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Class '58 & '59 In Tandem Celebration



After some tumultuous negotiation and back and forth exchange of ideas, the Golden Jubilarians for 2008 and 2009 celebrated their Anniversaries in Tandem at the Sofitel (Philippine Plaza) Hotel on January 17, 2009.

The above celebration was a Joint effort of the FEU-DNR Medical Foundation Alumni Society, Inc. (Philippines) and the FEUDNRSMA Alumni Foundation (USA).

The Golden Jubilarians was joined by the Silver Jubilarian Class of 1983 on the same night. Other honorees include Class '63, '68, '73, '88, '93, '03.

Registration started at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. although not in that order, at the Luzon/ Visayas Ballroom. This was followed by the FEU Prayer, the Philippine National Anthem, the US National Anthem, the FEU Hymn and immediately followed by the entrance of the Class '58 and '59 Jubilarians and the Silver, 1983 Jubilarians.

Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Wilfredo Tayag, Class 83, current President of the FEU -DNRMF Alumni Society, and by Dr. Leona Melodia Torres-Matheus '83, Over-all Chairman, Annual Homecoming.

Short messages were delivered by Dr. Arsenio R. Martin '67, Current Chairman of the Board, FEUDNRSMAF; Dr. Hernani S. Tansuche '68, President, FEUDNRSMAF; Dr. Leona Melba Baldeo-Torres, '58; and Dr. Leonardo A. Ona, Jr., '59 Golden Jubilarians respectively. Classes '63, '68, '73, '78, '88, '93, '98, and 2003 should have been presented as per the programme but was not done. Class '83 presented a Broadway like performance. The Silver Jubilarians were well represented as they occupied most of the stage floor. Class '58 was not presented for their individual presentation. Dr. Rolando Recio made a lengthy '59 presentation including graduation pictures of the class and some personal experiences notwithstanding, which apparently took the class 2 years in preparation.

Dr. Liberato de la Rosa got an award for the Most Outstanding Faculty. Two recent Board Topnotchers, Dr. Marlon Garcia and Dr. Raymond Razonable were also present and awarded their respective checks. Dr. Leona Melba Baldeo-Torres delivered an inspiring account of her 50 years after graduation. (Part of her speech is published in this issue of the EM- Editor.) The menu was excellent. The main dinner is Roast Salmon wrapped in Parma Ham with braised cabbage and root vegetables finished with lemon butter and parsley dressing.

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Editor's Note Noli C. Guinigundo, M.D.

Ever since our medical school had started celebrating Golden Jubilees, our graduates had a new challenge at hand.

Preparing for our Golden Anniversaries—This once in a lifetime celebration calls for a unique and well executed preparation. It calls for a myriad of things like collecting old and newer pictures, videos, audios, presentation during the Grand Ball, and of course looking forward for the Gold Medallion in recognition of one's accomplishment of being a Physician.

It's a great challenge to prepare for this momentous occasion. Gathering your classmates is a big deal and time consuming effort. But at the end, it's well worth the effort—looking back at your accomplishment at your beloved medical school, your teachers, and most of all your classmates.

Happy Anniversary and many more.

Associate Editor's Note Edgar Borda, M.D.

CANNONBALLS

The year 2009 will be a year to watch whether the climate of medical practice and Tort Reform could turn to the side of the good people – the Physicians- particularly, in the areas where “access to care” is critically meager. Or, this could also be a year of serendipity.

President-Elect-Obama will have his hands full in figuring out what avenue he has to take to bring forth legislation with a balance budget program that could be acceptable to Organize Medicine and the American people.

Many have tried to fix this problem before, including President Clinton, when he appointed his wife Hillary, to chair the commission that went bust. The present administration also failed to get the necessary votes in Congress to bring forth the needed Reforms.

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Access to Care will be a big dilemma to solve. WHY? First of all, there are 46 million uninsured, with the number expected to rise by 2009. Second, there are an increasing number of physicians leaving the practice of Medicine due to retirement or other areas of better opportunities. Third, there are decreasing numbers of primary care physicians because graduate medical students would rather go to subspecialties that have higher reimbursements than the primary-care field. All together, these factors will leave us with less medical providers which will greatly affect "access to care" to its critical level, leading us to chaotic medical environment.

There are many States that have problems like these, including ILLINOIS, where I happen to have my solo-private practice in General Internal Medicine.

I am trying hard to survive this "tsunami" of regressive medical practice due to, too much control by the Insurance Companies, the strict government regulations and poor payment cycle of Medicare and Medicaid.

Last year, it took Medicaid ten months to pay for my services rendered. Now, Medicare has just started to pay my March 2008

services and on, this month of December. Yet, they require me to pay the monthly taxes (City, State and Federal) on time! If I fail to do so, I am slapped with interests and penalties. I do not see the fairness of it.

Changing topics now, since, we all dream to have a "better" 2009 year, I wish that physicians, whichever specialty you belong, would join Organize Medicine, because, the more we are in number, the stronger we are. And the more clout we carry on our shoulders, chances are Congress would not ignore us any more.

I'm extending my congratulations to the incoming new sets of officers of the National Medical Foundation, particularly, to Dr. Arsenio Martin, the new Chairman of the Board and to Dr. Hernani Tansuche, the new President. Also, to our student scholars in the Philippines, who have started to show and reveal to the Filipino people in particular, and to the world in general, that the Far Eastern University Dr. Nicanor Reyes School of Medicine is an Institution to reckon with, if you want to have an excellent medical education as your future.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year, to all!

Chairman's Report Arsenio Martin, M.D.



Dear Fellow Alumni,
Happy New Year to you and your family!
I must begin by offering my gratitude for your trust in me for the office of Chairman-of-the-Board of Far Eastern University Dr. Nicanor Reyes School of Medicine Alumni Foundation. Our organization has a rich past because of our past leadership and I am humbled and together with the new set of officers led by our President Hernani Tansuche, we look to continue this tradition.
I have learned much from our past leaders and will maintain their policies while infusing fresh new ideas. For the past few years, as President and Immediate Past President I have been able to help new alumni with post-graduate training in the United States. We will continue to facilitate them into our leaders of tomorrow-- both for FEU and for communities around the world. A couple of exam-

ples of those who are achieving highly scholastically are Marlon Garcia (MD 2007) and Joy Tan (MD 2006). Dr. Garcia was the top performer in the recent Philippine Medical Licensure Exam, while Dr. Tan almost got a perfect score in her USMLE ("double 99s" in USMLE jargon) and probably bested all examiners in the world.

The success of the university and our Foundation is reflective of the commitment and dedication of the entire community-- our faithful alumni, skillful faculty and staff, exceptional students and supportive friends. Because of your talents and enthusiasm, we have a wealth of resources for which we can achieve all our goals. I look forward to all of us working and supporting each other as a team for prosperous 2009.

Sincerely,
Arsenio R. Martin, MD FCCP
Chairman of the Board: FEU Dr. Nicanor Reyes School of Medicine Alumni Foundation

Message from the President Hernani Tansuche, M.D.

During our 29th annual reunion in Orange County, CA last July, we held the election of new officers for the Foundation. As current President, I am working closely with the outgoing and incoming administrations. The commitment to serve the goals of the Foundation has not changed during this period of transition.

One of the main agendas of the previous administration of Amante Legaspi,'68 and Pepito Rivera,'67 was to streamline the

finances of the Foundation including updating the accounting records, consolidating all the scattered accounts, tracking these accounts and most importantly filing our income taxes yearly in a timely manner thus avoiding hefty penalties for late filing. Our efficient (past and current) treasurer, Grace Rabadam,'63 has done a tremendous job of making all of this possible with the help of the investment coordinator Renato Ramos,'63 and the executive director.

One of the pet projects of our current Chairman, Sen Martin,'67 was to recruit the brightest students from colleges and universities in the Metro Manila area especially the needy ones and

Message from the President—continued

One of the goals of the present administration is maintaining the status of FEU as a premier medical school by recruiting exceptional applicants to the Institute of Medicine and providing incentives to the local faculty in the form of financial grants to guide and help these students. This requires the financial support of the US based Foundation. With the foresight and visionary goals of Amante Legaspi, the Foundation is presently in a viable position financially to support these projects. However, this funding will not last forever and the challenge facing present and future administrations is to encourage the general membership to be generous with their contributions towards these projects. One of our main source of revenue is the annual reunion and we encourage all, especially the younger members to be proactive in the Foundation and attend these yearly events.

The Foundation leadership would like to thank the officers and members of the Southern California chapter for hosting a successful reunion in Orange County in July 2008. We would like to acknowledge the efforts and hard work of the chapter President and his wife, Enrique Aragon,'75 and Fe Aragon,'73 and the local convention chair and current Executive Director Oca Tuazon,'73 his wife Ochie and Pete and Ping Florescio.'75 as well as all the members for a job well done. Final accounting showed the Foundation generated a profit during the convention.

The New York chapter headed by President, Vicente Salvador,'64 and local convention chair, Grace Rabadam are working hard to ensure a successful reunion at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square, New York City, July 1-5,2009.I have visited the hotel and from what I have seen, everyone planning to attend will have a grand time.

We look forward to the New Year with renewed optimism and faith in the Foundation and our medical school as a premier organization and medical school.

Hernani S. Tansuche, MD
President, FEUDNRSMAF



Left to Right: Drs. Hernani Tansuche, Grace Rabadam, Arsenion Martin, Marlon Garcia, Renato Ramos, Ed Relucio

CLASS 58 AND 59 IN TANDEM CELEBRATION

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The Grand Reunion was preceded on Wednesday, January 14, at 8:30 am with a Holy Mass at the Chapel on the 5th Floor, Dr. Ricardo L. Alfonso Hall. This was followed by a sumptuous breakfast at 9:30 a.m. This year's 31st Dr. Lauro H. Panganiban Memorial Lecturer is Dr. Nunilo G. Rubio, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, Maywood, Illinois.

The lecture was immediately followed by presentation of Plaque of Appreciation by the family of Dr. Lauro H. Panganiban, first Dean of the FEU Medical School. The afternoon session was filled with excellent speakers in their respective fields. Monographs were distributed on the first day. The Friday, Jan. 16 scientific session was a continuation of lectures from noted alumni specialists. It won't do justice to these excellent speakers if the EM would just mention their names and respective CVs. All in all the Kapihan sa Pio proved to be an excellent venue of alumni homecoming and camaraderie, chance to see the medical school, and to learn more from our specialist colleagues. •

Shaping the Way We See the World

By Dr. Leona Melba Baldeo-Torres Class '58

Dear Friends: We have once again reached another milestone in our lives, in our careers, and in our friendships. Fifty years is a long time by any yardstick, still it seems that after all these years, those near and dear to us then are still the same near and dear and comfortable people who were somehow involved in shaping the way we see the world and the way we behave toward one another.

It is with great joy that I greet all of you, whether actually a member of my class or not, more so because very few members of my class have come.

The Class of '58 of the Institute of Medicine was quite small. 88 in all. 78 of whom graduated in March and 10 in October, the group known as section x. We were all one big happy family of boys and girls. Everybody had somehow been affected by World War 2, and everyone, to the best of my recollection was studying very hard, trying to make the best use of his time and graduate in the shortest time possible to put his and her talents to good use and get on in the adult world, there to fulfill other needs and pursue other pleasures.

By the grace of God, by dint of hard work, with the guidance and encouragement of our parents and guardians, and by the street smarts acquired out of certain reverses caused by the war, we somehow turned out to be a welcome addition to the work force and a very unique group – practical, resourceful, frugal, idealistic and thoughtful of our fellowmen, but on the whole, candid and brutally frank.

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We have gathered around us patients and clientele who somehow take our orders and word as gospel truth; unbelievably accomplished some minor miracles with the help of modern science and research, medicine and medical equipment, saved a few lives in our own decrepity human fashion, and lived for others in many ways.

We have raised families in a style far different from the style our parents subscribed to, raising us, a little more relaxed and lenient. And the several among us who have gone ahead (here pause 30 seconds) our dearly departed have left some footprints which are impossible to see.

Continuing medical education keeps us on our toes, while many old alternative healing method have sprung from relative obscurity into fully workable sciences as the world population grows, poverty increases, war and other menaces arise, and new and deadlier diseases besiege us. We will stay young and vibrant if we keep our minds open and always bear in mind that our job is always there and our work is never done.

Those being challenged next are those standing next in line. Thank you all for coming. •

Updated Chairman's Report Arsenio Martin, M.D.

I would like to take a moment to share with you as a group some of the things that I as a Chairman of the Board of our Alumni Foundation have been doing since July 2008. I have been actively involved with our young graduates who have pursued their postgraduate training here in United States. Three of them stayed at my house and observed patients with me and other consultant in the hospital where I practiced. I "followed also" some alumni who are in Boston, San Francisco and New York.

My communication with Dean Habacon was constant and she let me know happenings at our school and young scholars. I also sent review materials to the new graduates in preparation for their Medical Board Examination. Three of the ones I have kept in touch with since last year became the top three graduates. They are Marlon Garcia, Alexis Castillo and Judy Emil Dela Cruz. The first two took their Board in August 2008 with Marlon placing as number one and Alexis ranking in the top 15. Another of our new graduates, Dr. Joy Tan, who was in Boston also benefited from support and encouragement, earning double 99% (Step 1 and 2) on her USMLE placing her in the most elite percentile. She accepted a residency in Pathology in Boston.

In January 15 -17, 2009 Hernani and I headed our Foundation during the Balik FEU Reunion in the Philippines. Speakers from US are Dr. Raymund Razonable of Mayo Clinic, Dr. Nunilo Rubio from Chicago, Dr. Rosalina Liongson Aboud of Mayo Clinic, Dr. -----, etc.

Hernani and I met with our scholars and gave them some encouragement and also emphasized to them their responsibility as scholars. Our deserving students received the student achievement awards. Dr. Noli Guinigundo our editor was one of the presenters. We also met with our alumni officers' counterpart and at another occasion the Chairman of each Department. We let them know that we will continue to support our Medical School and in return they pledged to continue to do their best to have more students like Dr. Marlon Garcia in the future. I gave a review class to those who are preparing for the board examination and USMLE on January 17. The Balik FEU was highlighted with the Grand Ball which honored the Golden and Silver Jubilarians. We also presented the \$1000.00 gift to Dr. Garcia during that affair for being number one on the Physician's Board examination.

Following the Balik FEU we had our Medical Mission in Sorsogon and I brought Dr. Garcia and Dr. Grace Lucas (she graduated first in her class) on that mission. Other FEU graduates on that mission were Dr. Ed Relucio, Dr. Fe Martin and Dr. Mike Tan. While I was in the Philippines I interviewed candidates for our scholarship program. I accepted three; one Summa Cum Laude from FEU, one Magna Cum Laude from UST who was 5th placer in the Medical Technology Board and another Cum Laude from UP who was also in the Faculty of her alma mater and 6th placer in her board examination. I also interviewed 6 other candidates three Summa Cum Laude and three Magna Cum Laude for the last spot of our scholarship program. Dr. Judy Emil Dela Cruz who took his licensing board this February placed second overall. I called him right away after the results were announced and he gave his appreciation to our Alumni Foundation for all the support that we have given to him. At the same week Marlon Garcia also received his grades in his USMLE and he got 99%, score of 269 out of 270, he probably got the highest score all over the world. Marlon and Grace Lucas will be rotating with me in May when they come here for their USMLE CS practical examination. Judy Emil will follow a few months later.

For the new graduates who want to pursue their training here in US, it is required to complete USMLE Steps 1 to 3. In addition, the Step 2 USMLE CS is a practical examination with patients only given in the US. Therefore, many of these young graduates will need help because housing will be required for a couple of weeks while they are here in US. During that time they also need to do observership (like an extern) to increase their chance of being accepted here. Because of conflicts in scheduling, my wife and I can not accommodate them all so anyone who can accommodate this future generation will be appreciated by your university and her alumni. •



Balik FEU Pictorials



Drs. Hernani Tansuche, Myrna Tansuche, Maria Guinigundo, Noli Guinigundo, Grace Rabadam, Daisy Ramos, Renato Ramos, Frank Rabadam - at the lobby of Sofitel



Balik FEU Pictorials



Class of '58 Left to Right Back Row: Rony Balboa, Emmanuel Balcos, Sonny DePerio, Mac Feliciano, Billy Santiago, Joe Reblando
Left to Right Front Row: Isaias Villarosa, Pete Sevidal, Baby dePerio, Dory Feliciano, Alely de Castro, Millie Carino-Arcelona



Silver Jubilarians with their Broadway Musical Revue



The Art of Gift Giving

By Cesar Reyes, M.D. '68

A local businessman named Henry Rowan of southern New Jersey not too long ago pledged a gift of \$100 millions to a sleepy little Glassboro State College (GSC). Overwhelmed, ecstatic, and in an expression of gratitude, the college trustees offered to change the school name to his name. Rowan, a manufacturer of industrial furnaces, was a graduate of Williams College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and not at all a GSC alumnus, made the largest single donation to any public college.

Who are the other notable members of this donors club to academic posterity?

Robert Woodruff, a former Coca-Cola chairman, donated \$105-million gift to Emory University in Georgia, the institution that is sometimes called the Coca-Cola school.

Alumni David and Lucille Packard bequeathed in 1986 \$70 million to support a Children's Hospital at Stanford University.

In 1639, a generous man gave half his estates and \$400 worth of books to a nameless nine-student school. That place became one of the greatest centers of learning and was later named for the donor, John Harvard.

Other gifts of note to academia include a \$2.5-million tennis center given by Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Atkins to the University of Illinois in Champaign in 1991, a \$1500- teakwood bench in the Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke University, a \$72-million telescope provided by the W. M. Keck Foundation to Caltech University in 1991, a \$2- million social work library at the University of Michigan, a \$100-million School of Music at Yale University, and \$1000 theater seat in the Paul V. Galvin Playhouse at the Arizona State University in 1987.

Recently, the two of the richest men on earth, Microsoft head Bill Gates and Berkshire Hathaway chairman Warren Buffet have started to actualize their goal to give away most of their money to philanthropy.

A Touch of Philanthropy?

As a group or individually, our Class'68 has not yet reached the above-mentioned level of philanthropic height. But through the years, we have been giving some back to the Alumni Foundation, our Alma Mater, and mother country. Our partial list is, as follows:

FEU Class'68 Professorial Chair in basic sciences, worth \$15,000,
Class'68 Edelmiro Santos MD Student Achievement Award in parasitology,
Class'68 Zenaida Mangalindan MD Student Achievement Award in neuroanatomy,

Class'68 Salve Ronan MD Student Achievement Award in pathology,
Class'68 Manuel Pasia MD Student Achievement Award in anatomy,
Class'68 Antolin Dycoco MD Student Achievement Award in pharmacology,
Class'68 Rodolfo Martija MD Student Achievement Award in biochemistry,
Class'68 Catalino Martin MD Student Achievement Award in anesthesia,
Class'68 Salve Ronan MD Student Achievement Award in pathology,
ECTOPIC MURMURS Severino Sarmenta MD Student Achievement Award in basic pathology,
Villastiqui Student Achievement Award for outstanding senior,
Dominga V. Barbero Student Achievement Award for outstanding junior,
Dominga V. Barbero Student Achievement Award for outstanding sophomore,
Ester R. Averilla Student Achievement Award in family medicine, and
Perlita Relucio Student Achievement Award in surgery,
Napoleon Abando MD'68 Student Achievement Award in surgery,
Ethicon/Napoleon Abando MD Class'68 Student Achievement Award in surgery,
FEU-NRMF Institute of Medicine Optiscan which facilitates checking and scoring examination papers of medical students, and the biggest so far in five-figure worth for the *FEU-NRMF Institute of Medicine and Hospital Chapel*.

Our Class also initiated and provided the seed money to, and continuously supported the *Indigency Fund* at the FEU-NRMF Hospital, which underwrites charity patient hospitalization to benefit the learning and teaching of medical student clerks, interns and house staff.

Our Class led by Napoleon Abando MD in 1994 partly funded a *medical surgical mission* held at the FEU-NRMF Hospital. A good number of Class'68 members have also participated in the several other missionary works: in Orani (Bataan), Pasig (Rizal), and San Fernando (La Union).

Asuncion Zamora Jurado MD and Vena Uy MD donated *teaching models* to the medical school through then Dean Emelie Ongcapin.

When I visited Manila in 1980, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 2004, I delivered *medical textbooks* to the dean, or pathology department, or to the FEU-NRMF Medical Society president.

(Now, a very convenient and easy way to donate to our Alma Mater is via *Balikkayan* boxes which can be filled up with books, addressed to a recipient of our choice, each box costs only on average \$60 via land-sea rate, and delivered in a month or two.)

In 2005, our Class also gave a *digital computer projector* to be used for classroom teaching and conferences at the medical school.

Since I retired in 2002 after 35-year of service from Hines Veterans Affairs Hospital which is located 12 miles west of downtown Chicago, I have volunteered at this medical center two hours a week as a WOC [without-compensation] consultant in dermatopathology and cytopathology.

Other Gift Giving Pathways

Donations to the FEUDNRSM Alumni, to our Alma Mater, or other beneficiaries of our choice, can be accomplished in a number of ways, including but not limited to gift of cash, endowment of named funds, gift of stock, gift of life insurance, gifts in trust, gifts in wills, or 10% tithing to one's church.

A cash gift is the most common and often the easiest.

In matching, a participating employer is sought to match gifts, and the donation will have a double impact.

Gifts of appreciated securities of stock can be one of the most advantageous ways of giving. If the stock is owned for more than one year, the full fair market value of the stock may be deducted as a charitable contribution, at the same time bypassing all capital gains taxes.

Charitable remainder trust allows the establishment of a trust that benefits us and/or our beneficiaries with income for life or a period of determined years, and then directs the remainder value to the beneficiary when the trust terminates. Remainder trusts are commonly used in two forms, namely: a unitrust where variable income is received on an annual basis, or an annuity trust where the annual payment is a fixed dollar amount.

Charitable lead trust is another way to benefit our family and favorite beneficiary. An asset is loaned to a beneficiary for a set term of years. The lead income is used for the designated period of years and after that time, the assets come back to us or our heir[s] (beneficiary) with favorable tax consequences.

Bequest is a gift to the Alumni Foundation, Alma Mater, or to our choice of beneficiary --- a symbol of commitment and a strong reminder to those who remain of unyielding philanthropy and concern for the future gift giving. There are a number of simple bequest arrangements that can work for the donor and his/her loved ones. A general bequest is a gift of cash satisfied from the general assets of an estate. When a portion or all of the remainder of the estate is directed to our choice of beneficiary, after payment of expenses, debt, and general bequests, it is done so through a residential bequest. Whatever arrangement, it is one of the easiest ways to truly make a difference in the future of our

chosen beneficiaries.

Final Thoughts

Before doing or considering any kind of planned gift giving, e.g. a trust, a consultation with an attorney or financial adviser to explore what type of gift giving is best for you, your family, or other beneficiaries, is imperative. •

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Thoughts from Emmanuel Balcos, M.D. '58

It is amazing how one remembers five years of medical school in one night of camaraderie and fellowship. This is what happened on our 50th graduation reunion that July night at Anaheim, California the year 2008.

Hundred stories were rehashed over and over without ending. The academic struggles, the triumphs in class, the friendship and romances.

We used to cram for our exams, a semester's lessons reviewed in one night. Oftentimes in groups in someone's house and loading up on Benzedrine.

Around 100 out of 300 original freshmen made it to graduation. Sixty percent trained in the US. So we compared the ways and means we used so that we could avoid the mandatory return to the Philippines after training per visa requirement. Our class had a good number who made it to the top of their profession, nationally and internationally.

We have to give credit to our medical school that gave us guidance especially our first two years.

Our thanks to Dr. Josephine Reyes, the Chair of the Board for celebrating with us and handing out our 50th anniversary medallions. She lauded us for our presentation and cited our farewell song to have brought tears and good memories of her early years at FEU. My personal thanks to Rony Balboa, Millie Carino-Arcelona, Mac and Dory Feliciano, Alely de Castro, Sonny and Baby dePerio, Joe Reblando, Pete Sevidal, Isaias Villarosa, and lastly but not least Billy Santiago for the video class presentation.

This 50th reunion number wouldn't have happened without our classmates.

The concluding song "I'll Be Seeing You" brought tears to most of the 700 attendees. There was a standing ovation and our tables were mobbed by people wanting to congratulate us for our last hurrah.

And apropos as a final coup---We go the American Idol Award of the night for our song "I'll Be Seeing You" •

THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO OUR 50TH By a Class '59 Graduate

Many things happened on the way to our 50th Class Anniversary preparation. They tested our resolve and brought out the best in us. This is all about how an almost harrowing experience became one of triumph when reason and justice prevailed.

In the movie, "Bridge On The River Kwai," the commander of the select British commando unit assigned to blow up the bridge, played by the veteran actor, Jack Hawkins, is remembered to have said, "No matter how thorough your preparation is, you should always be prepared for the unexpected and, after everything has been done, there is still something left to be done."

This sentiment was also echoed in another war movie, "Tora, Tora, Tora" when the U.S. Army chief intelligence officer played by the officious and always methodical E. G. Marshall, was asked by his Naval counterpart, "Is there anything else that we should do that hasn't been done yet?," referring to the impending attack by the enemy on the United States with the target still unknown despite the troves of intelligence intercepts on the eve of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Movies, movies, movies. But, thank goodness to the modern movie screen writers who have elevated the dialogues to the level of the real world out of Shangri-La of the past.

The corner stone of good preparation is having an early start. My class president, Bursing Ona, Jr. and I started shooting the breeze about our 50th class anniversary expected to occur in 2009, as early as April of 2006. The final blue prints, however, were not laid out until February, 2007.

There were 4 original organizers who were equally apportioned for the grand task: Bursing Ona, Jr. and Ben Malabanan would take care of the preparation in the Philippines, while Veling Reyrao and I would handle the identical blue prints on this side of the Pacific Ocean. To avoid duplication and turf jealousy, the 4 of us agreed that there would only be one captain of the ship--the Class President. The other 3 reported to him. Every one had his own tasks.

Each organizer could form his own subcommittees because the tasks were just too overwhelmingly vast and varied. Problems and disagreements would be resolved in the subcommittee and committee levels. Unresolved issues would be addressed by the original 4 organizers.

At all times, the right hand should know what the left hand was doing. The main coordination was the domain of the Class President. Every pertinent message was copied to the original 4 organizers.

The "Unexpected:"

The first "unexpected" occurred when we first started contacting our classmates. To our surprise, the U.S. Medical Alumni Directory was 25 years out-dated. For a class of septuagenarians not conversant with the computer, only 20% of the final tally of 34 stateside classmates had email addresses at the outset. The rest had to be traced by word of mouth and phone calls, sometimes overseas; one phone call had to be made to the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our private phone bills mounted.

Veling Reyrao assumed as in-charge of the notification of our classmates here in the states as I concentrated on my DVD.

Veling went logging into online directories such as reunion.com, even wrote letters to the mayors' offices of towns and cities where classmates were known to live or had lived. One classmate helping him came up with a list of FEU medical alumni obtained from a drug rep in his area. We even made sure that an ad about our 50th with contact persons appeared in the issues of our alumni newsletter.

As a final tally, there are 34 known '59ers stateside, 24 have email addresses, 8 without emails; two classmates are unaccounted for.

Veling certainly deserved a medal for holding his own in doing the task that he described as "very daunting."

On the Philippine side of the pond, our Class President, Bursing Ona, Jr. and his right hand man, Ben Malabanan, were faced with similar difficulties in tracing our classmates. Fifty years were a long time.

Fortunately, as a nationally well known surgeon (FPCS, FACS, FICS) and because of the academic positions he held, Bursing had been a guest speaker in many local and national seminars in the Philippines and had constant contacts with former classmates. His encyclopedic memory of whereabouts of classmates was a big help, too.

Together with Ben Malabanan and their "Committee of Five," working in tandem with the efficiency of a well oiled machine, they were able to reach almost all of our classmates on their side of the pond.

Our yearbook was not reliable either. We knew that there were 86 original students in our freshman year but with the addition of Octoberians, there were 114 in Class '59 yearbook. To complicate the tally, we found out that there were classmates who did not have their pictures in the yearbook because the fee of P120.00 was a financial burden to them at the time, considering that our tuition then was P350.00 a semester.

It was this time in our preparation when an "unexpected" source of help became available. Noli Soriano, Class '60, a friend and compadre of mine, and Betan brother of Veling offered help by keeping the Beta Sigma Fraternity website busy in locating our long lost Class '59 classmates not only in the U. S. but in the Philippines as well. In return, I kept him abreast of how we did our preparation and promised to turn over to him all my documents and references which can be of use to his class when their turn to prepare for their 50th for 2010 came. It was indeed heartwarming to see two Betans and a Sigman work harmoniously with one another for a common cause.

Another "unexpected" was that the Dean's office of FEU Institute of Medicine had records of the performances of the alumni in the Philippine Medical

Board Examination on file starting only from the 1990s. Then, we found out that the PRC which replaced the Medical Board of Examiners would not release statistics for undisclosed reasons.

My attempts at logging into the website of the archives of The Manila Times and Manila Bulletin for medical board examination results from 1957 to 1961 were unsuccessful. Luckily, Vic Verzosa, also a Betan, was kind enough to email me copies of his Class '61 statistics. The board examination results of the other first 4 classes of our Alma Mater had to be obtained through other sources.

Thus, NETWORKING, as suggested by Nany Tansuche is the key in the entire preparation. Younger generations of alumni more attuned with modern technology should have less or no problems at all when their turns come.

Furthermore, the U. S. based FEU Medical Alumni Directory can be updated automatically by having each class celebrating its 50th submit current class bio-data to the offices of the Alumni Foundation's Executive Director and Editor of Ectopic Murmurs.

AN EARTH-SHAKING "UNEXPECTED:"

Just as our preparation was going smoothly in the summer of 2007, an announcement from the local Alumni Society in the Philippines showed that our Golden Jubilee which was dovetailed to the Balik-FEU would be in January, 2010 and NOT 2009.

A frenzied canvassing among our classmates on both sides of the Pacific Ocean was done. The consensus by the majority of our class was TO DO IT ON OUR OWN IN 2009, the prize notwithstanding. The prevailing sentiment then was that 50th class anniversary happened only once in a lifetime and we had to do it in the correct calendar year. Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!

There were those who agreed with the leaders of the local alumni society that the few weeks' difference between December, 2009 and January 10, 2010 were insignificant.

At about this time, the necrology list among our classmates was mounting. I remember a time when Veling Reyrao and I received the names of 5 classmates in a month. Veling said, "Rolly, our class is gradually being decimated one by one like clay pigeons in a shooting gallery. We should do our 50th in January of 2009." I could not have agreed with him more.

With a much easier access to the officers of the U. S- based Alumni Foundation than our Philippine counterparts, Veling Reyrao and I volunteered to lobby them to let us celebrate in 2009.

For my part, I told my lobby contact of the mounting necrology list of our class. That I would choke reading the names in 2010 of my classmates who passed away in 2009. That nothing could assuage my guilt for not fighting for their rights to be with their classmates once more before they went to meet their Maker."

Fortunately, we pushed the right button. Less than 2 weeks later, my contact emailed us with the assurance that officially, Veling and I could tell our entire class that we would celebrate our 50th Class Anniversary in January of 2009. HALLELUJAH.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." Sometimes, the unexpected happens for a reason. Could it be part of the Big Plan or is it just luck of "The Three Princes of Serendipity" in the Persian tales?

Whether it was fate or serendipity, we accomplished the goal we sought from the start. We found our Holy Grail ----- celebrating our 50th in the correct calendar year.

May it remain unchanged for generations to come. •

Rolly Recio, Class '59
28 November, 2008
rolandoreciomd@yahoo.com

ALUMNI NEWSNOTES

Long-lost classmates, GEORGE N. CHIN MD'68 and LETICIA ESQUERRA CHIN MD'68 surprised me today with an email and a beautiful Christmas letter that briefly details their wonderful works in medical, surgical and ophthalmological missions in China. George is the only ophthalmologist in the Class'68. He and Leticia live and practice in the God's country of emerald Seattle. For eight years now, they have been involved in Operation Eyesight. Among the highlights of their recent three-day journey through Xichang and Chengdu were poetically and philosophically narrated in the letter, as follows: delivering relief for a painful eye and failing vision; providing eyedrop and a caring word to a woman with leprosy because there was nothing more possible to offer; sharing hope with those with faith; teaching and reinforcing surgical skills to the local eye surgeons, elegantly presenting seminars on cornea, glaucoma and vitreo-retinal diseases; and much more. George and Leticia, I salute you for your great mission undertakings. I hope you will continue to inform us about your ministry and to keep in touch with your classmates and fellow alumni. •

VINTAGE CLASS '63 - THE PRECIOUS SAPPHIRES : Eugene A. S. Siruno, MD, '63

Five years ago, we solved the formula - $R = E + M + F$. The Ruby Reds of class '63 had a grand time in Norfolk, Virginia. We reaffirmed that we were good students, honest and responsible persons and excellent physicians. We concluded that we are happy bunch and quite successful. We are friends. We know that true friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it is lost. We have tried to keep on coming to reunion because there is joy and laughter and it is fun. We learn from our older and younger colleagues. We go because we want to see those pretty/handsome faces. We are the PRECIOUS SAPPHIRES - VINTAGE CLASS '63.

This summer we came back to enjoy each other again with lots of optimism for the remainder of the year, not knowing what our Maker has in store for us. We are lucky that we added only few extra pounds and a couple of wrinkles since five years ago. That's really not bad. Sure we did forget some few things including some commitments - not necessarily your anniversary, not to mention some difference of opinion with the boss. I believe that's part of maturity (getting older) and does not have anything to do with Alzheimer. Anyhow, the Precious Sapphires of FEU Institute of Medicine went to Orange County, California, USA to celebrate the 29th Annual Reunion & Scientific Convention with the different honorees and other class alumni. We went and had fun. With hugs and beso-beso, less BS from the guys this time, lots of humors and laughter. We know that seeing classmates and friends is very important, even only once in a while. Friendship ($R = E + M + F$) is highlighted this time for emphasis as "nobody has ever come up with a good substitute for friendship.

On the scientific side of the convention, class '63 had significant involvement in the CME. Fernando (Do) Angeles, thoracic/ vascular surgeon, Fort Worth, TX lectured on the most interesting topic, the gist of which from my point of understanding is " Hit it before it strikes " - - Under standing Stroke 2008. The Chairman Emeritus Renato Ramos, Co-Director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oaks, MI; Chairman, Dr. Nicanor Reyes Jr. Memorial Lecture Committee, clearly and eloquently presented Cardiology Update 2008. His message is follow his recommendations and prescriptions before the attack, during the attack and after the attack and you have the chance to be a centenarian. He also introduced the lecturer for the Nicanor Reyes Jr. Memorial Lecture. Grace Rabadam, Pediatrician, Patchogue, NY got us updated on the very important topic on Immunization 2008. We, eager grandparents and babysitters can easily double check the status of the immunizations of our grandchildren. We have the Ectopic Murmurs, every body knows Ectopic Pregnancy. Gene Siruno, general/vascular surgeon Hutchinson, MN chose to share his clinical experiences in a rural setting for the past five years on ECTOPIC GAS in the human body. What I like most and most appreciative was Dr. Ron Balboa's introduction for Gene which goes - " the best that ever happened to Gene Siruno is to marry Babi." That's very true and thanks Ron. Marco Antonio, gastroenterologist, Wash., DC ably moderated the interesting CPC and our Do Angeles was the surgeon discussant. He made the CPC so interesting, funny and humorous and opted not to operate on the patient - he said no indication. the patient stayed alive and was able to go home. These are the CME participations of the Precious Sapphires, Class '63.

Not every couples made it to the Chinese Dinner someplace in Garden Grove, CA recommended by our local classmate Fred Villao. Others went to Dr. Oscar Tuazon's place. the food was good but the company was better. As usual. lots of kodacan. Then we went and had our practice for the presentation for the Filipiniana Evening. A dance line was choreographed and instructed by Grace Rabadam and Celia Sagullo. They were very strict but very good and initially they were not that pleased at all. The result was very predictable. Those crossovers were quite challenging and difficult giving us achy hips and crampy legs, needing some NSAID. Practicing once every half a decade, the dance came out amazingly, uncoordinatedly marvelous. Ernie Eusebio rendered his serenade ala Caruso. Oh, what fun it was to sing and dance and laugh with your friends. The evening was really festive and grand with those Filipiniana dress and the Barong Tagalog attire with a touch of blue tie which made it Sapphiratically, glowingly jubilant night. The balot and biringka were digested fast. These are the Precious Sapphires - Vintage Class '63 who participated and made it to Orange County, CA.: Ozzie & Leone Almiron, St. Louis, MO; Do & Nancy Angeles. Fort Worth TX; Oscar & Lilia Ansaldo, St. Jose, CA; Marco Antonio, Chantilly, VA; Arturo & Rica Basa, Strongville, OH; Orpha & Lito Belardo; Mt Galeal, OH; Eugene & Estrella Chua, Babylon, NY; Willy & Ching de Castro, Frankfort, IL; Johnny & Tessie Eufemio, Rego Park, NY; Ernie & Lily Eusebio, Springfield. IL; Gerry & Gig Guzman, St. Charles, IL; Esmeralda & Rudy Magpantay; Old Westbury, NY; Rufino & Liciana Montenegro, Mercerville, NJ; Zeny Palma Gonzaga & Mr, NJ; Grace & Frank Rabadam, Patchogue, NY; Renato & Daisy Ramos, Bloomfield MI; Bernie & Tarcy Rodrigo, Las Vegas, NV; Celia & Nestor Sagullo, Parasmus, NJ; Gene & Babi Siruno, Hutchinson, MN; Jojo Villanueva & Dr. # 3, Deptford, NJ; Pete Lagrosa, LA, CA; Fred & Nilda Villao, Placencia, CA. These are the vintage class '63 who made it to the 45th reunion. Look at the pictures, same old faces, pogi at ganda pa at XYZ pa. Some with silver hairs, some with grecian formula and some with almost no hairs. I don't know who have new teeth; some with new friend/ hubby (Jojo -# 3?) or new girl friend or new wife (not sure). A very notable thing that you hear in this reunion is " you haven't change a bit" and now instead of showing our children's pictures we are showing the pictures of our grandchildren.

To see friends/classmates in any place or occasion, as in a class reunion is a major plus especially at our age. When we reach this age, there is the "hoping" benefits that showed be bestowed to us, like a Harmles Old Geezer Card Pass. A pass for special man shows, Chippendales nights for the ladies, free fishing and highly discounted golf games fees. This pass should allow us also to stare and whistle at some beautiful women and be allowed to make some close to disgusting noises of appreciation. How about some complimentary subscription of a skin magazine? Just thinking, just hoping, -- we are not over the hill yet.

Coming to these reunions is certainly a learning experience in the circle and time management of life if you turn on your antenna. Conversations in the hallways during breaks are most interesting. I heard two friends belonging to another batch talking. One said " Pare, I truly wear the pants at home. " The other pare giggled and smiled and said, " I know, I know, Mare told you which pants to put on." As I walked towards the refreshments area, my antenna pick up conversations of two slightly older gentlemen. The first one said " Pare, I retired and since my retirement, I run things quite nicely at home." The second gentleman said " That's great!!!" Then I found out that what he meant was he runs the lawnmower, washing machine, dishwasher, the vacuum cleaner and runs errands for the missus.

Class '63 retiring? We are in our late sixties or early seventies, so what? We aren't afraid of getting old. It's true that we are older but we are wiser, we are more mature and we think we know ourselves better. But after acquiring so much knowledge, wisdom and experience, what do we do? Retire!! If

you think, we know it all, did we stop thinking, that's why we retired. I'm not sure.

A message from Marco: "In retrospect, class '63 during our alumni reunion at Garden Grove, CA was a vintage of camaraderie, renewal of friendship, with sadness, laughter and joy. We have changed from being a handsome young boy and beautiful lady to silver hair of wisdom in winning and losing but as the saying goes, " old wine gets better each day." We, the living should live to the utmost best and always be thankful to our Creator. To those who are retired - enjoy. To those who are semi retired keep on going; and those who are incapacitated- our love and prayer. Always smile!!

REQUIESCAT In PACE - - SUMALANGIT NAWA (RIP - SLN) : Raul Abad; Greg Ching; Elmo Gayoso; Nestor Tibayan;; Loreto Macalingcad; Oddie Hernandez Jr.; Nonong Pineda; Tessi Veloso; Mateo Dayo; Rey Vista; Celia Dizon Patawaran; Estelita Reyes; Richard Co; Candido Cortes; Rufino Montenegro; George Gacula. Some other souls whom I'm not aware or were not reported to me yet. May they rest in peace.

In concluding this write up, the formula remains the same. R = E + M + F. Reunion brings memory, Experience and Friendship. From Ruby Reds to Precious Sapphires lots of our classmates missed out and we missed them. We will continue to convince our classmates/ friends to join us in the upcoming reunions. As we move forward towards the brilliant GOLD we will come together even with our canes and or wheelchairs. We shouldn't be the friend who forgets to write (email). We shouldn't be the friend who forgets to phone. We shouldn't be the friend who forgets to visit. Classmates, remember that the most treasured antiques are old FRIENDS. •

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Alumni News Notes

RICK DE LEON MD'64 was recently honored as PHYSICIAN of the YEAR 2008 by both the ASSOCIATION of PHILIPPINE PHYSICIAN in AMERICA and the FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIANS of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA INC during their annual conventions held in Springfield, Illinois, and Fremont, California, respectively.

Rick and CLARITA DE LEON MD'68 are also blessed with twin grandchildren, Christian Martin and Olivia Claire, who are now 3 1/2 months old.

Their youngest son/ physician likewise passed the written and oral certification examinations given by the AMERICAN BOARD of EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS.

Our heartfelt congratulations, Rick and Clarita!

Prayer for the Day

*Good and gracious God,
You share your ministry of healing
With physicians and nurses, and with all
Those professionals who commit their talents
To heal and strengthen patients and their families.*

*Through the companionship
Of the great physician Luke
Bless us with your gifts of wisdom and hope.
Give us patience when we are tired,
Strength when we are weak,
And the grace of hospitality for everyone we meet*

*Loving God,
Lay your healing hands upon us now.
May we walk always in your love
May every action of our lives give glory
And praise to you, our loving God.*

Amen. •

Among the Class of '58 Who Attended The Anaheim Reunion in July 2008 were:

Drs. Emy Balcos, Ron Balboa, Milenda Carino Arcelona, Evelio Santiago, Mac & Doris Feliciano, Alely de Castro, Sonny and Baby dePerio, Joe Reblando, Pete Sevidal, Isaias Villarosa

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6. Dr. Rolando Agnir	Same
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11. Dr. Sonia Ferry-Aznar	Same – Class '67
12. Dr. Emelita Flores-Ramos	Same – Class '67
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24. Dr. Cesar V. Nolasco	Same
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29. Perlita Relucio	Dr. Olivo Leopando ET.AL
30. Ethicon	Ethicon/Dr. Napoleon Abando
31. Dr. Napoleon Abando	Same
32. F.E.U.M.A.A.I.	Same
33. Dr. Ernesto Eusebio	Same
34. Drs. Moises & Leonardo Sarmiento	Dr. Reynaldo Sarmiento

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MEDICINE

35. Dr. Apolinario Miranda	Same
36. Class '71	Same
37. Dr. Noli C. Guinigundo	Same
38. Dr. Josefino S. Santos	Same
39. Dr. Norma Oller-Magpoc	Same – UST '64
40. Adelaide Ibay-Soriano	Dr. Alberto Soriano – UST '64
41. Dr. Noli Guinigundo	Same
42. Dr. Olivo Leopando	Drs. M Sanchez, Relucio C. Reyes P. Rivera, FEU Foundation & wake collection

FAMILY PRACTICE/PEDIATRICS

43. Drs. Recto/Clarita de Leon	Same
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ENDOCRINOLOGY

44. Dr. Nunilo Rubio	Novartis
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45. Dr. Nathaniel Yangco	Drs. S. del Rosario, A/M. Rivero, C. Reyes, H. Ayuste, R/L Mon, V. Quintong
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BARIATRIC MEDICINE

46. Dr. Olivo Leopando	Drs. M. Sanchez, Relucio, C. Reyes P. Rivera, FEU Foundation & wake collection
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47. Dr. Conrado Gonzalez, Jr.	Same
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GROSS ANATOMY

49. Dr. Edwin V. Nolasco	Same
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MICROBIOLOGY

50. Dr. Manuel Pasia	Same
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51. Dr. Severino Sarmenta	Ectopic Murmur
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53. Dr. Ricardo Patron	Same
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OBSTETRICS

62. Drs. Roger/Thelma Mupas Same

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6. Amorфина Aloran Sevilla (INTERNAL MEDICINE)	Same
7. Amorфина Aloran Sevilla (INTERNAL MEDICINE)	Same
8. Amorфина Aloran Sevilla (INTERNAL MEDICINE)	Same

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(EMBRYOLOGY) | Dr. Roger Mupas |
| 10. Dr. Abelardo Palaypayon
(NEUROSURGERY) | Same |
| 11. Dr. Marilou Guzon
(PEDIATRICS) | Drs. Celia/Nestor Sagullo |
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(OB-GYN) | Drs. Celia/Nestor Sagullo |
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(PREVENTIVE MEDICINE) | Same |
| 14. Dr. Ricardo de Leon
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| 15. Mr. & Mrs. Sylvestro de Leon
(FAMILY PRACTICE) | Drs. Rick/Claire de Leon |
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(PEDIATRICS) | Dr. Divinagracia Averilla-Obena
& Elisa Reyes, RN |
| 17. Mauricio Averilla
(OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE) | Dr. Divinagracia Averilla-Obena
Elisa Reyes, RN |
| 18. Mauricio Averilla
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| 20. Ester R. Averilla
(OUTSTANDING INTERN) | |

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Truth vs. Fiction

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The Manila Times has a school of journalism and one of its students recently wrote a news-column in the Internet edition that caught my eye: "Antonio Tupaz dies". There was a glowing list of the late man's accomplishments. He went to UP law, (fact) and after he passed the bar (fact), was dean of the UE College of Law for one year (fact), later dean of the College of Law of PUP(fact). He was from Agusan and had served a term as congressman (fact). The cub reporter, however, emphasized that his most outstanding accomplishment in life was that he was at one time the Editor in Chief of the UP Philippine Collegian (?). Then, as now, he pointed out that the screening process for editorship of that esteemed college paper is very rigorous. It is no wonder that when candidates to succeed retiring Supreme Court Chief Justice Davide were being considered, (R. Puno, Quisumbing, Artemio V. Panganiban), the editorship of Puno and Quisumbing of the UP Collegian were high-lighted. Panganiban who went to FEU, was a campus writer of distinction but not in the UP Collegian. Puno and Quisumbing were not bar toppers but Panganiban was one, he placed sixth. In the lexicon of RP Law, a bar topper is one who placed in the top ten).

Was Tupaz an editor in chief of the UP Collegian, or is that pure fiction?

One of the major tenets of journalism is that the reporter must double check and verify before filing his report. The cub reporter did probably obtain one source before writing his eulogy and that was probably the CV of the deceased as written by him before he died. I did a Google search of the UP Philippine Collegian and Tupaz is not mentioned as a former editor in chief of the UP Collegian. Some interesting tidbits that I discovered: Puno and Quisumbing served for one semester each as editors, P. Agabin served as editor for a summer session, Caesar I. Agnir, Sr. served as editor for one whole school year. as did other brainiacs who went on to illustrious careers in the public and private sectors.

What drives people to claim to be what they were not? There are at least 100 (one hundred) people who claim falsely that they were awarded the US Congressional Medal of Honor with fake medals for display to boot. A former classmate in FEU Medicine and town-mate went to UP pre-med for one year, finished his pre-med in MCU, has listed in his CV that he obtained a bachelors degree in UP. There are other lies in his published CV. Is it megalomania or a sense of insecurity that drove Tupaz and others to list bare-faced lies in their records of "accomplishments"?

If politicians can lie, I suppose ordinary people can also lie.

Just thinking aloud. "Thinking Aloud" was the name of my column in a college paper. •