New LS Strategic Plan Presented

New vision to adopt Asian perspective, pursue internationalization

A NEW FIVE-year strategic plan for the Ateneo Loyola Schools was presented by Dr. Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, Vice President for Loyola Schools, during the Faculty Day held last 22 June 2007. This was the product of a Strategic Planning Workshop on 19-20 April 2007 with Loyola Schools administrators, Chairs, and Program Directors.

The new vision states that, "The Ateneo Loyola Schools is a Filipino, Catholic, and Jesuit center of excellence of higher learning that is globally competitive while Asian in perspective; a community that transforms society through its research and creative work, its leadership in service, and its formation of persons-for-others."

Dr. Cuyegkeng pointed out the new elements of the vision: adopting an Asian perspective, pursuing internationalization more vigorously, and emphasizing the transformative nature of the work done by the Loyola Schools in the areas of teaching, scholarly work, and service.

With an Asian perspective, the Loyola Schools will see itself and its work through a regional perspective. "Even..." (page 6)

Results of LS Restructuring, Core Curriculum Review Presented

EACH OF THE four Loyola Schools has been able to pursue its goals more vigorously and better address the concerns of its respective constituencies because of the restructuring. On the other hand, the revised core curriculum has not been efficiently implemented.

These were among the findings of the two committees tasked to review the restructuring into the Loyola Schools and the core curriculum revisions, respectively. These were presented during the Faculty Day held last 22 June 2007.

Despite the benefits of the restructuring, the committee recommended that the Loyola Schools deans should be given greater autonomy while making them more financially accountable. The committee recommended that administrative procedures be reviewed to allow Deans, Chairs, and Directors to make certain decisions currently made by the Vice President for Loyola Schools (VPLS), and to decentralize current budgeting process, remembering that the VPLS became the "enforcer" of the non-negotiable principles and preserved uniformity across Schools.

Administrative processes are now implemented by Deans, but in many cases, they require the approval of the Vice President for Loyola Schools, said Dr. Darwin D. Yu during his presentation of the committee findings.

"There was a delegation of oversight to the Deans as opposed to a delegation of authority."

At the same time, the committee noted the decline in community spirit within the Loyola Schools. "Faculty members tend to identify more with their school rather than with the Loyola Schools as a whole."

The need for a stronger structure for graduate programs and the creation of an Office of Research was also highlighted.

With regard to the core curriculum revision of 2000, its review committee found that implementation lacked efficiency, with lack of involvement of many faculty members as well as weak oversight.

While the number of units was reduced as planned, to allow for more student-centered learning approaches, its rationale was not fully understood. "The present confusion in this matter might lie in the..." (page 6)

“Moving to New Levels of Excellence and Service”

DURING THE FACULTY Day held last 22 June 2007, University President Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, challenged the Ateneo faculty to set their sights towards moving on to “the next level”.

“As we approach our Sesquicentennial, we are also at some kind of turning points of change in the major units of the Ateneo,” Fr. Nebres said, citing that the Grade School and High School are pushing to new academic levels through benchmarking with top Singapore schools, while the Loyola Schools have been going through a continuing process of self-review and improvement.

The Ateneo School of Government is also moving to new levels of involvement and leadership in governance. The Law School has been working on a partnership with the National University of Singapore. The Graduate School of Business is now moving towards accreditation with PAASCU and EQUIS. The School of Medicine and Public Health opened this school year.

“For the Loyola Schools, Fr. Nebres offered his own reflections on directions that may stretch it and bring it..." (page 6)
2007 Graduate Named Outstanding Student of the Philippines

Luis Andres R. Abad, a 2007 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Ateneo’s AB Economics-Honors Program, president of the Sanggunian ng mga Mag-Aaral for 2006-2007, and a champion debater, was named as one of the 2007 Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP).

The TOSP program, a project of the RFM Foundation, is a nationwide search for outstanding youth who have displayed academic excellence, exemplary leadership, community involvement, and good moral values. The awarding ceremony was held at Mala
canh Palace last 5 July 2007, with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as Guest of Honor.

“We need to teach one another the value of generosity, of sacrifice, of service, and of justice,” said Abad in the essay he submitted to the TOSP screening committee. Before serving as president of the Ateneo student council, Abad was a volunteer faculty member for three years of the Sibol Jesus Tutorial and Summer School for Public High School Students.

In December 2006, Abad was also named as one of the Top Ten Outstanding Jose Rizal Model Students of the Philippines in ceremonies held at the International Headquarters of the Order of the Knights of Rizal.

Abad is also the valedictorian of his high school and grade school classes. He is the son of former Education Secretary Florencio Abad and former Batanes Representa
tive Henedina Abad.

LS Faculty Receive National Science Awards

Five members of the Loyola Schools faculty were among the recipients of this year’s National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) Awards, held during the NAST Annual Scientific Meeting at the Manila Hotel last 12 July 2007.

Dr. Fabian M. Dayrit, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, and Dr. Ma. Louise Antonette N. Delas Peñas, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, were each awarded for outstanding scientific papers.

A distinguished and multi-awarded chemist, Dr. Dayrit received his masteral and doctorate degree from Princeton University. He was also named one of the Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines in the field of Chemistry by the Philippine Jaycees in 1993, and received the presidential Lingkod Bayan award for government service in 1988.

Dr. Delas Peñas, a prod
duct of the University of the Philippines, is actively in
dolved in research on the use of technology in mathemat
cs. Her recent work in this area includes technology-
based manipulatives and strategies in maximizing the use of technology in Philip
pine schools.

Dr. Paulito P. Palmes, an assistant professor at the Department of Information Systems and Computer Science, was named “Outstanding Young Scientist in the field of Engineering”. He received his doctorate degree from the Toyohashi University of Technology in Japan.

Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akedon, an associate professor at the Department of Soci
ylogy and Anthropology, was awarded as an “Outstanding Young Scientist in the field of Sociology”. She is president of the Philippine Sociological Society and Secretary of the Board of the Research Committee on Science and Technology of the International Sociological Association.

Dr. Regina C. So, an assistant professor with the Department of Chemistry, won the NAST DuPont Talent Search for Young Scientists. A graduate degree-holder from the University of Connecticut, Dr. So has also been chosen to participate in the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry 44th General Assembly and 41st congress in Torino, Italy.

Ateneans Win in National Health Research Competition

Two Ateneo Research projects bagged the first and third places in the 8th Health Research for Action National Forum. The forum was sponsored by the Department of Health and was held from 19-20 June 2007, at the Diamond Hotel.

Avian Loren T. Co (BS Health Sciences ’07) and Marian F. Concepcion (IV BS Health Sciences) won the top prize for their research entitled, “A Cost-effectiveness Study of a Multi-drug Resistant TB Patients Monitoring System”.

In third place are Hannah Paula V. Doromal (BS Health Sciences ’07) and Muriel Tanya L. Go (BS Health Sciences ’07) for their study, “A Cost-benefit Analysis of an Automated Drug Inventory System for Public Health Facilities”.

The students, who bested medical practitioners and public health administrators and were the only students to qualify for the poster presentations, were mentored by faculty of the Health Sciences Program, led by Dr. John Q. Wong. The Department of Electronics, Computer, and Communication Engineering gave technical support.

The Multi-drug Resistant TB Patients Monitoring System study was also presented in a poster session during the 3rd WACBE World Congress on Bioengineering 2007 held in Bangkok, Thailand last 9-11 July 2007.

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The National Service Training Program (NSTP) received a "plus" from Ateneo and became the NSTP Preparatory Leadership Undertaking for Sophomores, or NSTP PLUS. NSTP is a nationwide required course for university and college students that aims to develop civic consciousness and defense preparedness among the Filipino youth by deepening the values of patriotism and ethics. NSTP includes the involvement of various offices and organizations.

**The Ateneo's NSTP PLUS**

The PLUS in Ateneo's NSTP is the involvement of various Loyola Schools formation offices: the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), the Campus Ministry Office (CMO), the Office for Social Concern and Involvement (OSCI), and the Loyola Schools Guidance Office (LSGO). OSA is responsible for resources, while CMO organizes the send-off masses and recollections. OSCI handles the implementation of the social and civic formation activities including the logistics for the formation sessions. LSGO provides technical expertise in creating process questions for the various program activities and orientation sessions.

NSTP PLUS was developed from a series of discussions among the Loyola Schools formation offices and Dr. Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, Vice President for Loyola Schools. The Loyola Schools believe that administrators, faculty members, and professionals should work together to make this formation program an effective means of preparing Ateneans to be good leaders who are actively involved in the community.

The NSTP PLUS, whose coordinator is Dr. W. Garcia, is part of the Loyola Schools' four-year formation program. Freshmen take the Introduction to Ateneo Culture and Traditions (IntTACT), which seeks to equip them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to cope with the demands of college life.

Third-year students go through the Junior Engagement Program (JEEP), formerly known as the Ateneo Labour Trials Program, which deals with identifying workers' issues and the development of integration skills and critical thinking with worker issues, as well as respect for workers themselves.

Ophi Alzona, OSCI Student Affairs Professional and JEEP coordinator, says JEEP aims to "provide students with experiences to awaken in them the need to grow in social engagement and responsibility." JEEP is integrated in the Philosophy of the Human Person course.

Pabaon, a non-academic integration program, is the final formation program for graduating students. According to CMO director Fr. Roberto Buenconsejo, SJ, Pabaon "aims at integrating the personal, social, and spiritual features of Jesuit education," through immersion experiences and retreats.

With NSTP PLUS, OSCI Director Mary Ann Manapat says that the Loyola Schools will better help Ateneans heed the call "to develop themselves to the fullest and truly become men and women for others."
HEN I WAS elected to the highest office of my country, I did not consider it as a goal by itself but as a new opportunity to enhance better chances and greater opportunities for my compatriots. I wanted to unite people and give them a brighter perspective,” said Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of Poland from 1995-2005.

President Kwasniewski was speaking at the 2nd Ateneo Manuel V. Pangilinan Center Annual Leadership Forum held last 3 July 2007 at the Henry Lee Irwin Theater.

Ateneo Board of Trustees Chairman and PLDT Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan formally opened the event while University President Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, introduced President Kwasniewski. Newscaster Tina Monzon-Palma served as the forum moderator.

Unlike how it is with many of our politicians today, Kwasniewski's track record will show that these are not mere words thrown out for the sake of grandstanding; these are principles he lives by.

As a young political leader in the late 1980s, Kwasniewski understood the value of dialogue. At the time, civil war was threatening to destroy his country, as the popular non-communist trade union Solidarity movement was gaining strength in communist Poland.

“We approached Solidarity leaders and influential Catholic Church representatives and organized an unprecedented conference in the early spring of 1989. That event is known as the Round Table Conference,” Kwasniewski said.

“I devoted all my efforts to overcoming natural differences because I was convinced that the desire of both negotiating sides to save our country from a disaster and to start fundamental democratic reforms was much stronger than political differences.”

That Round Table led to the peaceful transfer of power in September of the same year to the first non-communist government in Eastern Europe after World War II, where fundamental democratic reforms was much stronger than political differences.

That Round Table has guided me in my political activities ever since,” Kwasniewski said.

Six years after that Round Table Conference, Kwasniewski was elected as President and went on to serve for two five-year terms.

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Under Kwasniewski’s leadership, Poland was also admitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1999 and to the European Union in 2004. His administration also launched important initiatives aimed at developing better relations both with the Vatican and with Jews, and with neighboring European nations.

“The world today is developing very quickly. The changes in the international arena and on the domestic fronts are often too difficult to comprehend and follow. It is thus the duty of politicians and scientists to inform the people and to give them direction,” Kwasniewski said to the Ateneans who gathered to listen to him.

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“As the great Chinese philosopher Confucius said: a ruler should learn self-discipline, should govern his subjects by his own example, and should treat them with love and concern.”
The Timeless Legacy of Manuel Colayco

IN THE MIDST of the three dark years the country suffered under the Japanese occupation emerged a man of conviction; a man whose faith and courage served as an illuminating light penetrating the brutal darkness around. Though the war had destroyed Manila’s buildings and its people’s spirit, Manuel Colayco stood steadfast, fighting for God and country until an enemy grenade brought death upon him.

But there is more to what makes this man worthy of celebration. On the 23rd of July, 2007, University President Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, led the Ateneo community in paying tribute to Colayco. Held at the MVP roof deck, “Manny” was duly recognized not only as a war hero, but as the hard-working mason who laid the foundation of the Ateneo’s type.

The blessing of the Colayco Memorabilia at the MVP Center was a poignant occasion to not only the Ateneans and student-leaders present, but most especially to his children who stood witness to the event: Ma. Teresa, Emma, Manuel Jr., Carlos, Ma. Consuelo, Jaime, and Francis. The deli-cately prepared memorabilia—a collection of articles written by Manny—was unveiled and presented in all its nostalgic glory. It was a po-tent testament to the diligence of the pro-fic wordsmith and the first editor of The Guidon.

But if one were to try to pick his crown-ing glory, one would have to dig through a treasure chest of prized jew-els. Manny reaped awards one after the other, but the medals in the memorabilia were an understated representation of his intelligence and talents. Manny was the consummate leader. As a student, he headed de-bating societies, organizations like ACIL, and the Ateneo Cadet Corps, among others. In 1939, he led the Philippine delegation to the interna-tional Eucharistic Congress in Budapest. During the war, he served as chief of the Allied Intelligence Bureau in Manila.

An excellent steward of his God-given gifts, Manny was evidently revered by his distinguished contemporaries. Among the memorabilia displayed are articles written about him by the likes of H.R. Dela Costa, who recounted the stirring tale of a brave warrior who risked life and limb and chose to live a life of modest means for the noble cause he so brazenly pursued until the very end.

But to his children, the most heart-rending of all was the reproduc-tion of a prayer he wrote within the confines of his prison during the war. The sight of the prayer scrawled at the back cover of the imitations of Christ once again roused a sense of admiration for their father, who continued to be consumed by faith even at his most trying times.

Manuel Colayco left a lasting imprint in the Ateneo he dearly loved. Perhaps, no amount of material recognition can give due credit to Manny, but by exemplifying and championing his ideals, we best honor his legacy.

I thank Thee, Lord, for the Faith thou hast given me— therewith to hope; wherewith to love my fellow men, even the foe.

A prayer written by Manuel C. Colayco as a prisoner of war at Camp O’Donnell in Cabanatuan.

In Tune with College Life

The Ateneo 2007 Orientation Seminar (OrSem) welcomed around 2,000 freshmen to groove to the music of college life with its theme “Soundcheck,” last June 7-9 at the College Covered Courts. The John Gokongwei School of Management welcomed 775 new enrollees, while the School of Social Sciences had 573 new students. The School of Science and Engineering had 444 freshmen, and the School of Humanities had 229.

OrSem 2007 Head Jonathan Christopher Pascual said they chose the theme “Soundcheck” because, in the same way that performers check whether or not their instruments are in harmony with each other, as well as the venues acoustics prior to their performance, in OrSem, “freshmen will check their different cultures and harmonize it with the acoustics of Ateneo culture.”

This year, freshmen were introduced only to their course blockmates, unlike before when they had to spend one day with their English blockmates. Pascual said the change was made to give students “a more effective and efficient bonding time with their course blockmates.” It also fulfilled the organizers’ idea of creating a more student-centered learn, rather than with the mode by which students today learn,” said Mr. Eduardo Jose E. Calasanz, who presented the restructuring plan, the vision is for the Loyola Schools to be internationally recognized as having output that prepares students in their ability to use their skills and talents in the service of others.

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THE NEW LS STRATEGIC PLAN

As the Loyola Schools engages Philippine society, it will attend to the concerns of this region and participate in the articulation of Asian identity and in placing Asia on the agenda of global forums, "Dr. Cuyegkeng said.

The Loyola Schools will also benchmark itself against international standards. According to the strategic plan, the vision is for the Loyola Schools to be internationally recognized as having output that prepares students in their ability to use their skills and talents in the service of others.

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Leadership in finance for the corporate track, to make the Philippines competitive as a financial services center.

“Together with the Math Department, perhaps offer two tracks in the Management Engineering Program,” he said.

For the School of Science and Engineering, Fr. Nebres suggested that they should attract more students to Mathematics; set sharper goals in emerging areas of life sciences with the School of Medicine, such as medical computing and oncology research; and strengthen environmental risk management and partner with PAGASA on weather forecasting.

For the School of Humanities, a major goal should be defining Ateneo’s niche in the Arts. A major opportunity is the setting up of an Art Museum in partnership with PLDT. He also suggested researching the role of the arts in empowering the youth among the poor.

"The work of the Ateneo of School of Government with Pandan and four other provinces, helping them in the management of transition, is a laboratory for positive psychology – what works in developing and guiding public leaders in the Philippines," he said.

In the choices to be made by each of Ateneo’s units towards moving to the next level, Fr. Nebres said that Ateneo’s core values of excellence and service, alignment with Ateneo’s mission and vision, and Ateneo’s competitive advantages should serve as determining principles.
Floy Quintos’ Fluid Debuts at the Ateneo Theater Scene

THE ATENEO DE Manila University Theater Arts Seniors 2008 presents a new production of Fluid, as the fundraising project for their creative thesis showcase which will be staged in November. The play runs for three weeks starting August 30 at the Fine Arts Studio Theater. Art is center-stage in this Palanca-winning full-length play celebrated playwright/director, Floy Quintos. This play is given a fresh twist as a young cast of characters steps in to relieve this shining moment in Philippine theater. Art brings together the lives of three couples as they grapple for a life of compromise. Amir is a talented painter on the fringes of a breakdown when he meets Mira, a rich art collector, who challenges him and his belief in art. Jom and Alben are struggling theater actors debating on the struggle between high art and popular art while trying to make their relationship work. Renata is the coordinator for an orchestra whose passion for “real art” drives the domineering events coordinator, Simone, crazy in a series of wacky affairs. At the opening of Amir’s one-man-show, all discover true art in the midst of a pandemonium that looks into hypocrisy and the awakening of exhausted creative spirits.

Heading an all-Atenean cast is Missy Maramara who plays the worldly art collector, Mira Albano, alternating with Jasmine Mendola and Pia Bonales. Paolo Galia and Jio Javier alternate as Amir Montano, a struggling painter. Alben and [Jom, two theater actors are played by alternates] Ignacio and Nikko Atanze, and alternates Gerald Rivera and RX93.1 DJ Jake de Leon, respectively. The playful events coordinator, Simone, is played by Jorja Hung, Diega Villanueva and Jean Pierre Reniva while Trency Caga-anan gives life to Philharmonic coordinator, Renata.

The playwright also directs the play with the set design of Monica Sebial and costumes designed by Mahar Mangahas. Voltaire de Jesus handles the lights.

Framed within the context of love, money, commerce and power, witness the three couples’ game of Art and Compromise at the Fine Arts Studio Theater (G-308). Third floor Gonzaga Hall, Loyola Schools, Ateneo de Manila University on August 30-31, September 1-2, 4-9, and 11-16, at 7 pm with additional 2pm shows on Saturdays and Sundays. For inquiries, contact 0920-5574558 or the Fine Arts Program at 426-6001 loc. 5331.

“WHAT ELEMENTS OF biography lead people to a moment of truth? What historical contexts provide the conditions for people to act out their particular moment? What are the consequences of enacting a decision for self and society? Tanghalang Ateneo, now on its 29th Season, seeks the answers to these questions through plays that deal with people finding their moment of truth and facing the consequences of that choice on their future life.

“To speak about a moment of truth is to show how a decision affects the course of a personal or collective life,” says the theater company directed and moderated by Ricardo Abad.

Called “The Season of Truth”, the season began with the staging of Bertolt Brecht’s The Caucasian Chalk Circle, or Litsang Bilog ng Caucasus in translation, in July. The play contains three major defining moments of truth: the decision to award a piece of land not to its original owners but to the collective that made that land productive, the mad him and his decision to keep an abandoned baby, and the judge Azdak’s decision to award custody of the child to the stepmother and not to the natural mother.

“These three decisions underscore the truth, the playwright’s truth, that justice stems not from rank or privilege but from good works. Does this make sense? We urge students to discuss this issue,” they say.

Their second play slated for November, Glenn Mac’s The Death of Memory speaks of another moment of truth: Juan’s decision to escape from the limbo of time and space. Seemingly trapped in a cage of painful memories and paralyzing pasts, what choices do Juan and people like him have for liberation? Four characters trapped in a purgatory of the mind locate the escape hatch, and their moment of truth enables them to move on and transcend evil.

“Can students who are similarly imprisoned find their own freedom?” asks TA.

The third production scheduled in January 2008, Shakespeare’s Cymbeline, reads like a modern telenovela involving authoritarian parents and feisty children, family misunderstandings and separations, long-lost brothers, loves, jealousies and rivalries, all of these set in the context of a grudge war between Britain and Rome.

The defining moments of truth are many, chief of which is King Cymbeline’s own realization of the harm he has caused his daughter and the good he has lost – at least for a while. The admission of error – a true I’m sorry – healed a family and a nation as well. Their fourth production, a student drama revue called Pandorab Box will feature works by students, and also acted out, directed, and staffed by students. To many incoming trainees, this involvement in stage production will also be a moment of truth – a way to find out if the theater loves them as much as they love the theater.

“The defining moments of truth in this season’s productions are also occasions for hope,” says TA. “And so, in this election year, with all its trials and tribulations, our theater offers a bit of hope, the hope echoing from inside the Caucasian Chalk Circle, namely that what there is – the state and all its institutions – shall belong to those who are good for it. For only then shall it, the state, bear fruit.”

Tanghalang Ateneo Seeks the this Season

August 27 - September 7
CIMPAA-IMMASS-Philippines School on Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations
Hosted by the Mathematics Department, this school belongs to a series of schools organized/ supported by CIMPAA (International Center for Pure and Applied Mathematics, Nice, France) in developing countries. It’s also part of the Asia Link program/IMMASS (International Master in Applied Mathematics and Information Sciences). Participants will be graduate students, young researchers, teachers and practitioners from the Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, and Philippines.

August 28
“Cubao Babay, Cubao Iliam, Ang Daigdig ng Dilim sa Maga Katha ni Tony Perez”
Panayarin G Edgar Samur
4:30-6:00pm, Faura, AVR

August 29
Book Launch of “John L. Gokongwei Jr: The Path of Entrepreneurship”
4:30 pm, Escaler Hall

August 30
“What is art for? Reflections on the sense of art and creativity for human beings.”
Talk by Karin Hufstitz, cand. Ph.D.
4:30-6:00 pm, for Philosophy department only
Faculty and Staff Lounge, 3rd Floor Dela Costa Hall

Quiz BEE-BO
Quiz Show on literature and pop culture hosted by the Filipino Department
4:30-6:00 pm, Escaler Hall

September 3
Music and Poetry: An Aesthetic Union
An afternoon of music and art songs with Randy Gilongo (tenor) and Peter Parios (pianist). On the programme are Ravel, Schubert, Respighi, Schumann, and Duparc
4:30-6:00 pm, Escaler Hall
RSVP here or Cherie (426-6001 loc. 5340)

September 4
Living Rosary in honor of Our Lady’s Nativity

September 8
“Revisiting Student-Centered Pedagogy: Teaching for Understanding in Language and Literature Classrooms”
38th AICTEL-B Annual Conference
8:00-5:00 pm, Escaler Hall

September 10
SOSE Faculty Symposium
4:30-6:00 pm, PCI Bank Lecture Hall

September 10-14
Cervini & Eliazo Dorm Open House

September 10-17
John Gokongwee School of Management Week

September 15-16
Ateneo College Entrance Test for SY2008-2009

September 22
The Emy M. Pascasio Memorial Lecture
A lecture on the Linguistic Society of the Philippines. Venue to be announced

October 4-5
JGSSM Business Accelerator Program Expo
JGSSM Garden

October 8-13
Final examination week for college and graduate students
DON'T BE SURPRISED, but we are at where everyone thought we'd be.

In the last two years, the Blue Eagles wrapped up both first rounds of the UAAP Men's Basketball competition with 7-0 slates. But the 2005 team crashed in the second round and was rudely dumped by De La Salle in the Final Four, ending LA Tenorio's dreams of leading the team back into the championship round. The following year, the team lost a taut three-game thriller to the University of Santo Tomas, effectively ending the era of the last holdouts of the 2002 title.

This year, well, the team is at 4-3, ending the first round of eliminations with a two-game slide. So does a reversal of fortunes mean that the team will do well in the second round and beyond? Not necessarily. The University of the East, winners of almost every pre- and post-season tourney running in the last two years, is atop the standings with a 7-0 slate. Perennial title-favorite DLSU, which bludgeoned the opposition on their way to seeding fifth or sixth (depending on who you ask), is second in total team rebounds. Eric Salamat, Zion Laterre, or even Jobe Nkemakolam on foes extricate themselves just to make some shots. We have some of the speediest and most athletic players, and we're second in the league in total team efforts to ease the load on Tiu, whom opposing defenses have been geared to stopping.

Jai Reyes has been a sparkplug of sorts, especially in that titanic battle against La Salle where Reyes hauled all his guards for a team-high 18 points. Reyes has chipped in 8.6 points per game while passing for 2.6 assists. The twin tower combo of Rabah Al-Husseini (7.7 ppg & 7.6 rpg) and Jobe Nkemakolam (7.4 ppg & 7 rpg) has placed Ateneo second in total team rebounds. But the two early wins were followed by a bunch of missed free throws at the worst possible time - crunchtime - the team should be, at the very best, at 6-1.

Fortunately for the team, there's the second round where they can make adjustments. But no battle will be a given, even against hapless UP, which always raises their game when up against Ateneo.

At the start of the year, the Blue Eagles were seeded fifth or sixth (depending on who you were talking to). They started out the season with a pair of rousing wins that suddenly had everyone hanging once more the “title-favorite” tag on the team. But the two early wins were against the bottom feeders. The true test came with the rest of the schedule that, with the exception of NU and the 1986 title of UP, featured the teams that have divided up the Men's Basketball crown for the last 30 years.

That means in spite of the 4-3 record, we're still in the thick of things and giving that tired One Big Fight. The opposition clearly knows that it's our guards who are enjoying his finest season so far, is the only other Blue Eagle in double figures with 11 markers per game. Again, these statistics do not a complete picture paint. Following his “spread the wealth” philosophy, head coach Norman Black said in the pre-season that he's looking at a total team effort to ease the load on Tiu, whom opposing defenses have been geared to stopping.

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The team's bane has been its turnovers, a statistic the team dubiously leads the league in with 18 an outing. If it weren't for that and a bunch of missed free throws at the worst possible time - crunchtime - the team should be, at the very best, at 6-1.

Fortunately for the team, there's the second round where they can make adjustments. But no battle will be a given, even against hapless UP, which always raises their game when up against Ateneo.

At the start of the year, the Blue Eagles were seeded fifth or sixth (depending on who you were talking to). They started out the season with a pair of rousing wins that suddenly had everyone hanging once more the “title-favorite” tag on the team. But the two early wins were against the bottom feeders. The true test came with the rest of the schedule that, with the exception of NU and the 1986 title of UP, featured the teams that have divided up the Men's Basketball crown for the last 30 years.

That means in spite of the 4-3 record, we're still in the thick of things and giving that tired One Big Fight. The opposition clearly knows that it's our guards who are enjoying his finest season so far, is the only other Blue Eagle in double figures with 11 markers per game. Again, these statistics do not a complete picture paint. Following his “spread the wealth” philosophy, head coach Norman Black said in the pre-season that he's looking at a total team effort to ease the load on Tiu, whom opposing defenses have been geared to stopping.

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Round 2 Schedule

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