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New members of Board of Trustees welcomed

The Office of the President hosted a simple dinner reception in honor of the members of the University Board of Trustees on 17 June 2005, 8:00 P.M., at the Jesuit Residence dining hall.

President Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J. thanked outgoing trustee Ramon Reyes, Ph.D. who served as member of the Board for eleven years (1994–2005), and welcomed the two new members, Benjamin Ching and Mari-jo P. Ruiz, Ph.D. The other members are: Manuel V.

Pangilinan (Chairman), Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J., Carmelo A. Caluag II, S.J., Jose M. Cruz, S.J., Eduardo L. David, Edward S. Go, Daniel P.L. Huang, S.J., William H. Kreutz, S.J., Jose C. J.

Magadia S.J., Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., Hon. Gabriel C. Singson, Ma. Cecilia G. Soriano, Ph.D., and Jose R. T. Villarin, S.J.

Also present at the reception were the spouses of some of the trustees, committee and subcommittee members of the Board, university administrators, ministers and rectors of the Jesuit houses, and select alumni. _ SRA

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:

BOT member Mr. Eduardo David with new Trustee Mr. Benjamin Ching and his wife Cynthia New Trustee Mari-jo P. Ruiz, Ph.D. (RIGHT) and daughter Joanna Fr. Nebres presents a token gift to outgoing Trustee Ramon C. Reyes, Ph.D (MIDDLE) and his wife Nena Alcuaz-Reyes President's Bulletin Volume 9 • Issue 1 • June 2005

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Gawad Kalinga–Ateneo makes strides in rebuilding communities Since Task Force Noah, Ateneo's relief effort in Luzon's typhoon-devastated areas in December 2004, and the forging of a partnership called Gawad Kalinga–Ateneo that followed, there has been no let-up in the earnest rehabilitation work of GK–Ateneo

volunteers, particularly in Payatas 13, Quezon City and Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija. Previously reported in the President's Bulletin were the launch of Kalinga Luzon—the rehabilitation effort for the 14 Luzon provinces severely affected by recent typhoons (26 December 2004), the groundbreaking of the GK–Ateneo housebuilds site in Gabaldon (8 January 2005), and the laudable fund-raising efforts of the Ateneo community both here and abroad to help rebuild lives. Since then, thanks to the Ateneo partners' and community's heroic response, many more things have been accomplished.

4 February 2005. Kalinga Luzon was launched for the business sector at the NBC Tent, The Fort, Taguig City. The corporate launch was sponsored by the Philippine Business for Social Progress headed by Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan.

Among those present were former president Corazon C. Aquino, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman, Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr., Senator Edgardo Angara, and the mayors of the 14 beneficiary provinces.

The other sectors represented were CENTEX and Smart, for business; Luis Alejandro of ABS-CBN, for the media; and Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., President of the Ateneo de Manila University, for the academe. Also present were Senator Richard Gordon of the Philippine National Red Cross and Gawad Kalinga's Mr. Frank Padilla, Mr. Dylan Wilk, and Antonio Meloto, Executive Director.

The battlecry of the event was the promise of hope that the work will not end with relief operations, but will continue into a sustained rehabilitation of the communities through multi-sectoral cooperation.

21–25 February 2005. A week-long festivity was observed on campus to promote awareness about Gawad Kalinga and encourage full support among students, faculty members and _ TO PAGE 4 Volume 9 • Issue 1 • June 2005 President's Bulletin

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ASMPH and MVP Center for Student Leadership: Two tales of generosity Twin blessings came upon the Ateneo de Manila University on 15 June when two benefactors, bound by their common Jesuit education, formalized their gifts to the university.

First, there was Mr. Benny Santoso, Director of P.T. Inti Salim and Commissioner of P.T. Indofood, and a graduate of a Jesuit institution in Indonesia, who handed a donation of more than PhP13.6 million, the first of four installments, from First Pacific Company for the construction of the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health. Second, there was Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, President and CEO of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, who signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ateneo for the construction of the MVP Center for Student Leadership, which will be the new hub of student organizations.

Both events—the turn-over of the donation and the MOA signing—took place at Room 201 of the PLDT-Convergent Technologies Center building at the Loyola Heights campus and were witnessed by university officials and administrators, students and other members of the Ateneo community.

Ateneo de Manila University President Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., in his welcome address, was profuse in his expression of gratitude to the prominent benefactors of the Ateneo's latest projects. He saw the event as the fulfillment of a "promise for a better future for our students."

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Alfredo Bengzon, Vice-President for the Professional Schools, likened the momentous day to a Dreamworks movie production. In his words, the donation would realize Ateneo's dream of putting up a "different kind of school" that would "heal the schism" existing between medicine

and public health by producing “doctors of the future who are outstanding clinicians, dynamic managers and social catalysts.”

In response, Mr. Santoso, who visited and toured the Ateneo for the first time that day, said that he was greatly impressed by the school’s facilities and surroundings, although he was already well aware of the Ateneo’s excellent reputation in various academic fields, especially business, liberal arts and law.

“The School of Medicine and Public Health would make the Ateneo a complete university,” he remarked.

He added that First Pacific’s donation “represents not only our commitment to the Ateneo, but also our commitment to the Philippines,” particularly in their education and health programs which hold the answer to a better quality of life.

Mr. Pangilinan, who is also the Chairman of the Ateneo Board of Trustees, talked about the values of generosity and education saying that “to do good one must learn first.” He expressed hope that, a few decades hence, some of the students present would also give generously to the Ateneo. He donated PhP50 million for the construction of the MVP Center for Student Leadership. _ GDD Dr. Alfredo Bengzon, Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, Dr. Mediadora C. Saniel, Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., Mr. Benny Santoso, Dr. Manuel Dayrit, and Mr. Benjamin Ching with a facsimile of the check for the School of Medicine and Public Health At the MOA signing for the new student center were (SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT) Mr. Santoso, Mr. Pangilinan, Fr. Nebres, Dr. Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, (STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT) Dr. Ma. Cecilia G. Soriano, Mr. Jose M. Santos, Mr. Ching, Fr. Carmelo A. Caluag II, S.J., and Fr. Jose M. Cruz, S.J.

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231 University Service Awardees honored On 3 February 2005, the Ateneo de Manila honored and thanked 231 faculty, administrators, professionals and staff who have rendered dedicated service to the university.

This year’s special awardees (those who have worked at the Ateneo for at least 25 years) were led by Lydia G. Maribojoc (GS) who has rendered 40 years of service to the Ateneo. Those recognized for their 35 years of service were: Virgilio T. Mandagan (GS), Zenaida Xavier (GS), Francisco Perez, S.J. (HS), Angelita B. Perez (HS), and Jose A. Marasigan (LS); and for 30 years of service: Yolanda L. Arambulo (AG), Alfredo F. Familiaran (PPM), Joseph P. del Valle (HS), Percival J. Meris (HS), Joaquin Bernas, S.J. (Law), Ellen H. Palanca (LS), Antonia S. Santos (LS), Alma S. de la Cruz (LS).

The 25-year service awardees were:

Jeanne Frances I. Illo (IPC), Cynthia C. Veneracion (IPC), Ferdinand V. de Jesus (CPO), Leticia M. Benavidez (PDAA), Rolando M. Enriquez (PPLH), Aida G. Bringino (VPFT), Jose M. Santos (VPFT), Soledad T. Bautista (HS), Armando F. Ogayon (HS), Tobias C. Tano (HS), Samson E. Go (LS), Teresa V. Go (LS), Rodrigo C. Domingo (LS), Ma. Luisa T. Reyes (LS), Numeriano M. Melaya (LS), Susan L. Cellano (LS), Susan O. Pador (LS), and Francis D. Puzon (LS).

Serving the longest among this year’s special awardees is Mrs. Lydia Maribojoc of the Ateneo Grade School. She came to the Ateneo in 1964 from Labason, Zamboanga del Norte, after graduating in 1963 from St. Vincent’s College in Dipolog City, and has been with the unit ever since. Starting out as a teacher handling almost all subjects, she now serves as head of faculty and staff development, seeking to enrich the working lives of 230 teachers and personnel of the Ateneo Grade School.

She believes that Jesuit education is the best because it aims for the spiritual formation not only of its students but also of its faculty and staff. While challenges

within a fast-changing environment abound, she does not see these as insurmountable and credits the Ignatian orientation of seeing God in everything as her guiding philosophy.

Perhaps this is what has made working in the Ateneo for 40 years seem like a breeze.

Indeed, not only has Mrs. Maribojoc given a good part of her life to the Ateneo, it also seems like the family's second home. Her husband, Cipriano Maribojoc, was last year's 40-year service awardee, and all their five children studied at the Ateneo. "If staying in the Ateneo for 40 years is not love, what is?" she asks with a smile.

Special awardee Fr. Joaquin Bernas, S.J. was the Dean of the Ateneo Law School until last year. He has served the Ateneo in various roles for 30 of his 50 years as a Jesuit: law school professor after graduate work abroad; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dean of the Law School; Jesuit Provincial; and President of the University. He participated in the 33rd and 34th sessions of the Society's General Congress in Rome. Closer to home he was member of the Constitutional Convention while serving as university president.

Father Bernas' record of service as law professor and university administrator as well as constitutional lawyer, author and newspaper columnist exemplifies what Ignatian spirituality is all about: openness to the world and centeredness of Christ in one's life. It is a way of living and serving which he urges employees to embrace more and more. _ MCB other interested parties within or outside the Ateneo community. The GK Awareness Week was spearheaded by GKom, the student arm of GK-Ateneo.

The event was attended by representatives from GK-National, Couples for Christ, Singles for Christ, Youth for Christ as well as donors and representatives from public institutions, private companies, and the academe. It was hosted by former Agriculture Secretary and GK's Adviser on Productivity Mr. Cito Lorenzo and GK National Director Ms. Issa Cuevas.

Also present to lend support and words of inspiration were Fr. Nebres, Mr. Meloto, former President Aquino and Mr. Boy Martinez, representing Smart Communications.

Student council presidents Jeff Mora (Far Eastern University), Kip Oebanda (San Beda College), Tin Lucero (Miriam College), Jillian Sze (De La Salle University) and Boyet Dy (Ateneo de Manila) pledged their full support with the promise of integrating the GK vision into their respective councils and of helping mobilize manpower in the coming school year. The event was capped by GK housebuilds in Gabaldon on 26 February.

19 April 2005. About 80 mayors from Quezon, Camarines Norte, Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela, and Oriental Mindoro gathered at the Ateneo de Manila Social Sciences Building AVR to discuss their participation and contribution to Kalinga Luzon.

This first Mayors' Forum had Mr. Meloto, Mr. Lorenzo, DSWD director Che Cabrera, and ABS-CBN executive Tina Monzon- Palma, as resource persons.

17 May 2005. The second monthly forum of mayors who are actively involved in Kalinga Luzon was convened. Some 40 mayors and many other local government unit representatives, from Isabela to Camarines Sur, converged at the Social Development Complex, Ateneo de Manila University for the forum.

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Annual Search for the Outstanding Teachers on 18 February 2005 at the Escaler Hall of the Science Education Complex, Ateneo de Manila University. After a rigorous search process, the panel of judges selected as Outstanding Senior Teacher Dr. Norman F. Quimpo, professor and former chairperson of the Department of Mathematics of the School of Science and Engineering. Darwin D. Yu, assistant professor of the Department of Finance and Accounting of the John Gokongwei School of Management, was named Outstanding Junior Teacher. Walfredo P. Belen, lecturer from the Department of Economics of the School of Social Sciences, was selected as Outstanding Part-time Teacher. They joined an elite roster of 29 other outstanding teachers from the Loyola Schools. ASPAC, the association of parents of students enrolled in the Loyola Schools, undertakes a yearly search for outstanding Ateneo teachers. ASPAC President Diego E. Poblete, Jr. said that the award “recognizes the teachers in forming the Ateneo students as competent persons for others.”

Ma. Rosario M. Acoba, Academics Committee chairperson, stated that the annual awards received the overwhelming support of the students and the academic community of the Ateneo. “The students were excited as they supported their respective teachers. It highlights the strong and mutual involvement of the students to inspire their teachers to be excellent educators just as their teachers mold them to become excellent students”.

This year’s board of judges included former outstanding teacher awardees Fr. Adolfo Dacanay, S.J., Dr. Leovino Ma. Garcia, Dr. Mari-Jo Ruiz and Dr. Ma. Emma Concepcion Liwag; former Department of Labor and Employment Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma, as parent representative; and Ms. Ellamae Chua, President of the *Sanggunian ng Mag-aaral*, as student representative.

Each awardee received a cash prize, a glass trophy by artist Ramon Orlina, a certificate, a plaque of recognition, and a set of *Illustrated History of the World* encyclopedia.

The *Parangal at Pasasalamat* was graced by University President Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., Vice-President for the Loyola Schools Anna Miren Gonzalez- Intal, ASPAC President Diego E. Poblete, the deans of the four Loyola Schools, faculty, staff, the ASPAC Board of Directors and members, and students. _

Also present were former ABS-CBN director Maria Montelibano, currently head of GK Communication, Ms. Cuevas, Secretary Soliman and Secretary Cruz Jr. *12 June 2005*. Ateneo de Manila came in full force to GK Gabaldon, in what could be the largest and most diverse mission of the Ateneo outside of Metro Manila in recent years—about 70 in all, composed of students, faculty, non-academic staff, parents and residents of the Ateneo-sponsored Blue-Eagle Village (Payatas)—headed by President Nebres.

The occasion was the turn-over of 32 houses built by the hands of volunteers, many of them Ateneans, who have spent their weekends and personal resources in the past summer building houses for the families in Gabaldon.

Auspiciously, it was Philippine Independence Day, and the site was named Kalayaan Village, in honor of the Kalayaan detachment which defended Gabaldon in World War II. The name also symbolized the more profound sense of freedom experienced by the community as a result of the multisectoral project.

GK–Ateneo plans to build 100 houses on this site by the end of the year as part of a wholistic rehabilitation program that will provide the people with shelter, health, education, and livelihood (SHEL). Already nearing completion is the Sibol Preschool, a joint project of the Ateneo and Metrobank. An Ignatian build—that will extensively involve the Ateneo community—is slated in August, according to GK–Ateneo Program Coordinator Stephanie Limuaco.

The group of volunteers, which now includes students from other schools who commune with us in this project, and calls itself Team Gabaldon, meets regularly and goes to the community in their free time to build houses. Anyone who wishes to lend a hand simply needs to call GK–Ateneo and say, “I want to build,” and he can help make people’s dreams a reality. _

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Outstanding Senior Teacher Dr. Norman F. Quimpo, Outstanding Junior Teacher Darwin D. Yu, and Outstanding Part-time Teacher Walfredo P. Belen President’s Bulletin Volume 9 • Issue 1 • June 2005

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University president hosts reception for ACET topnotchers r. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., President of the Ateneo de Manila University, recently hosted two separate receptions for the top performers in the recent Ateneo College Entrance Test. On 22 January 2005, the Ateneo Freshman Merit Scholars and the San Ignacio de Loyola Merit Scholars for school year 2005–2006 visited the Ateneo. On 5 and 6 February, it was the turn of the students belonging to the Director’s List. In cooperation with the office of the Vice-President for the Loyola Schools, the deans of the Ateneo schools and the Office of Admission and Aid, these top students were welcomed and introduced to the Ateneo way.

The Best of the Best

The Ateneo Freshman Merit Scholarship was instituted in 2000 while the San Ignacio de Loyola Scholarship program was started in 2003. These programs were initiated to distinguish the top two-tenths percent, undisputedly the “best of the best,” from among thousands of freshmen applicants all over the country. In line with the tradition of excellence that the Ateneo espouses, these two scholarship awards are the Ateneo’s way of recognizing and encouraging academic excellence and leadership in its students.

The dinner reception for the Merit and San Ignacio scholars started with a mass presided by Fr. Joey Cruz S.J. Afterwards, everyone trooped to Room 201 of the PLDT-Convergent TechnologiesCenter for the program.

In his keynote address, Fr. Nebres focused on the past, present and future of the Ateneo. He discussed the landmarks in the history of the Ateneo as well as the present programs of the university.

Central to his speech were the numerous awards and citations garnered from both local and international competitions.

Fr. Nebres also spoke of the state-of-the-art facilities and multiawarded faculty that make the university as esteemed as it is today. He also mentioned the outreach activities and social awareness programs of the Ateneo aimed towards engaging the world, providing opportunities and transforming society. To cap off his talk, Fr. Nebres the future directions and plans of the Ateneo.

Cocktails and dinner followed after the program. After dinner, Ms. Kendra Castillo, valedictorian of Class 2004 and one of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines, shared with the scholars the merits of going to the Ateneo.

Mr. Ed David, an alumnus of the Ateneo and now a member of the Board of Trustees and President of Hambrecht and Quist Philippines Incorporated, also delivered his testimonial. Dr. Alfredo Bengzon, Mr. Butch Abad, Fr. Jett Villarin,

S.J., Fr. Jose Magadia S.J., Ms. Roselle Ambubuyog and other merit and academic scholars from past years were also present to lend their support.

Standing Out

For the first time in the history of the Ateneo, the Office of Admission and Aid released a Director's List naming the top two percent of all applicants to the Ateneo. Those who belong to the Director's List are the select few who clearly stand out head and shoulders above the rest. They must have done very well not only in their academics but also in extra-curricular activities.

Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres addresses the gathering of scholars

The cream of the freshman crop meet one another at a reception tendered in their honor

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ing president Joey Canto and Foundation of Ateneo Management Engineers hairman Darwin Yu welcomed the guests. They reminisced the memories of the seniors and the sanguine changes that happened in the School of Management.

The hosts, Ms. Lourdes Ozaeta and Mr. John Alonte of batch '85, made sure that everyone was in bubbly spirits.

There was a series of talks from the various batches as they reminisced their college years, thanked their colleagues' presence and positively commented on the changes in the SOM. The batch speakers were Sambo Santos ('75), John Alonte ('85), _ TO PAGE 11 In similar fashion, a Mass at the Church of the Gesù started the reception for them. Applicants admitted into the School of Science and Engineering came on 5 February while those from the School of Humanities, School of Social Sciences and the John Gokongwei School of Management came the next day.

On the first day, Dr. Ma. Assunta Cuyegkeng, acting Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, gave a talk on science at the Ateneo. Students also participated in a departmental talk and tour around the campus. After dinner, Ms. Kendra Castillo, Dr. Queena Lee- Chua and Fr. Jett Villarin, S.J. shared their experience of doing science at the Ateneo.

On the second day, Mr. Rudy Ang, Dean of the JGSOM, gave a talk on the management programs of the university.

The School of Humanities group was given a tour of the Art Gallery which houses the best modern art collection in the country today. Fr. Joey Cruz, S.J. conducted an orientation for the students under the School of Social Sciences.

After dinner, Mr. Ed David gave a testimonial to the group.

Coming Together

The dinner receptions served as a testament to the Ateneo's commitment to excellence. The Ateneo is truly home to the best of the best and those who stand out from the rest. In recognizing their potential, the Ateneo further hopes to imbue in them a sense of service for God, man and country.

As Fr. Nebres said in his keynote address, these occasions depict a coming together of the past, present and future of the Ateneo—the alumni who have witnessed the Ateneo of the past and benefited from its tradition of excellence, the present faculty and administrators who have continued this same tradition and the outstanding students of our country, the future upholders of the Ateneo's tradition of excellence. _ NZ LEaD! batch 3 graduates off to a good start The graduation of the Ateneo Leadership Empowerment and Development (LEaD!) Program Batch 3 was held on 25 February 2005, the 19th anniversary of EDSA I, at the Colayco Pavilion. It was the culminating event of the twoyear leadership formation program under the Office of Student Activities.

The event started with a mass celebrated by Fr. Jett Villarin, S.J. for the LEaD! participants and their parents. This was followed by a video presentation highlighting the activities of the past two years, specifically the self-awareness camp, the different workshops, the Gawad Kalinga integration activity and the LEaD! retreat.

University President Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., Vice-President for the Loyola Schools Anna Miren Gonzales- Intal, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Rene San Andres and LEaD! Program founder Ms. Miriam Delos Santos graced the event and gave some words of inspiration on the call for leadership.

The LEaD! participants were also lucky to have a surprise speaker in the person of Stephanie Limuaco, LEaD!

Batch 1 member who is currently the coordinator of the Ateneo–Gawad Kalinga program. She shared a few experiences in her life after the LEaD! Program and invited the participants to support the GK house–builds scheduled for the summer.

The LEaD! graduation day coincided with the 19th anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution. It was a timely reminder to all of the unending struggle for change in our society, a struggle that can only be advanced by a new brand of leadership. The pursuit of that new kind of leadership is what LEaD! is all about. _

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FrAMEd: A light and bubbly alumni gathering

What happens when you mix ME alumni of different batches together in one event? It's one bubbly explosion. It's like opening four bottles of champagne at the same time—the older the batch, the older the champagne, of course.

This was what happened in FrAMEd, an alumni reunion for batches '75, '85, '95, and the recent graduates, '05. It was held at the John Gokongwei School of Management–PLDT Convergent Technologies Center garden on 27 February. Being a Sunday, some of the alumni brought family members along with them.

The bubbles started flowing as Management Engineering Association outgoing President's Bulletin Volume 9 • Issue 1 • June 2005

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ADMU college batch '79 donates PhP2.3M

The Ateneo de Manila University's Silver Jubilarian College Batch of 1979 turned over a donation of PhP 2.3 million to the university for its scholarship program and Gawad Kalinga (GK) project on 14 February 2005.

Of the total amount donated, PhP 2 million was earmarked for the Seniors Scholarship Program, to benefit graduating students, while PhP 300,000 was allocated for the Ateneo-GK project in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija, specifically, for the construction of 12 houses for last year's typhoon victims. The College '79 Seniors Scholarship Program was covered by a Memorandum of Agreement.

The ADMU College Batch of 1979 Core Group is comprised of Gus Narciso (Class Representative), Menchit Ongpin (Alternate Class Representative), Jinggay Gallardo, MC Po, Porky Angala- Puno, Berna Bautista-Filart, Debbie Tan, Nini de Castro-Samaniego, Albert Eufemio, Dennis Huang, Philip Mallari, Mike Yu, Danny Juanengo, Jimmy Tandangco and Nick Emnas.

The group is also composed of the BSME Class of March '79 headed by Chil Gonzales-Soriano and the BSME Class of October '79 headed by Dita Tañedo and Mon David. The batch celebrated their silver jubilee at the Ateneo Grand Homecoming AMDG Night on 4 December 2004.

The major donors of the batch fund were: Vir Co, Ato Tanmantiong, Bonito Singson, Choy & Marissa Echaus- Cojuangco, Chito & Janet Calalang- Santos, Cito Lorenzo, Ted Sazon, Albert Eufemio, Jooee Ignacio, Danny Juanengo, Benjie

Picardo, Peter Chan, Carlos & Virgie Chan-Cheng, Arthur Tanco, Mike Sy, Warren Pardilla, Gov.

Josie Mendoza-de la Cruz, Genju Lapez, Erwin Elechicon, Janice Pascual and Miel Hilario-Borromeo.

Atma Jaya Catholic University president visits the Ateneo University President Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J. gratefully received the donation on behalf of ADMU, together with Vice-President for University Development and Alumni Relations Carmelo A. Caluag II, S.J., Director of the Office of Admission and Aid Nemesio S. Que, S.J., Vice President for the Loyola Schools Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ateneo Alumni Association President Mike Valencia and Director for Alumni Relations Romeo Dalandan, Jr. _ COLL79 Dr. Bernadette Setiadi, President of Atma Jaya Catholic University (AJCU) in Jakarta, Indonesia, visited the Ateneo de Manila University on 17 January 2005. AJCU has been a partner university of ADMU since 1994.

During her visit, Dr. Setiadi and ADMU President Bienvenido Nebres, S.J. signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which renewed the academic cooperation between the two universities for another three years.

Present during the MOA signing were Academic Vice President Antonette Palma-Angeles, Vice President for the Professional Schools Alfredo R.A. Bengzon and Philosophy Department Chair Rainer Ibana. The cooperation includes faculty/staff exchange and research collaboration.

The Ateneo has previously hosted three AJCU faculty members for graduate training. At present two AJCU faculty members, Mr. Alexander Seran and Mr. Andre Ujan, are at the Ateneo finishing their doctoral studies in philosophy. Dr. Setiadi also met with Dr. Emma Concepcion Liwag, Chair of the Psychology Department, and expressed AJCU's interest in sending its faculty members to the Ateneo to pursue graduate studies in psychology. _ GPD L Volume 9 • Issue 1 • June 2005 President's Bulletin

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The Ateneo Library of Women's Writings (ALiWW) closed its year-long celebration of its tenth anniversary with *Pamana 2*, an exhibit of choice mementos donated by ten prominent women of letters and the arts.

Featured in the month-long exhibit, which opened at the ALiWW Reading Room on 14 March, were artists Nena Saguil, **Pacita Abad** and Julie Lluch; writers Virginia Benitez Licuanan, Carmen Guerrero Nakpil, Eugenia Duran Apostol, Edith Tiempo and Virginia Moreno; and writer-artists Gilda Cordero Fernando and Tita Lacambra Ayala.

The opening was graced by three of the honorees: Ms. Apostol, Ms. Licuanan and Ms. Fernando. The items on exhibit ranged from a letter written to Ms. Licuanan by the late nationalist senator Claro M. Recto in 1955 to a bust of the poet Jose Garcia Villa by the sculptor Ms. Lluch.

ALiWW's celebration of its first decade started in July 2004 with the *Pamana 1* exhibit, which featured a collection of memorabilia from 15 women writers and artists. A monograph of that collection was launched on the same occasion. The 15 honored in the exhibit and monograph were writers Paz Marquez Benitez, Encarnacion Alzona, Angela Manalang Gloria, Lina Flor Trinidad, Liwayway Arceo, Rosario de Guzman Lingat and Linda Ty Casper;

artists Araceli Limcaco Dans, Anna Fer and Maningning Miclat; National Artist for Dance Leonor Orosa Goquingco; playwrights Malou Jacob and Lualhati Bautista; community physician Dr. Mita Pardo de Tavera; and comfort woman Maria Rosa Luna Henson.

The event also marked the introduction of the Friends of ALIWW, women and men who support the vision of ALIWW and are willing to help promote it.

In the spirit of celebration, ALIWW departed from the usual format of two yearly activities. For the Paz Marquez Benitez Memorial Lecture in November 2004, ALIWW honored the poet and playwright Virginia R. Moreno with a *tertulia*, a program of music and poetry, at the Pardo de Tavera Room of the Rizal Library. The honoree herself designed the exhibition and brought in her Chinese ALiWW concludes 10th anniversary celebration desk, furniture from her Café Orfeo and paintings, in addition to her books and other literary works.

The second special event, the fifth Helenica Foundation Annual Lecture and Exhibit, honored the late visual artist **Pacita Abad** on 17 January, 40 days after she died in Singapore. Three former presidents of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila—Rita Ledesma, Felice P. Sta. Maria and Corazon Alvina, all personal friends of Ms. Abad's—conceptualized and executed the "parangal." Ms. Alvina, now president of the Philippine National Museum, lectured on Ms. Abad's art at the St. Thomas More Garden, while members of the Abad family, led by Education Secretary Florencio Abad, shared their memories of Pacita's life. Jack Garrity expressed appreciation and gratitude for ALiWW's tribute to his wife. A representational exhibit of Ms. Abad's paintings and other art forms was mounted at the Pardo de Tavera Room of the Rizal Library.

ALiWW welcomes donations of memorabilia that reflect the accomplishments of Filipino women in various professions. _ LKT

Gilda Cordero Fernando Eugenia Duran Apostol Virginia Benitez Licuanan
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Honoring "Father G" This Bob Hope look-alike was English and literature teacher, champion of Ateneo's first co-eds, minister of Prayer Days for Coeds (PDC), benefactor of scholars, and English teachers' teacher.

He is remembered by his composition students for admonitions such as "Cut! Cut! Cut!" and by English teachers for always telling them to "Teach SHE—Significant Human Experience!" But he was still more than that: he was the fatherly boss, the shoulder to cry on, the favorite lunch date, the island-trotting teacher trainer, the "Alleluia!"-singing priest. And so, Fr. Joseph Galdon's multi-faceted life also brought together a motley crew of former students, spiritual directees, colleagues, mentees at a get-together on 19 February 2005 that sought to pay tribute to him in a simple post-Valentine's Day bash.

The idea for this tribute to "Fr. G" first came from Perry Doroja and Benjie Osias (both ADMU AB '70) whose freshmen college days were made unforgettable by their days in Fr. Galdon's English classes. The two former classmates paid a visit to their former teacher in October 2004 and, from then on, were determined to gather more classmates to do the same—"just to show our appreciation for him," they said.

But when they called a planning meeting in January 2005 to organize a tribute, they realized they could not keep a man like Fr. Galdon for themselves. The Women of Ateneo (TWA) claimed him as their chief advocate. The Ateneo Center for English Language Teaching (ACELT) claimed him as their founder. The Prayer Days for Coeds (PDC) former members, composed of both Ateneo and U.P. alumni, said he was their spiritual formator. And countless others responded to say he was their boss, their confessor, their friend, and they, too, wanted to contribute to any event honoring the man.

At that planning meeting, the emergent Fr. Galdon Club (FGC) decided on very simple objectives: “Our basic principle is we come together to show our appreciation and love for Fr. Galdon, that everything that we do should be meaningful for him. We shall do this by (a) visiting Fr Galdon as often as possible because this is something that makes him happy, and (b) organizing activities and projects that support the work that he has started.”

The February 19 bash would be the club’s first activity. The small event happened in the college cafeteria at 3:00 P.M. and, right from the start, was a truly cooperative venture all for the love of Fr. G. Aggie Angeles, Jennie Ty, and Irma Cecilio (from TWA) were on top of logistics (venue, birthday cake and gifts) from Day 1. Heaven Torres (a Galdon scholar) brought his office staff to set up the stage and later stood as emcee.

Eros Kaw (former student) brought lechon for merienda. Ana Laguilles and Dita Tañedo (former PDC members) were the efficient “caregivers” assigned to Fr. Joseph Galdon, S.J. surrounded by his former students, colleagues and mentees

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JR Banzon ('95), and Carlyn Sarino ('05).

Mr. Romeo Dalandan, Jr., Director for Alumni Affairs of the Office of University Development and Alumni Relations, also talked about the changes in the school structure and the importance of updating the database of the alumni.

The alumni were later engaged in several rounds of innovative games which involved answers reminiscent of ME life—like Poisson Distributions, Risk Management, and Dominated Strategies —some of which were breezily won for them by their talented children.

At dinner, the alumni and seniors enjoyed one another’s company as they shared news and views of what transpired in the past few years. Before dinner ended, the alumni were asked to write down memories which they would like to recollect in their next reunion, ten years hence. Guests took their time, but the time capsules were filled and safely stashed away.

Afterwards, the alumni headed to the FAME room to hang their batch pictures.

There was renewed effervescence as everyone fussed about the graduation pictures and many recounted still more stories about their friends and batch mates. MEA incoming president Jor-el Soyangco ended the event with an inspiring talk about family, stressing that MEA will always be family to all ME Alumni. The alumni parted ways in high spirits, having enjoyed the company of their colleagues and fellow MEAns until their next reunion. _ PRLl FrAMEd FROM PAGE 7 pick up Fr. Galdon from the Jesuit Residence and bring him to the venue. Anna de Vera (former student) rendered songs throughout the event. Perry and Benjie played hosts. Many others volunteered their expertise: Martin Tañedo provided music; Wendy Ty volunteered to be official photographer. Volunteers, organizers, and guests, all in all numbered some 50–60—all present for the love of Fr. G. The highlight of the afternoon was, of course, Fr. Galdon’s entrance to the party. During the program that followed, representatives of the batches who were present from the '60s to the '90s spoke about Fr. Galdon’s influence in their lives. Some shared hilarious memories; others even shed unembarrassed tears.

TWA representatives spoke about how he fought to turn Ateneo co-ed. ACELT representatives spoke about his influence on English teachers and on English teaching in the country. The day was capped with a 6:00 P.M. mass at the college chapel officiated by former Fr. Galdon student Fr. Vic Salanga (who remembers once receiving what Fr. Galdon called a “pedagogical” grade of C in English!).

Alzheimer's Disease notwithstanding, the event was memorable—even for Fr. Galdon himself. Members of the FGC phoned the Jesuit Residence the next day to ask about their favorite priest.

The nurses were pleased to report that when they asked Fr. Galdon if he remembered what he did the previous evening, he said, "I attended a party!" Indeed a little loving can go a long way. The FGC intends to make their efforts at honoring Fr. Galdon go an even longer way. Their next tribute will be in the form of a birthday bash for Fr. G on 24 September. But more importantly, the club has decided to focus its efforts on fund-raising activities to support a project that he started. The FGC has chosen to support the ACELT, which was founded by Fr. Galdon in 1981 as the outreach teacher training arm of the English Department. (The choice to support ACELT was made after the club learned that the Galdon Scholarship Fund is already well-provided for by a consistent number of benefactors and the PDC was a group that depended on Fr. Galdon's presence.) ACELT carries Fr. Galdon's vision of contributing to nation-building, international competitiveness, and educational development through improving the quality of English language instruction in the country. The FGC is determined to help ACELT not only to sustain itself financially but also to grow and grow big. Marketing support and endowment fund-sourcing are two of the club's concrete goals. In this way does the club aim to keep Fr. Galdon's legacy alive—a legacy of excellence and humanism in English language and literature teaching that shall influence generations more of students and teachers to come.

For more information on how to contribute to any of the Father Galdon Club projects, contact Perry Doroja at

perrydoroja@yahoo.com or Lia Pison de la Cruz at rpison@ateneo.edu. _ RPDLC
Young Management Engineering alumni during the reunion for batches '75, '85 and '95, and the new graduates of 2005
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The challenge of heroic leadership "The Jesuit brand... should not just be a different way of talking about the same kind of college that everyone else is running, but a radically different way of being a college."

This was the challenge put forth by Chris Lowney, author of *Heroic Leadership*, during his talk at the Escaler Hall of the Science Education Complex on 4 February. Mr. Lowney spoke to faculty, administrators, and students in the Loyola Heights campus as part of his week-long visit to the Philippines. His visit was coordinated by the Office of Mission and Identity and Organizational Development of the Ateneo, with the joint efforts of the Ninoy and Cory Aquino Center for Leadership and the Jesuit Communications Foundation, publisher of the Philippine edition of *Heroic Leadership*.

Chris Lowney is a former Jesuit and currently an executive of J.P. Morgan.

In *Heroic Leadership*, he draws upon both his experience in business and the history he learned as a Jesuit scholastic in order to present a unique view of management, as applied by the Compania de Jesus. He traces the early days of the Society of Jesus, as it formulated its principles and met new challenges and situations. From this, Lowney derives four pillars of the Company of Jesus: self-awareness, ingenuity, love, and heroism.

"Self-awareness is the capacity to understand one's strengths, weaknesses and values—and the ability to update oneself on those daily. Ingenuity is the ability to

confidently adapt to an everchanging world. Love is the work of engaging others with a positive attitude that recognizes their dignity and potential, and seek to develop that potential.

Heroism has to do with remaining energized by great ambitions and a passion to excel.”

Heroic Leadership redefines success as the leadership of oneself and one’s life—not only of one’s business—differing radically from other books found on bookstore shelves. Lowney refers to the “way of proceeding” as the Jesuits have practiced it for over 450 years, and his ideas present fresh insights to the different Jesuit institutions and communities in the Philippines.

Lowney gave talks at the East Asian Pastoral Institute, Xavier School, the Ateneo Professional Schools and the Loyola Schools. He also gave a talk to business people at the Hotel Intercontinental in a session organized by the Ninoy and Cory Aquino Center for Leadership.

After his stint in Manila, Lowney gave a talk at the Fernan Press Center in Cebu, through the sponsorship of the Sacred Heart School–Jesuit. Some members of the audience in Cebu traveled

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from as far away as Butuan, Davao, and Cagayan de Oro to hear him speak.

Lowney also attended a luncheon

hosted by Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan for the Ateneo’s Board of Trustees. Former President Corazon Aquino attended the luncheon and had a very pleasant exchange with Mr. Lowney.

As if his lectures were not enough to keep him busy, he also managed to make himself available for media interviews in the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC), Studio 23’s “Breakfast,” *Inquirer Business*, *Business World*, *Today*, and other media outfits.

As he ended his talk for the Ateneo Loyola Heights campus community, Mr. Lowney reminded the faculty, administrators and students of their mission:

“You are the schools that should— and do—populate the marketplace with graduates equipped to lead in this unique Jesuit style. That is, young adults who in addition to being technically competent as lawyers, doctors, accountants, teachers and so on, also are selfaware, heroic, and loving. That is, students who know their strengths, weaknesses and values; who engage others with a positive outlook that unlocks their potential; whose passion to excel turns them into aptissimi [the very best]; and who are not afraid of change but ready to spur change.”

The Philippine edition of *Heroic Leadership* is available at the Jesuit Communications office, 426–5971. _ PA,OMIOD