



Class '69 PROGRESS NOTES ▲▼▲▼▲▼▲▼

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Class Legacy: Our class continues to be generous...so far we have **\$21,322.78** in our class account. Thanks to latest contributors: **Mina Erni, Lovey Garcia, Emelito Gonzales, Mar Mercader, Leno Rapacon**; also to the first couple-classmates to give: **Ronnie & Marylu Macabuhay** and **Bert & Violie Lara** who gave \$1000 per couple. My apologies to **Theresa Falcon** who really was the first to give \$500 last January! This is the first time to hear from her & promises to be active from now on. **Please send your \$500 tax-deductible donation for the Legacy.** Mail to Noel Canlas & mark **USTMAA Class '69**. We have created a permanent **Class 1969 Endowment Fund** - the very first & only class to do so! A prominent plaque w/ donor names will be made.

UST Annual Convention : Held in New Orleans last Memorial Day weekend. **Noel Canlas** finished his 2nd year term as president of the USTMAA Foundation & will have more time to devote to our upcoming 30th reunion. He & **Morrell Mangubat** were neck-to-neck in the crawfish eating contest. With buckets upon buckets consumed and beer flowing like Octoberfest, it was difficult to determine a winner. The oysters and crabcakes were the first to disappear. **Hector de los Santos**, our surgery professor, took the honors for giving the best jokes during the program. **Ruben & Ofie Montoya** treated some of us (the lucky ones) to lunch at a cajun restaurant around Bourbon Street. Others joining in on the fun were **Art Quito, Dick Maddela, Alex Lorenzo, and Pat Dinglasan**. **Freddie Rodriguez & Mir Parungao** came from nearby Texas; **Jess Degamo**, the "*todo todo*" dancer also attended.

Western Mediterranean Cruise: Despite of the rigors of travel, we met at the domestic terminal in Rome for the flight to Genoa. No one could get a wink of sleep because of constant exchange of news. It was a surprise to see **Leonnie Jimeno-Llanera & Sari** with their two grown-ups, Lisa, a lawyer now working in New York City, recently graduated from LSU, *magna cum laude*. Jojo was quietly happy & contented with girlfriend in tag. **Edna Jacinto-Dycoco** came with a couple from Ohio. **Phil and Letty Sia** took Laurie and Matt along. Laurie is finishing her masters in Health Administration while Matt will be a senior in high school & also a member of the varsity tennis team. After the cruise, they went to another cruise - Alaska. He plans to retire soon. I am the opposite, tired but cannot retire!! **Merle Barral** came with **Madeleine Dayot-Venida**, both psychologists from the Toronto area. They traveled from Frankfurt then to Rome on. It was a surprise to see **Merle** with her new role as a DI. It's a shame that Madeleine lost her Sony video-camcorder on the first day of the cruise. **Emilee Gurango**, quiet and demure as usual, took along her sister-office manager and her mother who looks preserved and even dignified. Unable to join the usual shore excursion, Emilee would charter a cab and see the sights at their own pace, nonetheless. She had the misfortune of getting some of her baggages lost but not as unfortunate as the **Llanera's**, however, finally received their luggage at the end of the third day After 2 days, *si Leonnie "melon amoy"* but after she got her luggage "*amoy melon*". **Morell's** entourage included Offie, Socorro, his sister-in-law & Avelina, his mother-in-law. Despite of in-law's watchful eyes, Morell's social mobility could not be hampered; while in Rome, he showed his love for his mother-in-law by feeding her with daily take-out Chinese food for breakfast, lunch & dinner. **Art Quito** was with Mary Rose and his two resident extortionists! Daughter Marissa thinks her dad is "*suerte*" because of how pretty she is! Arthur missed the trip to downtown Tunis where everyone had fun at the local bazaars. In exchange, they had a cultural and historic tour but no rug to bring home.

Carming Payumo & I bought silk-rug in Tunisia at the same bargain price, unlike **Alice de la Rosa** was "too eager" and paid a little more, but she got the rug with the best design. **Edna Jacinto** got a big one for her dinning room; **Mary Aguinaldo** also bought a carpet hoping it was the magic one, but what she got is a magic price.

I will never forget the one-liners of the Calamba kid, **Lino Alcasid** and the dancing prowess of wife **Yoly Lazaro**, the chief instructor for the "*aring king-king*" dance. Even time could not diminish Lino's dry humor. We were all wondering whatever happened to **Andoy Torres**; **Shirley Ruby** enjoyed so much she could hardly wait for the next cruise. She promises to bring **Rupindar Kaur** next time. She was on a buying binge but to a slightly lesser extent compared to **Marylu-Reyes** who was easily the queen of retail consumption from bags to porcelain to jewelry- no one could even come close to her! **Ronnie Mc** had to buy two new luggages to fit it all in. **Noel's** brood was intact w/ Alice and kids Karen & Nel; In Rome, two of Karen's American friends joined them & poor Nel - he had to cope rooming in with his elders! Karen twisted her dad's arm for a rug in her condo - "no rug - no

daughter". We had a grand time shopping in Florence especially at the *Mercato San Lorenzo*. **Morell's bayaw** was the champion *barat*. We were haggling too much, we did not have enough time to see the statue of *Michaelangelo's David* - anyway, he is not that "endowed ". **Dick Maddela** went to a Hawaiian cruise & did not see any classmate...**Mandy Sandoval** mistakenly told him the class cruise was in Hawaii ! Last, but not least, was the ever-irrepressible & popular **Agnes Tabo** with three huge luggages to fit in her outfits and matching accessories; she changed attires twice daily... wore different hats & displayed different designer sunglasses. Outspoken as always, she seemed to have the "last word" on everything. It's a joy to see her shop-if she wants something, she pays for it-no ifs or but's except for VAT's. We cannot afford to miss her in any future trips! Our next cruise will be in the year 2000. The two trips heavily considered are the Greek Islands & Turkey or Scandinavia with St. Petersburg. We are open for other suggestions. We will endeavor to have concurring CME to make it tax deductible!

My personal observations that predominate my mind are: 1. the distinct yearning for excellent food is universal, especially among people like us; 2. the joy of shopping is constant and has no alternative especially Filipinos; 3. Sharing jokes and stories with lots of laughter is still the best medicine; 4. knowing even just fragments of any particular language helps diminish if not totally eliminate communication problems and stress. those who have not joined the cruise are missing a lifetime of fun & memories. Let's enjoy the fruits of our hard labor w/ our families & friends.

From Across the Big Pond: Lito Duque ran for the office of Governor in Sultan Kudarat during the last election. With two of native Muslims in the ballot, Lito had to withdraw because of threats to him and his family. . ah-politics! **Edna Garayblas** is still the dean of the Pamantasan ng Lunsod ng Maynila College of Medicine...*malakas pa rin kay* Mayor Lito Atienza! **Olga Sangalang** came from Europe on CME's. **Gus Quilon** has now three daughters who are all MD's- the youngest one is currently training at Silliman University where **Ruding Jandoc** is a general surgeon ... wonder what she will learn from Jandoc. **Lily Luczon-Lorezana** wrote a nice note very appreciative of the newsletter & very proud to be a member of the Class '69. we hope the Phil. members are preparing for our December '99 reunion.

Condolences: We are saddened to learn about the death of Noel's sister-**Frida Tueres** on July 16 while we were on the cruise. Noel will be home for her 40th day. **Olney Ramos**, age 74, father of Lourdeline died on June 20th in Maryland. **Olga Sangalang's** mother-in-law died June 27th. Our sincere condolences and prayers.

Misc. News: Ansel Loreda & hubby celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary in Maryland last May. **Tess Ricalde-Belamide** did the same by touring Europe w/ husband Tony for two weeks. **Linda Borja** continues her *locum tenens* in Northern California as pathologist. **Fe Mondragon & Manding Tiu's** daughter is getting married this September. **Manding** has moved back home to San Quentin, Pangasinan; **Judy Morato-Juco's** son John is getting married to Eileen Bellarmino this summer; son of **Flordeliza de Jesus**, ties the knot next May. **Mary Ann Rustia** is now enjoying her retirement years; **Melissa Ann Loreda-Canlas** graduated *magna cum laude* from St. Mary's College in Maryland. **Maritoni Calon** finishes her MD from Ross University ; **Natalie Aguinaldo** enters Bryn Mawr this fall. **Carming Payumo's** son entered UST as 1st year medical student;

Orly Collado's Pamela went to De La Salle Med. School...she found a local boyfriend & may get her "MD" soon; **Vicky Luminarias** has changed from "cold-to-hot"...transferring from North Pole, Alaska to Texas...her address PO Box 13643, El Paso, TX 79913 7 after Oct. to her new house 6441 La Posca Drive, El Paso, TX 79912; **Emelito Gonzales** not only has a new wife, but also a new address - 7 Eckerson Ave., Closter, NJ 07624 Tel 201-750-9779. **Lydia Quilon's** letter came back -anyone knows her new address? Please send your changes in your directory, especially are codes! With your cooperation, we could publish an updated directory by May 1999. We have a new Dean of Medicine...**Dr. Angeles Lim-Alora**, wife of the late ID professor & new Rector Magnificus, **Fr. Lana**.

REMINDERS: October 24, 1998-USTMAA of the Midwest- Induction ball and CME at the Hyatt O'hare. Regional Get-together. Art Quito to celebrate B-day in Chicago..strictly gifts only. **May 25-30, 1999 UST Annual Reunion & CLASS '69 30th CORAL Philadelphia, PA. Please have your vacation & time-offs arranged!!! December 1999 - Manila, Philippines. Will try to have lots of activities, maybe also Island Cruise; this maybe our last "big reunion" - the next one maybe in the nursing home! See you all in Philadelphia & Manila in 1999 !!!**