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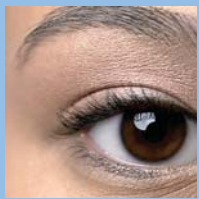
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perspective

At the blessing of the new home of the AAA in Bellarmine Hall and the induction of the new officers, Frankie Varona, AAA President for 2007, spoke of the AAA–Gawad Kalinga Village in Molave, Payatas. AAA will build around 200 homes for the families there. I was struck by something he said, namely, that this experience of building homes and community for the poor led him to understand and experience, in a new way, what it means to be “a man for others.” I thought of his remark as I attended the numerous “mini-graduations” for leadership groups in Ateneo College: NSOD, LEAD, COA, SANGGU, etc. We are seeing in them a generation showing us exemplary ways of being a man and woman for others.

I think of Melissa Yeung who has shared with me many hours of dreaming dreams for others. She has worked with the SIGA (Soldiers in God’s Army), the teenagers in Blue Eagle Village, Payatas 13. Many had dropped out of school and were into gangs and vices. In the beginning when Melissa would tell them not to give up on their dreams, they would say: “*Ate Melissa, may kaya kayo, kaya purwede kayong mangarap. Pero kami, wala kaming pera para mangarap.*” But through formation activities and opportunities to discover their gifts—first in song and in dance—they regained self-confidence and

were transformed. Melissa likes to tell of how they themselves built their youth center—doing the design, the carpentry, and setting up the computers. In developing their gifts, they found their true selves. Melissa has brought them to teenage youth groups in other squatter communities—and they would tell these other youth: “*Ganyan din kami noon. Pero nagbago kami. Purwede rin kayong magbago.*” They are now back in school and preparing a better future for themselves and their families.

There are many other stories. The *Sanggunian* launched an award-winning movement to get our students and the youth to register and vote. The Ateneo Management Association launched a social entrepreneurship challenge and groups competed to create business projects for Gawad Kalinga communities. Chris Tiu is best known as a star for the Blue Eagles and a very good M.E. student. Just recently he applied to set up a business (Chinky Chicken) in the newly inaugurated JSEC mall. Dean Rudy Ang was surprised and asked Chris why he would want to do so. Chris’ reply was that the small cafeteria, Blue Cow, in Moro Lorenzo Sports Center had closed down and the cook and staff were out of a job. He wanted to create a job for them. A number of our management graduates have approached me to ask how they might

become social entrepreneurs—social entrepreneurship is defined as using business management skills to solve a social problem.

This issue features many other stories of generosity and hope: faculty and staff and students responding to Ateneo students in need by contributing to the annual fund, Ateneans recognized in the GK Bayani Summit as “setting the standard” for student involvement in

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campus beat

Over 1,500 attend Ateneo Grand Alumni Homecoming on Dec. 9

Ateneo de Manila University held its Grand Alumni Homecoming on Dec. 9, 2006, at the Ateneo High School covered courts on the Loyola Heights campus. It was a night of good food, good music, and great company for more than 1,500 alumni and guests, many of whom had travelled from other countries and cities just to attend the occasion.

With the theme "Coming together, making a difference," the homecoming began with a parade and review at Bellarmine Field at

3:30 p.m., followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the Sacred Heart Hill at 4:00 p.m., and Holy Mass at the Church of the Gesù at 4:45 p.m. The homecoming program officially kicked off at 6 p.m. and was disseminated via live Web streaming.

This year's performers included Men of Blue Blood (MOBB), Mojofly, and DJ Boyet Almazan. Television personality Bambam Aquino was homecoming host.

The Ateneo Grand Alumni Homecoming was organized by Team Ateneo, Inc., an organization

founded by members of Ateneo High School '81. Team Ateneo directed its fundraising efforts towards building a microfinance program for the families of the Gawad Kalinga Blue Eagle Village. In cooperation with ASA Philippines (a microfinance institution jointly organized and supervised by the Assisi Development Foundation and the Benigno S. Aquino Jr. Foundation) and Gawad Kalinga - Ateneo, this program aims to invest in and empower the common Filipino entrepreneur.

High School Silver Jubilee Class '81 with the Blue Eagle Torch at the 2006 Grand Alumni Homecoming



AGSB's 'RNR' a smash hit

It rocked at Rockwell Tent!

More than 600 alumni, students, and guests trooped to Rockwell Tent on Nov. 24 for the first Ateneo Graduate School of Business grand alumni homecoming, which coincided with the 40th anniversary celebration of the country's premier business school.

Dubbed "RNR," for "Rewind, Nwind, Remind," the affair was attended by many prominent alumni in business, politics, banking, and education. Topping the list was former Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos, MBA, who spoke of his pride in being an Atenean. Other prominent alumni present were Dr. Lydia Echaz, president, Far Eastern University; Dr. Conchita Manabat, managing partner of an accountancy firm; and Ms. Josefina Tan, senior executive of Banco de Oro.

Salvador Cagurangan, one of the six graduates from Batch 1966, was specially feted and recognized during the affair. Driving all the way from Tuguegarao City, Cagayan to join the homecoming, Cagurangan expressed elation over his Atenean heritage and the achievements of his alma mater as he recounted the memorable experiences of his AGSB days.

The gathering also paid homage posthumously to three other members of this batch who became *primus inter pares* in their own right. Gloria Benigno distinguished herself not only as an insurance executive but also as professor par excellence at AGSB for over 20 years.

Their smiles say it all. Top photo shows University President Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, former Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos, and AGSB Dean and Ateneo Vice President for the Professional Schools and Social Development Dr. Alfredo R. A. Bengzon



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Luis Sison became general manager of the Manila Waterworks and Sewerage System and an AGSB faculty member while Herminio Villamayor served as faculty member and one-time director of programs in the AGSB.

University officials, led by University President Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, and Ateneo Board of Trustees members Fr. Jojo Magadia, SJ, Eddie Go, and Ed David were present at the affair, together with administrators Junjun Capistrano, Chris Peabody, Jun Dalandan, Ricky Palou, and Temay Padero.

Dr. Alfredo Bengzon, AGSB dean and vice president for the Ateneo Professional Schools, formally opened the affair through an audio-visual presentation about the AGSB. Father Nebres gave an inspiring message to the gathering and expressed admiration that AGSB has truly been living up to the ideals of the first "three companions" whose jubilee year is being celebrated this year—St. Ignatius for his world view, St. Francis Xavier for his passion and zeal, and Blessed Peter Faber for his communitarian spirit. DR. CESAR A.

MANSIBANG

Officers and directors for 2007 sworn in AAA finds new home at Bellarmine Hall

The Ateneo Alumni Association (AAA) office is now located at Room 102, on the first floor of Bellarmine Hall, Ateneo Loyola Heights campus, making it more accessible to Ateneo alumni and students.

The new office was inaugurated and blessed on Jan. 11, 2007. Incoming AAA President Francisco S. Varona, Ateneo President Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, and Vice President for the Loyola Schools Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng led the ribbon cutting ceremony. Father Nebres presided over the blessing rites, after which a spontaneous fire-side chat ensued among the

small, collegial group, with officers reminiscing their times at the historic Bellarmine Hall, one of the first buildings to be erected on the Loyola Heights campus. It was mentioned that Room 102 had, at different points in history, served as the rector's office and a classroom.

The blessing was followed by the induction of officers and directors for 2007 at the Michael J. Escaler Wing, Moro Lorenzo Sports Center, with AAA Executive Director Joseph Anthony M. Quesada serving as master of ceremonies. Father Nebres swore in the newly elected officers of the association.

In his inaugural address, Varona said that 2007 will be "a year of implementation" as he continues and builds on the laudable work of his two predecessors, Miguel Jose C. Valencia and Vicente Martin W. Araneta III, whom he considers as "two big pairs of shoes to fill." He stressed the importance of the association's continued involvement in GK and expressed his appreciation for the help of Father Nebres in delineating and articulating the role of the AAA vis-à-vis the university.

Father Nebres gave some words of appreciation to the AAA and its role in "taking care" of the alumni and the larger university community. Backtracking to Dr. Jose Rizal's life as an exile in Dapitan, he said that Rizal's reflections then "came from the care he got from the Ateneo." Further, Rizal showed his concern for his countrymen by putting his ideas into action, resulting in a community clinic and school and interventions in livelihood (improved fishing methods) and public health (potable water). Thus, "if Rizal were alive today, he would probably be involved in something like GK," he said.

Dr. Cuyegkeng capped the program with an "invitation" to the AAA to get to know the Loyola Schools more and a "request" from alumni to help boost the image of the Ateneo to the world.

RIGHT: Dr. Achoot Cuyegkeng, Frankie Varona, and Fr. Nebres cutting the ribbon to the new AAA office at Bellarmine Hall



BELOW: AAA officers for 2007: (SEATED, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) Cesar Gutierrez, ADMU Director for Parent Relations Fr. Alberto Ampil, SJ, Eirene Aguila, Frankie Varona, Nena Legaspi-Rosales, Louie General, and Vince Araneta III; (STANDING, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) Oscar Reyes, Mike Valencia, Tony Puyat, Jess de la Fuente, Ivan Henares, Iggy Sison, Angelo Agcaoili, Ramby Nolido, Jon Sunico, and AAA Executive Director JQ Quesada



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Ateneo honors four professors emeriti

Escaler Hall on Nov. 22, 2006 was filled to the rafters on the occasion of the conferment of the title professor emeritus upon four icons in the teaching profession who have spent more than 30 years of their lives honing the minds and sharpening the skills of generations of Ateneans.

The honorees were Dr. Modesto T. Chua of the Department of Chemistry; Fr. Roque J. Ferriols, SJ, and Dr. Ramon C. Reyes, both from the Department of Philosophy; and Fr. Joseph L. Roche, SJ, of the Department of Theology.

Fr. Roche established the Formation Institute of Religion Educators (FIRE) which offers full graduate scholarships to religion teachers and coordinators. He also directed the Ateneo Theology Department to articulate fundamental ideas about the nature, function, and mission of a Catholic Jesuit university.

Fr. Ferriols is hailed as the undisputed father of Filipino philosophy. Much of Fr. Ferriols' teaching has remained with his students because, even when he teaches from books, he teaches from himself—from his mind and heart—and from life.

Dr. Reyes, as head of the Philosophy Department from 1968–1981, lay the groundwork for developing the department into a center of excellence. As a teacher, he embodies *cura personalis*—with an open ear to the curiosities and wonderment of young life.



Dr. Ramon Reyes, Fr. Roque Ferriols, Dr. Modesto Chua, and Fr. Joseph Roche

Dr. Chua has tirelessly trained chemistry majors and mentored young faculty in the fields of organic chemistry, organic spectroscopy, and synthesis. He has been director of the Philippine Institute for Pure and Applied Chemistry (PIPAC) since 1973 and sits in the University Research Council.

Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, university president, conferred the awards and reminded those present that “good teaching is a craft.” He said that great training by teachers molds great students, who, in turn, will also be great teachers in a “virtuous cycle of gifted teachers teaching gifted students.”

Pilipinas Shell donates Php1.5M scholarship endowment to Loyola Schools

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, represented by its chairman and president, Edgar O. Chua, donated Php1,500,000 to the Loyola Schools of the Ateneo de Manila University to establish the Shell Philippines Endowment Fund. The perpetual fund will support the full tuition of one undergraduate science major. The turnover ceremony was held on Dec. 18, 2006 at the Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights campus.

Present at the MOA signing were Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, university president; Dr. Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, vice president for the Loyola Schools; Fr. Nemesio S. Que, SJ, director, Office of Admission and Aid; Mr. Miguel Jose C. Valencia, director, Ateneo Alumni Association; and from Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, Chua and Romeo B. De Guzman, VP for external affairs. JOLLY MORATA

Ateneo breaks ground for Leong Hall of the School of Social Sciences

The Ateneo de Manila University broke ground for the Ricardo and Dr. Rosita Leong Hall of the School of Social Sciences on Dec. 4, 2006 at the Social Sciences garden, Loyola Heights campus. The new building will house the School of Social Sciences' various programs.

Donors Ricardo and Dr. Rosita Leong and their family and friends graced the occasion, together with university President Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, members of the Ateneo Board of Trustees, the building's architect Bong Recio, and other

members of the Ateneo community. Fr. Aristotle C. Dy, SJ, associate director of the Confucius Institute, was master of ceremonies.

Dr. Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, vice president for the Loyola Schools, in her opening remarks, thanked the Leong family for helping build a place that will develop leaders; a place that will be "home to the disciplines of teaching, research, and outreach" in the social sciences.

Fr. Jose M. Cruz, SJ, dean of the School of Social Sciences, indicated what's in store for the Ateneo community with the con-

struction of the Leong Hall. According to him, the four-story structure will be a "testament to creativity" as well as a "serene place of work and reflection for the departments and programs of the School of Social Sciences." The hall will feature a 502-seat auditorium and conference rooms. The projected completion of the Leong Hall is September 2007.

In response, Mr. Leong said that the project, which took two years of planning, "is a worthwhile undertaking" that he believes will benefit Ateneo students and help bridge understanding between China and the Philippines.

The blessing and groundbreaking rites followed, with Fathers Cruz and Nebres presiding. The chairs of the various Social Science departments participated by depositing historical documents and mementos in the cornerstone capsule.

Father Nebres capped the ceremony by sharing his reflection on how the passionate and audacious spirit of Jesuits St. Francis Xavier and Matteo Ricci, who both served as missionaries in China, finds continuity in the Ateneo's efforts at "being the center for encounter between China and the Philippines." He also expressed hope that through the Leong Hall, the community will "pursue shared dreams for our country and our people."

Fr. Joey Cruz (EXTREME RIGHT) saying the final blessing during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Leong Hall. Looking on are (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Richard Leong, Mimi Leong, Arch. Recio, Dr. Achoot Cuyegkeng, Dr. Rosita Leong, Mr. Ricardo Leong, and Fr. Ben Nebres.



ICSI renamed in honor of Fr. John J. Carroll, SJ

The Institute on Church and Social Issues (ICSI), a Jesuit social apostolate center, was renamed the John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues (JJC-ICSI).

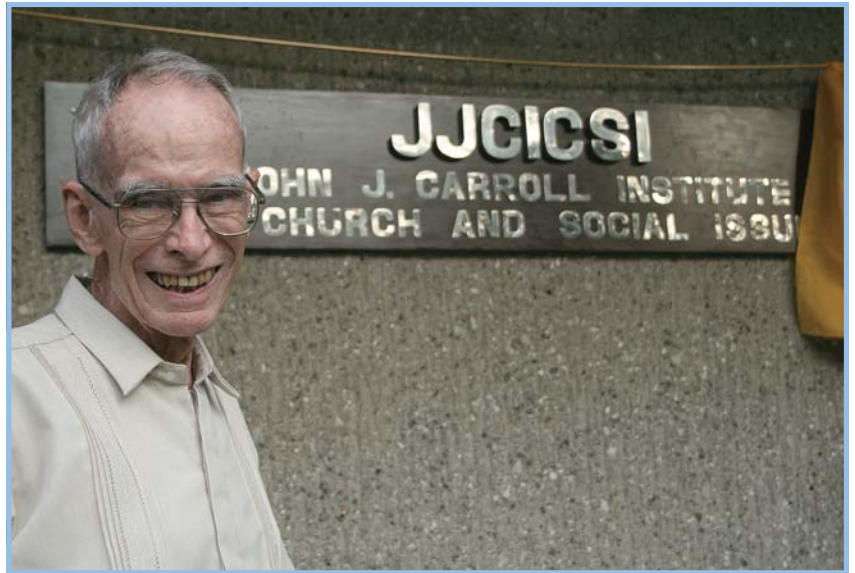
The renaming was formalized in a ceremony held at the Benigno Mayo Hall on Jan. 16, 2007. The blessing of the new marker was officiated by Jesuit Provincial Fr. Daniel Patrick Huang, SJ. In a resolution dated Aug. 11, 2006, the ICSI Board of Trustees, chaired by Fr. Jose C. Magadia, SJ, explained that it decided to rename the institute after its founding director, Fr. John J. Carroll, SJ as an honor, a tribute, and a sign of gratitude to him.

Fr. Carroll arrived in the Philippines in 1946 as a scholastic traveling with Fr. Walter Hogan, SJ. He was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1955. He initially worked at the Institute of Social Order (ISO) after studying at the Fordham University for his master's degree in sociology (1958) and Cornell University for his doctorate degree (1962). He then became the research director of the National Secretariat of Social Action, Justice, and Peace (NASSA). In 1973, he was assigned as dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He also taught at the Ateneo de Manila University, and was part of various research organizations such as the Philippine Social Science Council and the Institute of Phil-

ippine Culture.

The John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues was established in 1984 by the Philippine Province of the Society of Jesus

then headed by Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ. Its office is located at the Benigno Mayo Hall, Social Development Complex, Ateneo de Manila University.



DIANA JEAN MORALEDA

High School students get taste of real life in KLIK

Students of the Ateneo de Manila High School took part in the Klaseng Ibang Klase (KLIK) program on Dec. 14, 2006. With more than 100 alternative classes offered, the students were immersed in courses that ranged from cooking to dating to basic first aid to songwriting.

Some high school faculty members handled classes outside their area of academic expertise while several guests were invited to talk about their professions. The guest speakers included bossa nova songbird Sitti and members of contemporary bands like Parokya ni Edgar and Itchyworms, as well as television personality Alfred Vargas and sportscaster Mico Halili.

The courses included hobbies and crafts; career exploration; literature, media and languages; psycho-spiritual development and human relations; sports; theater and dance; math, science and technology; music; survival skills; and visual arts.

The KLIK program is held every other year at the Ateneo High School. It alternates with the *Ani Mo, Ani Ko* program.

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Filipino-owned coffee house opens branches at Ateneo

Students and employees in the Loyola Heights campus can now enjoy freshly brewed coffee and delicious cakes by Figaro Coffee, a popular Filipino-owned coffee house. Two outlets were formally opened and blessed at the Matteo Ricci Hall and the Manuel V. Pangilinan Center for Student Leadership on Jan. 15, 2007.

Fr. Roberto Ma. Buenconsejo, SJ, director of the Campus Ministry Office, led the blessing rites for the coffee outlets, after which Pacita U. Juan, CEO of Figaro Coffee Systems, Inc., and Dr. Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, vice president for the

Loyola Schools, led the customary tossing of coins among the guests.

Lourdes T. David, director of the Rizal Library which manages the Matteo Ricci Hall, proudly remarked that the Matteo Ricci Study Hall is a “new concept of a library.” Aside from the usual amenities, the hall has conversation areas where students can hold study sessions and group discussions, and now, a coffee shop to boot. She also thanked Figaro for partnering with Ateneo in providing better service to students and faculty.

Dr. Cuyegkeng remarked that getting a Filipino company topped

her list of considerations in choosing a café that will serve the Ateneo community.

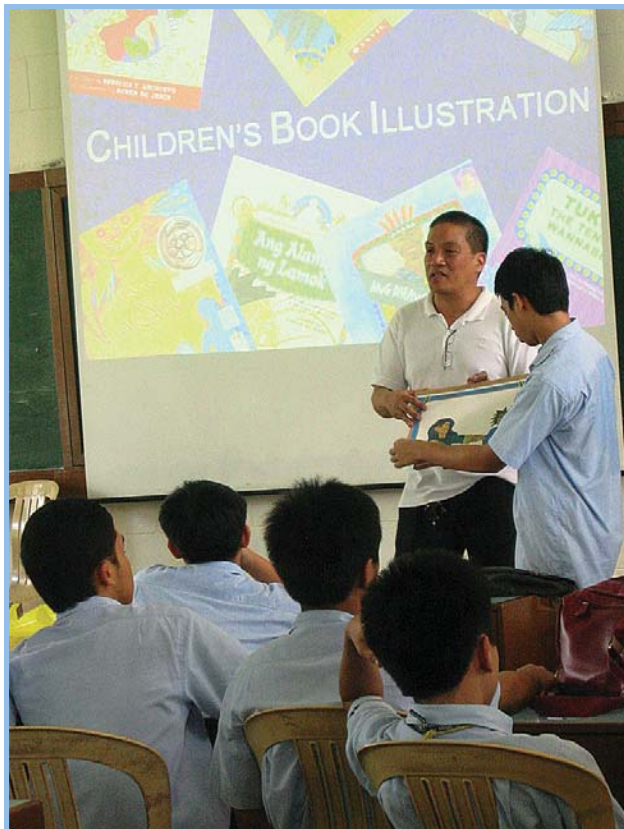
Juan capped the event with a talk on the Philippine coffee industry and Figaro’s contributions, which include buying from local farmers and educating them. She also said that there are many Ateneans working for Figaro and expressed her delight in having not just one but two Figaro outlets in the university. Finally, she imparted words of wisdom to would-be entrepreneurs, underscoring the value of corporate social responsibility. WITH JOANNA

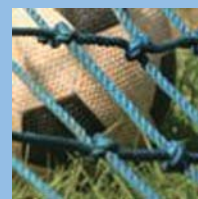
RUIZ

High School students

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Under the KLIK program, each student is required to attend two courses. Some courses require students to venture outside the campus. This year’s Bowling and Ice Hockey class was held at SM Megamall in Pasig while the class on How to Commute in the Metro allowed participants to sample the different modes of public transportation in Metro Manila through an “Amazing Race”-like module. Each class lasts one-and-a-half hours. PAUL VILLEGAS





Triennial Ateneo Sports Hall of Fame honors young and old sports icons

Ateneo honored its sports heroes, young and old, during the 10th Ateneo Sports Hall of Fame awarding ceremony on Nov. 11, 2006 at the Grade School Auditorium on the Loyola Heights campus.

This year's roster of awardees included 16 Hall of Famers, 6 Special Awardees and 7 Special Citation recipients.

The Hall of Fame awardees were Manuel R. Aquino, Edgardo V. Bunuan, Richard V. Croghan, Jaime J. Cruz, Jose C. Estella III, Manuel S. Estrella, Andres Francisco, Jose Ma. A. Gayoso †, Raymond T. Holscher SJ, Jaime

M. Javier, Edgardo J. Jayme, Julio Cesar M. Manalo †, Arnulfo Merida, Vincent P. Reyes, Manolito O. Valdes Jr., and Fernando Villarreal.

The recipients of the Special Award were Fr. Carmelo A. Caluag II, Jose K. Campos Jr., Enrico M. Ingles, Mauricio C. Martelino, Christopher Monfort †, and Gabriel P. Tomas.

The Ateneo Men's Football Team, composed of Emmanuel Michael B. Gimarino, Ignatius Michael D. Ingles, Roger Anthony Lastimado, John Paul Merida, Patrick F. Ozaeta, Alvin A. Perez, and Tristan Jason R. Tongson,

were recognized for winning a three-peat for the Ateneo for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006 in the Special Citation.

The Ateneo Sports Hall of Fame awards and enshrines successful and deserving Ateneo athletes, coaches, athletic directors, cheerleaders, and patrons of sports. The first awarding ceremony was held in 1979 and every three years thereafter.

The members of this year's ASHOF Board of Directors were Victor A. Sison, Edmidio V. Ramos, Jr., Cristino L. Panlilio, Richard N. Palou, Gregorio Y. Narvasa II, Abundio S. Camua, and Jimmy C. Alabanza.



JC INTAL Rocket Man

The art of the dunk

The 2001 Blue Eagles were of the Playstation generation. They also grew up with the Sportscenter highlight firmly engraved in their heads. “Dunk like Jordan. Fly like Jordan” was the mantra of their dreams. The team featured a trio of powerful dunkmeisters in Rico Villanueva, Rich Alvarez, and Paolo Bugia. The following season, they added JC Intal and Doug Kramer who gave the Blue Eagles an awesome Air Force.

There’s a popular commercial where young kids recreate classic Michael Jordan moments. John Christopher Intal knows those moves so well having mimicked them like forever during practice or in the privacy of his own home. He’s nearly worn out the grooves of Jordan’s DVDs and VCDs having watched them *ad infinitum*. And his game today—those highlight reel dunks and throwback finger rolls—is an amalgam of Jordan, the death-defying former Adamson Falcon Kenneth Duremdes, and former Alaska Milkman hotshot John Arigo. The sweet dishes that have elevated his game to another level are pure genius by osmosis

courtesy of years playing with LA Tenorio, Wesley Gonzalez, and Larry Fonacier.

Preparing for take-off

John Christopher Intal didn’t do much in his freshman year. He did get a little more playing time compared to his fellow rookies Kramer and Macky Escalona but that was because coach Joel Banal had a deep and talented bench. “*Noong* freshman year *namin* (referring to him and Doug Kramer), *sa* round robin *lang kami nakakapagpakita ng gilas kasi* after that, *uupo na kami sa* bench,” JC says with a laugh at the memory of a less than sterling rookie season. But the team was en route to Ateneo’s third UAAP title.

The victorious Blue Eagles were caught up in the media frenzy that followed. “*Sobrang* enjoy *kami noon*,” smiles JC at the memory of the team making cameo appearances in sitcoms, game shows, variety shows, and talk shows. “*Nanalo ako nung* high school (with Letran) *tapos* first year *ko pa lang sa* Ateneo, *nag-champion agad*.”

The Intal brothers PJ, JC, and Mark grew up playing the game of basketball in their home near

Fairview. There was no hint of greatness during their early years. It was a simple burning desire and a love of the game. While Mark went to Ateneo, PJ and JC went to Claret. Their parents were supportive of their sons’ budding basketball careers.

It was during his second year in high school that JC’s parents decided to move him to a more “basketball school,” to give him a shot at advancing his career. JC wanted to follow PJ to San Beda, but on the day he went to try out for the perennial high school power, the gym was closed and no try-outs were being held. The only school that still had on-going try-outs was Letran. Squires coach Jing Ruiz was immediately impressed with the lanky baller. He had hops. Mad hops and the wingspan to collar rebounds and block shots. JC was asked to suit up right away for the Muralla-based squad’s campaign in the high school division of the Fr. Martin Cup but he couldn’t play for the jayvee squad just yet as he had to complete his residency.

The following year, together with center Jay-R Reyes, the

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NONO FELIPE

Squires won the NCAA Juniors' championship where they knocked off the highly-favored San Beda Red Cubs in a three-game series (that JC won for Letran in overtime). The Red Cubs featured Claiford Arao, Mike Baldos, Yuri Escueta, and Jay Agbayani, whom he never dreamed would be his future teammates at Ateneo.

The wild blue yonder

After winning his Juniors NCAA crown, it was time to look for a college that could prepare him for a pro career that was suddenly a possibility. La Salle was his strongest suitor and he actually came close to calling Taft home. As fate would have it, a full court press by then-new Ateneo mentor Joel Banal and the team's former chaplain Fr. Carmelo Caluag convinced Intal to go to Ateneo. *"Na-impress ako na hindi lang basketball yung pinag-usapan namin. Gusto nila yung well-rounded development ko as a person hindi lang as a player. Pagkatapos nun, nag-decide ako na sa Ateneo na ako,"* recalls JC.

Intal and Estoesta would matriculate in Ateneo while Reyes would move to neighboring UP Diliman. But it was Intal who would immediately make the first team. *"Nung naka-enroll na ako, doon lang sinabi sa akin na I had to try out for the first team,"* says Intal who initially felt bad because he thought his recruitment guaranteed a slot in the line-up. *"But challenge sa akin yun to make the team."* He

did make it along with another pair of talented rookies, Macky Escalona and Doug Kramer, with whom he would go on to form a lasting bond.

With the graduation of Villanueva, Tadeo, Jec Chia, Epok Quimpo, Dominic Banal, and Andrew Cruz from the championship team, the newbies were expected to contribute mightily in their sophomore year. Intal had to elevate his game. He immediately became a crowd favorite because of his daring sorties towards the basket. *"Part of my mission then,"* says Banal, *"was to refine JC's game. If he could control his game, make good decisions especially with his passing and defense, he'd become a great player."*

That year, the Blue Eagles seemed locked to win their second UAAP back-to-back title, but a rough and tumble Final Four series with La Salle expended much of the team's energy that they eventually fell to FEU in the championship. From then on, it seemed downhill for the team and JC. He would be benched in his first PBL outing while playing for Addict Mobile for a star-studded team that couldn't get its vaunted offense going. And his Blue Eagles would fall to arch-rival La Salle in the semis in the next two seasons.

Earthfall and the stratosphere

In his fifth and last UAAP year, the Blue Eagles were without LA

Tenorio, the team's virtual go-to player. There may have been doubters but to coach Norman Black and the 2006–2007 team, they were ready to step up.

And step up they did, anchoring a balanced Blue Eagle line-up devoid of star players. After Doug Kramer carried the team in the first three games, JC's game took off as he displayed a more rounded game. The dunks were still a part of his repertoire, but what was even more noticeable was his creativity and court vision that allowed teammates to get into the game. He was no longer just another flashy player.

Coach Norman Black is clearly proud of the rapid development of JC's game: *"The team was without superstars and they understood that they needed to really play a total team game if they wanted to win a championship. Everyone played his role quite well, but a crucial element was JC's leadership and passing skills."*

This time around, the Rocket, as he is dubbed by sportscasters, was a better finisher on the break and provided the team with a go-to player during crunchtime.

Today, JC is enjoying his new career in the PBL even if his teammates in Harbour Centre comprise some former foes. After that, he hopes to take his high-wire act to the PBA.

He isn't of my generation's Blue Eagles. But I'd cheer him on anyway. RICK OLIVARES

Only in the Ateneo

The Ateneo Sports Shooters

In any given UAAP season, the venue may be packed with fans, media people, and photographers. But few universities in the Philippines can boast of a group of photographers who are all Ateneans, all passionate about their art and sports, and all dedicated to documenting Ateneo sports history for today and for posterity: The Ateneo Sports Shooters.

The Ateneo Sports Shooters is a private organization composed of Ateneo alumni, students, and faculty who love to shoot sports, especially UAAP competitions. What further sets them apart from other photographers is that they shoot Ateneo athletes and games for the love of it.

Fans of the Ateneo flock to their website, www.fabilioh.com, every UAAP season to check out the games' highlights. "Even our opponents look at our pictures," says Nono Felipe, one of the Sports Shooters' founders.

Read on to get to know the persons behind the photos.



In 2005, he quit the corporate life to become a full-time professional photographer.

"I make it a point to give my best when I shoot. It's a nice feeling to be (part of) a milestone in people's lives, says Philip.

Nono Felipe

BS Com Tech 2001

The manager of www.fabilioh.com and one of the founders of the group, Nono laughs when he recalls his first UAAP coverage in 2002 using a G3 Powershot and his dad's Pentax manual focus SLR, with disastrous results. Early on, he realized that "*wala akong gustong i-shoot kundi player na naka-blue and white.*"

Philip Sison

GS 1980, HS 1985, AB IS 1989

One of the founders of the group, Philip got his first SLR camera in Grade 6. In high school, he became the campus photographer and his interest in the hobby continued into college. When he got married and had children, he was consuming five to six rolls of film a week, prodding him to buy a digital camera.

Nono says he gets a high "every-time the players and Blue Babble say thank you, win or lose" and when he realizes that "40 percent of (their) Website visitors come from outside the Philippines."

Janina Dizon

AB Comm 1999

Although a newbie in the Ateneo

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Sports Shooters, Janina, the only girl in the group, has been into photography since 2004. Her favorite subject to shoot during the 69th season of the UAAP was Blue Eagle Macky Escalona because “he’s animated on court” and has “an awkward form (that nonetheless) makes for good photos.” Openly praised by her peers for being the most improved photographer among them, along with Alyson Yap, Janina also likes taking photos of kids, Blue Eagle Zion Latterre, players on the bench, and players’ on-court habits during games. She considers Doug Kramer’s shots as her best in the past season.

Alyson Yap

BS ME 2002 MBA 2006

A faculty member at the John Gokongwei School of Management, Aly likes shooting the kids in the audience during games but lately, he says, “*maganda pala mag-shoot sa patron.*”

“*Wala nang kailangang adjust-tsa hindi mo na kailangang mag-adjust ng lens. Medyo na perfect ko na yung slam dunk ni JC (Intal)*” he adds.

His favorite photo subject is Chris Tiu who, according to him, packed a lot of surprises this season like driving the ball and making a drop pass to Doug (Kramer). Interestingly, Aly chose to pray and not to shoot Kramer’s (last second) shot “*para pumasok,*” which apparently worked.

Nolan Empalmado

GS 1988 HS 1992 BS ME 1996

When his son was about to be born, Nolan arranged to be present in the delivery room, “not wanting to miss anything,” and that’s when his interest in photography started. Later he got a few opportunities to shoot sports like boxing and got hooked.

“*Sa basketball, I like rebounds kasi nakikita mo yung strained muscles (ng players) and when they’re ready to jump,*” he adds. Thus, his favorite subject in the last basketball season was Doug Kramer.

“Other things I shoot are my kids. I just really enjoy shooting my kids because they’re a lot more difficult to shoot than basketball players,” he muses.

Aaron Vicencio

HS 2001 AB Psych 2005

Aaron first used an SLR camera when he was five and has a photo to prove it. He started shooting professionally when he was in third year college for ABS-CBN. By the time he graduated, he was shooting for *Mabuhay Magazine*. He is in his element when shooting travel, food, and sports subjects. Because of his background in psychology, a lot of human interest goes into his shots.

“Basically, my shooting style is to get inside the head of an athlete. So *kung nararamdaman niya yung pagod, dapat nararamdaman din ng tumitingin yung pagod sa photo card,*” he says.

Erwin Cabbab

GS 1988 HS 1992 BS Psych 1997

Erwin, a member of the Blue Babble Battalion in college, started in photography in 2001 using a point-and-shoot camera. He got his first SLR camera in 2005, thanks to his barkada since grade school, Miguel de Leon. He first covered the games of the Lady Eagles for www.fabilioh.com and has since expanded his horizons to include men’s basketball, baseball, and football.

Determined to hone his skills, he took a leave from work to shoot the Lady Eagles in action in 2005. The leave paid off as the Lady Eagles clinched the first ever women’s championship title for Ateneo, with Erwin capturing every historic moment.

Miguel de Leon

AB Dev’t Studies 1996

Miguel started taking photos when he was on the rowing team in college. He used his dad’s old SLR camera some time after graduating in 1996 then switched to digital in 2003. Less than a year later, he made the leap to dSLR and did wedding photos for friends. Inspired by the works of Aaron, Philip, and Nono in www.fabilioh.com and wanting to try out new projects, he immediately answered the group’s call for photographers and “never looked back.” He is especially proud of covering the historic Lady Eagles championship in 2005 and the

first-ever three-peat of the Ateneo Men's Football Team in 2006.

Scott Kho

AB Comm 2008

Scott got into photography when he was in high school and learned the basics of the craft by experimenting. He does travel photography and gets inspiration from photos in coffee table books. He joined the Ateneo Sports Shooters after receiving an emailed invitation from Nono. He is proud of being the only Sports Shooter who got a shot of the winning goal in a football game last year. He believes that

the best thing about being a sports shooter is that one "grows as a photographer, the people are fun to be with, and the teamwork keeps the group strong."

TJ Parpan

GS 1985 HS 1989

Being in advertising and already working with professional photographers, "photography seemed like an ideal progression" for TJ. One of his best shots in the last UAAP season, he says, was of Macky Escalona.

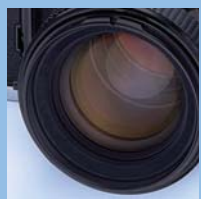
"It surprised me since I was using a right-angle viewfinder for a

lower angle. It had a 2x magnification so when he did that move I caught, I thought he'd crash into me!" He also likes how he captured "the Lady Eagles in a triumphant moment framed by the school seal." To TJ, the hardest thing about being a sports shooter is post-processing the shots right after the game for posting on the Web site.

Other Sports Shooters not present during the interview were Al Neri (GS 1984, HS 1988, AB CA 1992), Raph Las Marias (GS 1991 HS 1995 BS MIS 2000), and Hub Pacheco.

The Ateneo Sports Shooters. Standing from left to right: Alison Yap, Scott Kho, Nolan Empalmado, Miguel de Leon, Janina Dizon, Erwin Cabbab, Aaron Vicencio, Philip Sison; seated: TJ Parpan, Nono Felipe





A BALCONY, A TOMB, A LETTER

The gifts of the first Jesuits and formation at the Ateneo

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A balcony in Rome. An empty tomb on an island off the coast of China. A letter written more than four hundred years ago. These three things symbolize, for me, the gifts of the first three Jesuit companions whose jubilee we celebrate this year. They are the gifts the Ateneo de Manila hopes to share with all who become part of her life: students, faculty, and staff.

Attached to the magnificent Church of the Gesù in Rome are a few rooms visited with much veneration by all who belong to the Ignatian family. These were the rooms where St. Ignatius of Loyola lived, worked and prayed, in the more than a decade he served as General of the fledgling Society of Jesus. Today, one finds there a little museum with Ignatian memorabilia (and where, looking at his clothes, I realized, with much grati-

fication, that Ignatius was rather short!). There is also a simple but elegant chapel where one can celebrate the Eucharist in the very place where Ignatius did. But, for me, most meaningful is a tiny balcony opening out of the chapel. Today, in congested Rome, all you see from it are other buildings. But in Ignatius' day, when he stepped out onto this balcony, as he often did in the evenings after a day filled with cares and work, he would see the expanse of the night sky.

Here Ignatius would look at the stars. On this balcony, he would gaze long and lovingly at the lights in night sky, then sink to his knees, and bow his head in humble, grateful, awed prayer. This balcony is, for me, an image of Ignatius' gift of Vision. Ignatius had the gift of "finding God in all things." In the stars, Ignatius met and "felt" God. The broad, star-studded night sky

led him to encounter the immensity of God's power, the unrestricted embrace of God's plan for the world, yet also the intimacy and intensity of God's love for him. Contemplating that limitless canvas of sky surely inspired in Ignatius that breadth of imagination that was never satisfied with the mediocre, with mere "maintenance," but always sought out the Magis, the "more," what was for the greater glory of God.

Off the southern coast of China, there is a small island called Shangchuan. Four hundred years ago, it was a quiet fishing village. Today, it is still little more than that, a striking contrast to the booming cities that are sprouting up so quickly in today's hectic, development-driven China. A few kilometers out of the modest commercial center, on a hillside fronting the sea is a rundown chapel with an empty

tomb. Here, we believe, was the place, where Francis Xavier, at the age of 46, died and was laid to rest for a few years, before parts of his body made their way all around the world again.

When I visited that tomb last July with the other Provincials of East Asia, we found ourselves spontaneously drawn to silent and prolonged prayer. I was moved at the pathos of Xavier's last moments. Here he died alone, half a world away from home, without his friends in Europe even knowing that he was in extremis. Here he died, after years of pioneering work of bringing the Good News to Asia: after baptizing till his arms ached with weariness in India; after traveling through the steaming jungles of Malacca; after enduring humiliation because of his appearance, his wretched Japanese, and his strange doctrine in Japan. And he died here, on this lonely island, precisely because, in order to win the peoples of Asia for Christ, he was convinced he had to do the impossible: enter the great and mysterious Empire of China and preach the Gospel there. He died with an unfulfilled dream, a longing unrequited.

That tomb is the image for me of Xavier's gift: his burning and intense Passion. Only that passion—for Christ, for the peoples of Asia, for service—could explain why Francis Xavier, scion of a noble family who grew up in a castle in Navarre, died alone and with arms outstretched toward China on desolate Shangchuan. Only that passion makes sense of Xavier's constant, almost driven pushing beyond familiar boundaries into

new territories. It was that passion that enabled him to endure physical hardships, cultural disorientation, piercing loneliness, frustrations and persecutions—and not give up.

In 1546, a forty year old Jesuit from Savoy named Peter Faber was finishing up seven years of almost unceasing travel throughout a Europe torn by fierce religious conflicts between Catholics and the emergent Protestants. Faber had been called to be present at the Council of Trent which was the Church's corporate response to the challenge of the Protestant Reformation. Broken in health from his thousands of miles of missionary journeys throughout Europe, at a time of grueling conditions of travel, in the end, Faber was unable to go. Instead, from Madrid, he wrote a brief letter to a Jesuit already in Trent, giving him helpful tips from his own experience, on how to deal with the Protestants. Faber died a few months after that in Rome, with his dear friend Ignatius close by.

When I read that letter this year, I was amazed. In an era of violence, denunciation and persecution in the name of "the true religion," Faber counseled respect and hospitality: Seek to love those with different beliefs, he said, remove anything that would lessen your esteem for them, and seek to win their love and confidence. In a time when the mode of discourse between Catholics and Protestants was no-quarter-asked-or-given debate, in which the sole goal was to prove the error and bad faith of the other, Faber suggested dialogue: avoid topics of

controversy, seek instead to build understanding based on things, specially spiritual longings and holy desires, held in common. That letter captures for me the special gift of Peter Faber: his *cura personalis*, his Caring Spirit. He, the "quiet companion," had a gift for friendship, for listening and accompaniment, for building up broken community in a time of deep divisions and mutual distrust.

I find it striking that this Jesuit Jubilee Year, we not only recall that the Society of Jesus began in the friendship of these three gifted individuals, but that their friendship began in a university. They started out as roommates in the greatest university of Christendom of their time, the University of Paris, the university that counted among its eminent professors in previous centuries such intellectual luminaries as Albert the Great, Bonaventure, and Thomas Aquinas. Xavier and Faber, who were already sharing lodgings, did not realize that when they welcomed the older Ignatius, their lives would be changed. Ignatius helped his new friends discover their truest and best selves, in their relationship with Christ. In this history of the first three companions, we see precisely what can happen in a university. Not only is the intellect trained, but, through friendships, hearts can be transformed, dreams reshaped, lives reoriented, and in the process, the world changed.

If this happened in the University of Paris four hundred years ago, then this happens too in the Ateneo de Manila—and not by

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 accident, but by design and plan. I know that I speak for many others when I say that my education in the Ateneo de Manila changed my life. I did not just get professional training in my four years of college in the late '70s. Somehow it all came together: the core curriculum, specially philosophy and theology; social awareness, analysis and service programs in student organizations (for me, ACIL and AtSCA); formation for leadership in the *Sanggunian*; and programs of prayer and spiritual formation, that brought me to know Christ, to enter into living friendship with him, to hear his call to make his love and his mission the foundations of my life. And I am convinced that all these programs only bore fruit for me because of outstanding and deeply caring mentors and wisdom figures in the Ateneo: our dean then, Fr. Ben Nebres; professors like Fr. Roque Ferriols, Fr. Joe Galdon, Dr. Ramon Reyes, Dr. Doreen Fernandez, Dr. Edna Manlapaz, to name but a few; moderators of our student organizations, like Fr. Francis Reilly, Mr. Eddie-boy Calasanz, Mr. Johnny Kanapi, Dr. Tina Montiel. I am equally convinced that my Ateneo experience transformed me because of the influence and support of peers, classmates, and friends, many of whom, twenty six years after graduation, remain not only friends, but people with whom I share a vision of faith and hope and a passion for service

and social change, and whose friendship and witness encourage and inspire me in the face of all that discourages, to hold on to the ideal of living as a person for others.

So much has changed since my time in the Ateneo. New challenges, both external and internal, have arisen. Our young people grow up in a globalized world with a dizzying pluralism of choices of lifestyles and values.

The ideologies of the '70s have collapsed, a deep disillusionment with political institutions and players has set in, and there is a search for convincing and effective frameworks of social change. Our students must be prepared for a more international sphere of action and decision making. The dramatic and necessary expansion of the Ateneo in terms of number of students and faculty has radically changed the context of formation, and calls for a deep rethinking of formation strategies and methods. Moreover, we see more clearly that to be a "man or woman for others" does not limit one to what we called "alternative careers" like NGO work, education or religious life, important as these are. Rather, it means becoming a "professional for others," one who orients his or her profession, whether it be business, or science, or art, towards nation building.

In the past few years, I have had the opportunity of participating in efforts at rethinking the social and spiritual formation programs of

the Ateneo, in the face of a new world inside and outside the Ateneo. And while there remains much to be done, I am encouraged by two things. First, I find there remains a strong commitment in the Ateneo community to find ways precisely to ensure that Ateneo education is truly spiritually and socially transformative of its students. Secondly, encountering students in different organizations and activities of the University, from leadership seminars to Task Force Noah to Gawad Kalinga, I see happening to so many young people what Ateneo did for my batchmates and me. I see people changed deeply because of their Ateneo education. I witness, to my delight, Ignatius' vision of faith and the magis, and Xavier's passion for service to those in greatest need being formed in our young people, all in the context and through the practice of Faber's *cura personalis*, the personal care and friendship that are part of life in the Ateneo.

Just as Ignatius did for Xavier and Faber, Ateneo continues to call out the best and truest selves of our students. That the Ateneo can touch more effectively, not just the minds, but the hearts and spirits of its students, in this new world of the early twenty first century, remains our challenge. That the vision, passion and caring spirit of Ignatius, Xavier and Faber, be formed in Ateneans, for the greater glory of God and for the sake of building up our nation, remains our dream.

Fr. Joaquin Bernas, SJ: 'Easy to write a constitution, difficult to make it work.'

"It is easy to write a constitution, it is more difficult to make a constitution work," Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas SJ, dean emeritus of the Ateneo Law School and respected constitutional lawyer, asserted in his lecture, "The Charter Change Challenge: Process and Substance." This 5th Jaime V. Ongpin Annual Memorial Lecture on Public Service in Business and Government was held on Oct. 27, 2006 at the Veritas Room, Ateneo Professional Schools, Rockwell campus.

Ateneo School of Government dean, Dr. Antonio G.M. La Viña, in his opening remarks, described the day's talk as "timely" and of "utmost importance" because constitutions enable societies to make

important decisions. He cited Father Bernas as a "patriot who loves our country with unselfish passion." He also took the opportunity to commemorate the legacy of the late business leader and Finance Secretary Jaime V. Ongpin.

Father Bernas, in his lecture, highlighted two major factors hindering the passage and approval of constitutional change. These are the challenge of interpreting the constitutional provision on charter change and the challenge of substantive constitutional reform. He explained that the challenge of interpretation prevents movement towards substantive reform, which is more important.

The challenge of interpretation,

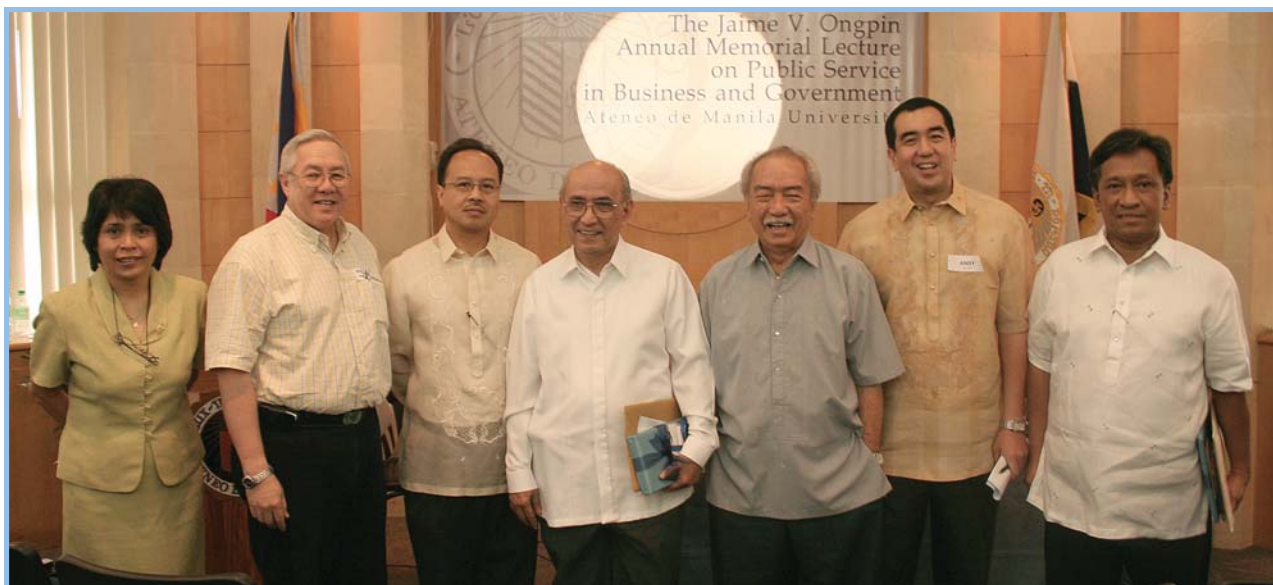
however, was resolved two days before the lecture by Supreme Court (SC) through *Lambino v. Comelec*. According to Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, the Lambino group, collectively known as *Sigaw*, "mis-erably failed to comply with the basic requirements of the Constitution for conducting a people's initiative."

The SC said that the proposal did not qualify as a petition by the people since the people did not author and sign the entire proposal, and the proposal was not presented to the people in full.

The SC also distinguished between a revision and an amendment. According to the SC, the ini-

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Fr. Joaquin Bernas, SJ (CENTER), with forum participants (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT), Fina de la Cuesta Tantuico, Mar Mangahas, Raul Pangalangan, a member of the audience, Dean Jose Andres Bautista, and Jonathan de la Cruz



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 initiative is only applicable in amendments to the Constitution and not to revisions. The proposal was deemed a revision because it contained a change from the bicameral-presidential to a unicameral-parliamentary system, involving the abolition of the Office of the President and the abolition of one chamber of Congress.

This led Father Bernas to conclude that the Lambino group “used the provision of the Constitution on initiative and referendum as well as R.A. 6735, not only incorrectly, but also, sloppily.” “I would even dare say, in a deceptive manner,” he added.

As for the substance of the changes being proposed, Father Bernas observed that the proposal submitted was “mangled” and “brief but rich in duplicity.” What was submitted by the Lambino group was an incomplete document that was presented in a cut-and-paste manner.

“I suspect that the authors of the proposal were aware that initiative and referendum as a mode of changing the Constitution is allowed to handle only amendments and not revision; but I believe they were also aware that what they were proposing was not a simple amendment but a revision. Hence, they had to look for a way of packaging their proposal in a manner that they hoped could disguise the revision being proposed as a mere amendment. They did this by attempting to give the impression that all they



Fr. Bernas with Maria Isabel Ongpin

wanted was to change Article VI, the article on the Legislature, and article VII, the article on Executive Department. No other article is mentioned except Transitory Provisions,” he said.

But despite the debate on what form of government is best suited to our country, Father Bernas stressed that “for our society, success or failure depends not so much on the system as on the people running the system. It is easy to write a constitution; it is more difficult to make a constitution work.”

He also said that the success of a government depends on the people running the system. “If selfish interests prevail now, there is no reason for thinking that it will not prevail in a parliamentary system for as long as our political parties remain the way they are.” He also reminded all that “the purpose of a constitution is not primarily to promote efficiency but especially to

prevent tyranny in its various forms.”

A panel of reactors composed of University of the Philippines professor Raul C. Pangalangan, columnist and radio host Jonathan de la Cruz, and Far Eastern University Institute of Law Dean Andres D. Bautista gave their opinions and observations after Father Bernas’s lecture.

Professor Pangalangan agreed with the political concerns addressed by Father Bernas. However, what concerned him more was the question: How far is the issue purely a lawyer’s game? He believes that in the midst of the “constant back and forth between law and politics,” there is much more at stake.

De la Cruz, meanwhile, viewed the decision of the SC on the procedures on proposing amendments too “rigid.” He also said he is sorry that the Lambino group went through a “strikingly contemptu-

ous" process.

Dean Bautista said that *Sigaw* "had it coming" in regard to their proposal's failure because of their "haste in the process." He agreed with Father Bernas that the quality and quantity of the proposal was highly suspect and that the people who signed it poorly understood its context and meaning. He also commented that the makers of the 1987 Constitution did not foresee rapid technological change, which made some of its rules unworkable and obsolete. However, governance by the right people as well as the right government that is culturally attuned is still more important.

A lively open forum moderated by lawyer Fina de la Cuesta-Tantuico followed. The event ended with Ongpin's widow Maria Isabel urging those present to "engage in national life" and to "take on the task of nation-building" the way her husband did.

The JVO Annual Memorial Lecture on Public Service in Business and Government was established to raise awareness in the business sector about national development issues. This awareness aims to translate to nation-building. Moreover, it aims to continue Jaime V. Ongpin's spirit of total service to people and country. The lecture is a program of the JVO Endowed Fund and the Ateneo de Manila University. Past JVO lecturers were Dr. Randolph S. David, Justice Florentino P. Feliciano, Fr. Roberto C. Yap, SJ, and Sen. Manuel Roxas III.

Former Alumni Affairs and Athletics Director Fr. Cipriano F. Unson, SJ, 81

Fr. Cipriano F. Unson, SJ, former director of Alumni Affairs and Athletics and member of the Ateneo Sports Hall of Fame, passed away on Jan. 8, 2006 at the age of 81.

Father Unson entered the Society of Jesus at Sacred Heart Novitiate on May 30, 1943. He did his regency in Ateneo de Cagayan High School (now Xavier University). He studied theology at Woodstock College and was ordained at Fordham University on June 16, 1956 by Cardinal Spellman. From 1961 to 1964, he was at Xavier University; first in the high school and then in the college. He was Dean of Discipline, Prefect of Boarders, Professor of Theology and Religion. He was also the coach of the basketball teams for both high school and college. In the latter half of the 1960s, he was with the retreat apostolate in the Angono Retreat House and La Ignaciana Apostolic Center.

From 1970 to 1978, he was director of Alumni Affairs and in-charge of University Athletics at the Ateneo de Manila University.

He was rector of Ateneo de Davao Jesuit community from 1981 to 1986, rector of the Xavier University Jesuit community and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1987 to 1994. From 1994 to 1998, he was Assistant to the Xavier University President for Formation. From

1998 to 2006, he was director of Campus Ministry at Sacred Heart School-Jesuit in Cebu City.

At the Ateneo de Manila University, Father Unson is best remembered for his role as director of Alumni Affairs and Athletics. His constant support of sports at the Ateneo has made him a much-loved mentor and friend. On Nov. 30, 1994, he was elected to the Ateneo Sports Hall of Fame as awardee for athletic moderator and coach.

On July 15, 2006, the Ateneo de Manila University community had the opportunity to celebrate his golden jubilee in the Jesuit priesthood with a Mass at the Gesù and dinner at the Moro Lorenzo Sports Center, Michael L. Escaler Wing.





light in the lord

School of Government to set up GK Institute Ateneo joins 2nd Gawad Kalinga Bayani Summit

The 1000-seat Meralco Theater was filled to the rafters on Jan. 12, 2006, the second Gawad Kalinga Bayani Summit organized to honor the growing number of partners, volunteers, workers, benefactors, beneficiaries, and other “heroes” of Gawad Kalinga, the award-winning integrated rehabilitation program for poor and displaced communities.

This year, the gathering included Philippine Military Academy cadets, *balikbayans*, mayors from the Bikol region and Marinduque, a congressman, a governor, retired CEOs of multinational companies, students from a private girls’ high school, a painter, and show business personalities. The “veterans” in the movement, including representatives of partner universities (including Ateneo), corporations and NGOs; the religious; youth groups; and GK workers and beneficiaries were also present. Philippine Vice President Noli De Castro delivered a message of support toward the end of the program.

12 highlights of 2006

The summit started with an audiovisual presentation of the 12 highlights of 2006 using images that brought back memories of despair

and devastation wrought by natural calamities but also an awe-inspiring sense of hope and triumph made possible by GK. Among the GK highlights were the 1MB or *Isang Milyong Bayani* Challenge launched in February, the Kapitbahayan Congress in May, the GK Global Congress in June, and the Health Care Volunteers Congress in September. Also shown were the GK Heroes Run in Long Beach, California, and other GK efforts in Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, and Indonesia.

A high point of the summit was the preview of “*Paraiso: Tatlong Kurwento ng Pag-Asa*,” a movie trilogy that tells the story of Gawad

Kalinga. The project, which Meloto called “the most beautiful Filipino movie I have ever seen in my life,” will have a world premiere on March 14, 2007.

Setting the standard

The penultimate part of the program was a message from Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, president of Ateneo de Manila University. Ateneo was recognized for “setting the standard” for GK engagement by a school. It was the first to build not just GK homes, but a GK Village, and to have members of its community continually and pro-

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Ateneo employees give to Annual Fund

A major milestone for the Ateneo Annual Fund (AAF) happened this October 2006, when the first 14 Ateneo faculty and staff signed up to help the AAF through small, regular salary deductions.

Fourteen may seem like a small start but it quickly has grown to almost 40. Their regular gifts are already helping students stay in the Ateneo. As we all know, the unstable Philippine economy has affected everyone, including the families of Ateneo students.

Many families in the college, high school, and grade school have been hit by the failure of the pre-need firms. Even worse, a growing number of parents have lost their jobs, businesses, homes—and their hope. In the end, they are forced to decide to give up and leave. Every student we lose is a potential leader lost!

In response to this emergent dilemma, the Ateneo Annual Fund was created. Our goal is to reach out to as many Ateneans as possible to ask for regular help, either large or small. Overall we need to raise Php10 million from at least 2,000 caring Ateneans.

So far, we have raised Php 3.4 million from 534 donors. We have already allocated Php2 million in immediate help for parents and students so they can stay in school.

There are over 2,000 faculty and staff in the Ateneo. If just 200 faculty and staff across all units would decide to share their blessings and give an average of Php50 per payday for 24 paydays, we would have Php240,000 to help keep ten students in school through short-term



AAF student volunteers celebrate Christmas knowing they were able to help fellow Ateneans

tuition assistance loans.

Goals of the Annual Fund

You can direct your gift to any or all of the Annual Fund's three main goals:

1) Short-term tuition assistance

This is short-term help for parents and students from all the schools (Grade School, High School, Loyola Schools, and Professional Schools) who are forced to consider dropping out of Ateneo because of serious financial difficulties. The Annual Fund comes in when no other help is left, i.e. when all the scholarships have been exhausted or when arrears cannot be handled by promissory notes. To avoid dole outs and maintain sustainability, we have developed a zero interest student loan program.

2) Support for orphan varsity sports teams

We used to have just a few sports teams. Now, we have almost 40 and the University Athletics budget simply cannot handle the costs. Most teams have no big backers so

they must turn to the parents who are forced to pay the extra costs. Yet, research has found that sports do play a major role in character development and in developing resilience in coping with academic and post graduation challenges.

3) Subsidy for college retreats and recollections

The good news is that AF donors gave almost Php 300,000 specifically to help more 150 graduating college students attend extended Ignatian retreats this March. These are students who otherwise could not afford to attend. Although all college students have at least a one-day recollection, only a small number can afford to have longer retreats. Yet, extended retreats are major factors in helping those about to graduate to discern God's purpose for their lives.

For more information on how you and your students, friends, batchmates, and fellow alumni can help, please visit www.ateneo.edu/giving.

No one left behind! GINNY MATA

light in the lord

Child's poem captures gratitude of ACED beneficiaries

A smile and “thank you” would have been enough, but Jessica Jenna P. Valdez, a grade six pupil from Culiati Elementary School, one of the beneficiary institutions of the Ateneo Center for Educational Development’s (ACED) Christmas gift giving program, chose to express the fullness of her heart in verse.

Jessica was among the 700 indigent public elementary school pupils who each received from the Ateneo community and private partners gift packs containing two cans of sardines, one can of meatloaf, three packs of instant noodles, one

pair of rubber slippers, one toy, and two kilos of rice—a wish come true to many of them. The other beneficiary schools were Bagong Silangan Elementary School, Lupang Pangako Elementary School, and Payatas B Annex Elementary School.

ACED proudly shares this heart-warming poem as a tribute to the corporate sponsors, Ateneo employees, students, alumni, and other community members who shared their concern, time, and blessings to indigent public school pupils whose Christmas wishes were granted by this project. JOEL

MARK B. BARREDO

Thanks for the Gift

To our brother and sister Ateneans
Our heartfelt gratitude for your concern
In sharing us the blessing that
We have been wishing
The token you had given us
Had been a great help this Christmas
To our school and families
All cheers and joy this season brings
You all taught us what Christmas means—
It's giving gifts and sharing the blessings,
Seeing people with smiles on their faces
And go through what the New Year brings



Ateneo joins

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gressively engaged in the integrated rehabilitation efforts in GK communities—from shelter, to child care and education, to livelihood, to health, to psycho-social management, to spiritual direction.

Father Nebres told the gathering about the relief operations carried out by the Ateneo community in the Bikol area since December 2006. The university also organized a dialogue with the mayors and

other local government officials from the Bikol region and Marinduque province earlier that day at the Rockwell amphitheater of the Ateneo Professional Schools. Present at the dialogue were 19 mayors, LGU representatives, Marinduque Rep. Edmundo Reyes Jr., Bureau of Local Government Finance Director Norberto Malvar, and representatives of PLDT/Smart and Gawad Kalinga.

He said that the university is getting the inputs of the LGUs since it plans to set up the Gawad Kalinga Institute under the Ateneo School of Government. The GK Institute will formulate “a template for governance of GK” especially in the wake of recurrent natural and man-made disasters. Father Nebres added that there is a need to push for a calamity fund for schools in Congress, which is being fast-tracked with the help of the ASG and the Ateneo Law School. He quoted Education Secretary Jesli Lapus as saying that the damage to schools caused by Typhoon Reming is estimated at Php 3 billion. However, the government has only appropriated Php 400 million for the repair of classrooms because calamity funds do not cover schools.



three cheers



National hero's martyrdom commemorated University President honored on Rizal Day

On Dec. 30, 2006, various government offices and civic-oriented groups all over the country commemorated the 110th death anniversary of our national hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal. Among them is the Order of the Knights of Rizal, a private nonstock organization that today enlists the country's most eminent statesmen and leaders as members.

On Dec. 30, members of the KOR started the day with the traditional walk at 5:45 a.m. to retrace the last footsteps of Dr. Rizal from Fort Santiago, where he spent his last hours, to Luneta where he was executed by firing squad. This was followed by a reenactment of the execution of Rizal and flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies at the Rizal monument.

After the wreath-laying, the KOR group gathered at their international headquarters in Intramuros for their traditional fraternal breakfast. There, KOR Supreme Commander Hilario C. Davide Jr., former Supreme Court chief justice, called on the Filipino people to emulate the life and teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal and show to the world that a Filipino can be a great achiever in all hu-

man endeavors.

A highlight of the occasion was the ceremony for the conferment of the Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, the highest title bestowed upon a member. This year's recipient was Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, president of the Ateneo de Manila. Father Nebres, the 41st KGCR recipient in the organization's history, was given a sword, a citation, and a medallion. In his address, Father Nebres focused on the work that Rizal did during his four years in Dapitan, beginning on July 16, 1892 until July 31, 1896.

In those years, Rizal channeled his efforts to health, education, business, and livelihood interventions. Rizal understood that it is only when the majority of the people have decent homes, safe drinking water and basic health services, access to good elementary and high school education and thus the opportunity to build modest livelihoods for themselves and their families that they will have the foundations for peace, solidarity, and prosperity, Father Nebres said.

Today, following the example of Rizal, the Ateneo community contributes to nation building by par-

ticipating in Gawad Kalinga-Ateneo, Pathways to Higher Education, Ateneo Center for Educational Development, Leaders for Health, and other homegrown programs aimed at giving concrete and organized assistance to the poor and marginalized.

Father Nebres ended with an exhortation, "Today, there is so much talk and so little done. I invite us then to look to Dr. Rizal's years in Dapitan and work in practical ways to build a better life for our people." *VINA RELUCIO*



MICHELLE CORREA

Rizal Library is Outstanding Academic Library of the Year

The Rizal Library of the Ateneo de Manila University is the recipient of the Outstanding Academic Library of the Year 2006 award given by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL).

The Rizal Library, under the administration of its director, Lourdes T. David, was chosen for its outstanding leadership in national and regional library development in the areas of information management, education, and training, and for its commitment to information networking and linkages.

This is the second award that the Rizal Library has obtained from PAARL, an association which represents the librarians in institutions supporting scholarly research or formal education in the collegiate level. The first was in 2004, when it was recognized for its innovative and sustainable micrographics program and given the Outstanding Library Program of the Year Award.

As a recipient of this award, the Rizal Library received a plaque of recognition and cash gift at the PAARL annual general assembly

and induction ceremonies held at Centro Escolar University, Mendiola, Manila on Jan. 26, 2007.

The Rizal Library, with its continuing digitization projects and outstanding collections, and facilities placed in a service-oriented context, is considered to be at par with the libraries of the region and, hopefully, with those of advanced countries.

To be able to determine its present status and move towards achieving its goal, the Rizal Library has embarked on a benchmarking project. It is hoped that through benchmarking, the library will be able to provide better service and be more responsive to the needs of its primary clientele, the Loyola Schools community. This award has inspired the Rizal Library to pursue its vision to grow from good to great. LLEUVELYN CACHA

Congratulations to the newly-elected directors of the Ateneo Alumni Association

- Group 5 (1957–1966): Jesus “Jess” dela Fuente (GS, 1954, HS 1958, Coll 1962) - 3 year term
- Group 4 (1967–1976): Miguel Jose C. “Mike” Valencia (GS 1964, HS, 1968) - re-elected: 3 year term
- Group 3 (1977–1986): Ramon Alberto B. “Ramby” Nolido (GS 1979, HS 1983) - 3 year term
- Group 2 (1987–1996): Renato “Jon-Jon” S. Sunico (GS 1984, HS 1988, Coll 1992) - 3 year term
- Group 1 (1997–2006): Cyrus Kim Baustista (GS 1993, HS 1997, Coll 2001) - 3 year term
- Ivan Henares (GS 1993, HS 1997) - 2 year term

At the helm of the annual AAA elections were Ramon Felipe (AB 1940) and Pancho Joaquin (GS 1977, HS 1981, College 1985) who served as AAA COMELEC. The elections proceeded smoothly with 6 new directors being chosen by their peers in the groups listed above. The 6 directors shall join the incumbent directors and shall comprise the 17-person board of the Ateneo Alumni Association.

The AAA board is the leadership body that directly oversees and manages all affairs of the association. On December 6, 2006, the AAA Board shall elect among themselves a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer to serve as officers of the association for 2007.



Fr. Reuter, Ateneo alumni receive CEO Excel Awards

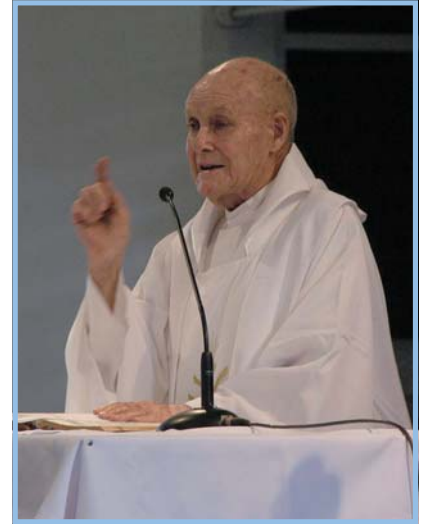
Four Ateneo alumni and a Jesuit priest received the Communication Excellence in Organizations (CEO) Excel Awards in formal ceremonies held on Nov. 8, 2006 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City.

These were Manuel V. Pangilinan (AB Eco 1966), chairman of PLDT and the Ateneo Board of Trustees; Illac Angelo Diaz (GS 1986, HS 1990) of Pier One Seafarer's Center; Aurelio R. Montinola III (GS 1964, HS 1968, BS ME 1973) of the Bank of the Philippine Islands; and Jose Mario C. Bunag (GS 1956, HS 1960, AB Hum 1964, LLB 1968) of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Fr. James Reuter, SJ, priest, playwright, media practitioner, was conferred the Lifetime Achievement in Communication Award. During his 63 years in the Philippines, Father Reuter has written, produced, and directed 45 plays for radio, television, and stage. He has also written articles, columns, and letters that have inspired a number of Filipinos across generations.

The CEO Excel Awards is a national competition for chief executives and presidents who have shown excellent communication skills which address effectively various internal and external stakeholders and issues. It is given annually by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC)

Philippines, the official chapter of the San Francisco-based IABC, one of the world's largest public relations associations.



Fr. James B. Reuter, SJ

Two University Awardees receive Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Awards

Two recipients of the traditional university awards from Ateneo de Manila in recent years earned new recognition as Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) awardees for 2006. These are Antonio P. Meloto Jr., Ateneo alumnus and recipient of the Ozanam Award in 2003, for humanitarian service, and Socorro B. Ramos, recipient of the Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, in 2006, for business.

TOFIL is given to Filipinos who have demonstrated excellence in

their field and who have taken an active part in achieving public welfare and development. The award is a joint project of the Insular Life Assurance Company, Ltd. and the Jaycee International (JCI) Senate Philippines.

Meloto founded Gawad Kalinga (GK), an organization which builds integrated, holistic, and sustainable communities in depressed areas. GK started with a community in Bagong Silang in Metro Manila. At present, GK has grown to over 850

communities in the Philippines and in four other countries.

Dr. Ramos, meanwhile, co-founded National Bookstore with her late husband Jose Ramos. From a small shop in Escolta, the store has grown into a one-stop shop selling affordable books and office and school supplies and now has over 80 branches nationwide.

The other two TOFIL awardees for 2006 are sculptor Ramon G. Orlina and Tuloy Foundation founder Fr. Marciano G. Evangelista, SDB.

Ateneo wins JCI Best Business Plan Competition

Ateneo de Manila University won the top prize in the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Best Business Plan Competition held on Nov. 12–16, 2006 at the JCI World Congress in Seoul, Korea. JCI is a worldwide federation of young leaders and entrepreneurs.

Medcorp, a team of senior management students from the John Gokongwei School of Management, bested entries coming from all over the world with its winning business plan for an absorbable hemostat called Carragel.

The team is composed of Mark King, Ma. Cecilia Mahilum, Chris

David Palarca, Dhan Morris Samson, Simon Villapando, and Faye Eloisa Zarat. The team's faculty advisers are Cynthia Henson, Anna Mendiola, and Rodolfo Ang, dean of the JGSOM.

Medcorp received a US\$ 5,000 cash prize as start-up capital for its winning entry and assistance from the world-renowned technological pole, Berytech, a Lebanon-based business consulting firm, according to the JCI Philippines Web site.

This year was particularly special for the Philippines as the country got two teams out of a possible four into the finals. Joining the win-

ning team was the Ethereal Group composed of students and faculty from the Far Eastern University. Furthermore, this is the third year in a row that an entry from the Philippines won the same tournament.

Developed by Dr. Lucille Abad of the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute, Carragel is a unique carrageenan-based hemostatic agent that can be used in medical and surgical procedures. Unlike other hemostats in the market, Carragel is inexpensive yet of high quality, guaranteed safe, and bio-soluble.

XAVY ZIALCITA AND ANNA GALVEZ

Ateneans in the Agora Awards

In November 2006, many Ateneo alumni were recognized at the 27th Agora Awards. The award is given by the Philippine Marketing Association (PMA), an organization of marketing professionals, in recognition of Filipino marketing excellence.

The following Ateneans were awarded for their proven versatility, innovativeness, and ingenuity in the field of marketing.

Outstanding Marketing Achievement in Entrepreneurship

Jonathan Jay P. Aldeguez (AB IS 1991)

Marketing Excellence

Diosdado C. Salvador Jr. (HS 1964), Bienvenido C. Niles Jr. (BS ME 1971)

Marketing Management

Juan B. Santos (HS 1956, BS

BA 1960), Santiago T. Robles (HS 1955, AB Journ 1959), Alejandro T. Castillo (AB Eco 1970), Cristino L. Panlilio (GS 1965, HS 1969, AB Eco 1973, MBA 1981), Bienvenido S. Bautista (GS 1970), Herminio G. Ordoñez (HS 1955), Manuel P. Quiogue (GS 1953, HS 1957, AB Eco 1961)

Export Marketing

Restituto R. Lerma (HS 1959), Luis P. Lorenzo Jr. (HS 1975, BS BMH 1979), Lorenzo L. Barros Jr. (AB Hum 1971, MBA 1977)

Marketing Education

Antonio V. Concepcion (MBA 1982), Jose M. Faustino (HS 1955, AA Law 1959), Luz T. Suplico (MBA 1988), Tomas B. Lopez Jr. (GS 1962, HS 1966), Catherine U. Villanueva-de Asis (MBA 1988)

Perspective from inside front cover

Gawad Kalinga, the Ateneo Center for Educational Development (ACED) making a difference in the lives of so many elementary school pupils in Payatas.

We also celebrate many triumphs and milestones: Sports Hall of Fame honorees, professors emeriti, homecomings, the new Ricardo and Dr. Rosita Leong Hall for the Social Sciences, Ateneo sports, honors and awards, and, of course, our 147th anniversary through the beautiful article of Fr. Provincial Danny Huang, S.J.

As we end another schoolyear, we have many gifts to be thankful for. The masthead of the Loyola Schools Bulletin says: "We build community. We nurture hope." I thank the Lord above all for a community that truly nurtures hope.

just launched



Magis Volume 2: Writings on Learning, Striving, and Serving

Edited by Dr. Queena N. Lee-Chua, professor of

mathematics and psychology at the Ateneo, the book is a sequel to the well-received Magis Volume 1: Writings on Faith, Joy, and Love (2004).

The authors of Magis 2 are students or young Ateneo graduates from batch 2004 or later who have proven that the ideals Ateneans aspire for can be lived everyday. Among the contributors are Joseph Patrick Echevarria, Kenneth Javate, Justin Vincent La Chica, LA Tenorio, Carolyn Tan-Chi, Alexandra Isabelle Taylor, Nicolo Paolo Ludovice, and Christian Canlas.

The 122-page book is divided into five sections: the Atenean as Learner, as Teacher, as Athlete, as Person for Others, and as Person of Faith. Out of 102 articles considered, only 25 made it to print for, in Chua's words, "striking a chord."



"Hired"

Produced by the Ateneo Placement Office (APO), Hired discusses the latest employment-related activities and industry news for the benefit of the graduating students, alumni, and community.

It also offers useful tips and information about APO's Career Planning and Development Program encompassing job placement, work exposure, summer practicum, and part-time employment. Faculty and program directors of the Ateneo may find it useful in updating current courses and programs to ensure students' viability in these fields. Hired may also be downloaded in PDF from the Ateneo Web site www.ateneo.edu



"Public Education Network"

Public Education Network (PEN) is the official monthly newsletter of the Ateneo Center for Educational Development (ACED). The October issue titled "Helping principals help their schools and communities," contains three heart-warming stories of triumph

and astounding leadership shown by public school principals. A PDF copy of PEN may be downloaded from the Ateneo Web site www.ateneo.edu



Engaging Society: The Sociologists in a War Zone

This book by Fr. John J. Carroll, SJ, was launched by the Institute on Church and Social Issues (ICSI) and the Ateneo de Manila University Press on Jan. 16, 2007, the author's 83rd birthday.



Authentic though Not Exotic

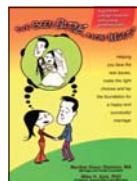
Written by Dr. Fernando Zialcita, this winner of the 2005 National Book

Award for Social Science is a collection of essays that offers another way of looking at the encounter between the Western and the indigenous. It suggests that through a dialectical process, this encounter has generated a broader sense of community that has transcended the kin. Ateneo de Manila University Press. Available at Popular Bookstore (372-2162), Solidaridad (523-0870), and branches of Fully Booked (756-5001).



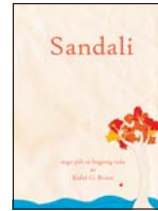
Yayee 3: Ang Bulingit nga Diyos

Fr. Arsenio "Juni" C. Jesena III, SJ has written a book in Visayan for humble people about our humble God. The title means "The Beggar-God." A most inspiring book of real, touching, healing, forgiving, inspiring, transforming, modern-day parables. Php 280. Available at Jesuit Communications (426-5971), the Jesuit Residence (426-5941) and the LS Bookstore at the MVP Center for Student Leadership (426-2915).



I've Been Dating...Now What?

Written by Maribel Sison Dionisio, family counselor, and Dr. Michael H. Asis, Ateneo Theology Department faculty, this book is "a guide for college students and young professionals" and for "helping (them) face the real issues, make the right choices, and lay the foundation for a happy and successful marriage." Anvil Publishing.



Sandali

This collection of old and new poems by Ateneo professor Rofel G. Brion is the first book to be launched at the LS Bookstore since the store's soft opening at the start of the school year.

In the Name of Civil Society: From Free Election Movements to People Power in the Philippines

Eva-Lotta E. Hedman examines Philippine politics in a highly original and provocative way. Hedman's detailed analysis shows how dominant elites in the Philippines shore up the structures of liberal democracy in order to ensure their continued hegemony over Philippine society. Published by the Ateneo Press with University of Hawaii Press.

Science Solitaire: Essays on Science, Nature, and Becoming Human

Maria Isabel Garcia presents a good number of pieces that are about new ideas that may behoove us to rethink our long-held views about nature. The spirit of this mind dance aims to help us rediscover science in gaining new eyes of knowing, of understanding, of exploring new ways of being alive. Ateneo de Manila University Press.

Church, State, and Civil Society in Postauthoritarian Philippines: Narratives of Engaged Citizenship

Antonio F. Moreno, SJ, examines two cases, the Dioceses of Malaybalay and Bacolod in the Philippines, developing a useful framework for analysis and arriving at the notion of "engaged citizenship" as the primary contribution of the church to democratization in a postauthoritarian situation. Ateneo de Manila University Press.

Ang Sandali ng mga Mata

Alvin B. Yapan looks through the characters in the folk stories of the past and the Bikol people of the present. The use of folk stories to complete the action marks a striking technical innovation, blending past and present while keeping the narrative moving into the future. Ateneo de Manila University Press.

