

# Class '69 *PROGRESS NOTES* ≡|||≡|||≡|||≡|||≡|||≡|||≡|||≡|||

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**Manila Reunion, Dec.. 94:** Excitement..hectic preparations..finally NAIA! Congested terminal, balik-bayan boxes, bumper-to-bumper traffic, crowded restaurants & malls -- none of these dampened our enthusiasm & desire to renew and relive old times!

CME registration was chaotic & hectic but lectures were interesting, if not professorial...morning break consisted of delicious local flavors- turon, puto, bibingka, espasol & heavily-diluted fruit extract cold enough to refresh the cricopharynx. Luncheon held at the old Nurses Dorm (familiar to the boys) cafeteria was sumptuous. The class was pleasantly rowdy..everybody talking at the same time, posing for pictures and clicking camera all around. After the brief fellowship, we went to Polymedic Hosp. for rehearsal for the "*Palabas*" presented at Manila Hotel Saturday night at the UST Grand ball. After each tedious repetition of the APO Hiking Society song "*Magandang Gabi Sa Inyong Lahat*", people would grab the merienda & drinks. The buko pie brought by AMOR GUEVARRA was really first class. We practiced the next day minutes before the Grand Ball. After one practice, BOY VASQUEZ treated us to his SOHO Japanese restaurant in Green Hills; the whole place was closed exclusively for the dining pleasure of the class..free drinks, delicious food, crazy & green jokes (some *nakakapikon*)..Efren was glad when we left.

**Saturday, Dec. 18, UST Alumni Homecoming Day:** Last minute rehearsals at Fiesta Pavilion..included native-clad dancers (Dick Maddela looked real!)..group singing (lip-sync)..professional props including the mysterious smoke..nervous, pessimistic & yelling choreographer...but in the end the show was wonderful and awesome...and memorable to all our classmates-may request copy of song thru Boy Vasquez! Our local classmates had an excellent show...background na lang ang mga USA. Everyone was at their finest for the evening, particularly the girls-all looked younger & prettier...the boys, well as usual. The performance by the Jubilarians started the evening program. The local classmates depicted authentic tribal dances in original costumes and performed professional-like under the glaring spotlight while the rest were singing (at least the audience thought so) and danced the electric dance. Each member was introduced as the slide pictures were beamed on a large screen. We also remembered the departed. There was standing ovation after the performance...everyone including our professors thought we rehearsed for two weeks...even VICTOR HUANG had a great time. It was a memorable evening...once every 25 years!

**Sunday, Dec. 19:** 10:00 AM two air-con coaches left Shangri-la Hotel bound for the once Imelda-ran Caylabne Resort in Tarnate, Cavite. Our bus (w/Sammy) was occupied by lots of kalogs & livelier members...each took turns at the mike giving latest version of jokes- lots of ERAP jokes, even NENITA SULIT'S son contributed to the fun & mischief. Brewing in the same bus were ideas & soaring imagination of SAM FERNANDO, JEAN TURINGAN & AGNES TABO- collectively preparing a skit for the class reunion and ball. The skit was a parody where talents from our class mimicked or imitated our professors & personnel. It was in a classroom setting and everyone would venture a guess...it was difficult to pick a volunteer for Mang Carling (anatomy tech), model for cadaver (WILLIE PANGANIBAN refused), Dr. Angeles (odontoid) & Maria Calalang (no girl wanted to show her legs). Finally we arrived at the resort...ate a big meal...got sleepy & some needed siesta...some congregated at the bar hut reminiscing old times...some drinking like old times. That evening we had barrio fiesta dinner at the beach, more fellowship, picture-taking, viewing the Atlantic City Reunion & karaoke singing. It was windy but we managed to enjoy dinner, have a bonfire and sing Happy Birthday to PAT DINGLASAN-GONZALES. Quintet of JOHN ABRENICA, ROMY DE GUZMAN, LITO DUQUE, LP FONTE & RAYMOND RAMIREZ rendered their famous "Ang Sabi ng Iba Masarap Ang Talong...etc". More jokes by EM MACARAEG, DICK MADELLA, MORELL MANGUBAT, BOY VASQUEZ...dance by LOURDELINE RAMOS & AGNES TABO.

**Monday, Dec. 20:** After a overnight sleep, there was *Misa de Gallo* at the poolside...Filipino brunch...more picture taking & finally departed for Manila after very tight security check, ie, missing blankets, light bulbs, even toilet papers. The bus was winding down when suddenly it went out of control due to faulty brakes...almost ending in tragedy! After a brief spell of holiness, we transferred to the other bus packed like sardines. At 7:00 PM in Shangri-la, the ballroom began buzzing w/ activity...choice seats & tables were taken quickly. The guest from the medical school were delayed by the traffic tie-ups...showing up late but better than never were LINDA BORJA (without Lito), NAP CUARESMA(plane trouble), LITO MANZANO & RAFFY CARDENO...still 3 hours later was Madam EVEL HABACON expecting choice seats! Highlights of the evening were solos by ART QUITO & RAUL GRAGEDA (w/ a little Visayan accent); stand-up comedians pretending to be Jay Leno's & Joan Rivers were RODING JANDOC (yes, he graduated), LITO DUQUE, AGNES TABO & LILIA ORDINARIO. The nuns and priest had to cover their ears! DEAN SIN'S speech acknowledging the Class of '69 as a "truly magnificent class" in addition to being the most generous ever! Also special mention to EDNA GARAYBLAS and numerous classmates who made the affair successful.

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The parody of professors & personnel included BOY VASQUEZ as Fr. Pastrana, MORELL MANGUBAT as Ramon Sin, AGNES TABO as Consuelo Cabral, FREDDIE "AMANG" RODRIGUEZ as Dr. Juico, EDNA GARAYBLAS as Belen Cabatit, BUDDY

ARGUILLA as Loreto Cabatit, MANNY PECANA as Gregorio Moral, SENDONG ROQUE as himself, OB Prof., BERT DE LEON as Cesar Santos and RUDY JANDOC as Dr. Calma. Missing were ANDOY TORRES & LINO ALCASID to play Dr. Macatuno. There was no time to show the slides - apologies to LOVEGILDO GARCIA who spent time preparing ...save them for the 30th year! The ladies were elegant in their evening wear...much better than the white starchy uniforms we knew 25 years ago...an ex-1969 member thought BEL FELICIANO is ever prettier...MEGS AURELIO does not even look like a mother inspite of Res...LUT GONZALES not year older...ALICE JUNIO looks good with a few more pounds. After saying last good-byes & hugs, I was finally relieved of all anxiety when I woke up the next morning with NOEL CANLAS & DICK MADDELA out of sight not collecting money...could it be possible we are sending their kids to college?

**Memorial Weekend, 1995 Chicago UST Convention:** CME & Grand Ball at the Sheraton...NAP & LUZ CUARESMA hosted a 1969 get-together at their palatial home at the exclusive Midwest Club in Oakbrook. The buffet lunch rivaled the best menu hotels & resorts could offer...we viewed the Manila reunion video & pictures with plenty of side comments especially by your own reporter...piano music provided by NORA TIU who also is the piano & keyboard artist for the UST Alumni Choral Society...culminating the 5-hour party was SAM FERNANDO'S unedited commentary of all the solo pictures taken at EDSA during the ball...left everyone "gassy" and wanting more. Copy of video available thru Morel. Because of difficulty following wrong directions by NAP, MORELL, NOEL & DICK were two hours late...they were near the Illinois-Wisconsin border before realizing they were lost...Morel ate a 4-week old chitcharon at Noel's van...thanks to Nap's intercession the van was allowed into the exclusive Midwest Club compound! The next day Class '69 joined this year's Silver Jubilarians 1970 at the Cafe Brauer. It was nice to see many faces of Class 70- wouldn't you know, we all look younger than most of them...but sad to learn FREDDIE DOMINGO of Cl. '70 just died.

At the gala night in Sheraton, NOEL CANLAS & DICK MADDELA received Leadership Awards--in recognition of class 1969 for their **record donation to the ICU and additional \$25,000 gift to the USTMA Foundation**. Earlier at the Alumni luncheon, Noel was voted VP of the National USTMA and Dick VP of the USTMA Foundation - again thanks to the record contribution of Class '69 that their efforts were recognized. MORELL our class president presented the check to the grinning Dean. As of today, no class has matched the generosity of our class. ART QUITO won the golf tournament...wonder what happened to golf guru LITO JAVIER! Others present were JERRY VINLUAN, PAUL CHAN, CONRAD CASTOR, ROMIE KABATAY, BEN MONTOYA, BERT LARA & ageless wife VIOLIE PAGDANGANAN, REMY JAVIER, EVEL HABACON, sexy MARY AGUINALDO (currently available- W-2 Form needed), NESTOR CUASAY, BUDDY ARGUILLA, FRED SY & ART TOMAS.

**TIDBITS & PERSONALS:** PEPE NEBRES is busy looking for a mate, but the "*belle de Laguna*" is not available; VIOLIE KALAW'S new address: 2421 East Lake Rd., Skaneateles, NY 13152 Phone unchanged...her changes of status is unconfirmed & denied. She promises the album will be available soon. Donation & ads are still welcome. ANTONIO K. TAN recently appointed to Hawaii Board of Medical Examiners (*pahinging leakage!*)...JOHN ABRENICA is HMO kingpin at the Big Apple...CORRA CADIZ is one of pioneers at Kaiser in Honolulu...**Kiddie News:** Annalisa of AGNES TABO-OGENA entering UST Med school joining the kids of BOB & MILLIE CORPUS, MARYANN DEL PILAR RUSTIA, OLGA SANGALANG, ED DE GUZMAN, DOMINGO PASCUAL(2), MEGS AURELIO & GUS QUILON. Entering or in US Med schools are Calvin, *nino bonito* of LITO & REMY JAVIER at the U. of Illinois, Lito & Linda Enriquez' kid at Columbia, Andrew of PAUL CHAN at Harvard, Dorothy of MIR PARUNGAO at U. of Texas, Michelle NEBRES at Brown U., Michael of RONNIE & MARYLU MACABUHAY at U. of Arizona; also at the Caribbean is TONY & CELIA CALON'S kid. Others excelling in other fields are: Maryrose of EDNA JACINTO-DYCOCO, a perennial Dean's list at Muskingum College in Ohio, Jonathan of FLOR DE JESUS-LITAO, graduated summa cum laude at the venerable U. of Illinois Engineering...ANYMORE MISSED?

**More News:** PACITA KEH is an expert on GYN pathology at Northwestern University. She gets worldwide referrals - ladies you could send your Paps to her for free! Lito Enriquez & Raffy Cardeno are MD's at the LA County Sheriff's & they see O.J. Simpson almost daily. LITO thinks he is guilty...has he prejudged or prejudiced? MARIO MERCADER was sorry he missed everything due to his busy practice w/ a 27-man anesthesia group in Wichita...TONI REDITO, our dedicated Medical Missionary Sister is one of 4 nuns running the clinic in Africa...drop her a note at PO Box 133, Hosanna, Shoa, ETHIOPIA...she will be happy to hear from you. ALICE DE LA ROSA is a seasoned globetrotter & also proud owner plush vacation home in Tagaytay...are classmates welcome, Alice? VIRGINIA DUNGO & husband ELPY FONTE are big pistachio farmers...RONNIE TAN is finally back doing child psych as senior consultant...LITO MANZANO has outdone the #1 Citizen of Asingan, Pangasinan with his grand mansion architecturally patterned after Queen Soraya's, with courtyard designed by LA landscape architect; FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ' home with two elevators is nearing completion; FREDIA SUMALANGCAY modeled 5 gowns at the Taj Mahal reunion. She also sold a winning parish lotto ticket to NOEL for \$1000 but was asked to donate back \$500..."the Lord giveth and taketh"...sorry Noel. EDNA GARAYBLAS & OLGA SANGALANG recently in USA but unable to attend the Chicago Reunion...*sayang we missed them!*

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ARSENIO GO brought his American wife to Manila & became target of Jandoc's jokes...ANGIE DINGCONG escaped to the beaches of Palawan for her second honeymoon...JUN & NORA MICLAT were busy w/ relatives & missed some functions...ditto for LENO RAPACON...busiest at the dance floor was MANNY PECANA embarrassing Fred Astaire...together again are CARMING

PAYUMO, MANNY TAN & CONRAD CASTOR the inseparables & *laging magkasama* quipped NES CUASAY...Prof. HENRI BADA is contemplating "bigger things" - like moving to Chicago Children's Hosp...for those wishing to improve their image before the next get-together, Amang RODRIGUEZ & JUN MICALAT could help!...with discount- let those wrinkles of age vanish!

**Condolences:** Our very own ESTELITA DIAZ-ORDINARIO just died of Lupus...may send sympathies to Dr. Artemio Ordinario & family at their address: 40 N. Romualdez, BF Homes, QC, Philippines. Flowers in name of Class '69 USA has been sent via VIOLIE K. Also, Histology Prof. CONSUELO CABRAL. Remember them in your prayers.

**Future Get-togethers & Reunions:** 1996 UST Convention & reunion will be on Memorial weekend in Los Angeles...LINDA BORJA will host & coordinate our get-together and will be assisted by our CA classmates- ALICE AMURAO, IRENE DYQUIANGCO, LORNA ADOLFO, FRED ASTUDILLO, CELERINA DE BORJA, RAFFY CARDENO, LITO MANZANO, LETTY MANUEL, DAISY NICANOR, RENE PACANA, ED RUBIO, FRED S. AND VIVINA TONGSON. Specific date is *May 23 - 27 at the Universal Sheraton*. Plan to come...watch for more info. *Philippine classmates urged to come*...accommodations with LA classmates will be arranged! **1997 will be New York** - CHOP & EVELYN ENRIQUEZ will coordinate along w/ NY members like MILLIE BADELLES, MERCY LAT, MICALATS, BENIGNO SALES, HENRY LAO, ET AL. **1999 CORAL REUNION WILL BE THE NEXT BIG ONE**...probably in Chicago. As soon as a bakery and decent air transportation is available in Henderson, KY, it will be considered for a "side or minor" weekend reunion...courtesy of the Los Trios--MANDY SANDOVAL, DICK & NOEL

**1996 Class Cruise - according to Morell will be June 29 -July 6, 1996 to the South Caribbean; this was chosen because of the price & extras...Alaska is too expensive. Anyway, the company not the place is more important! The more to come...the cheaper & more fun. Watch for flyers and announcements. Prices range as cheap as \$899 per person (4 in a cabin). Destinations are San Juan , PR to St. Thomas, VI to Guadeloupe, Lesser Antilles to Granada, W. Antilles to Caracas, Venezuela and to Aruba! This is a bargain & excellent deal made by Morell. For further questions, call him at (609) 273-8729**

**Miscellaneous:** Manila reunion tape (includes Ball, picnic & class party) and copy of Class song for \$25. Send check to Dick Maddela, 1177 S. Main St., Henderson, KY 42420 & payable to USTMA Class 69. This will cover the cost of tape, labor & mailing and anything over goes to our fund.

The donation to the Class legacy increased -thanks to TIMOTHY TAN (\$500) & JIMMY CALAGUAS (\$500)...THOSE WHO WISH TO GIVE MAY STILL DO SO...names can be added to the donor plaque in UST.

Those who have not fulfilled their pledges, please mail to Noel (he has a list!)

**Class Fund Accounting:** Total Inflow (donation, other income, interest) \$105,839.16 and Total Outflow (ICU legacy, Foundation donation, operational exp., bank charge, reunion exp.) \$76,708.81 with a balance of \$29,130.35 as of June 20, 1995. Detailed accounting available through Noel Canlas (502) 826-1575.

**Future News Items:** Send to **Samuel Fernando, MD** at 111 Acacia Drive A-412, Indian Head Park, IL 60525 or call (708) 458-7474. Next publication is December...send any kind of news...good or bad...about yourself, husband or kids...about classmates.

*Also to foster & continue our Class unity - call & just say "Hello" to friends, remember them on their birthdays, send Christmas cards (everybody will get updated directory via the album)...try to make to class reunions and get-togethers especially at the National UST Conventions during Memorial weekends.*

*See you all...Sammy*