. - **Vaishnav**

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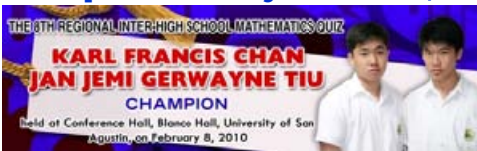
The Scholars: Turning a New Page

As ISA bids good bye to school year 2009-2010, and is ready to embrace a new start, so is its appendage, *The Scholars*. The school publication has always been a faithful chronicler of the major campus events in the past six years, serving as a disseminator that keeps the community abreast of every step taken, and endeavor pursued, by the school's constituents.

ISA is about to embark on another journey, so is *The Scholars* to turn another page. That page starts with a blank sheet, and will end up quite expectedly with nostalgic memoirs that, as past experiences suggest, would serve as reminders to all stakeholders that they have a great role to play. Their deeds would, in fact, help fill out another colorful page of *The Scholars*. They are after all the primary contributors of this publication.

In his welcome address during the commencement exercises last 22 March, ISA President, Mr. Vicente C. Tiu, mentioned many good things happened at ISA in the just concluded school year. Indeed. But no one, I am quite sure, would argue that these are at best tip of an iceberg, many better things are yet to come our way.

ISA Tops 8th USA Regional Math Quiz



ISA team was *Champion* in the 8th Regional Inter-School Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Mathematics and Physics Department of University of San Agustin held at the Conference Hall, Blanco Hall, University of San Agustin, Iloilo City last 8 February. The participants of the said competition were the seniors and juniors from different private and public schools in Region VI.

First time to join the said math contest, the ISA team was represented by *Karl Francis Chan*, a fourth year learner and *Jan Jemi Gerwayne Tiu*, a junior ISAer.

ISAers Bag Gold in W.I.T. Math Match



Having won first place in the math contest held at the University of San Agustin three days earlier, ISA high school math team brought home another gold medal in the Inter-School Mathematics Quiz Bee 'Battle of the Math Wizards' sponsored by Philarchons Fraternity and Sorority of the Western Institute of Technology held at W.I.T. Techno Library last 11 February. The said competition was participated by private and public secondary schools in Iloilo City.

ISA math team captured the *Championship* title by getting perfect scores in all of the three rounds of the competition.

The team is composed of Karl Francis Chan, James Eduard Chiu, both fourth year learners and Jan Jemi Gerwayne Tiu, a third year learner.

ISA Parents Assembly cum Stress Management Forum



ISA Parents Association President, Atty. Esther Trimañez (left photo), called for an annual general parents assembly in the morning of 13 February to wind up the year's affairs, and setting the tuning of next year's programs. A forum on 'Stress Management via Understanding Problem Behavior' given by Mrs. Rosalea Cornelia de Leon immediately followed. An election of new set of ISA Parents Association officers for SY2010-2012 ensued after the lunch break.

Another main agendum that morning was the presentation of the yearend assessment of school affairs and the general plan of action for SY 2010-2011 made by ISA Executive Director Mr. Peter M. Chan. Many parents asked Mr. Chan questions during the open forum.

Seniors' Jordan Escapade

Last 26 February, the Seniors with their adviser and Social Studies facilitator visited prominent places in Jordan, the capital town of Guimaras province.

Their first stop was the Municipal Hall of Jordan. After a brief stay there, they visited the Guimaras Provincial Monument and Museum. It is a one-story building with accessible wing leading to the main hall. Atop the building is a monument: a sculpture of a man with fishing tool and a plow, symbolizing the two main sources of livelihood of most *Guimarasnons*. The structure serves as landmark of the province as well as a memorabilia of the *Pagtatal sa Balaan Bukid*.

The group toured the well-known Guimaras Mango Research Institute and Plantation. They stayed for two hours to explore its vast mango plantation. It was a tiring but great experience for the learners to witness firsthand how agricultural workers earn their living. Passing by its fine-sand beaches and enchanting scenery, the learners realize that Guimaras is not only famous for its sweet mangoes but is an excellent destination for leisure, as well. The learners have their lunch and short rest in the cool and windy Raymen Beach Resort, enjoying the beautiful beach front view and the deliciously prepared fresh sea foods.

Their last stop was a perfect place for reflection to those who seek the solace and self examination through meditation and retreat from hectic materialistic world, the Trappist Monastery. This is the only men's monastery in the Philippines ran by Cistercian Order of Strict Observance, established in 1972. The place welcomes guests who wish to spend days or even weeks of prayer, meditation and retreats. The learners stayed there for almost an hour before heading home.



Sophomores' Photo Safari

Second year learners spent a day to complete their educational tour and photo safari in Guimaras on 26 February. They named their picture-taking spree as "Explore Guimaras". Mr. Rodgen M. Jabor, Social Studies Head Facilitator and Field Trip Coordinator, and Ms. Aura Carmela Ferrariz, Biology Facilitator planned the trip with the help of Ms. Marietta Benedicto, Tourism In-charge of Buenavista, Guimaras. The activity was an integration of Science and Social Studies, providing the learners an excellent opportunity to compose beautiful photograph, applying what they learned from the Basic Photography workshop conducted by Mr. Rodgen M. Jabor.



CAMPING 2010

Camping 2010, with a theme: *Instilling the Spirit of Unity and Accountability*, was held last 18-20 February at Anhawan Beach Resort, Oton, Iloilo. The annual activity aims to enhance the learners' sense of camaraderie, leadership, survival skills and independence. Learners from Grade Four to 4th Year joined the said activity.

Camping 2010 opened with all members of each team showing off their cheer dance prowess, and followed by the surprised tent set-up competition. The four teams were engrossed in outmaneuvering each other in swimming, show time, volleyball, team building, indoor games in the first day, plus more exciting events in the evening such as ranger games.

Moreover, in between these events on the first day, learners listened to series of talks conducted by the Philippine National Red Cross and Boy Scout of the Philippines. The campers learned about the importance of first aid and survival cooking in the bamboo, among others.

On the second day, the high school learners learned managing time and pressures by listening to a lecture conducted by Mr. Timothy Bantola, while elementary learners had fun art designs with Ms. Beulah Gerada-Villaruel. The much awaited search for Mr. and Ms. ISA 2010 in the evening culminated the 2-day great event.



In the end, Blue team emerged the overall champion, followed by Red, Yellow and Green teams. And these are the Best Camper Awardees: Keith Nathaniel Tan Yau (B), Thea Elyza Uy (G), Gian Trimañez and James Eduard Chiu (Y), Vincent Labaclado and Earvin John Lee (R).