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Summer 2008

UP CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL DAY

The University of the Philippines started its celebration of UP's 100th founding anniversary on the morning of June 18, 2008 with festive ceremonies at the UP Diliman Campus.

As early as 8 AM, UP officials, members of the faculty, students, staff, alumni and friends gathered at Quezon Hall for the singing of the National Anthem, UP Naming Mahal and the Happy Birthday UP song. With College of Music Dean Ramon Acoymo leading the vocals, the group sing-along featured the combined talents of the Armed Forces of the Philippines marching bands, the UP Symphonic Bands, the UP Cherubim and Seraphim and the UP Staff Chorus.

Following the hearty community sing-along, Centennial President Emerlinda R. Roman walked to center of the Quezon Hall Bridge to wish the community a happy birthday and a happy centenary. In her brief message, she reiterated the perks of working for the University. "It is not given to many to be involved in work about whose usefulness and value there can be no doubt. It is not given to many to be able to work in surroundings so beautiful and conducive to physical and mental well-being. While the University may face many problems, there are still a lot of things to celebrate, such as the public's pride in, respect for, and trust in UP; the goodwill of almost everyone in the country; and UP's rich resource of talented personnel who are committed to the ideals of excellence, leadership, and service," she said.

The high point of her message came towards the end when Dr. Ma. Concepcion Alfiler, Vice President for Planning and Finance, approached and showed her a message on her cellular phone.



Approved, as recommended by the Department of Budget Management, at last, signed by Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, centennial bonus of PhP 20,000." When the loud cheers from the crowd died down, Roman instructed the accounting offices to step up the payroll.

The speech was followed by the launching of the UP Centennial Commemorative Stamps, with Luis Carlos, Assistant Postmaster General of the Philippine Postal Corporation, and the UP System Executive Staff unfurling from the Quezon Hall bridge four large tarpaulins printed with the stamp designs. The stamps, which will be accepted around the world, are available in four designs executed by College of Fine Arts' Alfred Capiral. The designs feature the UP seal, UP Centennial logo, Carillon, and Oblation.

The new officers of the UP Diliman Student Council (SC) took their oath in front of the UP community, with UP Diliman Chancellor Sergio S. Cao administering the oath. "June 18 is a very important milestone for us," UPD Chancellor Sergio S. Cao said. "The commemorative program is a simple and joyous celebration reaffirming our community spirit and a happy occasion to reflect and remember that UP has reached this age.

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COMING EVENTS - 2008

- **July 26, Saturday:** Summer General Meeting, Donnelly Park, Turlock
- **October 5, Sunday:** Centennial Walk and Fall General Meeting & Election of Officers, Mountain View Picnic Shelter, Woodward Park, Fresno

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President's Corner

by
Helen Reyes

Time flies so quickly. It is Summer once again and soon it will be Fall. Before this year ends, we still have two projects left to do.

As the year long celebration of UP Centennial is in full swing in the Philippines, we are also making plans for our own celebration tentatively called "**Centennial Walk**" (see page 5). The event will be held on the same day as the Fall general meeting in Fresno in October. It will also be our fundraising event. Details shall be un-

veiled during the Summer general meeting.

Our second project involves recruitment of new members. The board members have decided that the time is ripe for aggressive recruitment of new members. To quote one of our board members, "our very existence depends on it". Indeed, this is so true. We have to always be on the lookout for new people to get involved and to continue the noble traditions of this organization in the future. Without them, this organization will

cease to exist in the years to come. To this end, your area directors may have notified you, or will be notifying you of strategies for membership drives.

It seems we will be busy with these two projects in the coming months. Just remember that the burden will not be heavy as long as we continue working together as we always did in the past.

May we never get weary in striving for UP.

See you soon!
Helen

UP Celebrates Centennial, from page 1



We have remained strong and survived as an institution. As an academic institution, we have a long history of involvement and participation in the life of the nation and we are looking forward to the future."

The crowd then marched to Vinzons Hall to launch the Vinzons UP grade renovation project. Under the leadership of the USC, the project seeks to restore and preserve the architectural heritage of Vinzons Hall and establish the structure as a genuine student center.

UP alumnus and now senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan had provided seed money for the project through an endowment of PhP 8 million. Amid dance and musical numbers from UP talents, the program featured brief messages from Cao, former Collegian editor Ibarra Gutierrez, who chairs the project and Ms. Gina Dave, who represented Pangilinan at the event. Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and Carolina G. Vinzons-Gaite, daughter of Wenceslao Vinzons, whom the edifice is dedicated to, graced the affair. ♠

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President Arroyo Visits Fresno

Held at the Fresno Convention Center last Sunday, June 22, the meeting started with a Mass followed by a short speech and a video conference with the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) and cabinet officials who were in Malacanang.

Among the attendees were members of UPAACC Fresno group was led by Orly & Maribelle Dyoco.

Reaching out to the community

In her short speech, President Arroyo called on the Fil-Am community to extend her assistance to victims of typhoon 'Frank' in the Philippines.

"To our Fil-Am brothers and sisters, for your generosity towards the less fortunate in the Philippines, and for your commitment to enhance development in our motherland, *salamat!*" she said.

The President also lauded her *kababayans* in the US for their doing so much without losing their bonds of affection for their motherland and their inherent pride in their Filipino heritage. Every year, Fil-Ams send all forms of assistance to schools, hometowns, provinces and local organizations.

"From medical and dental missions, to

educational and internet support, to humanitarian and charitable causes, Filipino Americans are ever ready to help the land of your forefathers," she said.

She then again appealed for any assistance to the typhoon victims that could be coursed through the various embassies and consulates via disaster-relief donation accounts.

Always a working President

In spite of being the US, the President remained in close contact with her office to remain informed of what is happening in the Philippines. Prior to the video conference in Fresno, she had already had a teleconference shortly after arriving in San Francisco last Saturday night. Press Secretary Jesus Dureza said, "The President is very concerned about what is happening," he said and added, "She has been getting updates and gave specific instructions on what to do about the situation."

President Arroyo was in the US for a 10-day visit, focusing on food security, rice supply concerns and a meeting with President Bush. The President's visit to Fresno was not her first. In 1999, the then Vice-President was invited by the Fil-AM Chamber of Commerce of Fresno as the guest speaker. ♠

The Fresno Bee, June 23, 2008

Summer 2008 General Meeting - Turlock



July 26, 2008

Saturday, starting at 11 AM

at

Donnelly Park

Turlock, CA

Meeting Agenda

*To be hosted by UPAACC Area 2 (Modesto/Turlock & Vicinity):
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS: You are encouraged to
bring along desserts, fruits or your favorite dish to share.*

- 2008 UP Centennial Walk
- Membership Drive
- Non-Profit Status Application
- Update of UPAACC Projects
- Fund-raising activities for 2008
- 2008 Financial Report and Budget Review
- Other Association business

Directions:

From Highway 99: Exit at Fulkerth Road.

Proceed East on Fulkerth Road pass Golden State Boulevard.

Continue on Fulkerth Road. (Note: Fulkerth Road will change to Hawkeye Ave.)

Turn left at Del's Lane.

Continue on Del's Lane and turn right at Pedras Road.

Continue on Pedras Road and turn right at Donnelly Drive.

You have arrived. Park and walk to the picnic shed.

(If you get lost or for more information, call Johnny Quijano @ 209-526-1149 or 209-996-7559)

**WE HAVE STARTED A
NEW RAFFLE FUND-
RAISING ACTIVITY DURING
OUR MEETINGS**

**PLEASE BRING ALONG
UNWRAPPED GIFT(S)
(GIFT ITEMS VALUED \$10 OR
MORE PLEASE) AS RAFFLE
PRIZES - WRITE YOUR NAME
ON THE GIFT(S)**

**DURING OUR LAST TWO
MEETINGS, WE RAISED OVER
\$ 400!**

**Please RSVP to your Area
Directors before July 19**

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Minutes of the 2008 Winter Meeting - Stockton



UPAACC 2008 Winter General Meeting
Date: January 19 - Galvez Residence, Stockton, CA

I. Call to Order:

The President called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

II. Prayer and UP Beloved:

Opening prayer was led by Dr. Rolando Simeon followed by the singing of UP Beloved led by Maribelle Dyoco.

III. Minutes of the Last General Meeting:

Minutes of the general meeting dated October 13, 2007 was read by Tessie Miguelino and was approved.

IV. Treasurer's Financial Report:

Presented by the president, Helen Reyes:

Checking account	\$ 8,634.41
Expenses	(2,392.34)
Checking Current Balance:	\$ 6,242.07
CD (8/2007 to maturity 1/2008)	\$ 15,997.69
Interest Earned	323.72
CD Total:	\$ 16,321.41
Current Total Balance:	<u>\$ 22,563.48</u>

The financial report was approved.

V. Budget Review: 2007 and 2008

A copy of the 2007 and 2008 budget was provided. The summary is as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Project Expenses	\$5,000	\$4,000
Operating Expenses	2,000	2,000
Total Amount	\$7,000	\$ 6,000

Projects where the amounts were reduced:

- Carillon Newsletter Labels - reduced from \$ 1,000 to \$ 500.
- Scholarship Supplemental Fund - reduced from \$ 1,000 to \$ 500.

VI. Project Updates:

A. Book Donation, UP Cebu - Receipt

provided regarding shipment: \$ 954.85.

B. UP Centennial Wish List Donation:

1. Dr. Roman's Wish List - \$ 5,000
2. UP Mindanao - \$ 5,000

C. Scholarship Program - no new information.

VII. Fund-Raising Projects:

A. Small Fund-Raising:

Raffle/can collection - Helen encouraged everyone to participate. Participation is voluntary. A member could collect cans or do garage sale and donate the earnings.

B. Major Fund-Raising:

1. Tour/Cruises - Maribelle explained some details and shared the *Dogma Travel* website. Up has to sign as a group member and be non-profit. Cruise could be organized through Orly and Maribelle. If there are 20 passengers, one is free.

Suggestion: Maribelle to share packages options. Decision was made to focus on Philippine Centennial side trips.

2. Sales of Items - Rey received information from August regarding prices. Examples of items: pins and T-shirts. Cora suggested selling other types of T-shirts. Rey suggested focus on T-shirts with UP logo and then expand. Rey stated that there would be no problem selling T-shirts with UP logo because the earnings would to the organization, and not as personal profit.

3. Strategic Asset Planning - no information.

4. Chorale Groups - Rey suggested that we need to find out the schedules of the various chorale groups so that UPAACC could plan ahead of time.

5. Major Events 2008 - A question came up on what would be the major event for 2008. Suggestions:

- a. Christmas Party - Art suggested a similar event held in Chicago title *Kay Ganda Ng Umaga*. The sou-

venir program earned \$ 10,000.

b. *UP Oblation Run* - sponsor runner could earn \$ 5,000.

c. Dr. Jose Rizal movie - showing at a private residence and viewers could donate \$ 10.

d. 2nd Platters - Art suggested a show from this group based in Missouri.

VIII. Other Business:

A. Application for non-profit status: Johnny Quijano provided background of application process and what it would entail. Frank Mamaril (UPGLAAA) also sent some advantages and disadvantages of being non-profit. Discussion followed on advantages and disadvantages.

Advantages:

- accepted contributions are tax-deductible.
- ability to accept grants
- mail items at lower cost (not advantageous to mail few items)

Disadvantages:

- Non-profit status will entail clear and accurate bookkeeping putting projects under category earning and expenses, electronic filing of earnings (although not required to report earnings of \$ 25,000 or less, the rules have changed and organization is required now to submit notification to show compliance).

Records required such as names of officers, minutes of meetings, membership fees, etc. The State continues to assess if the organization still qualifies for non-profit status. Changes in officers could make difficult but if the organization has good record system, it would be easier to provide the information.

Target population - the requirements to benefit the community instead of a specific group only could affect the

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current UPAACC's practice of serving only UP students.

- **Recommendations:** The group decided to discuss the issues at the Board meeting and present the decision at the general meeting.
- B. Newsletter: Kudos was given to Rey for a job well done. To save money, the newsletter could be e-mailed to those with e-mail addresses. Another suggestion was to cut down on pages,

but with flexibility to have more pages if needed. The challenge continues to be getting articles. Rey requested the Board of Directors to provide news and milestones from their respective areas.

- C. Future Meetings: Helen suggested to set the dates for future meetings.
 1. Board meeting - 2/23/08 Turlock
 2. Summer General meeting - July 12 (place to be determined).
 3. Fall General Meeting and Election - October 4 (Fresno).

- 4. Board meeting before Winter General Meeting (Transition) - November 15 (place to be determined).

- D. Miscellaneous: Helen introduced Isagani Sarmiento, newly elected President of UPLBAAA and member of UPAACC from Fairfield, CA.

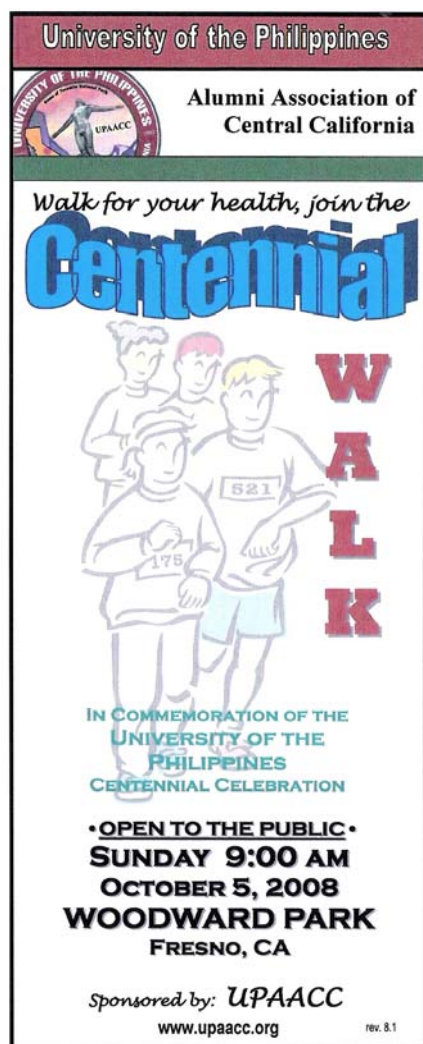
- E. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM. ♠

Submitted by:

Helen Reyes, President

Prepared by:

Nenita Dean, Vice-President



CENTENNIAL WALK

Woodward Park is one the finest and one of the largest public parks of its kind in Central California. It features several lakes, and harbors numerous

2008 UPAACC CENTENNIAL WALK

bird species offering bird enthusiasts an excellent opportunity for viewing. The **CENTENNIAL WALK** is only two miles (one turn around the park), so all ages can easily participate. If you can't make it to Woodward Park on Sunday, October 5th, you can walk on your own and send you pledge form to us.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

- 1. **FIRST**, even if you can't make it, you can still help support UPAACC in its worthwhile endeavor to fulfill its commitments to the University of the Philippines by advertising in the **CENTENNIAL WALK** souvenir program:

BENEFACTOR \$ 100+
*One full page advertisement,
one free WALK registration fee,
one T-shirt.*

PATRON \$ 50+
*1/2 page advertisement, one
free WALK registration fee.*

FRIENDS OF UP \$ 25+
*1/4 page or business card
advertisement.*

- 2. **SECOND**, tear off the **WALKER**

REGISTRATION FORM on this brochure & send it to us. Pre-registration will save time the day of the walk.

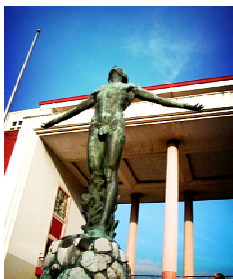
- 3. **THIRD**, take the **SPONSOR PLEDGE FORM** on the event brochure* and begin gathering pledges. If you need more pledge forms, just make extra copies or call us (559-432-4864). Don't worry about collecting money; all pledges will be collected by mail. Just make sure to include **COMPLETE** addresses (including **ZIP CODES**) to all your sponsors and bring your pledge form(s) with you to the **WALK**. If any of your sponsors prefer to pay in advance, be sure to mark "**PAID**" on your form and bring their donation to the **WALK**.

- 4. **FOURTH**, tell all your friends! This event is open to anyone, even if they can't gather pledges. Make sure to invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. ♠

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

***Event brochures will be mailed later**

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by Dr. Jose M. Tiongco at the 9th Commencement Exercises of the University of the Philippines in Mindanao, April 22, 2006).



Were I to introduce myself, I would present a simple country bumpkin of a doctor, a surgeon who was born and raised in Mindanao. And will die here too. And that would probably be soon, if I do not finally learn in my old age to keep my mouth shut.

I have gone around the world a few times and talked to quite a number of people of different races, people of different cultural, economic and educational backgrounds. And this is not the first time that I am speaking to a UP audience. But I get goose bumps every time I find myself in a UP institution. It is not easy to talk to UP people. I should know that. I come from UP myself. You can always tell a UP graduate from those of the other Universities. You would generally be looking at a person who is multi-talented, multi-tasked, interesting, interested, articulate, efficient, effective, competent, self assured, and eager to learn more; even if you understandably would also have to deal with a certain palpable cockiness. Would you agree?

But if there were a Jesuit in the audience today, he will probably rise up to say that I am really describing an Ateneo person as well! I have been with the Ateneo much, much longer than I had been with UP. And I would have to agree, especially on the cockiness part. But I will argue that it is in the University of the Philippines that the student acquires on top of all that I described, a sense of nationalism, of cultural identity, and a burning sense of outrage at the historical and resent oppression of our country and our people.

And this is what UP is really known for. Would you agree?

Yes. I can attest to that, having graduated 35 years ago from the University of the Philippines College of Medicine in Manila. And those were the times in our nation's history

when the UP students hurled themselves at the Marcos military in the cities and in the countryside to tell them and the rest of the world that they would rather die than tolerate oppression.

That was 35 years ago. And today I often wonder what happened. How could such a pure and pristine movement that wore the invincible armor of love of country and resistance against fascism degenerate after all those years into the tattered rags of banditry, extortion and opportunism?

Those who were fortunate enough to die in the struggle have remained true to the cause. But that cannot be said for the unfortunate many who survived. For one can now see quite a number of them carving out their opulent lifestyles in USA, paying only lip service to the sufferings here in the Philippines. And those who have decided to stay in the Philippines can now be seen walking the corridors of power, integral parts of the system they had previously fought against and wished to destroy.

What started out with a bang has now ended with a pitiful whimper, if not with the clink and clatter of thirty pieces of silver.

Is our history really meant to be this way? In a couple of years, the University of the Philippines System, the most venerable educational institution in the country will be celebrating its centennial.

How would history judge UP in the last one hundred years? If the long suffering people of the Philippines were to examine the University of the Philippines System and grade its performance for the country in the last 100 years, would the UP pass or fail the examination?

Or to put it bluntly and more graphically, if the President of the University of the Philippines System were to be dragged kicking and screaming into a people's court to account for the one hundred years the blood sweat and tears of the poor people of the Philippines were used to support UP as the citadel of the True, the Good and the Beautiful in the country, would she be able to give an answer that will be acceptable to the tubercular stevedore in Sasa wharf who eats only once a day and whose children sit in malnourished stupor by the roadside?

Can she answer for the fact that up to 90% of the graduates of the UP College of Medicine are serving the Americans and not the Filipinos who sacrificed for their education and training?

Can she answer for the fact that even as the graduates of UP College of Law top the Bar every year, the halls of Congress in the Philippines are filled with UP lawyers who use their legal gobbledygook to pass laws favorable to the multinational business industries in the country and detrimental to the poor in the Philippines?

Can she justify why justice in the Philippines is officially and unofficially for sale and is out of the reach of the ordinary Filipino who lives below poverty level?

Can she answer for the fact that the graduates from the UP College of Agriculture in Los Baños devastate hundreds of thousands of hectares of prime land in Mindanao growing bananas, pineapples and oil palm for the transnational industries while the Philippines must still import the Filipinos' basic needs in rice and sugar?

Can she answer for the fact that UP Geologists and Mining Engineers ravage our mountains and soil our pristine streams, our rivers and our seas and irreparably harm the environment and the health of our indigenous tribes and people as they extract minerals and precious metals for foreign business concerns?

Can she answer for the fact that while UP College of Mass Communication supposedly teaches the loftiest principles of information dissemination and the responsibilities that come with the freedom of speech and expression, her graduates lead big Media organizations in the Philippines that are active and willing servants of big business interests and political pressure groups?

The Philippine Media is a world wide marvel for its prattle and irresponsibility and for the naked arrogance of its power over our people. It has become more predatory, mercenary and corrupt than the government institutions it denounces every day in print and in lurid broadcast coverage.

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(Dr. Jose M. Tiongco is a graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine Class 1971. He writes a column titled "Child of the Sun" for MindaNews and is the author of "Child of the Sun Returning," a book about the early years of the Medical Mission Group Hospitals and Health Services Cooperative-Philippines Federation, where he is Chief Executive Officer).

I could go down the line and pile up quite a lot of indictments against the UP system, but my time here as a speaker is limited.

Of course, it could be argued that UP's role is that of Education and is different from that of the Government of the Philippines that makes the policies and enforces the laws of the land.

But UP's role as the country's premier institution in education and training precedes that of the government; because it uses the Filipino taxpayers' money to train the leaders who eventually control the reins of government and private enterprises in the Philippines.

If the University of the Philippines takes great pride that her graduates easily top the government examinations in any professional undertaking, the University of the Philippines must also bow its head in shame and sorrow because it cannot shirk the accountability and responsibility for her graduates who raid the coffers of the country, corrupt the morals of our people, and turn the Philippines into an international basket case and permanent laughing stock of the nations of the world.

I am a simple country doctor. And I do not have claims to be part of the academe. But I do not believe in Education and Training for the sake of Education and Training themselves. I do not believe that Education does not have anything to do with Moral Duty and Accountability. I believe that UP, as an educational institution, must have something to do with the clouds of unmitigated materialism and greed that darken the cultural horizon of the Philippines today. I believe that a university education, especially in UP has to do with the constant search for what is Good, what is True and what is Beautiful, no matter how polluted these concepts may have become through their constant prostitution for personal motive and gain.

What makes a UP student momentarily flash the bright colors of nationalism and love of country, and then upon graduation, promptly fall into the grey colors of compromise and conformity just to be able to exist in a way of life that forces him to suppress the shame and the painful voice of conscience within himself, shut himself inside his own ego, praise with bitter half-smiles the oppression and exploitation of his own people so he can beg with his

eyes for a small part of the loot to be thrown his way? What dulls the edge of his seething outrage?

Twenty years or so ago, a group of UP graduates here in Mindanao visited the other sites of UP in other areas in the Philippines like, Baguio, Diliman, Manila, Los Banos, Iloilo and Cebu. And they wondered why there was no UP in Mindanao. Thus was born a dream. And the dream was brought to a reality ten years later. I have watched UP Mindanao's development through the years as the youngest, least funded and most neglected institution in the UP system. And I have cheered your valiant efforts. I knew in my heart that you would be different from all the other UPs in all the other places in the Philippines because of the legacy of cultural belongingness, respect and tolerance you have been exposed to. And I never doubted your success.

I do not believe that the majority of your students use UP Mindanao only as a jumping board to UP Diliman. Only the most calloused and unseeing students would not swear to the vision and mission of UP Mindanao.

The University of the Philippines in Mindanao is committed to lead in providing affordable quality education, scholarly research, and responsive and relevant extension services to diverse, marginalized and deserving sectors in Mindanao and neighboring regions through its programs in the sciences and the arts inculcating a passion for excellence, creative thinking, and nationalism in the context of cultural diversity in a global community.

As you graduate from the youngest UP institution, aware of your role in community building in Mindanao, you are sending a dare to the older institutions in the University of the Philippines System. Here is UP Mindanao's answer to the failures of the University of the Philippines System: Belong to the Land and to the People, and serve them well!

From here onwards you have crowned yourself with the laurels of commitment to service.

Do not listen when they tell you that the crown of laurels you wear is soaked in disappointments and bitterness and the dried leaves hide thorns and maggots. Do not listen when they say that a life dedicated to others is not a life; that it does not bring food and comfort to you and your children; that it brings you no honor and laurels serve not even as condiments for a meal. Do not sell your life of service to your countrymen for thirty pieces of silver.

Because if you do, then deep in the night, years and years from now, when your remaining hair has turned to silver, a small voice will speak to you, just before you fall asleep. And you will have to listen to it. Or break apart.

It was said by a man who died young, twelve years before the University of the Philippines was born in 1908. He was a man who spent the last years of his life here in the service of our people in Mindanao. And he said it to an old man like me, who had white hairs on his head. And this may well have been spoken by you, the graduates of a young and dynamic UP Mindanao to the old and failing University of the Philippines System. ♠

***Do not go where the path leads
you
Go where there is no path and
lead the way!***

***by
Jose M. Tiongco***

***"He who does not know how to look
back at where he came from will never
get to his destination."***

***"It is a useless life that is not
consecrated to a great ideal. It is like a
stone wasted on the field without
becoming a part of any edifice."***

- Jose Rizal

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ALUMNI NEWS**IN MEMORIAM**

Cecilio and Anita Felix celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their wedding vow on April 5, 2008. The celebration took place at Rancho Murieta. Cecilio is a graduate of the University of the Philippines, College of Veterinary Medicine. Anita is also a graduate of U.P., major in Zoology.

Their children, including grandchildren, great grandchildren husbands and wives performed during the reception. Cecilio, singing solo and backed up with a number of his fraternity brothers serenaded Anita with a couple of Filipino love song.

It was a grand event and we wish them the best in the years to come. ♠

After a long illness, Emily G. Minong passed away at the age of 74 on Saturday, June 7, 2008, and is now resting peacefully with her Lord Jesus. She was born on June 2, 1934 in Ambuklao, Benguet, Philippines.

Emily was a nurse for 40 years, and retired from the V.A. Hospital in Fresno after over 20 years of service. Her desire was to be remembered as a good mother, wife, sister, aunt, and friend to many of the people whose lives she touched.

She is survived by Manuel (UP BSME), her husband of 47 years; her 4 children and 2 grandchildren. We will miss Emily during our UPAACC picnics and other activities. ♠

2008 Calendar of Activities

Please make your plans to attend according to this schedule

July 19 . . . Board of Directors Meeting, Turlock

July 26 . . . Summer General Meeting, Donnelly Park, Turlock

September 13 *. . . Board of Directors Meeting

October 5 . . . Centennial Walk and Fall General Meeting & Election of Officers, Mountain View Picnic Shelter, Woodward Park, Fresno

November 15* . . . Board of Directors Meeting

**The schedule above is subject to change depending on availability of venue.*

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