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I can say that the 1st semester of my 1st year in college was an adventure.

At the very first phase of my semester, which is enrollment, I've been welcomed to UST by the strong rain and flood. It was my first time to encounter and get into it. I cannot describe how I felt then. My clothes were wet and even my underwear! I needed to go to the nearest mall and buy a new set of clothes. Fortunately, my mother and I got home safe.

At the first day of classes, I didn't bother to talk to others or even to look at them. At the first week I've been I.P.I.S. or Independent People in School! Ha-ha! Others referred me as weird and naïve. But in the second week, finally, I've talked to the guys and we became friends. We usually played computer games and made some happy times together.



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We have met our professors, too. There is a professor who is so strict, one who's nice and one who's so funny. For me the 1st semester is like passing through a needle's hole, for you have to adjust to the fast teaching of the professors and difficult lessons. In college, I've learned how to do advance reading and learning. It eventually led me to having new friends who were studious. From then on, I've been joining their group study. My tests had improved because of them. I've avoided joining playing computer games. My classmates now refer me as a good boy compare to them. Ha-ha!

I also thought that I would not reach the quota of 2.0 because it was difficult to have high grades in college of nursing in UST. They 'filter' the inside knowledge of each and every one of us. I've got lower grades in other subject that's why I made this technique, improving the minor ones. Luckily I've done it and successfully reached the 2.0 ceiling.

The College of Nursing launched a LARONG LAHI which features Filipino culture and sports. We've put our room a twist of ethic theme. We had a party after some games. We won some few but the others are named champion. We lost. He he!

I've also joined RUN FOR NATURE, a marathon sponsored by the student council which aimed to care for Mother Earth. I've joined others who stop using Styrofoam and straws. I've been a member of basketball team in our Nursing Cup. Camaraderie has been made between me and my seniors.

I've watched a concert of different bands in the country which the UST gave for freshmen like me. It was a night of happiness.

During exam days I've experienced to sleep for two hours only. It was tough, but it was fulfilling when I got high grades.

All in all, it was a difficult yet happy semester and time for me. It was an adventure to a new world. It was like entering at the dark but suddenly a light will start to glow.

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2nd Semester

Last semester was like getting to another step closer to my nursing profession as I have been exposed to some hospital duties. In one of my subjects, we were taught of some nursing fundamentals such as taking the vital signs. We also did client interviews at UST HOSPITAL and shadowing, which you will be acting as assistants of your seniors.



Though one subject also made the semester so difficult: Biochemistry. In order to cope up with the lessons I have to do extra researches and extra efforts as well. At first it was so difficult but later on I have managed to understand the lessons and still passed it.

My memorization skills were challenged as I took BIOSCI or Anatomy and Physiology. We were taught of parts of the body and have seen replicas of these. My friend's dad, a doctor, has his own preserved body parts so we had the chance to touch it for real. It was an experience full of goose bumps but it was fun!



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I had also enjoyed taking up the minor subjects as well. We made several term papers. I have also learned different aerobic exercises in the fitness class.

It was another level of challenges and fortunately UST hasn't failed to give recreational activities for us such as concerts and celebrity encounters. Some bands visited us at *Paskuhan* as we prepared for 400 years of UST. Showbiz personalities also visited us to promote their shows as USTV awards. Best of them was SHOWTIME hosts. They entertained the crowd a lot while Kimerald banged the hearts of the students.



Another chapter unfolded and I hope I can also do great next semester.

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