On April 1, 2011, the Ateneo de Manila University will have a new president. Fr. Jose Ramon T. Villarin, sj has been elected by the Board of Trustees to an initial three-year term as university president. His initial term runs through March 2014.

Villarin graduated BS Physics, magna cum laude and class valedictorian, Ateneo de Manila University, 1980; MS Physics, Marquette University in Wisconsin, 1987; STB Theology summa cum laude, Loyola School of Theology, 1991. He acquired his PhD in Atmospheric Physics from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1997.

He entered the Sacred Heart novitiate in May 1981 and was ordained priest in January 2005. He received the National Outstanding Young Scientist award in 2000, and the Outstanding Book Award for “Disturbing Climate” in 2002. He is also an active member of several local and international environment and climate committees, such as the United Nations’ Consultative Group of Experts for Developing Countries, and the Inter-Agency Committee on Climate Change, among others.

He has held various positions as campus minister and faculty member of the Physics Department at the School of Science and Engineering, Chief of Climate Studies in the Manila Observatory, and member of the Board of Trustees of Ateneo universities in Manila, Davao, and Zamboanga. He is currently the president of Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro.

The Search Committee, in its report to the Board, stated that Villarin has “the academic stature, leadership experience, and a good grasp of the demands of the position” to be the next university president.
Four exemplary individuals were feted and recognized by the Ateneo de Manila University at a Special Academic Convocation held on July 22, 2010 at the Henry Lee Irwin Theater. The awardees were Federico Aguilar Alcuaz, Fr. Sebastian D’Ambra, Monsignor Jose “Chito” C. Bernardo, Jr., and Dr. Jose Alfredo “Aral” Bengzon.

Alcuaz, an esteemed National Artist whose life’s work pursued Filipinism and Filipino identity through cultural endeavors received the Gawad Tanglaw ng Lahi Award. D’Ambra of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (pimf) and Bernards of the Assist Ministry and cncrp Galilee Center both received the Bukas Palad Award in memory of Fr. Manuel Pepoy, SJ which captures the Ignatian spirit of generosity and gives recognition to the unconditional, dedicated service of religious in Christ’s kingdom.

Bengzon, the Ateneo’s Vice President for the Professional Schools and Social Development, was granted the Lux-in-Domino Award, a capstone award for outstanding life and work achievements embodying the noblest ideals of the Ateneo de Manila University.

Conferment of the traditional University awards was led by University President Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ in the company of the University’s top administrators Dr. John Paul Vergara, Vice President for Loyola Schools; Dr. Edna Franco, Vice President for Administration and Planning; Mr. Jose F. Santos, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer; with Fr. Roberto Yap, SJ Treasurer of the Philippine Province of the Society of Jesus and Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, Chair of the Commission on Higher Education. Mr. Romeo Dalandan, Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs was master of ceremonies for the convocation. A special feature marking this year’s convocation were the finely made audiovisual presentations on each of the awardees. Close friends and colleagues along with the University community were invited to celebrate the special occasion which was capped with refreshments and dinner with the awardees.

The Special Academic Convocation is a time-honored tradition of the Ateneo, a special time that is set aside during the year to recognize and give tribute to individuals or groups both from within and outside the University who have made outstanding contributions to Philippine society in particular and the wider world outside the country in general. The traditional awards given during this festive occasion include the following: Bukas Palad Award; Gawad Tanglaw ng Lahi, Lux-in-Domino Award, Oxnam, Government Service Award, Parangal Lingkod Sambayanan, and Honorary Degrees.

The Honors and Awards Committee of the Board of Trustees invites nominations from the University community for these awards at the start of the year, and from this pool of nominees, the Committee makes a final selection. Not all of the above-mentioned awards are actually given every year and would depend upon whether the Committee was able to select a qualified person/s (even posthumous) or group/organization for each award category from among those nominated.

Excerpts from the respective citations of the awardees sum up their life achievements that have been duly recognized by the Ateneo de Manila University:

Federico Aguilar Alcuaz (Gawad Tanglaw Lahi)

...Recognizes not only his role in Philippine art but an expansion of how we can imagine the Philippine identity, that we confirm his stature and aspire that it may find a meaningful place amongst the artist’s many accolades....

Fr. Sebastian D’Ambra, PIME (Bukas Palad)

“For offering of himself generously to be the bridge of understanding, peace and cooperation between Christians, Muslims and Lumads by establishing the Silsilah Dialogue Movement that promotes the culture of dialogue “in solidarity with all people, regardless of culture and faith”.

For helping plant the seeds of interreligious dialogue in the Philippines, particularly in Mindanao, and nurturing and spreading them through his leadership roles in the interreligious dialogue thrusts of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (pimf) and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (cncrp)....

Monsignor Jose “Chito” Bernardo (Bukas Palad Awardee)

...The holy Curé of Ars spoke of the Catholic priesthood as the embodiment of “the love of the heart of Jesus” in the Church and in the world. Because he has generously and devotedly given most of his priestly life and work (nearly 35 years, 17 of them as Executive Secretary to the cncrp Clergy Commission) to serve priests and their priestly ministry; because he has so assiduously developed and fostered the ministry of “supporting and caring for the shepherds of the Lord’s flock”, their initial and ongoing formation, their constant and faithful life-renewal, and – when called for – their integral healing; because despite the burden of serious health-difficulties, he has persevered in this much-needed and pioneering endeavor; developing and “Assist Ministry” and raising up the national “Galilee Center” as its home; because he has thus lived out in life the priesthood’s faithful “embodiment of the love of the Heart of Jesus” in our midst....

Dr. Alfredo R. A. Bengzon (Lux-in-Domino Awardee)

“In recognition of a man who has deeply, profoundly, and outstandingly reflected Ignatian spirituality and the noblest ideals of the Ateneo de Manila throughout his life; in appreciation of his constant openness to God’s call to service, generosity, and greatness; and in recognition of the legacy that he leaves behind in the worlds of health, governance, and higher education....
Defining the practice of academic integrity

The Loyola Schools has released two booklets on the topic of academic integrity. The student and faculty guides to the Code of Academic Integrity were distributed to students and departments at the beginning of the school year.

The booklets were the products of the work of an ad hoc committee formed in 2009 by then vps Dr. Ma. Assunta C. Caygulang. The committee’s mandate was to probe the important issue of academic dishonesty and propose action to be taken. The committee endeavored to examine the existing knowledge and common practices regarding the subject. Notably, a survey was conducted among all Loyola Schools departments and faculty regarding their experiences with academic dishonesty, and the measures taken in their classes to promote and safeguard academic integrity. Experiences of the Discipline Committee were also culled for insights into student and faculty behavior. The result of this research formed the basis for the guides, which elaborate on the Core Principles for Responsible management Education” by Dr. Manuel Escudero, President of the Ateneo de Manila University, talked about his university’s response to the call for social responsibility of Jesuit business schools.

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• Dr. Michael Duffy, Dean, School of Business and Professional studies, University of San Francisco, California
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The AACSB accreditation workshop, chaired by Dean James Daly of Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Missouri), discussed the benefits of accreditation, and walked the participants through the application process. Dr. Eileen Peacock, Vice President for Asia of AACSB, was a member of the panel.

Congratulations to the John Gokongwei School of Management for its highly successful staging of the conference. Dr. David Mayorga, Dean of the School of Business and Accounting at the Universidad del Pacifico will have a tough act to follow when he hosts the 17th World Forum of the IAJBS next year in Lima, Peru!
The first Friday of the new school year has always been traditionally reserved for the Loyola Schools faculty. No classes are held and instead, college faculty members take the day to reacquaint themselves with each other. Introductions are made and acquaintances strengthened. Traditionally, the day has always been one of remembering and preparation.

On June 18, 2010, Faculty Day saw not only the introduction of new members of the faculty, but also the welcoming of a new Vice President for the Loyola Schools, Dr. John Paul C. Vergara. A congratulatory spirit informed the gathering as well, with announcements on the PAASCU and world ranking results being made.

The plenary session, which was held at a packed Leong Hall Auditorium, was hosted by Communication Department chair and broadcaster Severino Sarmenta, whose booming voice and irrepressible humor kept people smiling through the morning.

Nebres takes stock

In his address, University president Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ discussed the movement of the university towards several fronts, particularly on its continuing mission to educate men and women for others, and on its mission to help build the nation through various efforts of engagement with the community.

The challenge of producing individuals of depth and breadth

In the face of the growing use of rankings as a means of evaluating the quality of a university, Ateneo must contend with the challenge of continuing its success with ranking bodies, even as the University’s efforts towards the common good may not be measured by any of their criteria. The challenge of becoming excellent, often seen as a challenge of shaping minds of depth, was matched with the need to shape concerns which moved beyond a simple focus on a single field of expertise. The challenge of creating individuals who exemplified both depth, or excellence in their fields, and breadth, or concern for a wider scope, was the focus of Fr. Nebres’ address.

The call for the University to meet this challenge in the face of its growing competitiveness in the global arena is something that everyone, particularly faculty, must face.

Nebres used Jesuit Superior General Fr. Adolfo Nicolas’ discussion on the need to produce individuals of depth and breadth to frame his own discussions, focusing on the need to form students with an ability to think critically, something that is in danger in these days of the Internet. That must also be balanced with an imagination that is capable of grasping reality, and is able to engage with the real in a deeper, more comprehensive manner. His creation of the Tufts University program for teaching Wisdom was a suggestion to the faculty, that perhaps this direction would be necessary to be able to produce students who would possess both the sought for depth and breadth. He finished by citing the possible next steps, concerned with stringing the various initiatives together, and in exploring, in a more systematic manner, exactly what works in these initiatives, tying in academic research with efforts engaged in the real world.

Rankings, accreditation, metrics

Newly minted Vice President for the Loyola Schools Dr. John Paul C. Vergara presented the results of the most recent World and Asian rankings, which placed the Ateneo at the top of Philippine universities in both surveys. The strength of the international programs of the university, as well as very good scores in other aspects helped bring it to its current position. Vergara, however, remarked that there is still plenty of room for improvement. He stated the need to push for more research output, citing programs that are being put in place to help faculty meet this challenge.

He also announced, to applause, that the university was successful in maintaining its PAASCU accreditation, which re-affirmed the school’s reputation for excellence.

He also announced the creation of a metrics committee, with the aim of enabling all the schools to see key metrics about their faculty and students. This would help them in their planning their activities. He cited the need to create internal measures, so that “we are achieving what we want to.” His planned Metrics Planning committee will help in creating these measures, which will hopefully make planning and tracking achievements easier for all units of the University. The planned measures will tackle everything from student enrollment profiles to faculty areas of specialization. The creation of these databases should help not only in planning and tracking achievements, but also in compiling information for various purposes, not the least of which would be the global rankings and accreditation bodies.

Vergara explained the new focus on metrics this way: “With these metrics, we can find out what are important to us, what we need to do to get what are important to us, and if we have obtained what are important to us.”

PAASCU results and recommendations

PAASCU coordinator Dr. Celeste T. Gonzalez then took the floor to explain the PAASCU results further. In general, the University did well, meeting most, if not all, the requirements of the accreditation body. The body took notice of a number of best features and made recommendations. For the faculty, it was noted that they remain committed to the values of excellence and service and are highly competent and qualified in their respective fields. The reigning spirit of collegiality among the faculty was also cited as an outstanding feature of the school. The body recommended creating more opportunities to develop the faculty in terms of training, and for the institutionalization of the mentoring program. The PAASCU results re-affirmed the efforts of the University, and Gonzalez acknowledged everyone’s efforts toward the University’s excellent showing.

The morning concluded with lunch, and an announcement of who won the NBA finals, thanks to Sarmenta. The afternoon saw the various schools discuss the creation of metrics for their unique concerns. As the teachers began to discuss how to better measure their own performance, the familiar rhythms of the faculty resumed, already preparing for the year and for the years after that, the past achievements not forgotten but rather clearly in mind, their thinking already directed towards the future.
The Konrad Adenauer Asian Center for Journalism (acfj) marked its 10th anniversary with a three-day celebration in June 2010. At least 170 journalists, alumni, dignitaries, and supporters attended the opening program on June 7 at the Ateneo de Manila University, the home of acfj.

The ceremony kicked off with the opening of a photo exhibit dubbed “Asia: Identity, Vision and Position”; a conference on May 29 entitled “Asia: Identity, Vision and Position”; and a multi-site exhibition “Asian Conditions, Communities and Directions”; and a multi-site exhibition “Asian News in Pictures,” which captured the immense diversity of issues that confront Asia. The exhibit, launched at the Ricardo and Dr. Rosita Leong Hall, featured several of the best single pictures and photo stories in the portfolios submitted by students in the Diploma in Photojournalism program offered by acfj.

acfj Executive Director Dr. Violet Valdez said “bringing people together with very limited resources” was the biggest challenge the center faced when it was established in 2000. She is now looking forward to the next 10 years and anticipates much more innovation. “We hope to continue to be cutting edge, so to speak. We continue to be able to cover more of Asia that we are able to cover now. The vision is greater diversity and cutting edge journalism.”

For his part, Dr. Stefan Friedrich, head of the Asia Department of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (kas), described the acfj as a leader in journalism education in the region. “The acfj is already a brand name of journalism education in Asia, which all of you can be proud of,” he said.

In his message, University President Fr. Bienvenido Nebesos, SJ underscored the importance of journalism in the rapid growth of the Asian region and challenged the acfj and its alumni to help ensure that the world sees Asia from a balanced perspective. “All of us know that over the last 10 years, the development of societies in the Asian region—not only our development but our growing role in the world stage—has accelerated… I think we realize that our region is quite important and we are very much in the news, but it’s also important that news from inside is better crafted and understood,” Nebesos said.

Wilfried Rueten, Executive Director of the European Journalism Center (ejc), echoed Nebesos’ challenge by saying “there is a lot of noise out there” and it is the role of journalism to “make sense of the noise.” A highlight in the opening ceremony was the signing of a cooperation agreement between the acfj and the ejc.

Launched in 2000, acfj was funded by the Ateneo and kas under its Media Programme Asia. It was created with the aim of reviving “pure” journalism education and to raise the standards of Asian journalism. Since then, acfj has provided hundreds of Asian reporters and editors the “training and education that have helped them inform and engage their communities in public issues.”

Every year, acfj awards fellowships for the MA Journalism program and the Diploma in Photojournalism, as well as study grants to deserving journalists from Asian newsrooms. acfj believes journalists must be able to keep up to the challenges they face such as new media technology, veiled threats to their independence and the growing intricacy of social issues and institutions.

“It’s an ongoing goal so as of the moment, what we wanted until now (I think) has exceeded our expectations,” Valdez said.

The API Fellowships Program celebrates a decade of regional cooperation

The Nippon Foundation Fellowships for Asian Public Intellectuals (API Fellowships Program) held its Tenth Anniversary Regional Celebration from May 28 to 30, 2010, hosted by the Ateneo de Manila University. The celebration consisted of three main events: a symposium on May 28 entitled “Asia: Identity, Vision and Position”; a conference on May 29 entitled “Asian Conditions, Communities and Directions”; and a multi-site exhibition entitled “Creative Index: An Exhibition” on May 30, showcasing creative works and performances by api fellows.

For the first time, fellows from the program’s five participating countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand) were brought together, not only to honor the program’s tenth year, but also to discuss the current state of Asia and the role it must play in the region’s multidimensional but unending search for equitable progress, social justice, and a dignified position in a rapidly globalizing and shrinking world.

The symposium’s keynote speakers were Dr. Benedict R. O’G. Anderson, renowned for his landmark studies on Southeast Asian and commentaries on historical and social developments; Dr. Krisana Kraisintu, 2009 Ramon Magaysay Awardee, recognized for her tireless efforts in making drugs for the treatment of m/ars more accessible; and internationally respected economist Dr. Jomo K. S., Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (un DESA) and API fellow, known for his contribution to the understanding of the different dimensions of Asia’s changing position within the context of globalization.

The API Fellowships Program was launched in 2000 as a multinational program designed to create a pool of public intellectuals—academics, researchers, media professionals, NGO activists, social workers, public servants, artists, creative writers, and others—committed to promoting mutual learning and contributing to public spaces which could generate effective responses to challenges through regional cooperation. Currently, there are over 270 recipients of the api Fellowships.

According to The Nippon Foundation Chairman, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, “The Program’s aim was to identify and nurture committed public intellectuals and form them into a regional network. It is my fervent wish that this distinctive community will develop into an organization that can assert its collective intellectual and practical influence for the betterment of societies.”

In 2006, Fellows formed the api Regional Committee and subsequently launched the Regional Project in 2008. This venture is currently ongoing and serves as the concrete realization of the cooperative effort initially envisioned by the program.

The celebration was jointly organized by the Nippon Foundation and the following Partner Institutions: the Indonesian Institute of Sciences, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies of Kyoto University, the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, the School of Social Sciences of Ateneo de Manila University, and the Institute of Asian Studies of Chulalongkorn University. For more information on the api Fellowships Program, please visit http://www.api-fellowships.org.
Making savings a habit with the Loyola Schools Credit Cooperative

by Erlinda Eileen G. Lolarga
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We can make savings a habit if we value our future security and comfort. Has it ever occurred to us to reflect on: How much of one’s net monthly salary as an employee goes towards a regular and consistent savings plan? Can we really save 5% or even up to 20% of what we earn so that we can meet future financial obligations and unforeseen uncertainties in life with ease? Where can we take our hard-earned savings during these difficult economic times so that it will grow and work for us in the future when our earning capacities diminish with old age and deteriorating health? What is the road to financial freedom given a stable job and a regular income, no matter how small the earnings at the start? Oftentimes, it seems, being able to save a portion of one’s salary is more of a fortuitous accident or a roller coaster ride—spending more and saving less in a hapazard way, rather than in a regular, planned and systematic manner.

Do some of us make a conscious and deliberate act to save so that eventually, this saving behavior pays off in terms of a more secure and comfortable future for ourselves and our families? In what ways could we enhance our economic well-being? Where could we find these safety nets?

The Loyola Schools Credit Cooperative (lscc) is one of the facilities within the University which was established to help full-time Ateneo employees at the Loyola Schools meet the need for growth of their savings and to have access to loans for such things as emergencies of getting loans so that they save to become members, rather than seeing the need for growth of their savings and to have access to loans for such things as emergencies or for supplementing personal/family expenses. It is a primary cooperative formally established in 1992 under Philippine Cooperative Law namely r.a. 6938, some original “cooperators” included Dean Rodolfo Ang and Dr. Darwin Yu of the John Gokongwei School of Management (jgsm), whom, according to lscc General Manager Dr. Venus Ibarra (also of jgsm), were actually the ones who spearheaded and organized the credit cooperative with its main purposes of encouraging savings first and then extending credit also.

According to Ibarra, the lscc was established by employees to help one another. She elaborates that here, the savings of others could be useful to others who are in need of loans. From an initial membership of about 260 ls personnel, the voluntary organization has grown to about 300 plus members from the ranks of ls administrators, faculty and staff, and 31 members from ls maintenance as of April 2010.

The main source of the lscc’s revenue, she reveals, are interests from loans and service fees. To date, she reported that the coop’s share capital has grown to Pphp 8 million (just below the mandated Pphp 10 Million). The coop earnings (the interests and service charges) at the end of the year are distributed to the members as interest to their capital share, interest to their savings and cash dividends, called rebates. A certain percent of the earnings is deducted for mutual funds (less than 5% as mandated by law); 2.1% for training (education about cooperatives) and 2.1% for apex.

Share capital of members can only be taken out when the member resigns from the coop. Thus, those who resign or leave Loyola Schools to move to another University unit are automatically deemed resigned from the coop and should take out their share capital. As mandated by Philippine law, earnings of cooperatives are not taxed if the earnings stay within certain limits set by the government. Other voluntary organizations established in the University to benefit employees include the Ateneo Employees Multi-purpose Cooperative (aemc) and the Central Administration Credit Union (cacu). Other University units may include the Ateneo Employees Multi-purpose Cooperative (aemc) and the Central Administration Credit Union (cacu).

Ibarra’s challenge to the Loyola Schools community one and all: “Dapat sana ang objective ng membros!” Let’s all start our own savings plan today.
Watch all the games of the Blue Eagles this UAAP season. Climb the Church of the Gesu. Have my pic taken with Fr. Ben. Complete this year’s Simbáng Gabi at the Gesu. Go on a trip with the barkada before we all graduate. Join an immersion.

“Marami pa ako ilalagay sa list pero baka hindi na ako makapasok sa klase at ma-overcut pa ako,” says Gico Sinjian, Ateneo cheerleader and one of the current campus comedians. “It’s my last year and I have to make the most of it.”

The years that comprise one’s college years can be said to be a voyage of discovery. It’s a time of unforgettable “firsts”: first day of school with blockmates, first date, first Philo oral exams, first organization, first gig with a band, first Ateneo-La Salle game, first visit to the area. And there’s more. More than the simple, everyday, and mundane things. The Ateneo education isn’t just four (or five) years of major subjects, plus English, Math, Philosophy, and Theology, among others. There’s a master plan in producing graduates who will live for the world and the community at large.

101 things to do before you graduate
by Rick Olivares
photos by Ivan Jacob A. Pesigan

Dr. John Paul C. Vergara, Vice President for the Loyola Schools, says, “Senior year is the culmination of a long journey. It involves many things from the academic to the non-academic. There will be thesis topics to be considered, proposals to be defended, organization work to be seen to, events to be attended, and resumes to be written. In some sense, senior year is a year of details. It is also a year of synthesis and integration. There will be many things that you will need to see to in trying to wrap up one’s college life.”

To help seniors along, there’s Paglunsad, the Senior Integration Program (SIP) where students take part in immersion programs, undergo retreats, and sign up for job fairs. At the start of the school year, students from the four schools separately attended a short assembly where the SIP was explained in greater detail. The students were also treated to several videos done by graduates that summed up their college life and the Paglunsad program in a ten-minute film.

Ariel Diccion, a faculty member with the Filipino Department and host of the Paglunsad events, enthuses that “Seniors are taught to come up with a ‘Bucket List’ of all the things they want to accomplish in their final year. It can range from the kalokohan—and let’s not give them ideas here—to more meaningful ones. It’s a list that should be doable and meaningful as they wrap up their college lives.”

Sinjian concurs with Diccion, “I think it’s a good program that puts things in perspective. Kung baga, it adds greater meaning to what we’ve been doing all along. But for me, I can graduate in peace when I get a girlfriend this year.”

A writing activity during a Paglunsad launch

The Ateneo Cultural Laboratory (acl) was envisioned as a hands-on way to teach and demonstrate the connection between research and application, particularly in the field of Philippine culture. For 2010, the actual laboratory was to be a site which has been at the forefront of Philippine history: the walled city of Intramuros. This was particularly timely since there are plans to put up a Museo de Intramuros on the site of the Jesuit church of San Ignacio.

The Ateneo Cultural Laboratory (acl) was held from April 12 to May 1, 2010 under the auspices of the Ateneo de Manila’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology represented by Dr. Fernando N. Zialcita, the Department of History represented by Dr. Olivia Anne M. Habana, and the Fine Arts Program, represented by Fr. Rene Javelina, SJ. The Intramuros Administration (ia) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (ncca) also helped by providing access and research resources.

The course began with one week of lectures on topics ranging from research methods in cultural anthropology and history, issues in heritage preservation, and the history of Intramuros. Lectures were given by the proponents of the course as well as other expert resource persons such as Dr. Rico T. Jose, Dr. Michael Camlao, and Dr. Anna Labrador. The participants were composed of undergraduate and graduate students of Ateneo, as well as participants from other institutions such as Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Cavite Studies Center and Holy Angels University. There were also participants from other countries such as China, Nigeria, and Japan.

The next two weeks entailed site visits, tours, and hands-on research conducted in Intramuros itself. Theses were supplemented by on-site lectures—Dr. Celestina Boncan’s “A Market in Intramuros: Basco’s Impossible Dream”, Dr. Macario Oftaladi’s “The Beginning of Liberal Education in the Philippines” and Romeo Galang’s “The Culture Bearers of Historic Manila”. In teams, the participants documented cultural heritage, interviewed informal settlers and residents, and researched on sites and structures.

As a culminating activity, the participants presented their findings to the ncca and Intramuros Administration. Ms. Bambi Harper, head of the ia, commended the rigour of the research and was impressed with the output. She was hopeful that the suggestions could be carried out and applied to the Museo de Intramuros and in general, raise awareness of heritage documentation in Intramuros. All in all, the experience was described by students as fruitful and revealing as it gave them a new-found respect for the process of cultural documentation and research. The course is also a concrete manifestation of the possibilities and synergistic results of multidisciplinary and interdepartmental cooperation in the Loyola Schools. Watch out for Intramuros Cultural Laboratory Part II in the Summer of 2011!
This was supposed to be an interview. It was not easy inviting them to the interview. In the conference room of the Social Sciences building, they are fidgeting in the seats, clearly uncomfortable sitting in the seats they have so often carried and re-arranged.

Thirteen people are sitting down, twelve men and one lady. They are all wearing the blue shirts and jeans of the Loyola Schools maintenance staff. They are all tanned from years working under the sun, their arms muscled and their hands rough. These same hands are now lost, some clenched, others rubbing together self-consciously. They aren’t used to be the center of attention. For nearly all of them, the idea of being interviewed is unheard of. An interview would be cumbersome and confusing, and it may just sully the story that these people told.

Instead of giving a transcript, we will tell just their story.

The Gawad Kalinga projects that they are being interviewed for are just part of the story. For some of them, volunteerism is nothing new—they have been volunteering in various capacities for some time. Richardo Gabito, for example, was already helping out when Ateneo began its formal disaster assistance efforts with the sheltering of Mt. Pinatubo refugees in 1992. He smiles shyly as he recounts an instance when he had to sing to the refugees, just to try to keep their hopes up in light of everything they had lost.

For others, their experience in volunteering, and in Gawad Kalinga, began with Cabiao, Nueva Ecija. It was a call made by their supervisor, Jun Granada, to assist in the construction of a library. It was, for many, a new thing, many not having heard of Gawad Kalinga before. They were greeted by the members enthusiastically. Alex Ferrer relates his experience of being given the only bedroom in a household of women, given a bed filled with teddy bears even as they slept on the floor. The story is told with smiles, but this and the group’s other experiences were evidently more than that, as one sees the emotions clouding their eyes. For many of them, being given a bed as the owners slept on the floor was humbling.

The experience in Cabiao, however, was more than just humbling—it was traumatic. The volunteers set to work, only to be set on by torrential rain. The cement was enough to cause their cement to run, making placing blocks one on top of each other impossible. Cenon Tapel had his foot impaled by a metal spike in the construction. Even then they struggled, at times simply standing still as they were battered by the wind and rain. The residents called for them to stop, but they stubbornly refused, concerned that the cement would not be set on by torrential rain. The cement they had already prepared would go to waste. It was only when they were reassured that the cement would not be wasted that they relented, surrendering to the weather. They would realize later on that, in the confusion of the storm, they had built a house with no doors and windows, which they needed to rectify once more. The Cabiao project was completed in the time allotted, the volunteers refusing sleep just to get things done.

It was to be a start for them, the project proving to be a baptism of fire. From there, they would go on to other areas in Nueva Ecija, Palawan, and Payatas. They would build houses and schools, often in a span of a few days. They would go back not just because they were doing good, but because the good they did made them feel good. The songs of thanks that the children of the communities would bring even the toughest men to tears. Some of them needed to slow down in the telling, their eyes misting over, obviously remembering songs and voices of thanks they will never forget. Others remembering being locked in an embrace by grateful elders, overwhelmed with gratitude. Their efforts would bring them into contact not only with volunteers from around the country, but around the world.

They would have other experiences as well. When Typhoon Ondoy hit, they replied to the call once more, this time to clean and lend assistance. Here, they helped were not as grateful and were, at times, openly hostile to them. More often than not, it was simply a matter of proximity; there was no one else to get angry at. Their faces harden to tears. Some of them needed to slow down in the telling, their eyes misting over, obviously remembering songs and voices of thanks they will never forget.
Heroes among us

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August is for smiling and laughter. The wacky if not controversial scheduling continues as they get ready for a full theater season in the iconic Filipino sarsuwela by Severino Reyes and Fulgencio Tolentino that ran for seven full house performances.

Tanghalang Ateneo’s 2010-2011 offerings

A post-sesqui season of ardent pursuits

Tanghalang Ateneo (ta) stirs a hearty post-sesqui centennial season of plays that mixes a romantic romp, a Roman comedy, a saruwela, and a theatrical device, with a Shakespearean tragedy to cap the school year. It’s a repertoire that speaks of passionate quests yielding different outcomes: happiness, heartbreak, a little of both, or plain nowhere. Welcome to the Season of Ardent Pursuits!

The sweltering month of May kicked off the season with Arthur Schnitzler’s La Ronde, a contemporary classic. showcasing ten interlocking scenes between couples who pursue love in all the wrong places. The resulting dissatisfaction prompts audiences to ask: is the romantic pursuit worth it? The answer doesn’t come easily as ten characters try to show in this intimate and thoughtful production directed by Loyola Schools Theater Arts awardee, M Cristina. 

Come July and August, the ardent pursuit for freedom fuses with the quest for true love in a复制 of Walng Sugat, the iconic Filipino saruwela by Severino Reyes and Fulgencio Tolentino that ran for seven full house performances.

The weekends that they spend at the storm, and was placed in the unique situation of being both helper and beneficiary. Volunteering is not something that comes easy for them. They have little to spare, whether in resources or in time. The weekends that they spend at the projects are weekends spent away from their families. They are often asked by others, whether co-workers or family members, why do they do it, why sacrifice the time, why sacrifice their bodies and their energy for something that gives them nothing in return? Their voices soften when they talk about this, some in disappointment at their peers, others in sadness, wishing that their critics could experience what they experience. Their rewards cannot be brought home, and can be shared only with those who are willing to understand the unique joy to be had from playing with grateful children in their new homes, or listening to a heartfelt song of thanks. Even in the interview, their words fail. It is only kawaling kaligayahan, that embraces them when they volunteer, and it is something that cannot be explained adequately.

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Game 5 is the line on the sand. It is redemption. It is a reassessment of our chances. We can now clap with two hands. The sound that makes it music to the ears. Game 5 is the start of the new season.

The Blue Eagles are back.
From 1960 to 2010: The Psychology Story

It was in the year 1960 when the Ateneo Psychology Department was born. In search of empirical evidence of its origin, the Psychology Department found an Information Bulletin of the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School for the year 1960. In the Bulletin, Rev. Jaime C. Bulatao, SJ is listed as Chairman of Psychology and Guidance—proof of the Psychology Department’s existence in 1960.

Fr. Bulatao or Fr. Bu, as he is fondly called, is the founder of the Ateneo Psychology Department. Upon his return from Fordham University with a PhD in Experimental Psychology, Fr. Bu started teaching psychology graduate courses in the Ateneo. Hence, the Ateneo Psychology Department began at the graduate level. Fr. Bu would head the Psychology Department and the Central Guidance Bureau at this time. To this day, at the age of 87, Fr. Bu still teaches psychology and shares his wisdom with students and teachers alike.

Today, the Psychology Department is one of the largest and most complex departments in the Loyola Schools. It has two tracks on the undergraduate level—an AB and a BS in Psychology. It has four major areas in the MA level, namely, Counseling Psychology, Industrial-Organizational Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and Applied Social Psychology. It has three programs in the PhD level, namely, Clinical Psychology, Social-Organizational Psychology, and Leadership Studies: OD Track. It also has an adjunct center—the Center for Organization Research and Development (Cord). In 1999, the Ateneo Psychology Department was recognized as a Center of Excellence in Psychology by the Commission on Higher Education (CHEd).

Anniversary activities

In celebration of its golden anniversary, the Psychology Department has lined up a series of events for school year 2010-2011. The celebration opens and closes with the annual Graduate Student Research Colloquium, where MA and PhD students present their exemplary research in the different areas of psychology. On February 16, 2010, the Department had the soft launch of its “50 Years Celebration” with the introduction of the Graduate Student Research Awards. Since the year 2000, the Department has been honoring excellent research by psychology undergraduate students through the Best Undergraduate Research Awards. Beginning this year, the Department will be recognizing outstanding research at the graduate level as well.

The official launch of the Psychology Department’s 50th Anniversary took place at the Graduate Student Orientation on August 3, 2010. For the first semester, the Department has 233 graduate students—192 MA students and 41 PhD students.

September is always a special month for the Department as it marks the birthday of its beloved founder, Fr. Bu. On September 22, 2010, the Department will celebrate his 88th birthday through a presentation of some of the research of the Department’s research laboratories. As a special tribute to Fr. Bu, the Department will launch books representing his life’s work and passion for understanding consciousness and his unique practice as a clinical psychologist in the Philippines. The Department is also holding an exhibit showcasing its history and Fr. Bu’s work in the last 50 years.

In addition to the September celebration, the Department will hold a public lecture series from November 2010 to February 2011. Come March 2011, the Best Graduate Research Award will be conferred to close the Department’s celebration of its 50 years.

PAP Palawan convention in August

In August 2010, graduate students and faculty members of the Ateneo Psychology Department were in Palawan to attend the 47th Annual Convention of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP). The Psychology Department held a special symposium at the Convention entitled “Healing after a Natural Disaster: Organizational, Clinical, and Community Perspectives to Responses to Typhoon Ondoy.” This special symposium showcased the Department’s united efforts to respond to the needs of the Ateneo community after Typhoon Ondoy.

Through the years, the Ateneo Psychology Department has consistently contributed to the success of the PAP Convention—the annual gathering of psychologists from around the country. For this year’s Convention, 9 of the 18 paper symposia are organized by faculty members of the Ateneo Psychology Department. Each symposium would have 3 to 5 paper presentations. In addition, around 20 of the estimated 70 individual paper presentations are by Ateneo graduate students and faculty members.

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Institute of Philippine Culture: Celebrating 50 years of social science in the Philippines

Founded as a social science research organization of the Ateneo de Manila University on September 15, 1960 by Fr. Frank Lynch, SJ, the Institute of Philippine Culture has sought to contribute toward advancing the mission and goals of the University. For nearly 50 years, the IRC has engaged in research and related projects to “generate knowledge that helps deepen the understanding of cultures and societies; improve the quality of life of disadvantaged groups; and build a just and equitable society in the Philippines, Southeast Asia and the rest of the world.” It has continued to provide a venue for advancing scholarly studies and development-oriented research through internally and externally funded projects, including the IRC Institutional Projects, the Merit Research Awards, and the Visiting Research Associates Program.

This September, the Ateneo de Manila University celebrates the fiftieth year of the IRC, now a center of the School of Social Sciences of the University’s Loyola Schools, through a month-long series of events. Among these are a lecture series, public fora and exhibit; and a book launch to highlight the research work being done through its current programs, namely: urban study, poverty, children and the youth, indigenous peoples, and heritage conservation.

There will also be a grand homecoming of all those who have been part of the IRC, to be held on September 15, 2010, 5:30 pm, at the IRC grounds. Please call 426-6001 local 4631 or 426-6057 or visit the IRC website www.ipc-ateneo.org for details.
**Confucius Institute director receives Rizal Award for Excellence in education**

Dr. Ellen H. Palanca, director of the Confucius Institute at the Ateneo de Manila University, was given the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Awards for Excellence, an award recognizing noteworthy Chinese-Filipinos who have contributed to the country’s economic growth, social progress, and political stability. The awarding ceremony was held on June 19, 2010 at the Kaisa-Angelo King Heritage Center in Intramuros.

Palanca’s body of research focuses on contemporary China, particularly its economic development and regional impact, as well as on the ethnic Chinese business in Southeast Asia. She has published a number of research works on China and the Philippines, including “Structure of the Philippine Economy: A comparative study of the 1961 and 1985 input-output tables,” “China’s economic growth: Implications to the ASEAN and the Philippines: An integrative report,” “Inheritance, wealth, income, education and occupation: Transfer of status across family generations,” “China’s WTO entry: Effects on its economy and implications for the Philippines.”

She is also a part of the China-World Research Network, a global network of cross-disciplinary researchers in the social sciences. The group monitors current research initiatives and developments on Chinese business practices among Chinese entrepreneurs, as well as notions of Chinese-ness and how it is spelled out in different societal contexts throughout the world.

The Dr. Jose P. Rizal Awards for Excellence, now on its seventh year, is given by The Manila Times and the Kaisa sa Kaunlaran Foundation.

**Health Sciences majors win at DOH research forum**

A group of BS Health Sciences 2010 students won the Best Poster award in the Department of Health’s 11th National Health Research Forum held on June 29 to 30, 2010 with their presentation “Drug Administration Errors: A study of its Prevalence and Exposure Factors in a Tertiary Government Hospital in the Philippines.”

The senior thesis group behind the poster presentation was composed of Nicole Flor, Aron Go, Mara Balla, Jerold Justo, Mimi Pascual, and Janine Santiago. All are now freshmen at the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health. The group was mentored by John Q. Wong, MD.

**JGSOM team wins Jade Award in HSBC Young Entrepreneur tilt**

The Delta Eco Team composed of Wylie Emille Datu (BS Management 2010) and Ma. Isobel Lacsamana (BS Management Engineering 2010) bagged the Jade Award at the HSBC Young Entrepreneur Awards 2010 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on June 28, 2010. The Jade Award is equivalent to third place with a cash award of HK$10,000.

Datu and Lacsamana placed with their “Eco Plas” proposal which featured a range of non-load bearing flooring materials with a lightweight, versatile design and unbreakable qualities. Bagging the Platinum Award (first place) were students from the City University of Hong Kong while Team Bangladesh bagged the Diamond Award (second place). Team HK brought home a trophy and HK$100,000 while Team Bangladesh brought home HK$20,000.

The three winning teams bested more than 1,000 teams from six Asian countries in the regional leg of the business plan competition. Each team was composed of two to three university students. Other countries that competed were Brunei, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Now in its 10th year, the HSBC Young Entrepreneur Awards is a regional business plan competition for post-secondary students from Hong Kong and countries in Asia to demonstrate their creativity and business grasp.

**Sarmiento now heads MSP**

Dr. Jumela Sarmiento of the Mathematics Department was elected President of the Mathematical Society of the Philippines (MSP) in July 2010. She will hold the position for the next two years. Before becoming president of MSP, Sarmiento served as its vice president from 2004-2010. She chaired the MSP Annual Convention in 2009 and headed the as Membership Committee from 2002-2008. She has also been a member of the Southeast Asian Mathematical Society (SEAMS) since 1992.

Dr. Ambeth R. Ocampo, Rosenberg Professor of History at Loyola Schools, was inductively elected as a member of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) on May 12, 2010. R.A. 10086 was signed into law, creating and strengthening the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP). The new Commission, formerly the National Historical Institute, is mandated to strengthen people’s nationalism through Philippine history and heritage. The Loyola Schools boasts of three members in the NHCP: Dr. Ambeth R. Ocampo (History Department, 2003) as Chair; Fr. Jose M. Cruz, SJ (Dean, 2006) as Commissioner; and Gabriel M. J. Lopez (Leadership and Strategy Department, JGSM) as Executive Director. Witnesses to the signing of the new law by then-President Gloria Arroyo in Malacañang included Lopez and Ocampo (second and third from left, respectively).
Garces leads Philippine delegation to IMO victory

Dr. Ian June L. Garces of the Mathematics Department is the team leader of this year’s Philippine Delegation to the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). His efforts have paid off with what is probably the Philippines’ best performance ever in the said competition.

After a drought of 21 long years, the Philippines has finally won another silver medal in the IMO courtesy of Carmela Antoinette S. Lao, a senior high school student of Saint Jude Catholic School. Her teammates, Henry Jefferson C. Morco, a junior high school student of Chiang Kai Shek College, and Zheng Rong S. Wu, a graduate of Zamboanga Chiang Hua High School, both merited Honorable Mention awards. Zheng is now a freshman student of the 5-year BS-M Applied Mathematics major in Mathematical Finance program here in Ateneo.

The IMO is the oldest, the most prestigious, and the most difficult of all mathematics competitions for high school students. Considered as the “World Cup” of mathematics contests, it is held annually in a different country. This year, 517 contestants from 96 countries participated in the 51st IMO in Astana, Kazakhstan from July 2 to July 14, 2010.

Dr. Garces heads the Philippine delegation to the IMO. The contestants Lao, Morco, and Wu were selected from over 2800 aspiring high school students nationwide who participated in the Philippine Mathematical Olympiad (PMO). The top 20 finalists of the PMO were further winnowed down to three after undergoing rigorous training through the Mathematical Olympiad Summer Camp (mosc), a month long summer training program held at the Ateneo.

By Implication took the USD 25,000 top prize with their game Wildfire, a 3D simulation in which situations such as rampant poverty, gender inequality, inadequate education and environmental degradation can be overcome by the heroic actions such as volunteerism, social interaction, and nonviolent activism. Team members said they were inspired by the strong spirit of volunteerism shown by Filipinos in the face of damage wrought by the storms Ondoy and Pepeng which hit the Philippines in 2009.

The Ateneo has had a stellar history at the Imagine Cup, beginning a winning streak in the early 2000s, when the competition was still named the “Microsoft .net Competition.” Dr. Luis Samenta coached a team with Sacha Chua, Gerome Punzalan and Paul Echevarria. The competition was renamed the Imagine Cup in 2003. Since then, we have made it to the World Finals four times (in 2004, 2008 and 2009, all in the Software Design category, and in 2010 in the Game Design category, which we eventually won). By Implication was mentored by Kenneth Yu.

Fr. Nebres to be conferred honorary doctorate by Liverpool Hope University

University president Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, will be conferred a Doctorate of Letters, honors causa, by Liverpool Hope University, United Kingdom, “in recognition of (his) lifelong contributions to education and social justice and his outstanding academic record.”

News about his nomination was conveyed by Liverpool Hope Vice-Chancellor and Rector Gerald J. Pillay in a letter dated June 23. Fr. Nebres has accepted the conferment, which will take place in July 2011 during the university’s three-day degree congregations. The proposal for the honorary degree was made by the university’s Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee.

In his reply to Fr. Pillay, Fr. Nebres noted that Ateneo and Hope “share a deep sense of mission for a better world coming from a common Christian vision.” He also said that he was grateful that the honorary degree “highlights his contributions not only to education, but especially to social justice” and looked forward to the occasion to strengthen the ties between the two universities.

Pillay, together with Dr. Keith Patterson, Director of International Relations and Associate Dean at Liverpool Hope, visited the Ateneo in January this year.
Burador
Alvin Yapan and Glenda Oris

Burador is an anthology of classical and contemporary studies of differing forms of popular culture. These studies show how distant and deep the studies of popular culture have attained in forming the identity of Filipino culture and how they have faced our society’s intricate political and economic interests. Aside from this, these essays are excellent examples that show Filipino essayists’ expertise in the art of rhetorics and expression in the Filipino language. Here, therefore, is Burador as reference for studies on popular culture, and a collection of models of critical essays in the college level.

Alvin Yapan and Glenda Oris are faculty members of the Kagawarm ng Filipino, School of Humanities.

Governing the Other: Exploring the Discourse of Democracy in a Multiverse of Reason
Agustin Martin G. Rodriguez

This book seeks to understand the meaning of just governance in a nation composed of a multiplicity of communities with competing conceptions of the good. The aim of the work is to use a philosophical lens to explore the possibilities of building a democratic Philippine nation-state, given the diversity of our people. In this series of reflections we will dialogue with the work of political scientists, sociologists, and anthropologists who study Philippine political culture, as well as with advocates of Philippine democratic reform, in order to reflect on their praxis and experience…[and] hope to articulate the principle of governance that may bind us as a people with a shared will for the principle of governance that may bind us as a people with a shared will for a just governance in a nation…

Agustin Martin G. Rodriguez is a faculty member and the current chair of the Department of Philosophy, School of Humanities.

History of the Philippine Province of the Society of Jesus, Volume 1
Pedro Chirino, sj
Edited by Jaime Gorriz i Abella
Translated from the original Spanish by Jose S. Arcilla, sj

Ft. Chirino wrote Relacion de las Islas Filipinas, which he later transformed into a longer and more detailed account of Jesuit work in the Philippines. Father Chirino’s work is the first history, not just of the Jesuit missions, but also of the Catholic missions in the Philippines and served as the source for later histories. For one reason or another, this history was never published and remained in manuscript form, until the historian Jaume Gorriz i Abella edited it with copious notes. This is the history now presented, albeit without the notes, in an English translation.

José S. Arcilla, sj is a faculty member of the History Department of the School of Social Sciences.

Lost and Found and Other Essays
Rica Bolipata Santos

In 2005, Rica Bolipata Santos lost her father, suffered from her son’s worsening condition, and discovered salvation in writing. In 2007, she won the Madrigal-Gonzalez Best First Book Award for her first collection of essays. The judges called her “provocative and well-shaped essays…luminous, little narratives.” In Lost and Found, Bolipata Santos continues traveling the terrain of the mundane and domestic, still unfazed to find gravitas in the tiniest of experiences. In these 16 articles she wrote from 2005-2009 for the Philippine Star, she trains her eye on everyday things, using words to transform the ordinary into something revelatory.

Rica Bolipata Santos is a faculty member of the English Department of the School of Humanities.

Philippine Politics: Democratic Ideals and Realities
Lydia N. Yu Jose, Maria Elisa Jayme Lao, Millard O. Lim, Hussein Limaco Lambaran, Jose J. Magadia, sj, Diana J. Mendoza, Jennifer Santiago Oreta, Edmund Ramos, Rene Raymond B. Rietveld Jr., and Alma Maria O. Salvador

Primarily a textbook for a course on the Philippine Constitution, a subject constitutionally mandated to be taught in all educational institutions of higher learning. The book is recommended for use in any Philippine politics course, or any course where background on Philippine politics is required.

Precalculus
Edited by Ma. Louise Autonne N. de las Peñas, Floradelphia F. Francisco, and Reginaldo M. Marcelo

Poverty and physical disabilities have not stopped 16-year old Precious Cabus from pursuing her passion for reading and love for learning. Visits to a bookstore where she could read books freely, jot down notes, and widen her knowledge is her resourceful way of ensuring that she earns a good education. Determined to learn both inside and outside the classroom, she disciplines herself by dividing her time wisely between schoolwork, household chores, and helping her grandmother earn money to support their extended family. She is now a high school student at Balara High School and lives with her grandmother and other relatives. Wise beyond her age, hopeful and inspiring, Precious makes a bookstore her very own library, a street her classroom, and life itself her school.

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Story by Perpi Alipon-Tiongson, photographs by Jaime M. Unson, Filipino translation by Glenda C. Oris

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Accounting 15: Fundamentals of Accounting Workbook (Notes, Short and Long Problems)
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New Books

Palette of Dreams/Mga Kulay ng Pangerap
Story by Lwiwa N. Malatab, photographs by Jaime M. Unson, Filipino translation by Glenda C. Oris

Ariel Estrugo is a scholar of Save Our Street Children Foundation Inc. (soscfi) in Baguio City. He learned how to paint in a soscfi workshop under the artist-volunteer Bumbo Villanueva. Ariel, now 16 years old, teaches young scholars how to make their world more colorful through art.

Song of the Ifugao/Awit ng mga Higaon
Story by Agay C. Llanera, photographs by Jaime M. Unson, Filipino translation by Glenda C. Oris

Trisha Mae Kitong is a 4th grade student at the Burnay Elementary School in Lagawe, Ifugao. At 5 years old, she is one of the youngest students of the Hudhud School of Living Tradition, and was awarded by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (ncca) for chanting the hudhud (8 times) from June 2005 to June 2009—the most number of recorded chants a munhaw-e has rendered in the whole of Ifugao.

Hands that Bridge/Mga Kamay na Nag-unyag
Story by Perpi Alipon-Tiongson, photographs by Jaime M. Unson, Filipino translation by Glenda C. Oris

Brendon James de Gutman Yulo is a Child of Deaf Adults, or codda. He was born on June 10, 1997 to Maria Theresa and Manny Yulo, both Deaf. They live with Lolo Gil and Lola Arsenia, both Deaf as well, in Pasig. Maria has a sister, Tanya, who is also Deaf. Tita Tanya is married to a Deaf. They couple live in California. BJ has a younger sister, 7-year old Darlene, who is hearing. Lolo Gil, Maria and Tanya are award-winning painters. BJ is learning how to paint with them as his mentors.

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constantly emphasise that it isn’t just a group of theory as well as a clear demonstration of textual analysis that are important. For them, what is equally crucial is that both theory and textual analysis support my argument; what matters is my engagement with, and views of, the material. I am working on—these aspects—the emphasis on independent study and solid argumentation, the embodiment in the intellectual life of a university, the prospect of meeting new friends, and the chance to explore the city—have made, and continue to make, my stay in Manchester worthwhile.

The rho programme at Manchester (and the UK system of higher education in general) regards its students as independent and self-motivated early career researchers. Students are not obliged to take classes and are expected to work full-time on their projects. I meet twice a month, on average, with my supervisors; twice a year, I have my works-in-progress assessed in a research panel. Aside from working on individual projects, students are encouraged to take part in the artistic and intellectual life of the university. The rho students in poetry have regular workshops and a reading group. We attend masterclasses conducted by visiting poets, and go to readings organised by the university’s Centre for New Writing, with which the writing students are affiliated. Further afield, I attend seminars offered by the Research Institute for Cosmopolitan Cultures, which is also part of the University of Manchester. Some of the readings in cosmopolitanism and urban studies have helped me think about my poetry project. When I have free time, I walk around the city centre and take photographs. During the industrial period, Manchester was Britain’s premier city, specialising in the production of textiles; a number of its buildings reflect that state of industrial affluence. My favourite area in Manchester is the Northern Quarter, which is acknowledged as the city’s creative hub: a number of bookstores, record shops, and cafes are located there. Studying at Manchester also opens up the prospect of meeting students from other fields and nationalities. For instance, I was the flatmate of meeting students from other fields and cafes are located there. Studying at the hub: a number of bookstores, record shops, which is acknowledged as the city’s creative area in Manchester is the Northern Quarter, premier city, specialising in the production industrial period, Manchester was Britain’s

In the Philippines, where majority of small and medium businesses are family-owned, jgsom’s choice of family business as a research thrust is a logical move. The topic provides much opportunity for generating new knowledge or confirming with scholarly work unsubstantiated assertions since there is dearth of research on Filipino family businesses. In this connection, articles on family businesses by jgsom faculty members have been published in the Loyola Schools Review for Management. An early work is “Professionalization in Small and Medium-Sized Filipino Family Business” (2005) by Lopez, and Mercado, co-authored with Franco and Hechavaria, followed by Uy, Mercado & Ang’s “Strategy Formulation in Philippine Family Businesses: An Experiential Study” (2006); and most recently, that written by Galura, Mercado, and Santiago on family constitutions, and on perpetuating control of family businesses by Galura and Santiago: Family Constitutions: A Case Study Of Ten Families, Their Common Problems, Recurring Issues And Most Pressing Concerns (2009) talks about “family constitution(s) in the context of Filipino family businesses – how it is created in general, and more specifically, when it is needed. These have in common by way of recurring themes and issues.” According to the article, some scholars regard the family constitution as “essentially a formal document that sets the rules, policies, principles and philosophies by which the family regulates, governs or manages itself as a family in relation to the family business.” Although the idea of crafting family constitutions is not common among Filipino families, the authors base their study on ten (10) real-life family constitutions, which have been crafted with the intervention and assistance of the jgsom’s Family Business Development Center. The research identifies as among common issues the following: governance structure, family communication, succession, succession, and retirement plan, professionalization of the business, strategic planning, and ownership contract and business protocol. Galura and Santiago’s “Perpetuating Control Of The Family Business And The Law. Some Inevitable Reconciliations” looks more closely on a recurring issue among Filipino families using the foregoing ten (10) constitutions – the need for families to retain control of the business. The article clarifies from the start that “the aspiration of the ten families to perpetuate control over the law is not a unreasonable “case” among Filipinos. In fact, according to the article, previous research has established that “one of the most important characteristics of founding families is that they have their strong desire to retain control over their firms. Most of the families seek to perpetuate control of the business, and the favored means of ensuring said control—pre-nuptial agreements, and the right of first refusal mechanism. One major part of the paper shows how families can have their cake and eat it too, to use a cliché; that is, how families can sell their shares and earn profits from the sale, and still remain in control of the family business despite relinquishing ownership of the business.

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The Poset Cover problem finds its application in computational neuroscience [5], systems biology [1, 12], paleontology [11], and physical engineering [8]. This problem has also been shown to be NP-Complete [6] and no heuristic with theoretical approximation bounds has yet been published for this problem.

Similar to the case for the first problem, significant theoretical results were gathered about this problem. Most notable of these is the NP-completeness proof for the Poset Cover problem even for the very restricted case of hammock(2)-posets which is quite remarkable, considering that for the slightly more restricted version involving hammock(2)-posets, the problem becomes polynomially solvable already.

The research methodology included interviews with key informants, focus group discussion, group interviews, participant observations of planning meetings, and informal conversations in various settings.

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Any loss to the Gang Green, including the last one where the nine-point lead in the last three minutes was blown away, engenders an impact out of proportion to the consequence on the ranking that a single game can entail. It is not considered a single game but the herald of things to come. The emotional investment on the outcome of this particular contest which is but one-seventh of the regular season allows it to occupy more than its share of space in the Atenean's storehouse of memories for triumphs and disappointments, at least for a week.

There is even a tribe that believes that beating this team is the equivalent of a spot in the Final Four, although these two events are not mutually exclusive. Still, this kind of hand wringing is not evident in the other loss to the team that is now threatening a sweep... and must be stopped.

It is then this emotional baggage of juvenile depression that makes Game 5 of the first round a "must win" game. And the manner of winning this one as much as the winning itself has to be decisive, giving convincing proof that the goal of a championship is not in the realm of a moral victory. Game 5 then raises the ante in the poker game of expectations. Losing this particular one will break the blue heart and falls in the same category as unrequited love.

Game 5 intends to root out the seed of self-doubt planted by the loss of poise in the last minutes of the previous game. Too many fingers making a back-and-forth wide sweep of the whole team and its defenders, moving in an arc in all directions, so no one is missed (including the Ongpin bettors and referees smoking pot) much like an overworked windshield wiper on max setting to clear a heavy downpour. Visibility (along with rational discussion) has turned to zero.

Questions have been raised.

Will our saluting captain of the team step up to finally lead the way and inject the team with the passion of the Energizer bunny? Will the team rotation finally gel the rookies, bench, and starters into a scoring and defensive machine? Will the once successful inside-outside game featuring efficient perimeter shooting combined with pinpoint passing for under-goal stabs make its much awaited return? Will the percentage of foul shooting breach the eighties percentage again so that a foul on the Eagles means choking up gimme points? Finally, can the team regain its Austin Powers mojo and strike fear in the hearts of its adversaries?

That all these questions are now rhetorical shows that the crucial Game 5 has exceeded expectations. What a difference a week makes!

The first quarter and a half does not get off to a good start. The bulldogs seem bent on ripping our innards and sharing the intestinal meal among themselves. The early 14-point deficit seems to thwart any offensive play and block the passing lanes. He rules the shaded areas for the Bigs to follow their job description game works well when perimeter shots are going in, freeing up the once successful inside-outside game.

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During tryouts, recruits do cafeteria raids and costume days where they run, do pushups, and engage in pump races—all while shouting out the Ateneo's staple time-honored cheers.

Is it easy? "A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do," says Sinjian about separating the wheat from the chaff, the men from the boys, and the makapal must be sexy, makapal ang mukha, good background meaning wala siyang atasan, kabahat kanino and as much as possible okay naman sa madlang people, and most importantly, guwapo siya. Lahat naman kami guwapo may nakakalamang lang?

Anytime the new school year comes around, there's a wave of excitement in the air. New classmates, new professors, new subjects, meeting up with old friends, and there's the upcoming UAAP sports season that generates a different kind of electricity. Somewhere in the college crowd, the entire hullabaloo are the tryouts for the Blue Bumble Batallion. It has become an event, a must-see and must-experience for all those on campus.

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