

Selected Snapshots
SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY FOUNDER'S DAY PARADE
August 27, 2007 at Dumaguete City



There must have been more than 20 bands, with young and older participants, some complete with brass & bugle corps, twirling batons by majorettes, and others with just plain percussion instruments ala sinulog, with the most original of instruments.



The parade lasted about 70 minutes, and we made a number of head counts for the people who passed in front of us per minute, and our tallies averaged 100. Therefore, there must have been at least 7000 participants. Former Governor (now congressman) Arnaiz was one among the many Vips who marched along.



This chicken drum corps above made good percussion rhythm, while the acrobatic team showed their prowess.



Various floats, motorized and otherwise, graced the parade. The nurses made one of the larger contingents. It probably was a coincidence that the newspapers that day indicated 31,000 plus passed the nursing board exams nationwide.



The nipa hut style float of the HS Class '57 was all reminiscent of their good times. A good number of them came home for their 50th anniversary reunion. There was a pole-lifter who preceded the float to raise low crossing electric and telephone cables along the street. Those who could, walked, like our cousin below who came in from Canada, while the others rode, in various conveyances, shown on next page.





More “floats” came in various forms. The theme seemed to be environmentalism.





This is one of the most popular small vehicles in the province, called the “EZ Ride”. Obviously, in this case, the engine was replaced by an electric motor with huge battery pack making the bigger payload.



More marching bands further above. And the Korean contingent. And pirates, too.



This banner says it all. Silliman University is 106 years old.



Among the throngs who lined the streets are these four smiling ladies from Tanjay.