



**AIN'T JUST ANOTHER ACTRESS.** The Angles' Former editor-in-chief, Diana, portrays the role of St. Joan.

## Barata bags 1st place in Impromptu speech contest

By: Dona Nuevo

Fourth Year student, Mary Ellen Barata placed first in the Rotary Club of Rosario-sponsored Voice of Youth contest last Dec. 1.

In the said event, contestants discussed their points of view about a given topic within a five-minute time allotment. The topic in this extem-

poraneous tilt was "Do you blame our President for the political crisis that's going on in our country today?"

Other contenders came from Cafuir Learning Center, Rosario High, Rosario Institute and Bag-bag National High. Barata qualified for the regional meet in January 2001.

## Five students qualify in regional press tilt

Last Sept. 27-29, the annual Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) was held at Imus Pilot Elementary School. Students from both elementary and secondary levels competed in English and Filipino categories.

Atheneum delegates were Anne Kristine Aga, feature writing (English); Rondel Colina, feature writing (Filipino); Dominique Nuevo, editorial writing (English); Nadia Bautista, editorial writing (Filipino); Criselda Nuguid, copyreading and headline writing (English); Jay Icayan,

copyreading and headline writing (Filipino); Dona Nuevo, photojournalism (English); Sherwin Abubakr', photojournalism (Filipino); Timothy Romero, sportswriting (English) and editorial cartooning (English); Rizelle Paredes - editorial cartooning (English) and Geoffrey Flores - sportswriting (Filipino).

After two days of lectures and contests, the final day was dedicated to the awarding of winners. The Atheneum winners were Colina, Aga, Flores, Icayan, Nuevo and Romero.

## Annual faculty trip continues

Atheneum administrators and faculty recently held their annual outing at Caylabne Resort in Ternate, June 9. The group was headed by the school president, Atty. Reynaldo Laserna and school principal, Mrs. Adelaida Laserna.

Various games were prepared by Mrs. Bituin C. Janabajal, head of Division III, and Mrs. Neneth B. Guinto, head of Divisions I and II. Parts of the event were the obstacle race, tug-of-war and volleyball.

Atty. Laserna considers the outing as part of the school tradition. "We are doing this because we would like to

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# Laserna plays lead role in Ateneo production

By: Dominique Nuevo

Diana A. Laserna plays the lead role in Tanghalang Ateneo's St. Joan of the Stockyards.

According to Principal Adelaida Laserna, the play is not just aiming to entertain but also to provoke.

The story revolves around a social clash between the capitalists and religious groups. It is an epic play with depth translated to Filipino by Ron Capinding.

St. Joan is an activist who acts as mediator between the capitalists, religious and the common people making agreements here and there for the harmony of the sectors. She was a nun who retired to civilian status after the religious put her down for not accepting money offered by the capitalists. She believed money can't answer their problems. In the end, she felt hurt and used by

the capitalists but holds onto her mission in aiding the needy. She dies of sickness serving others.

In the long run, the religious and capitalist factions joined hands in her name and later on, canonized her as a saint.

Laserna's unique talent is her ability to maintain high academic standards despite her active participation in several extra-curricular projects like theater arts. She had been consistently topping the honors list and now, she's included in Ateneo's Dean's List with an average of 3.8 (4 is the perfect score).

A natural actress taking up AB Communications for her college course, she had acted in Shakespearean plays before. Yet, this was her most challenging role so far, tackling issues of socioeconomic rel-

evance and seeking answers to questions of poverty.

The play serves as a break from her studies besides being an outlet of self-expression.

The play St. Joan of the Stockyards is supposedly showing from November 20 to December 2 but due to insistent demand, there were reruns last January.



**Former Ms. Atheneum beauties,** from left: Sheryl Montano, Christine Solis and Diana Laserna sit as judges in the recent beauty pageant, Feb. 5. (Photo by Mr. Boy Ventura)

## Admin installs new computers

By: Dona Nuevo

Five units of new computers were delivered in Atheneum School's T.H.E. Department last June 23. The new units were ordered from MATCOM Center Hightech Computer Specialist in Rosario.

The computers are packed with Windows '98 and MSOffice 2000. Their arrival brought great advantages to the computer program of the school. Every Saturday, a training for the Atheneum faculty is scheduled in the computer room. They are being held to prepare the teachers for

## School holds camping

By: Rowena Olaes

Last Feb 8-9, Atheneum held its annual camping. But this time, it was different. This year's camping was held independent from the Ms. Atheneum Pageant and unlike the past campings, this one was more organized with a program for the pupils and students. Ms. Almyra Multas and Ms. Cecille Atas were the head coordinators. The adviser of the event was Ms. Neneth Guinto.

Divisions II and III were encouraged to join the camping. Awards were also

given out for the best leader and best group. Two best leaders were judged based on their performance and how well they handled the group. Best leaders Angely Callanta and Jared Salazar received trophies and the best group award went to Group I girls.

Camping 2001 was a big success for it enhanced the abilities of the campers and it further developed unity and cooperation among Atheneans.

computer-aided instruction (CAI) in the future. Ms. Tess Matriano facilitates the said training.

Another five new computers will be installed this summer.

## Educational trip a success

By: Joy Anne Icayan

Students from Nursery to Grade 4 held their educational field trip last Oct 16. Meeting place was at R. Nuguid and Sons, Noveleta, Cavite. First destination was the William Shaw Theatre, Shangrila Plaza where the pupils watched the classic fairytale, Jack and the Beanstalk. The last stop was at 'Science Centrum,' Manila.

Atheneum's 2nd batch (Gr. 5-4th Yr) also had their educational field trip last Nov. 25. Meeting place was still at R. Nuguid and Son's.

The departure time was 6 am. First spot was Jose Rizal's house in Calamba, Laguna. They visited the museum containing Rizal's belongings where they got to know more about the National Hero. After an hour, they arrived in the 'Museum of National History' in UP Los Baños. The museum contains preserves and paradigms of different creatures from different parts of the

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## Elocution contest held

By: Dona Nuevo

The Fourth Quarter Recognition Day and the Elocution Contest 2000 was held



**THREE OF THE BEST.** Program host Kristine Bautista introduces three elocution finalists from Grade 3: Jene Lizette Nambayan, Rachel Anne Vergara and Jason Matthew Alamar. (Photo by Mr. Boy Ventura)

last July 21, 2000, Friday. Here they announced the medalists from Divisions I-III and the finals for the Elocution contest was presented.

In Division I, Nusery, the winners were T-Marie S. Arayata in first place, Jon Dale Mauleon M. Abatin in second place and Jamaila A. Malia in third place.

Jr. Prep's Aljan Giorgio N. Cornejo bagged first place, Edrick V. Piones in second place, and Pruccia Laine Y. Ong in third place.

In Sr. Prep, Daryl P. Solis won First Place, Clyde Lloren Aquino in Second Place and Marie Antonette S. Calilao in

third place.

In Grade One, Eubrey R. Basalanan won First Place, while Samantha Isabel c. Feliciano and Ronalyn V. Piones won Second and Third Places, respectively.

Grade Two's Elsan P. Alfaro won First Place, followed by Missy V. Faustino, and Joyce S. Arayata at Second and Third Places.

Division I's Guest Performer was Anna Clarice Adriano of Gr. 2-Pascal while an intermission number was performed by a few selected Grade 2 students.

In Division II, Grade 3's Jason Matthew B. Alamar won

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