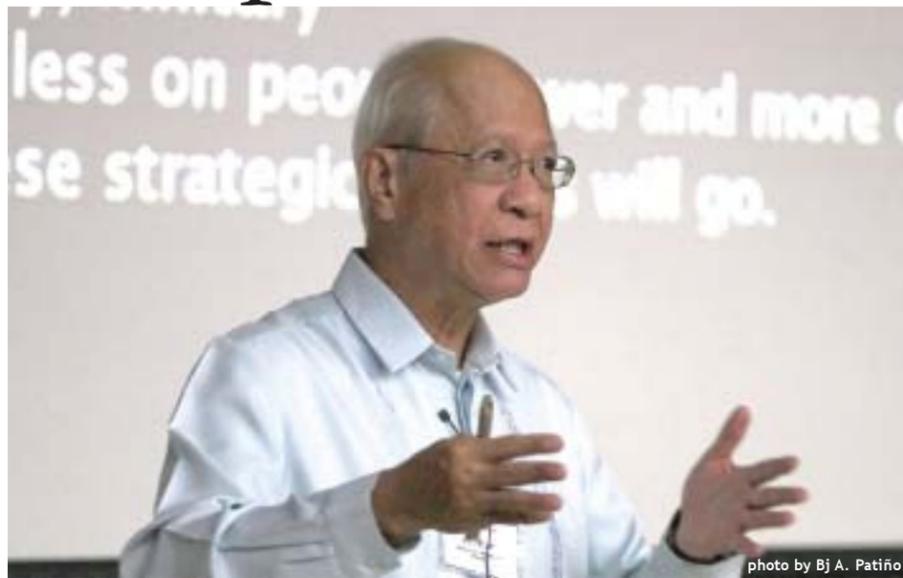




The Ateneo Blue Eagles

The president's address at faculty day



Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J.
President, Ateneo de Manila University

Events in our ongoing national crisis are evolving too rapidly to write about them ahead of time. We have been working with our bishops and will continue to work with the Church towards a solution of our present crisis within the framework of accountability, constitutionality, and a concern for the common good, both immediate and long-term.

At the same time, we want to maintain our work on sustaining and strengthening the momentum for building a better life for the poor through basic education, public health, and work with Gawad Kalinga, which I reported in the President's Report "A Commitment to Hope."

Our unstable political system and the unresolved challenge of poverty are interconnected. We may continue to seek to oust undesirable presidents. But when election time comes, the vast majority who are poor continue to be vulnerable to manipulation of all kinds. Thus, we

need to intensify our work for the poor if we want to have a more stable political system for the future.

To quote the July 1 statement of Archbishop Rosales, "Let us not also give in to despair, seeing only what is wrong in our country, when there is in truth, so much that is good done daily by Filipinos from all walks of life to build up the nation. Our recurring problems of political instability may cause us to lose hope, but if we humbly accept that we are all sinners and in need of conversion, it will be easier for us to unite." In the work we have been doing to improve public education, public health and the building of families, communities and homes with Gawad Kalinga, we are finding these signs of hope in committed mayors and governors and local leaders. Thus, our work on poverty and work on strengthening LGUs are becoming intertwined.

Our students in Team Gabaldon have seen this in several mayors of Nueva Ecija. Our Pathways and Synergeia groups have seen this in many mayors and governors from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao who have become champions for their public schools. The Graduate School of Business has

seen this in the mayors of the fifty fourth and fifth class municipalities of the Leaders for Health Project.

Fiscal crisis

In January this year, I was asked to speak to our Grade School and High School faculty on the national fiscal crisis: what it is, its roots, its impact on Ateneo. This crisis has been affecting our educational system as a whole: in the move of students from private schools to public schools, in dropping enrolments in many colleges and universities.

Fortunately, our enrolment has not been affected by the fiscal crisis. However, some of our families are experiencing economic downturn. Thus, we have more families asking for promissory notes, more requests for scholarships from students already with us in their third or fourth year. Together with our benchmark colleges and universities, we realize that we need to respond.

As Dr. Intal announced in the first issue of the Loyola Schools Bulletin, we are bringing down tuition increase this year to 7% from the 10% of the previous years.

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The Manuel V. Pangilinan Center for Student Leadership

A dream, now a reality. The P100 million Center for Student Leadership will rise starting this August, in large part because of the very generous donation of Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chairman of PLDT and Chairman of the Ateneo de Manila Board of Trustees. The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the donation was held in simple ceremonies on June 15, 2005 at the PLDT Convergent Technologies Center.

In her introductory remarks for the ceremony, Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D., Vice President for the Loyola Schools, recounted her initial hesitance in asking University President Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, S.J. to ask Mr. Pangilinan if he would be interested in donating to the Center for Student Leadership because at that time [2002] PLDT, PLDT Foundation, and Smart Communications, through the efforts of Mr. Pangilinan, had just donated the PLDT Convergent Technologies Center



Present at the signing of the MOA for the MVP Center for Student Leadership are: (seated left to right) Benny Santoso, Director of the P.T. Inti Salim and Commissioner of P.T. Indofood; Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chairman of PLDT and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ateneo de Manila University; Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., President of the Ateneo de Manila University; and Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D., Vice President for the Loyola Schools; and (standing left to right) Ma. Cecilia G. Soriano, Ph.D., Trustee; Jose B. Santos, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer of the Ateneo de Manila University; Benjamin Ching, Trustee; Carmelo A. Caluag II, S.J., Trustee; and Jose M. Cruz, S.J., Trustee.

building. Dr. Gonzalez-Intal continued, "When Fr. Nebres and I met again, he said, 'Manny said yes.'"

Dr. Gonzalez-Intal pointed out, "That simple phrase, 'Manny said yes,' speaks volumes of the man who has so generously given to his alma mater through the years – for the Horacio de la Costa Hall, the First Pacific Center for the Biological Sciences building, the PLDT Convergent Technologies Center building, the Church of the Gesù, the Ateneo Java Wireless Competency Center, the Ateneo-PLDT Advanced Network Testbed, the Ateneo Macroeconomic Research Unit, the Ateneo basketball teams and other athletic varsity teams, the Glee Club and the Ateneo Debate Society, and now for the Manuel V. Pangilinan Center for Student Leadership – a shining example of leadership and generosity to our students." *(continued on page 2)*

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At the same time, we realize that we need to focus on energy conservation and cost-cutting because the rapid rise in oil prices is resulting in major increases in the cost of utilities. We also have to adjust salary increases to average about 8% instead of the higher averages when our tuition increase was 10%.

From the experience of other colleges and universities, we also realize that we have to be concerned about enrolment. This year, therefore, we were much more pro-active in inviting the ACET examinees in our first acceptance list to come to Ateneo. Because of these efforts, we have a freshman class of 1,979. This is 69 more than in 2004 and 132 more than in 2003. We appreciate the cooperation of the Ateneo community in the inconveniences that this increase may have produced. This added number of freshmen gives us a buffer, because we are also losing more in the upper years and because we may find the cost of utilities going beyond our budget.

In addition, we improved in terms of getting the best students by all measures: number of valedictorians, salutatorians, and high school honor students, number of merit students who enrolled, number from the Director's List (upper 2%). So not just numbers, but numbers from among the very best.

We continue to move forward on the challenges of excellence. We know that at the heart of excellence in academics are our faculty. We thus continue to strengthen faculty, faculty development, and research. We are pleased that the Ateneo housing for faculty, staff and professionals in Marikina has become a reality.

We continue to improve our facilities. Because of the need for more study space for our students, we have built the Matteo Ricci Study Hall. We are also about to begin construction of the Manuel V. Pangilinan Center for Student Leadership. This center will house all our student organizations and the key offices involved in student formation. The ground floor will also have a bookstore and a display lobby. The Colayco Pavilion will remain and one of the main halls will keep the name of Colayco Hall.

China and Chinese studies

An important area of initiative and development for the Ateneo is building up our knowledge of and relationship with China. Our Father General, Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., has designated China as a priority of priorities for the Jesuits in our part of the world. It is also clearly our largest and most important neighbor. A recent development is the



Photos from Faculty Day

Chinese government's expressed desire for the Ateneo to host the Confucius Institute in the Philippines. The Confucius Institute is similar to the Goethe Institute and Instituto Cervantes in its objective of promoting Chinese language and culture. The Ateneo is privileged to be the partner institution for this endeavor.

We are also actively pursuing initiatives to obtain funding to strengthen the teaching and research capacity of our Chinese Studies Program, and to increase our interaction with Chinese universities. This would be in the form of an endowment for a Center for Chinese Studies.

Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health

Our most important new initiative is the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health. This will be in partnership with the New Medical City and this new school will be adjacent to Medical City through a generous land donation of MERALCO. Since it will be both a School of Medicine and Public Health, it can strengthen education and research in the Life Sciences for the School of Science and Engineering and involve the School of Humanities and the School of Social Sciences in the central role of

society and culture in the provision of health and well-being for the individual and society. Our intention is to provide a dual degree of Doctor of Medicine and a Masters in Health Management. So the John Gokongwei School of Management and Graduate School of Business will also be involved.

Resource generation

To provide for the future of the Ateneo, we continue to pursue the challenge of resource generation. We hope to raise funds for an expansion of the Rizal Library, for new dormitories, and for a new wing of the Social Sciences Building. We will also be planning with the different schools and departments on how to raise endowments for scholarships, professorial chairs, research, faculty development.

Finally, we ask for your help as we launch in a couple of months the drive for an Annual Fund. This will invite members of the Ateneo community to commit to an annual donation for pressing needs. Any amount, small or big, will be appreciated. For this year, we are particularly concerned for an Annual Fund that can help Ateneo students who are already with us and, in their third or fourth year, need scholarships to be able to continue in the Ateneo.



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Fr. Nebres, in his remarks at the signing, spoke on leadership: "The theme of our simple ceremonies this morning is leadership... preparing our students to be future leaders of families, communities, our nation... allow me to reflect with you on certain aspects of the Jesuit tradition of leadership and the example of leadership I have seen in Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan through the years."

"Manny and I first got to know each other on the Ateneo Board of Trustees around 1990. Soon after, he invited me to join the Board of Metro Pacific. In 1998, I joined the Board of PLDT. There I saw his vision and drive as outstanding, many times breathtaking."

Fr. Nebres describes Mr. Pangilinan's leadership qualities: "First, his drive for excellence. Under his leadership, PLDT has benchmarked its corporate practices with best practices of corporations in Hong Kong and the Western world. We

all know his drive for excellence in sports – not just for Talk 'N Text and the Ateneo basketball team – but his desire for sports in our country to rise to new levels. He is the major supporter of Ateneo groups seeking to be the best in what they do: the Ateneo College Glee Club, the Ateneo Debate Society, basketball, and other sports."

"I am particularly struck by his courage in facing adversity, one of the virtues St. Ignatius emphasizes. Because, he says, magnanimity and courage are needed 'to initiate great undertakings and persevere in them with the needed constancy, not losing courage in the face of contradictions'. PLDT and other companies under Manny's leadership have experienced many years of adverse, down times. What has impressed me with Mr. Pangilinan has been his courage and focus in facing the challenges squarely and working unremittingly towards a solution – persevering with the needed

constancy, not losing courage in the face of contradictions. No excuses, just face the problem, focus on solutions and see them through."

"St. Ignatius also emphasizes discipline in seeing things through. He writes: 'One quality highly necessary for the execution of business is... to be vigilant and solicitous in undertaking enterprises and vigorous in carrying them through to their completion and perfection, rather than careless and remiss about leaving them begun but unfinished.' Mr. Pangilinan's solicitude in undertaking enterprises and vigor in carrying them through to their completion and perfection can be seen in a work ethic that is legendary. One afternoon I was calling his office to check if I could talk to him. His secretary answered, 'He is in Hong Kong and will only be arriving at ten tonight. But if you want to talk to him tonight, he will be having a management meeting at midnight.'

Whether it is finding the resources to move the Ateneo de Manila to greater heights or building PLDT into the innovative leader company that it is today, we see in Mr. Pangilinan a leader who has the discipline to see things through in an exemplary way."

"Finally, leadership comes from a commitment to a dream, a cause. Manny's commitment to building PLDT, to developing sports, to leading PBSP, to moving Ateneo to ever greater heights comes from a deep love and commitment – a deep love for our country and people. At the crossroads of the 1997 Asian crisis, he could have taken the safer way, and focused on businesses in the more stable Western countries. He chose to remain in the Philippines and in Asia. His is a commitment to restoring pride and confidence in ourselves as Filipinos, a commitment to contribute to Ateneo's mission, a commitment to building a better future for our people."

The Outstanding Young Scientists of the Ateneo de Manila University

Outstanding. Young. Scientist. These words describe Regina M. Hechanova, Ph.D., assistant professor of the Department of Psychology, and Luis Francisco G. Sarmenta, Ph.D., assistant professor of the Department of Information Systems and Computer Science. No less than the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) agrees. Gina is the 2005 Outstanding Young Scientist (OYS) in Psychology for her contribution to the growth of industrial-organizational psychology and the practice of human resource management. Luis is given the award for his contributions in information technology and computer science.

To those who know Gina and Luis, these awards come as no surprise. Both are scientists whose competence is manifested in the scholarship and innovation they bring to their respective fields. Their youth is underscored by the energy with which they plunge into numerous and demanding projects. That they are outstanding is only a natural consequence of their passion and dedication.

Gina and Luis are the latest addition to Ateneo de Manila's list of OYS awardees, which includes Erwin P. Enriquez, Ph.D. (2004, Chemistry), Queena N. Lee-Chua, Ph.D. (2002, Psychology), John Paul C. Vergara, Ph.D. (2001, DISCS), Jose Ramon T. Villarin, S.J., Ph.D. (2000, Physics), and Ma. Emma Concepcion D. Liwag, Ph.D. (1998, Psychology).

Energizing people at work

Gina earned her doctorate at Central Michigan University and continues to be a prolific researcher in the area of industrial-organizational psychology. Her publications focus particularly on human resource management, adjustment of overseas workers, occupational stress, technology, and human behavior. She is co-editor of the country's first research-based book in the field (*The Way We Work: Research and Best Practices in the Philippines*) and co-editor of the Philippine Journal of Psychology's special edition for industrial-organizational psychology. In recognition of her publications in both local and international journals, she received the Ateneo de Manila's Loyola Schools Publication Award in 2003 and in 2004.

Gina strongly believes in the need to bridge the gap between industry and academe. This has led her to establish research partnerships between the Ateneo Center for Organization

Research and Development (CORD, of which she is Director), the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP), and the Philippine Society for Training and Development. She created Ateneo CORD's Trendwatcher Series, a quarterly presentation of research. She also initiated a partnership with the Philippine Daily Inquirer for a monthly column called *People at Work Pulse*. Gina's dedication to teaching and mentoring was recognized in 1996, when she received the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Faculty in UP Diliman where she finished her B.S. and M.A. degrees in Psychology. Ever since she joined the faculty of the Loyola Schools' Department of Psychology, she has actively mentored graduate students in both practice and research efforts of Ateneo CORD. She has involved them as co-authors of articles in both the research-based book and the monthly column. A number of her graduate student advisees have

presented their papers in local and international psychology conventions. An active member of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP), she chaired the outstanding student and student research awards and initiated a partnership between PAP and PMAP for the creation of Research Grants Awards, which provided graduate students with funding to complete their masters' theses.

Gina also trains human resource practitioners and line managers in government, business, and non-government organizations, such as the Department of Health, Lopez Group of Companies, Yuchengco Group of Companies, and CODE-NGO.

All these manifest Gina's passion for her multi-faceted work, which she sees as her contribution to nation-building. Despite job opportunities in the US, she chose to come back to the country after receiving her doctorate. She credits this sense of nationalism to her training in UP as well as her formation



from the Jesuits in the UP Student Catholic Action of which she became president. She also draws inspiration from her father, the late Rufino G. Hechanova, himself a TOYM (Ten Outstanding Young Men) awardee, and a Cabinet Secretary during the time of President Diosdado Macapagal.

Beyond all this, Gina is wife to Randi Alampay and mother to Kai, Laya, and Andre. She tries to maintain work-life balance by spending time with her family and friends, going to the gym, and playing badminton in her free time.



Innovating IT for service

Luis Sarmenta's contributions in Computer Science started even while he was still an undergraduate at the Ateneo. As a college junior, he developed the VIREX and VIR-X Plus anti-virus programs that helped thousands of users around the country. As a fresh graduate and new Ateneo faculty member in 1993, he participated in the initial planning and implementation of the PHNet project, which eventually established the first national internet backbone of the Philippines.

With the help of a scholarship from DOST, he pursued a doctorate in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Working on an idea called "volunteer computing", he developed new software and techniques for allowing ordinary users to pool together the computing power of their machines to solve computationally intensive problems through cooperative parallel processing. He appropriately code-named his project "Project Bayanihan".

Upon his return in 2001, he joined the DISCS, where he expanded his research to the broader idea of "grid computing", which seeks not only to pool together computing power, but also to make this pooled power available to people through easy-to-use interfaces. Luis and his team of students developed "Bayanihan Computing .NET", one of the first software systems in the world to do grid computing using a significant new technology called XML Web Services. For it, they won the top prize – worldwide – in the academic category of the Microsoft .NET Best Web Services contest. Luis also started a

collaborative project with researchers at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) in Japan, investigating the applications of grid computing in the medical field, such as functional MRI analysis.

His other area of interest is distance education/e-learning. In the Enhanced Viewer Experience System Project, his group developed an open-source lecture viewer program called Lectix that supports multiple, synchronized and navigable time-indexed information streams. This was done in collaboration with the MIT, where he regularly serves as Visiting Scientist.

His work on mobile, wireless, and pervasive computing has resulted in the setting up of the Ateneo Java Wireless Competency Center (AJWCC), in partnership with Smart Communications and Sun Microsystems. Its mission is to tap and develop the intellectual skills and capabilities of Filipino computer scientists in order to produce cutting-edge mobile and wireless software applications that serve society. Technologies from numerous research

projects by students, faculty, and alumni have been used in commercial applications released through Smart, including applications in cutting-edge fields such as location-based services, information search, social computing, and educational games.

His professional affiliation with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) keep him in touch with the best in his field. His industry experience includes consultancies with Software Ventures International Corporation and First Philippine Holdings as well as a stint as software design engineer with Microsoft Corporation in the US.

Luis has not only met high standards in research achievement; he has single-mindedly chosen research areas that were meant to benefit Philippine society, considering the resources, the needs, and the demands of the country. Outside of computers, his hobbies include listening to music and playing flute and guitar. But, perhaps, Luis's passion for his work is matched only by his devotion to his wife Michelle and their toddler Joseph.

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Manipulating materials for Nanotechnology

Winning the 2004 OYS award did not change the self-effacing and humble Erwin P. Enriquez, Ph.D. Ever the dedicated researcher and mentor, he continued to guide his research students in the laboratory; and his students have matched his efforts by producing results that have been presented in local and international conferences and by winning accolades. Of the forty undergraduate students he supervised, six have won BPI Science Awards, and of seven masters' theses under his supervision, three garnered the SoSE Awards for Outstanding Research.

Erwin patiently established materials chemistry research after finishing a doctorate in Physical Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a postdoctoral stint at the Materials Research Laboratory of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. With his doctoral and post-doctoral training focused on investigations involving ultrathin polymer films, he was equipped with the necessary skills to pursue his research interest in nanostructured systems using polymers and their composites. Erwin's recurring themes in his projects reflect his innovative nature as well as his concern for national development: the use of indigenous biopolymeric systems, such as carrageenan from Philippine seaweed, as an aid in the depositing nanoparticles in specific patterns; the development of soft lithographic techniques for making patterns at a molecular level for use in future molecular electronic devices; or the use of "molecular imprinting" as a general methodology for preparing functional polymeric systems.

When he first joined the Ateneo de Manila University in 1995, he jokingly said he wanted to taste what



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it was like to be in a private institution, having been the product of public school training all his life. He finished his BS Chemistry degree, *cum laude* at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, also receiving the KKP-Los Baños Outstanding Chemistry Graduate recognition. In the same year, he topped the Chemistry Board Exams. He left for graduate school, and then returned as a Balik-Scientist, generously sharing his expertise at the Chemistry Department of UP. Ten years hence, it seems like Erwin has always been in the Loyola Schools, where he is currently an associate professor of chemistry and coordinator for research.

Erwin is also the director of the Analytical Services Laboratory at the Philippine Institute of Pure and Applied Chemistry (PIPAC), and a consultant for government and industry pertaining to areas involving polymers and surface characterization.

He watches movies in his spare time, takes care of his garden, and occasionally plays the keyboard. And, yes, he now believes that people really get to win those raffle promos.

Sharing the Eureka! experience

Queena N. Lee-Chua, Ph.D. received the OYS award in 2002, adding this to a long list of awards from various institutions, among them the TOYM (Ten Outstanding

Young Men), the TOWNS (Ten Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service), the Metrobank Outstanding Teacher Award, the Jose Rizal Awards for Excellence, the National Book Award, the National Science and Technology Journalism Awards, and the Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature.

Queena's weekly column "Eureka!" in the Science and Health section of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and her monthly columns "Millennium Notes" for the *Philippine Journal of Education* and "Homework" for *Working Mom Magazine* have strong readership. The author of more than twenty books on mathematics, science, parenting, family businesses, and inspirational stories, she has made science, mathematics, and psychology more accessible to more people. She hosted the TV show "Fun with Math" on PTV 4. More recently, she was featured in *Asia Inc.* magazine's "Who's Hot in Asia in 2004". A frequent speaker at schools, government, and business, she is also a consultant to non-governmental organizations, the Department of Education, the Department of Science and Technology, private schools, and media.



A governing member of the National Book Development Board and the Philippine representative to the Governing Board of the Regional Centre for Southeast Asian Math and Science Education, she specializes in mathematics education and learning psychology, especially in math and science

information processing, and human cognitive and behavioral development. Her articles have appeared in several international and regional journals in mathematics education, mathematics, psychology, and education.

Queena seems to be indefatigable. These next months, she will be giving a lecture on national and local efforts at developing high level non-routine problem solving at the East Asian Regional Conference in Math Education in Shanghai, present a research paper linking arithmetic mastery and algebra achievement at the same conference, deliver a model teaching demonstration in mathematics for the National Science and Technology Week, pursue research on calculus learning, and work on another book project in mathematics.

Her interests are just as varied. Queena graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with a degree in BS Mathematics, *Summa cum laude*, and later obtained a master's degree in Counseling Psychology and a doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology. Her other hobbies include swimming (she is the female star swimmer of the University Sportsfest), singing, and reading (a genuine Trekkie and a huge fan of Lord of the Rings.)

Of course, her real *Eureka!* experience is with banker husband Smith and son Scott, who, at Grade One, already performs some math magic.

Making all systems go

The 2001 OYS award of John Paul C. Vergara, Ph.D. was in recognition of his research accomplishments in computer science, spanning a wide range of areas including algorithms and complexity, graph theory, computational biology, bioinformatics, image analysis, and data mining.

John Paul's research has complemented his teaching, enriching his curriculum with a wide range of programming courses, such as engineering to mathematics, artificial intelligence, and his training at the Manila University of Mathematics/Computer Science and moved on to Virginia Polytechnic State University for his masters and doctorate in Computer Science. He received a graduate fellowship for research.



After his return to the Philippines in 1986, he continued to teach while mentoring and graduate students. He is the chair of DISCS and a senior faculty member in the department, holding a significant role in developing the curriculum, courses, and clarity of thought. His "can-do" attitude and a sought-after member for various projects. Aside from being a professor of Information Technology, he has been a visiting professor at the Institute of Information Technology (AITT).

John Paul's talents in science have also been applied in the various firms



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notable achievements



Renán S. Prado

Renán S. Prado, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages, was admitted into the highly prestigious Academia Filipina de la Lengua Española of the Real Academia Española de la Lengua or the Royal Spanish Academy of Language in formal ceremonies held recently at the Casino Español. The Academia Filipina, an elite society of scholars and intellectuals established in 1924, undertakes the noble task of preserving, promoting, and propagating Hispanic language and culture in the Philippines through research, investigation, and publication. The Academia also recommends the inclusion of Filipinismos into the Diccionario de la Academia Española and publishes the Filipino words that the Real Academia Española de la Lengua duly accepts and recognizes.

Among the illustrious members of the Academia Filipina are Don Epifanio de los Santos, Don Fernando Ma. Guerrero, Don Enrique Zóbel, Don Rafael Palma, Don Claro Recto, Don Raul Manglapus, Jaime Cardinal Sin, Don Alejandro Roces, Don Benito Legarda, Jr., Doña Mita Pardo de Tavera, Cardinal Ricardo Vidal, Ateneo de Manila's Jose Arcilla, S.J., and Xavier University's Miguel Bernad, S.J.

Queena N. Lee-Chua, Ph.D., associate professor of Mathematics and Psychology, was awarded "Best Science and Technology Columnist" at the 2005 DOST Media Awards, marking the National Science and Technology Week. Dr. Lee-Chua is a columnist for the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and has received several important teaching and writing awards. (See the related story on the Outstanding Young Scientists of the Ateneo de Manila University above)

Manila University

Research has clearly shown that his teaching, courses that cover the range – from hardware and software to more theoretical algorithms and science. He began at the Ateneo de Manila with a BS in Computer Science, and the Department of Science at the Ateneo de Manila Institute and where he earned his doctoral degrees in Science and Technology student award

software companies to banks to pharmaceutical groups – for whom he has designed, developed, and evaluated several information systems. His most recent consulting engagement is with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, where he serves as Systems Integrator in charge of designing and developing an information system for performance management.

In his spare time, John Paul spends time with his kids, plays tennis, and watches local movies. He also watches TV sitcoms regularly, and particularly enjoys the sly wit of “The Simpsons”. He sometimes enjoys a mean round of *mahjong* with friends and colleagues.

Going on a low carbon diet for the climate

Jose Ramon T. Villarin, S.J., OYS winner in 2000, is an atmospheric scientist, consultative expert on global warming for developing countries, a lead reviewer of developed countries that have emission commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, and since June 6, 2005, President of Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro.

Fr. Jett has been well prepared for these various responsibilities. After graduating in 1980 as class valedictorian, BS Physics, *Magna cum laude*, from the Ateneo de Manila University, he spent a year as a Jesuit Volunteer of the Philippines before joining the Society of Jesus. During his training as a Jesuit, he finished degrees in AB Philosophy/Humanities from the Ateneo; MS Physics from Marquette University, Wisconsin; and STB Theology, *Summa cum laude*, from the Loyola School of Theology.

A year after his ordination as a Jesuit priest in 1991, he left for the Georgia Institute of Technology for a doctorate in atmospheric physics. Upon completing this in 1997, he returned to head the Climate



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Studies Division of the Manila Observatory, which he converted to a bustling research center. Inevitably, he taught with the physics department, and was associate professor when he left for Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan to serve as its president.

Fr. Jett’s research covers the areas of global climate change, air quality, stratospheric-tropospheric dynamics, and atmospheric instrumentation. The results of his research are used to address issues related to climate change, air quality, and disaster management, especially in his involvement with groups like the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Energy, the private sector, and multilateral agencies. Because he leads by example, he has earned the admiration of students who have worked with him. He says, “I am more of a mentor and I enjoy drawing the best out of people and inspiring them to dream and do great things.”

Understanding children’s development

Ma. Emma Concepcion D. Liwag, Ph.D. was recognized in 1998 as an OYS, for her “scientific research work on the emotional and cognitive development of children that is unmatched by any other psychologist in the country.” Her scientific papers have been published in local and international journals and books, and presented at various international conferences. She is the co-author (with Alma S. de la Cruz and Ma. Elizabeth Macapagal) of the 1999 book *How we raise our daughters and sons: Child-rearing and gender socialization in the*

Philippines; the editor of the Philippine Journal of Psychology’s *Special Issue on Adolescent Psychology*; and the author of the forthcoming book *Isip bata: Experimental studies of cognition in early childhood*. She also edited the *Loyola Schools Review*, Social Sciences edition of 2002.

A dedicated scholar, Emy’s research program at the Ateneo de Manila University currently includes studies on cognitive and emotional development in early childhood and researches on the youth, and basic science and mathematics education. Her research – which includes the Family Life Study at the Ateneo High School, Project Resilience for Ateneo Basic Education, and The 1999 and 2004 Ateneo College Student Survey – brings insight into possible interventions that can help prepare the Filipino youth for future challenges.



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Emy’s engagement with Psychology began when Fr. Jaime Bulatao, S.J., gave a workshop when she was a sophomore at the Philippine Science High School. She was impressed with this “scientist who dealt not with molecules but with the mind itself!” She finished her BS Psychology, *Magna cum laude*, at UP Diliman; MA in Psychology at the Ateneo de Manila University; and MA in Developmental Psychology, and Ph.D. in Cognitive and Developmental Psychology at the University of Chicago, where she was an Irving B. Harris Fellow of the Harris Center for Developmental Studies.

Her teaching career began when she graduated from college and she has taught preschoolers, college students, and graduate students at the Ateneo de Manila University, Assumption College, and the University of Chicago. In 1998, she was chosen by the Ateneo Schools’ Parents Council (ASPAC) as Most Outstanding Junior Teacher. She is also a counselor/therapist who helps children and adolescents with their emotional problems and difficulties.

She is currently the Chair of the Department of Psychology. For eight years, she served as the Executive and Research Director of the Ateneo Wellness Center (Research, Training and Healing for Children and Families), where she is now a research consultant. She is also tireless in her pursuit of the Ateneo Wellness Center’s mission to promote intellectual excellence in our schools, and emotional wellness in the self, in our families, and in our country.

Emy is a fellow of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) and served on its Board of Directors from 1997 through 1999. Her energetic involvement in the Continuing Education Program of the PAP is seen in the numerous “Teaching of Psychology” and “Critical Thinking” workshops she has given to instructors in psychology all over the country. In addition, she has been Chair of the Division of Developmental psychology of the PAP since 1996, and is an associate member of the National Research Council of the Philippines.

To undertake research with lasting passion and pleasure, while being Department Chair has been a tough challenge these past few years. But Emy finds time to relax by babysitting her nieces and nephews, doing difficult crossword puzzles, collecting “science” cartoons for her research classes (she’s a huge Gary Larsen fan), and practicing Zen and Vipassana meditation. *macuyegkeng*



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to DISCS in his research on undergraduate students. As former and as one of the members in his department has played a role in directing and department’s faculty. His light as well as his role has made him a committee member on various concerns. As an associate professor at Virginia, he also served as associate director for Technology

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The Ten Outstanding Young Students with their parents. Vaswani is standing immediately on the right of GMA, while Echevarria is fourth on her left.

Two of the 2005 Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines are Ateneans! Joseph Patrick Echevarria, B.S. Physics with Computer Engineering, 2005 *Class Valedictorian, Magna cum laude*, and Kiran Tina Vaswani, B.S. Management Information Systems, *Magna cum laude*, were chosen in the highly selective nationwide search for the outstanding youth of the nation characterized by academic excellence, exemplary leadership, community involvement, and good moral values.

Echevarria was also a 2005 BPI Science Awardee for his research work on renewable energy using wind power, as

well as a winner in the 2004 National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) Young Scientist competition for students.

Vaswani, also a student leader, received the 2004 Procter & Gamble Student Excellence Award. She was active in a wide variety of co-curricular activities, such as the Management Information Systems Association, the Placement Office Student Representatives, and the Ateneo Student Exchange Council.

Both Echevarria and Vaswani were very actively involved in social development activities.

The Ateneo Debate Society (ADS) was declared Grand Champion of the Asian Universities Debating Championship, which was held in Singapore in May 2005.



Tina Vaswani receiving her award from President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

The win continues ADS title defense, making it the Asian champion for four years in a row, a feat that is unmatched in the history of Asian debating.

Prior to this, also in May, the ADS won the Singapore Management University’s Hammers. AdMU Team A, composed of Jess Lopez (AB PoS 2005), Charisse Borromeo (II BS ME), and Sharmila Parmanand (III AB/MA PoS) defeated the team from the Nanyang Technological University in the Grand Finals. AdMU Team A was the undefeated top-ranking team of the tournament after eleven rounds of intense debate, outperforming teams from all over Southeast Asia, East Asia, and South Asia. Lopez was named No. 1 Debater in Asia, the first person to defend the title in the history of Asian debating.



AdMU Team A, composed of Jess Lopez, Sharmila Parmanand, and Charisse Borromeo

Scholarly Works

John Gokongwei School of Management

Family matters

In 1993, three Ateneo alumni wanted to share their family business experiences with the undergraduate students. They believed that family dynamics contributed much to the success of the family business. Armed with their experience as family business entrepreneurs and equipped with a handful of materials that they used to hone their skills in management, they crafted a syllabus for an elective course for the Management Department of the School of Arts and Sciences of Ateneo. The new course was offered in June of SY 1993-94. The three “pioneering” businessmen team-taught Family Business Management for the first time to fifteen students. Since then, the subject has become a regular elective course.

But such an undergraduate course only addressed one of the needs of learning to develop a family business. It appealed to students who wanted to understand the dynamics of family vis-à-vis running a business. But such enterprises oftentimes span three generations and those already immersed in running the family business also needed to learn how to keep it healthy.

The John Gokongwei School of Management saw the need for the continuing education of others involved in a family business, such as in-laws and professionals – “outside talent” – who have to learn to work harmoniously with family members.

With this in mind, The Family Business Breakfast Roundtable was established as a venue in which family business owners can express concerns, issues, and problems. In this event, attended by thirty to fifty participants, and held at least once every quarter, participants engage in discussions centering on topics such as sibling rivalry, inflexible management style of the founder, spouse teamwork, and how to handle in-laws.

The Entrepreneurial Academy of JGSOM has also included in its seminars topics on family businesses such as “Strategizing in the Family Business and How to Professionalize the Family Business.” In August 2003, the Business Leadership Forum (BLF) held twice a year by JGSOM featured “It Runs in the Blood”. Close to five hundred participants attended the forum. Among the speakers were Erramon I. Aboitiz, CEO and Executive Vice President of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc; Bernadine T. Siy, President of Roasters Philippines, Inc.; and Martin Lorenzo, Managing Director, Del Monte Pacific Limited, Singapore and President and CEO, Macondray & Co., Inc.

In the field of research, JGSOM completed a study on “How to Professionalize the Family Business” and “When, How, and Why Family Businesses Strategize”. The research focuses on good practices that reinforce family enterprises, such as the values of honesty, respect for parents, treating the customer as number one, and the concern shown for employee welfare. Identified as major hindrances to professionalizing the family business were the lack of trust for outsiders, revelation of trade secrets, refusal to share financial information, the family-first attitude, and the lack of proper information on professionalization.

The JGSOM has steadily built its own source of materials relevant to Filipino family business management. By continuing to produce relevant research output and creating opportunities for valuable learning to take place, JGSOM hopes to be a major source of reference on family business matters and a center for the development of family business management.

School of Social Sciences

ACERD’s EPRA Project

The Economics Department, through the Ateneo Center for Economic Research and Development (ACERD), and in partnership with the Ateneo School of Government, is now directly engaged with the government, both at the national and local levels, in pushing for appropriate economic policy reforms. The Economic Policy Reform and Advocacy or EPRA Project, with the support of USAID, is a three-year project that started late last year, with the aim of widening and deepening the participation of civil society in the economic reform process, thereby widening public ownership and support for the government’s economic reform initiatives. Ateneo has teamed up in a consortium with eight NGOs to implement the project.

Through EPRA, Ateneo and its partner NGOs are directly helping the

government in improving fiscal management and tax administration, promoting sound agricultural development, strengthening local government financial planning and management capabilities, deepening the capital markets especially for the benefit of the small savers and enterprises, and improving private sector involvement in the provision of public infrastructure. Ateneo’s assistance has so far proven to be well appreciated and actively sought by the various government departments, agencies and units – including the LGUs – which the EPRA Project has engaged. This is indeed tangible assistance in which Ateneo’s acknowledged competence and experience in economic analysis and social responsibility is put to work in a very direct way toward helping uplift the lives of the Filipino people, through a responsive policy reform process. *chabito*

School of Humanities



Spectacular visions for Philippine theatre: West meets East in the theatrical works of Bernal and Abad

For half a decade now, Salvador Bernal and Ricardo Abad, Ph.D. have been collaborating on a unique and highly successful project for Philippine theatre. The two leading lights of the Ateneo’s BFA in Theatre have been presenting thoughtful and imaginative solutions to the problem of making the (mostly) Western plays they stage look and feel closer to home. Home isn’t necessarily limited to the Philippines. For their critically-acclaimed production of Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*, in Rolando Tinio’s translation, Bernal and Abad dreamed up a synthetic Southeast Asian setting that looked both traditional and futuristic.

Bernal, National Artist for Theatre Design and associate professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Fine Arts, channeled the spirit of Indonesian roofs, Filipino *bancas*, and Thai rafters in devising an ingenious sculptural centerpiece that evoked the play’s different locations. With the help of theatre students and volunteers from Tanghalang Ateneo, Bernal used rubberized fabric paint (the kind that pops up when ironed) to adorn the costumes’ Malay forms with neo-primitive designs. Abad, for his part, drew on many Asian sojourns and his knowledge of Asian dance, theatre, and rituals to infuse Shakespearean dramaturgy with the playful energies of the region’s syncretic performance traditions.

Although they managed to concoct a magic formula at first try in *Twelfth Night*, Bernal and Abad knew they’d only just begun. For their recent collaboration on Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* – a play they’ve each done numerous times – they improvised a performance approach and scenic design that tapped into the vocabularies of Asian pop culture, 80s

disco, Star Wars, and New York MOMA.

Given a multi-million budget by Steven Uy, one of their former students, the two professors crisscrossed national aesthetics, cultural borders, and galactic imaginaries to present a Shakespearean text spoken and sung in two languages, acted out in the ground and in the air, performed by nobles in sleek Asian robes and commoners sporting a nostalgic and futuristic *jologs* pastiche of outfits and accessories. So inventive was their fusion *Midsummer* that audiences either left the theater in awe or, as Abad himself recalls, promptly demanded their money back.

Though cosmopolitan in orientation, Bernal’s and Abad’s moorings in pan-Asian and East-West aesthetics are directed toward enriching the resources of Filipino theatre, reflecting the commitment of both artist-academics to practice their craft in this country after training in the U.S. In many ways, the two are exploring, on a very large canvas, many of the same concerns they face on paper as scholars in the humanities and social sciences. These issues range from globalization to postcoloniality, from performance studies to literary deconstruction.

Abad reflects on the kind of contribution he hopes academia and the staging of Western classics would make to Philippine theatre. “The important thing... is for our artists to develop a greater sense of our language, traditions, and cultural heritage as well as a greater appreciation of our society, history, and culture so that these artists will have a richer context for interpreting and appropriating Western ideas. When that context is poor, the work, though done by a Filipino, and certainly also a manifestation of a Filipino mind, will nevertheless lack, how would you say it, a soul.” *jbcapino*



School of Science and Engineering

Computational algorithms in bioinformatics

Bioinformatics represents the convergence of molecular biology, mathematics, and computer science. It is a powerful tool for understanding the function and secrets of the gene.

In an article entitled “Sorting by Short Swaps”*, John Paul Vergara, Ph.D. associate professor of the Department of Information Systems and Computer Science, and Prof. Lenwood Heath of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, proposed an algorithm for estimating the distance between two genomes by considering permutations of genes and mutations as rearrangements. This problem, in fact, is a sorting problem since the ‘source’ genome can

be viewed as an unsorted sequence of elements and the ‘destination’ genome is the sorted sequence. The paper sheds light on the computational complexity of one variant of this sorting problem by providing an approximation algorithm for the problem.

The approach used is typical of bioinformatics or computational biology research. The field has in fact spanned a wide variety of genomics applications, ranging from ecology, breeding programs, phylogenetics, and cancer, among others.

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Dare to be Different: The 2005 Big Blue Eagle Cheer Rally



photo by Scott Kho

"It's good for the school, for the spirit, and for everybody."

Severino Sarmenta
Faculty, Department of Communication

Every school year, the athletes of the university are sent off in a thunderous celebration of school spirit formally known as the Big Blue Eagle Cheer Rally. This yearly festivity is done not only for encouragement and support for our athletes, but in recognition of the rich tradition that we proudly call as "Uniquely Atenean".

"It's a good start."

Paolo Trillo
AdMU Blue Eagles Team Manager

This year marks a first time format in the history of the Cheer Rally. Aside from the usual parade of Team Ateneo, video presentations, and cheer renditions by the Blue Babble Battalion, the 2005 edition has become more open to the whole Ateneo community. The rally included the parade of grade school and high school athletic teams along with their college counterparts, and special musical performances by Spongecola and Narda, two talented Atenean bands that performed their own versions of university cheers and songs.



photos by Bj A. Patiño

While the Loyola Gym was rocking with Spongecola playing "Three Fights and a Fight Fight Blue and White", demonstration teams from different sports like volleyball, taekwondo, and judo showed their techniques on the hardwood, giving the Ateneo faithful a taste of things to come. After all the kicks, backflips and exhibitions, the sea of Blue and White got down to the heart and soul of the rally, as they united in cheering such favorites as Fabilioh, Halikinu, and the Blue Eagle Spelling with program hosts Patty Laurel and Mel Garrido of Halikinu Radio fame leading the way. Program Director Mico Hallili seems intent on coming up with something new every year. "It's a development, for the last three years that I've organized the event, I've always wanted to come up with something new for the students".



"Change is a challenge, that's good for all Ateneans."

Lewis Alfred "LA" Tenorio, Ateneo Blue Eagles Point Guard

The Ateneo is known as a catalyst of change. The school has paved and led the way for others to follow, be it in academics, athletics, or in celebration of tradition. That is why the Ateneans of yesteryear would be proud to see how much the university has done to promote and strengthen what they started many years ago. This cheering experience, which will send our beloved athletes into the battlefield of sports, will get better and better, because of the succeeding Ateneans who are proud carry on the tradition. Mark Isaak Garrido, IV BS Mgt, and Captain of the Blue Babble Battalion, has it all figured out; "Every generation creates its own definition, and I think it's nice for us to revolutionize and keep changing for the better." By improving and taking care of something uniquely Atenean like the Big Blue Eagle Cheer Rally, we expand that historic tradition that our beloved Ateneo is known for. All that for the greater glory of the Lord. *jrvelasquez*

The Blue Eagles

This year's team is composed of (10) hold-overs, (2) first-timers, and (2) rookies. The members of the team from last year's squad are:

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| Japeth Paul C. Aguilar (6'7) | John Christopher A. Intal (6'4) |
| Claiford A. Arao (6'4) | Douglas R. Kramer (6'4) |
| Ken Joseph C. Barracoso (6'3) | Benedicto L. Membrere III (5'11) |
| Christian Joy DP del Rosario (5'10) | Martin O. Quimson (6'4) |
| Mark Anthony Z. Escalona (5'9) | Lewis Alfred V. Tenorio (5'8) |

Elevated from the training team are:

Emmanuel B. Nazareno (5'11) and Zion C. Laterre (6'3)

The new recruits from the high-school ranks are:

Rabeh T. Al-Hussaini (6'6) and Jose Antonio G. Reyes (5'7)

The team has an average height of just over 6'1 and an average age of 20.

There's no place like home

Familiarity breeds complacency. The opposite held true when the Blue Eagles went up against distinguished alumni eagles who formed the Ateneo Legends team in the much-anticipated *Labanan sa Katipunan* on Friday, July 1, in the Loyola Gym—an all too familiar playground.



photo by Nono Felipe

Familiar faces and legends in their own right, Jean Alabanza, Marco Benitez, Paolo Bugia, Gec Chia, Gabby Cui, Dino Fernandez, Vince Hizon, Epok Quimpo, Eric Reyes, Sonny Tadeo, Paul Tanchi, Chris Tiu and Eric Yao hit the court to show the crowd how good old Ateneo basketball is played. Ranier Sison also donned the blue jersey but did not play due to an injury. The Legends, who were coached by the legendary Eagles, Fritz Gaston and Ogie Narvasa, played with grit and passion but these didn't intimidate their younger counterparts.

The Blue Eagles also did not take the *Labanan* as just another exhibition game. Starters Lewis Alfred V. Tenorio, Benedicto L. Membrere III, John Christopher A. Intal, Douglas R. Kramer, and Claiford A. Arao, took a strong start that helped them secure the lead within all 40 minutes of the game. Their lead went as high as 21 points, care of rookie Jose Antonio G. Reyes, crowd pleasing three pointer in the 5:20 minute mark of the second quarter. They ended the first half with a double-digit lead, 46-34.

The game went on with Japeth Paul C. Aguilar, Ken Joseph C. Barracoso, Christian Joy D. del Rosario, Mark Anthony Z. Escalona, Martin Enrique O. Quimson, Jr., and rookies Rabeh T. Al-hussaini, Zion C. Laterre, Emmanuel

B. Nazareno, and Jai Reyes all pitching in for the Eagles' equally strong finish. Renowned coach Norman Black orchestrated the Eagles offense and defense that gave them 83-points and limited The Legends to only 70 at the end of regulation.

The clash of past and present talents was highlighted by the future of Ateneo—Ateneo cheerleading that is. The grade school Blue Babble Battalion performed during half time to get the crowd on their feet.

The Legends graced their home court with their presence partly to boost the Blue Eagles' morale in preparation for the upcoming UAAP season. And boost the youngsters' morale they did—all in the name of good, clean, Atenean fun. Following the Big Blue Eagle Cheer Rally, the way this year's Hail Mary Squad delivered in this game gave Ateneans, young and old, a reason to cheer them on all the way to the UAAP's 68th season. *fmbaja*

Team B: waiting in the wings

Renée Fleming was hired as understudy at the MET, but since standing in for Felicity Lott one night, she has become "America's beautiful voice," veritably eclipsing Lott's and many another prima donna's luster. The members of Team B are, in a similar fashion, the "covers" for the men's basketball team of the university, waiting in the wings for the break to take center stage. Meanwhile, they play against the Team Bs of other UAAP- and NCCA-member schools.

Gabby Severino (95 AB Eco), head coach of Team B, describes it as a "farm team." It is made up of former members of the UAAP team as well as those who did not make it to the UAAP team, but did well enough at the try-outs to be considered to train and to represent the school. Two former Team B players have moved to the UAAP team. These are Emmanuel Nazareno and Zion Laterre. Currently, the members of Team B are:

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| Marc Joseph Badua (SoS) | Harry Hipolito (SoS) |
| Michael Vincent Baldos (IS) | Mark Intal (IS) |
| Ronnie Bughao (SoS) | Dexter Lee (LM) |
| Chester Chavez (LM) | Gian Jordan Lucas (Eco) |
| Jefferson de Guzman (IS) | Carlo Martin Medina (MEco) |
| Paolo Miguel Dizon (MEco) | Jobe Sherwin Nkemakolam (IS) |
| Yuri Escueta (IS) | Justin Qua (Mgt) |
| Jurgen Estanislao (IS) | Christopher John Tiu (ME) |
| Freddie Zacharey Estoesta (IS) | Jonathan Uichico (Bio) |

Severino likes to think that the players are lucky. Team B "is the next best thing to the UAAP." The boys get to train as intensively as the members of the men's basketball team, with court practice in the mornings (from 6:00 to 8:00) and weight training and running in the afternoons. The possibility of their playing at the UAAP keeps the boys motivated. Even those who have been removed from the basketball team are "insured" by Team B, as they get to train and compete with professional supervision. "Without Team B, where do you train?"

Team B may not be getting as much publicity as the UAAP team, but it has been slowly creating a name for itself. Last year, the team reached the semi-finals at the Fr. Martin's Cup. This year, Severino hopes to take the team past that (and with three former members of the UAAP now part of Team B, the chances of victory are "pretty good.") They are stars in their own right; and if the case of Nazareno and Laterre is any indication, they may amaze us further, as Fleming did a demanding MET audience, when they take over the court. *jcbua*

Team Ateneo gears up for UAAP 68

Summer of 2005 proved to be very fruitful for Team Ateneo as each team embarked on their respective intensified training to maintain or better yet, to elevate their standing in the 68th UAAP season, which commenced on July 10.

Kicking off the summer was the stellar performance of the women's volleyball team in the Shakey's V-League 7th Season. Alongside national athletes as guest players, the Lady Eagles won over the powerhouses of UST and DLSU to claim a spot in the semi-finals.

Not to be outdone, the women's table tennis team dominated the prestigious 7th UP Chancellor's Cup Table Tennis National Open held at the University of the Philippines College of Human Kinetics Gym. The Eagles battled against a team of national players in a best-of-five series and ended victoriously, 3-2. The table tennis team participated in the Rotary Club Cagayan de Oro National Invitational in May. Although the competition does not include a women's division, Coach Floyd Lobaton felt confident to enlist the Lady Eagles. The invitational resulted in Team 1, composed of Rexanne Blanca (MBA), Gea Tad-y (MBA) and Coach Lobaton himself, entering the quarter finals.

Ateneo's chess team geared up by participating in numerous competitions all

throughout the summer. The college team went head-to-head with other SEA Games hopefuls in the National Elimination for men and women in April. Carl Espallardo (MBA) and Ronald Nonles (MBA) ranked fifth and eighth respectively. They also participated in the Rapid Play event where the players of the team ranked in the Top 30. National Age group took place in May, earning a top 30 finish for the men's team and a top 58 finish for the women's team. National Juniors followed. In all of these events, Team Ateneo competed against three hundred chess players from all over the country.

The swimming team headed off to Baguio for their annual high altitude training. Aside from practicing in Baguio City Swimming Complex's heated pool, they also participated in leg strengthening, drill and equipment orientation, nutrition and diet supervision, dry-land specialization and race strategy specialization.

It was not only the athletes who underwent training this summer. The program heads, coaches and staff of various UAAP sports, which included the women's basketball,

volleyball, track and field, chess, judo, fencing, swimming, tennis, taekwondo, baseball/softball, and football, were given the Ignatian Spirituality in Education Workshop in Mirador Jesuit Villa, Baguio City. Coaches were reminded that they are not just mentors, but formators as well. The value of sports as a formative activity was emphasized.

For the Ateneo Futsal Team, summer training was truly a unique experience. They immersed themselves in the football culture, Japanese style. The team stayed in the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center in Yoyogi. Most memorable for the team was their visit to the 2002 FIFA World Cup Memorial Japan Football Museum.

After wowing the crowd with a first runner-up finish in the 67th UAAP, the women's basketball team continued to rake in titles. In February 2005, they bagged the championship of the 59th NCR Inter-Collegiate Basketball Championship, after which they conquered the National Inter-Collegiate Basketball Championship. Finally, they completed their victory streak by making a statement in the Home and Away Basketball Championship.

Following an exhaustive yet successful season, the Lady Eagles flew off to Bangkok, Thailand courtesy of Blue Angel Rubbing Alcohol and Bangkok Bank for further training and relaxation. They played against three strong Thai teams. The Lady Eagles went neck to

neck with Bangkok University which ended 53-55 in favor of Bangkok. Not to be discouraged, they competed against the Thailand National Team. Although the Eagles lost 43-90, the experience they gained was invaluable in preparing for UAAP Season 68. Bangkok Bank, a commercial team in Thailand, played with the Eagles to complete their training. It was yet another close fight ending in 45-47, in favor of Bangkok Bank.

The Blue Eagles, in an effort to perform at peak level this season, sent seven players to the IMG Basketball Academy in Bradenton, Florida from May 28 to June 7. Badji del Rosario, JC Intal, Ford Arao, Japeth Aguilar, Doug Kramer, Macky Escalona, Martin Quimzon, along with Coach Norman Black, participated in the lectures and training prepared for elite athletes. The IMG Basketball Academy serves as a venue for Off-Season training of Division One players in the United States. Athletes are billeted in a compound with a cafeteria that serves nutritionist-prepared food available to them twenty-four hours. The Blue Eagles were given individual skills training as well as strength and conditioning training. They also took part in shooting drills as well as scrimmages with players from different teams.

With these extensive preparations, the first semester's sports events of the UAAP Season 68: basketball, volleyball, chess, swimming, table tennis, are truly something to look forward to. *nsamaco*

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School of Humanities

July 21, 9:20 am to 10:20 am

"France, a Nation of Culture", a special lecture (mostly in French) by Mr. François Blamont of the Embassy of France in Manila at *Bellarmino Hall, Room 210, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

July 25, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Art Basics for the Non-Artist Lecture Series*: **"Appreciating the Art of the Violin"** by violinist Alfonso "Coke" Bolipata at *the Fine Arts Exhibition Hall, 3/F Gonzaga Bldg., AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 2

Buwan ng Wika at Kultura: Paglulunsad ng Exhibit at *the Rizal Library, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 2, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Art Basics for the Non-Artist Series*: **"The Pop Sound"** by Jim Paredes of the Apo Hiking Society at *the Fine Arts Exhibition Hall, 3/F Gonzaga Bldg., AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 2, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Buwan ng Wika at Kultura: "Pe-lee-kula 1" screening of Ricky Lee's "Jaguar" at *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 3, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Mass & Reception to launch the Fr. Francis Reilly, S.J. Endowed Fund at *the Ateneo Professional Schools, Rockwell, Makati City*

August 4, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Buwan ng Wika at Kultura Lecture 1: "Si Lee sa Pelikula" by Jayson Jacobo and **"Kontemporaryong Sigaw ng SIGWA"** by Coralu Santos at *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 5, 4:30 pm

Buwan ng Wika at Kultura: "Los Indios Bravos" concert featuring Kundirana Singers at *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 6, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

"Intercatholic Universities & Colleges' Theological Conversations" by CEAP-NCR member schools at *the Convergent Technologies Center Room 102, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 8, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Art Basics for the Non-Artist Lecture Series*: **"The Ethnic Sound"** by Edru Abraham and Kontragapi at *the Fine Arts Exhibition Hall, 3/F Gonzaga Bldg., AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 9, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Buwan ng Wika at Kultura: "Pe-lee-kula 2," screening of Ricky Lee's "Himala" at *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 12, 4:30 pm

Buwan ng Wika at Kultura: Lecture 2: "Si Tatang, si Ricky Lee, at ang Pagsulong ng Panitikan at Kultura ng Filipino" by Joey Baquiran at *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 15, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Art Basics for the Non-Artist Lecture Series*: **"Praises for the Lord"** by theologian and composer Manoling Francisco, S.J. at *the Fine Arts Exhibition Hall, 3/F Gonzaga Bldg., AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

**All "Art Basics for the Non-Artist" lectures are open to a limited number of drop-ins from the Ateneo faculty, staff, Jesuits and seminarians. If there is space available, others may be allowed to sit in upon the payment of a per lecture/presentation fee to cover costs, which may include handouts and other materials. For more information, please contact Xander of the Fine Arts Program office, 426-6001 loc 5330 or 5331. Those who intend to sit in are advised to inform Xander, at least one week in advance, so that seats may be reserved for them.*

School of Social Sciences

July 18, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

"Japanese Colonial Rule: Legacy and Impact on Modern Korea", a lecture by Professor Yeon-choel Kim, Hannam University, South Korea and Fellow of the Ateneo Center for Asian Studies. The second in the Department of History's lecture series in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Co-sponsored by the Ateneo Center for Asian Studies. At *the Faura Hall AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

July 25, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

"Capturing the Huk Amazon: Battles over Representations of the Filipina Warrior", a lecture by Vina Lanzona, Ph.D., University of Hawaii, Manoa. The third in the Department of History's lecture series in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. At *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

July 28, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

"Sayonara, Japayukisan: Social Implication of the Amended Japanese Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law", a lecture by Karen F. Cadiz

August 12, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

"Nationalism and Globalization in the Asian Context", the third ACAS conference at *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 12, 9:00 am to 10:30 am

"Asian Cooperation: Problems and Challenges in the New Century", a book launch at *the Social Sciences Building AVR, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

August 12, 10:30 am

Opening of photo exhibit on Malaysian nationalism at *the Social Sciences Building foyer, AdMU, Loyola Heights, Quezon City*

traditions

The Ateneo de Manila University Special Academic Convocation for the conferment of Traditional University Awards Tuesday, 26 July 2005, 3:00 pm, Rev. Henry Lee Irwin, S.J. Theatre.

The following Awards will be conferred upon
Ms. Ligaya Fernando-Amilbansa
Gawad Tanglaw ng Lahi

Atty. William T. Chua (posthumous)
Parangal Lingkod Sambayanan

Ms. Merlie B. Mendoza
Ozanam Award

Sr. La Croix de Jesus Ilagan, SPC
Bukas Palad Award in memory of Fr. Manuel Peypoch, S.J.

Judge Voltaire Y. Rosales (posthumous)
Lux in Domino Award

Mass in honor of St. Ignatius of Loyola and Church of Gesù Dedication Anniversary Mass July 28 10:30 am, Church of the Gesù

Ever since his student days in Paris, Ignatius had suffered from stomach ailments and they became increasingly troublesome in Rome. In the summer of 1556 his health grew worse, but his physician thought he would survive this summer as he had done others. Ignatius, however, thought that the end was near. On the afternoon of July 30 Ignatius asked Polanco, his secretary, to go and get the Pope's blessing for him, suggesting by this that he was dying. Polanco, however, trusted the physician more than Ignatius and told him he had a lot of letters to write and mail that day. He would go for the Pope's blessing the next day. Shortly after midnight Ignatius took a turn for the worse. Polanco rushed off to the Vatican to get the papal blessing, but it was too late. The former worldly courtier and soldier who had turned his gaze to another court and a different type of battle had rendered his soul into the hands of God. Ignatius was beatified on July 27, 1609 and canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622 together with St. Francis Xavier. Ignatius' feast day is celebrated by the universal Church and the Jesuits on July 31, the day he died.

from *The Life of St. Ignatius of Loyola* by Rev. Norman O'Neal, S.J.