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First Semester 2009: President's Report Building and Rebuilding Beta Sigma Institutions

As the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity Alumni Association, Inc. pursues an all encompassing program for 2009-2010, the common thread of all of these boils down to "Building and Rebuilding Institutions"- to learn from the past, strengthen the present, and secure the future of the fraternity.

At the core of this comprehensive campaign is generating sustaining funds for our brotherhood. Hence, we are restoring the Endowment Fund, whose principal will NEVER be touched and only the investment proceeds will be used for alumni and resident operations and for the community and welfare projects we will pursue. We are also now calling on all brods to pay their annual dues – a modest P500.00 per year as everyone's minimum contribution to the fraternity. We have also established the Beta Sigma Development Center as conceptualized by Brod Orly Pena which will operate as the corporate arm of the association to generate revenues by tapping the expansive networks

of the brods. This 3-pronged revenue generating thrust will be complemented by special projects such as golf tournaments, movie and entertainment shows, merchandise sales and a host of others.

We are reviewing fraternity policies, rites and practices as initiated by Brod Mon Paje during his term, as basic as the correct way to recite the Betan Credo and sing the Betan Hymn. We will unify the Farewell Rites (Final Rites as many prefer to call) for all UP chapters to follow.

"At the end of the day, there is no other measure for the success of the alumni association other than the sustained growth of Beta Sigma in the UP campuses."

We are institutionalizing also the testimonials for achieving brods, such as tonight's honoring of Brod Teddy Topacio. We will review the process of extending awards and recognitions as we have feted different titles in awarding brods in the past. Brod Mat

Def3nsor has graciously accepted to head this testimonials committee.

We are also strengthening the secretariat, cleaning up and organizing our archives,

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upgrading our equipment. We are able to achieve these through volunteer work by numerous brods and donations by secretariat supporters.

We have revived our cherished publication "The Betan", releasing the first quarter issue during the induction of the UPBSFAAI last February and the 2nd quarter issue during the fraternity ball. We will also release new publications including the much-awaited Heritage Book and the "Betan Reflections" to incorporate inspirational insights and funny recollections on the life of brothers.

We have restored the Anniversary Fraternity Ball as demanded by many brods to have predictable dates of celebration so that brods from abroad can time their visits to attend this affair. Next year, the fraternity ball will be held on July 16, 2010. We will also hold the Annual General Membership Meeting which will be timed with the annual Christmas Party. This will be held on December 4 this year.

Even fellowships we have regularized. The secretariat organizes mini-reunions for visiting brods mostly held in the secretariat office or in Brod Caloy Agulto's "Gerardo's". We have held such fellowships for brod Jun Valenzuela, Edsel Arceo, Jicky Evangelista, Sonny Pagador, Yay Topacio, Babes Ignacio, Alex Reyes and many more.

We have started to strengthen our relations with institutions UP Beta Sigma is attached to. With UP Sigma Beta, we successfully co-hosted the UP Grand Centennial Ball. The fraternity continues to play also a significant role in the UP Alumni Association as I and Brod Fel Calora were elected as board members of UPAA for 2009-2012, following the footsteps of Brods Anggie Angliongto, Romy Lumauig and Fel Calora. You may expect a stronger role for us in the future with the bastion of leaders we have. We continue to play an active role in UP Barkada, the brotherhood of UP fraternities that anchors unity in monthly golf tournaments while keenly observing peace among our resident brothers in the campuses. We continue to par-

ticipate in the affairs of the National Assembly of Beta Sigma Chapters as I sit as a member of the three-man National Coordinating Council, including Brod Sonny Pagador as Chairman of the Federation of Beta Sigma Chapters in North America and Brod Sam Strong who is President of the National Assembly. The council is the highest policy-making body of all chapters nationwide. And yes, we are in the process of understanding and contexting the role of the Ladies' Corps in the fraternity, whose members' unselfish support over the years is etched in our history.

But the most important institution for us to address is the brod in campus. At the end of the day, there is no other measure for the success of the alumni association other than the sustained growth of Beta Sigma in the UP campuses especially in Diliman and Los Banos. But the alumni has to step back and allow the residents themselves to chart their future as they are in the better position to understand their peers of today – their culture, preferences and aspirations. It is in this spirit that the UPBSAAI organized a historic 1st Grand Princeps Summit last June 20 and 21 in Davao City. Participating are GPs and Vice GPs from Diliman, Los Banos, Baguio, Iloilo and Mindanao. The summit tackled issues such as initiation procedures, recruitment strategies and standardizing policies, rites and practices. This was funded by contributions from the various alumni groups from respective campuses, and a substantial contribution from the UP Northern California Chapter orchestrated by Brod Tatang Vergara. As Brod Tatang said, this project brings a new era in the relations between UPBSFAAI and UP chapters abroad in sharing responsibilities for our common vision of growth and excellence for our residents.

The first quarter of our two-year term is over, and it has been an exhilarating one for the board. The volunteer work and unselfish contributions by brods to support projects are simply heart-warming and awe-inspiring.

Ruben J. Pascual, 76C UPD

EDITORIAL

We're In Business

The UPBSFAAI's goals can be summarized into 3 main ideas, namely: fund raising, heightened recruitment for the residents, and strengthening the communication lines between the brods. It is in the last aspect that The Betan comes in to serve an important role.

While the directory is still in the process of being upgraded, the The Betan is expanding to oblige as many articles as the brods can furnish. The present staff sees this publication as a local point for exchange of information irrespective where the brods may be now. We hope to see the readers benefit from this interchange of data that some will strike up business deals. The Betan is laying open its pages for advertisement to sustain this periodical's operational costs.

It is the policy of this staff to accommodate both the alumni and residents as well as reserve space for all the U.P. Chapters (Diliman, Los Baños, Baguio, Visayas, etc.) subject to prevailing conditions and monetary support. Letters to the Editor are welcome.

We call on the vast alumni membership to support our common newspaper through generous donations so that the brods are updated and in the process impel us to move in a common direction. Contact us at (02) 383-8049 look for Brod Poti Aparato or Cherry Posadas or e-mail us at up.betasigma.2009@gmail.com.

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THE RESIDENTS: UP DILIMAN

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Recruitment is Top Priority

by Elmer Reyes,
UP Diliman Grand Princep, 2009-2010

The residents of the Fraternity have three responsibilities: first and foremost is to ensure the continuity of the Fraternity, second is to uphold the traditions of the Fraternity, and third is to bring pride and glory to the Fraternity. All of these are duties of all Betans; residents however, carry this responsibility more, being the ones in the University. With these in mind, the thrust of the residents this year is four-fold: to recruit, to foster pleasant relationship with the alumni and other resident chapters, to provide good publicity for the Fraternity, and to have a sustainable source of income for the Fraternity.

Recruitment is still the top priority. The membership today is at its highest since the start of the current decade, but still a far cry from the heydays of the Fraternity in the 60s. The times have changed. Fraternities are marred with negative publicities and are generally regarded with suspicion. But whatever the case may be, the fact remains that the Fraternity needs numbers.

To increase the numbers, there must be a conscious effort to recruit among all Betans. Recruits do not just go to the tambayan anymore and offer themselves to be slapped. Personal networks must be tapped. And those networks must be expanded. Those personal networks include family relations, organizations, classmates, friends, and maybe even enemies.

Fostering pleasant relationships with the alumni and other resident chapters is in line with upholding the traditions of the Fraternity. A healthy working relationship with alumni and other resident chapters assures that the traditions of the Fraternity transcend time and space.

In line with this thrust is the initiative to standardize rites and practices of different chapters. The project is already underway, with the Grand Princeps of the UP chapters planning to meet to take up the issue of standardization.

Several activities in line with the aforementioned objective are also being planned. There is the pre-anniversary jug-a-lug with the other chapters, the Dual Meet with UP Los Baños, and the poker tournament with the alumni.

Another project is to put up and manage a website for the residents and the alumni association. The website will serve as a venue for fellowship among the alumni and residents and also for information dissemination of projects and other activities. The website is currently in the works, with much thanks owed to Brod Bernie Bacosa '71, donated to the residents a personal computer and website-making softwares and online website-making tutorials.

Ensuring a good publicity for the Fraternity is also paramount. The negative publicities of fraternities in general and its association with gangs made fraternities not only famous but infamous as well. The notoriety of the Fraternity took toll on recruitment. Most parents, even those who are alumni of the Fraternity, are hesitant to have their children join the Fraternity. The infamy of the fraternity system should be conquered. It can be done in two ways, either as a Fraternity or individually. Doing high-impact and relevant projects and making those projects known is a good way of ensuring that the Fraternity never fades into obscurity.

Individual excellence is also as important as, and maybe more important than, doing good projects. An organization after all is known for its members, and excellent members reflect an excellent fraternity.

The last thrust of the residents is to create a sustainable income for the Fraternity. Money is needed, not just in projects, but also in regular activities such as meetings, SOMA, and final rites. A sustainable source of income is needed to defray these expenses so that the Fraternity will no longer be dependent on solicitations from the alumni.

THE RESIDENTS

1st UPBSF GP Summit of Grand Princesps, Davao City, June 20-21, 2009



The 1st UP Beta Sigma Fraternity Grand Princesps' Summit was held in Davao City last June 20 and 21. Delegates for the summit were as follows:

UP Diliman

- Grand Princep - Prince Elmer Reyes
- First Vice Grand Princep - Joshua Angelo Caringal
- Second Vice Grand Princep - Alexis Dogwe

UP Los Baños

- Grand Princep - John Michael Cabuguason
- First Vice Grand Princep - Antipas Criador V
- Second Vice Grand Princep – John Andrew Tornea

UP Baguio

- Grand Princep - Ponce Miguel Lopez
- First Vice Grand Princep - John Rey Roque
- Second Vice Grand Princep – Marc Ferdinand Ocampo

UP Visayas

- Grand Princep - Joel Artajo Jr.

UP Mindanao

- Grand Princep - Mon Echevarria
- First Vice Grand Princep – Bert James Millendez

The summit was held through the initiative of the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity Alumni Association, Inc. and with the support of each chapter alumni association and of the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity International, to consolidate the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity and to harmonize the practices of each chapter. Examples of such practices are the initiation procedures, conduct of the farewell rites, and the symbols being used. Other topics that were discussed were the mission and vision of the Fraternity, the image the Fraternity projects in the University, recruitment strategies, and the interrelationship of the aforementioned. Although there is still much ground to cover, among the more the summit was good start. Not only did it open channels of communication among the different chapters as far the institutional levels are concerned but also in the personal levels. The picture of the brods of the Fraternity widened because of the activity. The context of the Fraternity is not anymore confined to whatever happens in the campus where each brod belongs but has grown to include other chapters, may it be resident or alumni. Hence, a lesson in this exercise is that all things that each brod or each chapter does would have an accumulated effect on the future of the whole Fraternity.

Since there are still many things to cover, among those the correct singing of the Betan hymn, the content of the Credo, and the manner of the initiation process (whether physical or non-physical), a next summit is planned on the first or second week of November this year. The summit is to coincide with the Dual Meet of UPD and UPLB.

We hope the next summit will be as fruitful, if not more so. And in the long run, we hope that we can hold regular inter-chapter activities, so that the feeling of kinship among all brods, regardless of region, language, and culture, is kept burning for all the years to come.



THE RESIDENTS: UP LOS BAÑOS

WHAT WE HAVE BROUGHT

By Jolo, UPLB

Time has always been endless yet; from time to time, there are milestones that are built to recall how far the resident brods have taken in the mileage of excellence and of course, in the principles it stood for.

The academic year 2008-2009 has been very fruitful to the fraternity. With eager leadership and the yearning for improvement, the central committee, lead by former Grand Princep Aurelio La Guardia III, brought improvements to every member of the fraternity especially to the younger brods.

Projects were distributed among the officers, one for each in which will forever mark the history of the fraternity. Through initiative, we have renewed several materials like the constitution, the rolls, the directory, and the e-mail address that contains several important information, files, and documentations necessary for future use.

Activities were also made for the benefit of the resident members. With the help of several people, the alumni, the sorority, and other institutions, events were launched firstly to publicise, of course the name of the fraternity. A unique style of celebration was made for the 58th anniversary of our dear fold. A career orientation for forestry students was made and was attended by alumni brods to showcase how far can forestry students conquer and of course to give a good impression of the fraternity to them. Sportsday was also made to be realized, an event that gives chance for the family of the resident brods and the alumni to compete in several sports event, showing our difference, telling that we are no ordinary organization in the university. A rodeo event was also held in line with our week-long anniversary which was televised and has rekindled the cowboy image of the brods not only within the campus but to the country and could be, to the whole world as well. Next to the objectives of our activities was to support the academic needs of some unfortunate brods, hence the Big Brother's Bounty was given to seven worthy resident brods from whom the fraternity has never failed to get good results. Then, we

have extended our help to the children of Los Baños through our undying legacy, the Operation Big Brother wherein more than 200 children were fed and allowed to enjoy and experience Christmas through gifts and fun games. Another long-lost activity revived and hosted was the Dual Meet where the resident brods battle their strengths and strategies against the resident brods of another chapter, done simply to enjoy and to amplify the connections between brothers of different roots. All these activities have aimed for a common result, brods were taught of the right kind of work ethics needed in certain activities be it recruitment, a contest, or a fund raising activity. Activity heads are mold into better leaders, where critical thinking is extremely needed, and details are carefully watched out. The factors to be considered are marked, lessening errors and leading us to our best. And all the rest stand to witness what they are soon to be, what they are about to do, and what they are about to expect. These activities are the ones that equalize the brods, leveling off the experience each has encountered through their lives.

The session of jug-a-lugs and simple chats brought closer bonds and deepens the doctrines within the brothers. Each hears everyone's stories and from this we learn, we see our mistakes, and we change for the better. The different interests, though sometime may cause casualties, has lead us to better understanding that generations are different, and the trends are changing, that each member should make a move, adapt to this changing world, and yet preserve all those of which is both necessary and vital.

And simply the best, the feeling of belongingness, that despite from the diversity of identity and difference in ideologies and specializations, there exist equality that binds everyone in a single goal, despite the distance from our biological families, we have our brothers. To whom we can never fail to seek help, comfort, and the strength to go on in our lives within the campus.

Here is where we were born, it has watched us grow and has nourished us of all that is needed for us to be all that is good and noble in man.

Tributies and Testimonials

2009 continues to be a year of great Betan achievement. Leading the fraternity's proud heritage is Brod Teodulo "Teddy" Topacio, Batch 1949, who was feted by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the latest "National Scientist," a rare and extra special recognition of a Filipinos contribution to the ever-demanding field of Science that plays a part in the well-being of the Filipino people. He will be singularly honoured today during the Fraternity Ball on the occasion of our 63rd founding anniversary.

Brod Dr. Eufemio "Dong" Tan Rasco, Jr., was also honoured last month as Most Outstanding Alumnus for 2009 by the UP Alumni Association in the field of Agriculture. Like Brod Teddy, Brod Dong is a member of the select Academy of Science, the body that recommends the National Scientist Award.

Giving the fraternity a prognosis of future achievement, current UP Diliman Grand Princep Elmer Reyes placed 3rd in the Board of Chemical Engineers professional examinations given by the Professional Regulation

Commission. Brod Elmer, in his tender age, exemplifies the excellence that every brother commits to achieve.

There are many more brods excelling in various fields, but the recognition of Brods Teddy, Dong and Elmer tops this elite class of achieving brods.

11 Brods Write "30"

We have gains, and unavoidably, we have losses. This year alone, 11 brods from UP joined our Creator.

We also recently lost a member of the Ladies Corps from the 70s – Mae Espino – a sister of Brod Nilo and the late Noe "Bespren" Espino. Mae, an outstanding photographer, died in Tibet while in a journey for peace and perfection.

In this issue of The Betan, we are listing all those who have gone ahead of us in our fraternity's 63 years of existence as compiked by the UP Northern California Chapter. We will all enshrine them in our hearts and in the history of UP Beta Sigma.



Our brods who have passed away this year:

Fortunato Icasiano Gupit UPD '53
Pepito De Dote UPD '58
Jose Agulto UPD '63
Wilfredo D. Manipon UPLB '68
Arturo Tayag UPD '63
Emil Araneta Jr. UPLB '56

Ric Abejuela UPLB '54
Wilmyr Paradero UPD '06
Dick Chiongbian UPD '63
Virgilio Ocampo UPD '63
Gaudencio Santiago UPD '55

Tribute and Testimonials

A friend, brother and mentor...

By: Alvin N. Aguinaldo
UP Diliman 88-B Semper Paratus



His family and relations sincerely thank all who conveyed sympathies on his passing away, in varying ways. These kindness and solicitude eased the sadness in bidding goodbye to a husband, a father, a brother, an uncle, and a friend who will be remembered well as he will be missed much.

The life of a Betan is something to which all facets of an individual is brought to its pinnacle - to be a friend, brother and mentor to all; not just to Betans per se but also to his colleagues and even foes.

Brod Jose B. Agulto , UP Diliman '63 Great Escape, is one such Betan who embodies this.

A veterinarian who never gets exhausted imparting his Betan ideology that all Betans must always be on top and can never be mediocre in the university, in the workplace or in any endeavor that will reflect our individual capacity as Beta Sigmans.

“Kuyang Pepe,” as he is fondly called, almost always had been within a group of young Betans, imparting his experiences, escapades and the unforgettable moments he has experienced as a resident. At times his voice can even be reminisced leading the Betan Hymn and other songs up to this day when a group of brods sings, especially during fellowships.

Kuyang had been part of many activities of the fraternity, be it an anniversary celebrations of different chapters, career talks, conventions, and in some moments even in fraternity rumbles to give his guidance and his place in Panay Ave., Q.C. to serve as a rallying point when younger brods were still residents.

Kuyang Pepe has led many worthwhile activities of the fraternity. “Mediocrity is not what Beta Sigma is”, he often tells many younger-generation betans. A highly-spirited individual is what Kuyang Pepe is.

As an educator, Kuyang’s name would pop up during conventions of the PVMA (Philippine Veterinary Medicine Association). Veterinarians from all over the Philippines seemed to have known Kuyang in one way or another. Kuyang was a friend to many of his colleagues in any endeavor and in the academe. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Betan agribusiness sector.

Over a couple of beers he would talk and brainstorm, sing, laugh, rekindling brotherhood and at times just drink for the sake of drinking, together with the brods.

To the Betans who have known him, Kuyang Pepe is truly is a friend, a brother and a mentor...

The fraternity will always treasure the memories of Jose “Kuyang Pepe” Agulto and his hilarious antics.

“We (the fraternity) are always for the common good.”

Brod Dr.(DVM) Jose B. Agulto
March 19, 1945 – February 26, 2009

“In the end, what matters is not what you bought but what you built, not what you got but what you shared, not your success but your significance, not what you learned but what you taught, not your competence but your character, not how long you will be remembered but by whom and for what you did for others.”

*Jose B. Agulto, DVM
(Pepe, Joe, Coyang)*

*March 19, 1945 – February 27, 2009
of San Jose City (N. Ecija)*

SHY AND RESERVED, BUT ...

by Wo Coronel '79-A

Tribute and Testimonials

Brod Dave Bacungan ('77 Dil) has christened him "Tagalog" for his abhorrence of the English language, as brods have teased, and has been known as such ever since. He has been a full-blooded Betan all his adult life, engaging in drinking sessions with the brods, never minding if he's the "taya".

During his college days in U.P., he's more often than not at the "tambayan", participating in drinking sprees and tremendously enjoying himself amongst his contemporary brods, to the point of even figuring in fraternity rumbles if any brod gets aggravated by other fratmen. He's never the initiator of rumbles (blame ought to be put on Brod Meng Canlas ('74 Dil)) but was always feared because of his size and athleticism, most especially when he yells hulk-like confronting the fraternity's foes.

"May rumble man o wala napakadali niyang yayain, hanggang sa mga probinsya at bundok umaabot kami," mused his townmate Brod Caloy Agulto ('74 Dil) in reminiscence of him as a student. "Isang 'aya lang, sama agad 'yan!"

But he also has other plans – mostly for the longer term. He immediately enrolled as a law student at San Beda College after graduating from U.P. He earned his law degree and, would you believe, passed the bar. During those times, he has been courting Gigi, a lovely and brainy medical student and schoolmate of Brod Jicky Evangelista ('81 Dil) at the Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo College (now La Salle), who eventually became his wife and mother of two kids, both well-adept in (nakapagtataka!) English.

Since then, it's been success all the way. He became the director of the Register of Deeds of Cavite during 2003. He eliminated 'double or triple' titling of lands to the chagrin of big-time landowners. All the "clean" land titles are now secured in a vault.

According to Brod Poti Aparato ('77 Dil), from the time the brod became a Betan until success came his way, his circle of friends still belongs to the fraternity. "Hindi siya nagbago, laging 'andiyan para tumulong lalo na sa mga proyekto ng frat."

Most people would have been too proud to associate with other people who do not belong to the same social stratum. But not our beloved brod who preferred the company of the common folks.

Together with Brods Richie "Abnoy" Agbulos ('78 Dil) and Gilbert "Bitoy" Sison ('80 Dil), both of whom have success stories of their own, he sought to get in touch with other long-lost brods and has been determined to help those in need (including yours truly when his pocket had been picked, or so he claimed). And help he did and all the brods he has assisted are forever grateful.

He never mentions all the opportunities for economic enlightenment he has provided the brods nor expects any repayment. He feels that he is duty-bound to assist all the brods who failed to prosper. But do something favorable to him, no matter how trivial, and he never forgets, even when this occurred while he was still enrolled in UP, constantly reminding everyone that he owes you one.

Brod Meng Canlas, who became his neighbor in Cavite and has been reformed to no longer be the bully he used to be, said: "Ayaw niyang paalam kapag may tinutulungan siya. 'Di gaya ng iba na tutulungan ka nga pero bugoy ka na niya."

Unknown to many, the brod is also a devotee of the Black Nazarene. Every Friday, rain or shine, he troops to Quiapo to hear mass, most of the time by his lonesome, and thank the Lord for all the blessings He has showered upon him and his family.

His life could have had a fairy-tale ending but then on that fateful afternoon, 03 March 2009 – the cremation date of another distinguished brod Jose "Kuyang Pepe" Agulto ('63 Dil) - he and his driver have succumbed to an ambush by unidentified armed men at the parking lot at Metrobank Trece Martires branch in Cavite.

The whole fraternity mourned his passing.

They say only the good die young, and this saying aptly applies to our departed brod - Atty. Napoleon Gatmaytan, Jr. or simply Butch to his friends and relatives. But to us brods, he shall forever remain the Nap Tagalog we all knew... deep inside.

Nap Tagalog, our gentle-giant brod, you have represented all that is good and noble in men and for "Butch," as his wife Gigi has said during the Final Rites, the first letter simply meant "Beta Sigma."

Brod Attorney Napoleon P. Gatmaytan, Jr. (July 10, 1964 – March 03, 2009)

*".....Give me my Romeo; and when he shall die,
Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make the face of heaven so fine,
That all the world will be in love with night,..."*

Act III, Scene 2; Romeo and Juliet

GRIEF... RELIEF... MISCHIEF...

Jicky Evangelista , UP Beta Sigma '80
(as recollected by Brods Wo UPD 79 and Poti UPD 77)

The tragic demise of Brod Napoleon Gatmaytan Jr. '82 UP Diliman, who was ambushed by an unidentified gunman prompted my short visit from Canada after a long while.

I am one of the closest 'ally' of Brod Nap - from our UP Diliman days when we were contemporaries, to my post graduate studies taking up Medicine in Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo College (now La Salle) where Brod Nap was a frequent visitor trying to woo a medical co-ed - now my beloved spouse, is Gigi, who later became Brod Nap's better half.

It makes me proud to say that I have graduated from GEAC with a degree in medicine. Brod Nap, on the other hand, finished law in San Beda and then became the Register of Deeds in Cavite.

Our friendly and fraternal ties knew no bounds. Imagine Brod Nap calling me via cellphone all the way to, first, Australia, then in USA, after which in Canada to greet me during holidays and other marked days and tell stories, most of these amusing,

about the brods.

Until the news of the shocking event of March 2, 2009 which led to Brod Nap's final adieu have reached my ears, I was totally shocked - cannot sleep at night, lost my concentration during my hospital rounds, did not know what I was doing, and became irritable.

During the wake of Brod Nap, I expressed how devastated I am and even brod Manny Casaclang (also known as Mandingo) when we both heard the sad news. Much as I would like to go back to the Philippines, there were some considerations to take such as the financial burden my round-trip ticket would entail, my success at the Canadian Medical Board examination which I recently passed and was among the top twenty, and my family who just migrated to Canada to settle down. Until my wife prodded me to go back to Manila and pay my last respects to the fallen brod, there was no turning back.

My desire to witness, for the last time and tell the whole world the loyalty, as a

friend and as a Beta Sigman, of Brod Nap, condole with his wife Gigi and her relatives, and to reminisce with the brods - all these I had set out to do, and did, during the Betan Final Rites of the brod

During my testimonial and eulogy portion, nakakahiya man, tears of grief continuously flowed out of my eyes in front of the mourners - which were aplenty and included people from the government. But in consolation many of them were also teary-eyed. I talked about our college days as brods, the struggles we had to undergo to be able to graduate, and so on and so forth. For every story item told, the brods would always try to maintain a dignified poise, preventing themselves, unsuccessfully though, from breaking down into sobbing and wailing fits.

I told the brods of the torment and extreme agony Mandingo was in before I left Canada. Mandingo said that I am more privileged than him and the other brods abroad, for I would be physically present to witness the final rites before brod Nap is finally laid to rest.

List of Deceased UP Brothers

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| 1 | Arsenio Agutaya '46 UPD | 18 | Francisco Gonzalez IV '46 UPD | 35 | Jaime C. Saguisag '46 UPD |
| 2 | Manuel Aliño '46 UPD | 19 | Jose R. Gonzales '46 UPD | 36 | Jose C. Sahagun '46 UPD |
| 3 | Isaiah Asuncion '46 UPD | 20 | Nicanor Jacinto, Jr. '46 UPD | 37 | Leocadio C. Sanchez '46 UPD |
| 4 | Domingo Baniasa '46 UPD | 21 | Jesus Jayme '46 UPD | 38 | Benjamin Santos '47 UPD |
| 5 | Jaime R. Blanco '46 UPD | 22 | Romeo Kahayon '46 UPD | 39 | Benjamin S. Sevilla '46 UPD |
| 6 | Jesus J. Bito '46 UPD | 23 | Ramon Legaspi '47 UPD | 40 | Simplicio U. Tapia '46 UPD |
| 7 | Mario Bolanos '46 UPD | 24 | Dionisio Llamas, Jr. '47 UPD | 41 | Heleno Tolentino '47 UPD |
| 8 | Jose Briz '48 UPD | 25 | Romulo Malabanan '48 UPD | 42 | Jose Vega '47 UPD |
| 9 | Antonio Cabral '46 UPD | 26 | Leonardo C. Mananghaya '46 UPD | 43 | Homero Veloso '46 UPD |
| 10 | Tomas R. Cosio '46 UPD | 27 | Pompeyo Montemayor '47 UPD | 44 | Rafael Villarama '46 UPD |
| 11 | Prospero A. Crescini '49 UPD | 28 | Jose Naguiat '48 UPD | 45 | Rodolfo Villarica '46 UPD |
| 12 | Alberto Delfino, Sr. '46 UPD | 29 | Arturo T. Orlina '49 UPD | 46 | Arthur L. Abiera '55 UPLB |
| 13 | Pedro Dumag '49 UPD | 30 | Teodoro D. Padilla '46 UPD | 47 | Ricarte E. Abejuela '54 UPLB |
| 14 | Manuel G. Escaler '46 UPD | 31 | Andres Ramillo '47 UPD | 48 | Eddie D. Abugan '55 UPLB |
| 15 | Arturo Jose Y. Fernandez '46 UPD | 32 | Artemio Rodriguez '47 UPD | 49 | Eutiquio D. Agas, Jr. '59 UPLB |
| 16 | Amando V. Gammad '46b UPD | 33 | Ruben L. Roxas '46 UPD | 50 | Bienvenido P. Agpaoa '53 UPLB |
| 17 | Venancio C. Garcia '46 UPD | 34 | Carlos Rustria '46 UPD | 51 | Generoso Albano '57 UPD |

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52	Jesus B. Alcantara '54 UPLB	106	Renato De Guzman '58 UPLB	160	Evangelino F. Malacoco, Jr. '50 UPLB
53	Melanio S. Alconcel '53 UPLB	107	Andres S. De Jesus '53 UPLB	161	Pablo S. Manalo '53 UPLB
54	Ely Aldana '59 UPD	108	Genaro R. De Ocampo '57 UPLB	162	Ben Marron '58 UPLB
55	Benjamin C. Almonte '50 UPLB	109	Marciano De Vera '50 UPD	163	Eleuterio M. Mendoza '52 UPLB
56	Noel Alojipan '57 UPD	110	Ponciano M. Dela Paz '57 UPLB	164	Mukhtar M. Muallam '59 UPD
57	Isabelo A. Amurao '51 UPLB	111	Tauti R. Derico '50 UPLB	165	Eusebio Naniong '59b UPD
58	Clemencio Apeles '58 UPD	112	Amando D. Diasanta '50 UPLB	166	Nguyen Ngo Van '55 UPLB
59	Domingo S. Aquino '56 UPLB	113	Romeo T. Dilag '55 UPLB	167	Conrado R. Nora '55 UPLB
60	Romeo U. Aquino '50 UPLB	114	Ciriaco N. Divinagracia '53 UPLB	168	Loreto E. Oliva '56 UPLB
61	Marcelo V. Aquino '53 UPLB	115	Salvador G. Dolar '55 UPLB	169	Arnaldo Pangilinan '57 UPD
62	Rodrigo B. Arrieta '53 UPLB	116	Ireneo L. Domingo '56 UPLB	170	Pablito C. Pañares '57 UPD
63	Antonio B. Asuncion '57 UPLB	117	Felipe B. Doneza '51 UPLB	171	Bienvenido G. Paragas '54 UPLB
64	Vicente Aureus '62 UPD	118	William P. Doromal '59 UPLB	172	Alfonso Paredes '57 UPD
65	Rogelio B. Baggayan '53 UPLB	119	Geoffrey Dulay '55 UPD	173	Victor Parial '59 UPD
66	Conrado N. Baliguas '51 UPLB	120	Basilio Duran, Jr. '57 UPLB	174	Agustin M. Pascua, Jr. '56 UPLB
67	Francisco B. Bandong '50 UPLB	121	Lazaro G. Dyaico '50 UPLB	175	Manuel T. Perigua '52 UPLB
68	Bernardo Bañez '57 UPD	122	Leopoldo A. Elago II '54 UPLB	176	Jesus A. Pido '57 UPLB
69	Meliton T. Battad '53 UPLB	123	Irineo L. Encomienda '55 UPD	177	Enrique Pijuan '56 UPLB
70	George T. Battoon '53 UPLB	124	Marcelino E. Espino '57 UPD	178	Emmanuel A. Pili '50 UPLB
71	Antonio M. Bautista '54 UPLB	125	Honorato D. Estevez '50 UPLB	179	Domingo B. Protacio '50 UPLB
72	Herman P. Bautista Jr. '56 UPD	126	Rosendo R. Estoye, Jr. '52 UPLB	180	Valeriano Pulmano '57 UPD
73	Restituto M. Bautista '58 UPLB	127	Alfredo Eugenio '53 UPLB	181	Emmanuel A. Puyat '56 UPLB
74	Eleuterio Belino '55 UPLB	128	Melencio M. Evangelista '50 UPD	182	Lucio L. Quimbo '53 UPLB
75	Macarthur Benitez '59 UPD	129	Jose M. Feliciano '52 UPLB	183	Leopoldo B. Quirad '52 UPLB
76	Tomas M. Binua '54 UPLB	130	Pablo A. Feliciano, Jr. '50 UPLB	184	Amado A. Rances, Jr. '55 UPLB
77	Andres C. Blando '55 UPLB	131	Rosendo S. Florencio '54 UPLB	185	Martin E. Raymundo '51 UPLB
78	Sergio A. Boligor '53 UPLB	132	Rodolfo M. Flores '56 UPLB	186	Severino Recto '55 UPD
79	Juan Bongolan '54 UPD	133	Juan R. Florin '53 UPLB	187	Tomas S. Reyes '55 UPLB
80	Orlando Borja '54 UPD	134	Serapio C. Gabriel '54 UPD	188	Dominador Rillorta '56 UPLB
81	Tri Huu Bui '56 UPLB	135	Jose R. Gapud '57 UPLB	189	Cleofas C. Rodriguez '52 UPLB
82	Pablo S. Burgos, Jr. '53 UPLB	136	Elias Garcia '57 UPLB	190	Reynaldo C. Rodriguez '50 UPLB
83	Rodolfo Bustillo '57 UPD	137	Pedro Gatbonton '57 UPD	191	Vicente C. Rodriguez '54 UPLB
84	Benjamin A. Cailao '54 UPD	138	Mario R. Gavarra '53 UPLB	192	Victoriano J. Rodriguez '50 UPLB
85	Saturnino Cabanatan, Jr. '53 UPD	139	Maximinio L. Generalao '56 UPLB	193	Pacifico Rubio '50 UPD
86	Gerardo S. Calabia '56 UPLB	140	Pacifico Geronimo, Jr. '53 UPD	194	Maximo J. Sagrado '50 UPLB
87	Melchor Calzado '53 UPLB	141	Pedrito Gesmundo '58 UPLB	195	Vedasto R. Samonte Jr. '50 UPD
88	Cong Phan Can '55 UPLB	142	Agerico R. Gonzales '55 UPLB	196	Rodolfo Santeco '50 UPLB
89	Quan Cao '55 UPLB	143	Sofronio R. Gonzales '55 UPLB	197	Eduardo G. Santiago '53 UPLB
90	Evaristo Cariño '57 UPD	144	Danilo D. Gorrez '51 UPLB	198	Eleazar Santiago '58 UPD
91	John L. Carpio, Jr. '53 UPLB	145	Fernando D. Gorrez '59 UPLB	199	Bayani Santos '53 UPD
92	Aristedes C. Castro '53 UPLB	146	Andres D. Goseco, Jr. '50 UPLB	200	Gregorio L. Santos '50 UPLB
93	Ramon C. Catane '55 UPD	147	Fortunato Gupit '53 UPD	201	Ibarra S. Santos '52 UPLB
94	Gregorio D. Chan, Jr. '57 UPLB	148	Rogelio B. Guevara '53 UPLB	202	Jose Rolando Santos '56 UPD
95	Francisco C. Chavez '59 UPD	149	Severino Hermosura UPD	203	Segundo C. Serrano '53 UPLB
96	Francisco C. Choching '66 UPD	150	Jose M. Imperial '57 UPLB	204	Samuel Sevillano '58 UPLB
97	Atilano Cinco, Jr. '57 UPD	151	Manuel C. Iñigo '50 UPLB	205	Orlando Suarez '55 UPD
98	Jesus F. Corotan '56 UPLB	152	Richard E. Jacaria, Jr. '53 UPLB	206	Jesus R. Tadena '50 UPLB
99	Victorino M. Corpus '50 UPLB	153	Ildefonso T. Javelosa '57 UPLB	207	Joaquin Tamano '54 UPD
100	Emmanuel Crisostomo '58 UPD	154	Gaudencio Lapuz '50 UPLB	208	Querico D. Tan '54 UPLB
101	Dalmacio A. Cruz '55 UPLB	155	Izekiel R. Laukon '58 UPLB	209	Maximo V. Tandoc '57 UPLB
102	Oton N. Dagdagan, Jr. '59 UPLB	156	Antonio A. Lazaro '51 UPLB	210	Jesus V. Tecson '59 UPD
103	Octavio Dario '56 UPD	157	Julito A. Leones '57 UPLB	211	Modesto M. Tobias '53 UPLB
104	Jose R. Deanon, Jr. '50 UPLB	158	Joseph C. Madamba '52 UPLB	212	Celestino O. Tolentino '56 UPLB
105	Pepito U. De Dote '58 UPD	159	Apolinario E. Malabanan '50 UPLB	213	Jose C. Tomas '54 UPLB

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214	Dominador M. Tombo, Jr. '50 UPLB	271	Joe Halog, Jr. '61 UPD	328	Valentin Cedillo '73 UPLB
215	Rodolfo J. Tubelleja '52 UPLB	272	Oscar M. Hamada '60 UPLB	329	Alex R. Daniel '70a UPLB
216	Rizal Tupaz '59 UPD	273	Joaquin P. Hilario '67 UPLB	330	Rolando T. Gonzaga '71a UPLB
217	Dioscoro L. Umali '52 UPLB	274	Alfredo E. Javier '66 UPD	331	Romeo Honasan '72a UPD
218	Gil B. Urgino '58 UPLB	275	Edgardo B. Justo '68a UPLB	332	Copernico O. Jamito '71a UPLB
219	Saturnino P. Velasco, Jr. '57 UPD	276	Manuel A. Kam '63a UPLB	333	Andres Jose '71 UPD
220	Jesus Verano '51 UPD	277	Alex King '61 UPD	334	Francisco P. Lapis '76d UPLB
221	Hidulfo P. Victoria, Jr. '53 UPLB	278	Vergel Landrito '68 UPD	335	Canuto M. Lapus '78 UPLB
222	Manuel F. Villaflores '55 UPLB	279	Oscar R. Lawas '64b UPLB	336	Samuel N. Lazo '71 UPD
223	Maximo T. Villafuerte '56 UPLB	280	Papu Leynes '62 UPD	337	Cresencio D. Maligaya '77b UPLB
224	Ricardo A. Villanueva '56 UPLB	281	Ricardo Lim '69 UPD	338	Romeo M. Marabut '71a UPLB
225	Quirino N. Villaviza '51 UPLB	282	Lionel Logronio '62b	339	Fares C. Mariano '73a UPLB
226	Carlos Wandisan '54 UPLB	283	Pedrito M. Maines '62 UPLB	340	Alex B. Martinez '76a UPLB
227	Rodolfo C. Yaptengco '53 UPD	284	Honorio M. Maniego '69b UPLB	341	Rizalino Medina '76 UPD
228	Rodolfo C. Ylarde '50 UPLB	285	Wilfredo D. Manipon '68a UPLB	342	Florante Pagador '73a UPD
229	Rodrigo G. Zalameda '54 UPLB	286	Teodoro L. Martinez '68a UPLB	343	Thomas G. Pagcaliwagan '70 UPLB
230	Rodolfo A. Abad '64a UPLB	287	Raymundo P. Matulac '65 UPLB	344	Nelson P. Pagoso '71a UPLB
231	Elmer A. Abilay '66 UPLB	288	Valentino B. Mendoza '68a UPLB	345	Alex B. Palacpac '74a UPLB
232	Candido T. Agbisit '66 UPLB	289	Dante Monzon '64 UPD	346	Roberto A. Paradela '77d UPLB
233	Alfredo F. Aguas '63a UPLB	290	Edwin Moscoso '65 UPD	347	Oscar Pasamba '70 UPD
234	Jose B. Agulto '63 UPD	291	Toshi Nakamura '63 UPD	348	Nestorio A. Pureza '76c UPLB
235	Ramon B. Agulto '68 UPD	292	Johnny Nuke '62 UPD	349	Carlos Retino '70 UPLB
236	Hermunde Almiranes '66 UPD	293	Eladio Oleta '68 UPD	350	Carlos Reyes '78 UPD
237	Oscar L. Alvarez '67 UPD	294	Michael Parina '67a UPD	351	Jose Alex C. Rivera '73b UPLB
238	Ernie A. Antonio '66 UPLB	295	Reynaldo Patiag '60 UPD	352	Anthony Subijano '72c UPD
239	Ramon D. Apolinario '69b UPLB	296	Teodoro C. Paulin II '66 UPLB	353	Theodore T. Tongacan '79d UPLB
240	Alfredo O. Bayudan '67a UPLB	297	Rene S. Puga '69a UPLB	354	Rafael Veneracion '73a UPD
241	Arnaldo E. Bertuso '60 UPLB	298	Santiago Quedding '63 UPD	355	Thaddeus A. Arejola '85a UPLB
242	Ernesto T. Bolong '66 UPD	299	Adolfo Ranada '63 UPD	356	Noe Gerardo Espino '84c UPD
243	Wilfredo U. Bugia '62 UPLB	300	Teddy Rey '62b UPD	357	Napoleon Gatmaitan '82b UPD
244	Joselyn A. Bugaring '68a UPLB	301	Alfredo Rivera '67a UPLB	358	Arbel, Liwag '83d UPD
245	Edgardo K. Bulacan '64 UPLB	302	Rolendio Roderos '63 UPD	359	Juan Luna '80a UPD
246	Oscar G. Busog '67 UPLB	303	David M. Rojas '63 UPLB	360	Johncel D. Presa 2000d UPLB
247	Diomedes Caguioa '69a UPLB	304	Ramon S. Ronquillo '63a UPLB	361	Alexander King UPD '61
248	Paquito P. Caliva '63 UPLB	305	Rogelio T. Rosales '67b UPLB	362	Antonio Kilay Asuncion UPLB '57
249	Ruben O. Casibang '64 UPD	306	Donato M. Sadioa '65 UPLB	363	Engie De Gracia UPLB '66
250	Antonio S. Castaños '61 UPD	307	Alejandro B. Salinas, Jr. '67a UPLB	364	Ning De La Paz UPLB '57
251	Bonnie A. Castro '61 UPD	308	Federico Sanchez '64 UPD	365	Theodore Tongacan UPLB '79
252	Marianito Cruz '62 UPD	309	Gregorio C. Serrano '69 UPLB	366	Oscar Lawas UPLB '64
253	Romulo Cucio '64 UPD	310	Jolly Silverio '62a UPD	367	Rudolf De La Rosa UPD '63
254	Bernardo T. Cumigad '63 UPLB	311	Rodolfo R. Soliman '66 UPD	368	Teodoro Rey UPD '62
255	Eduardo M. Cunan '68b UPD	312	Rodolfo Sunga '69 UPD	369	Arnaldo E. Bertuso UPLB '60
256	Froilan Damasco '69b UPD	313	Raulito L. Tacugue '62 UPLB	370	Oscar Hamada UPLB '60
257	Geronimo L. Danan '60 UPLB	314	Louie Teves '62b UPD	371	Carlos Rustia UPD FOUNDER '46
258	Conrado F. Dancel '68 UPD	315	Ferdinand Tolentino '61 UPD	372	Fortunato Icasiano Gupit UPD '53
259	Celerino Daniel '62b UPLB	316	Catalino F. Tosco '65 UPLB	373	Pepito De Dote UPD '58
260	Engracio De Gracia '66 UPLB	317	Edgar C. Trinidad '63a UPLB	374	Jose "Koyang PePe" Agulto UPD '63
261	Rudolf De La Rosa '63 UPD	318	Walter Ty '63 UPD	375	Wilfredo D. Manipon UPLB '68
262	Roberto C. De Mesa '69c UPLB	319	Pedro A. Valonzo '68b UPLB	376	Arturo Tayag UPD '63
263	Rigoberto De Santos '63 UPD	320	Gabriel H. Viterbo '63b UPLB	377	Emil Araneta Jr. UPLB '56
264	Marianito M. De Vera '64 UPLB	321	Willy A. Abes '70d UPLB	378	Ric Abejuela UPLB '54
265	Isaias M. Domingo '65 UPLB	322	Arnel Albino '79 UPD	379	Wilmyr Paradero UPD '06
266	Elias G. Dumelod '63b UPLB	323	Alex Aquino '79 UPD	380	Dick Chiongbian UPD '63
267	Orlando Fadera '69 UPD	324	Venido Atienza '71 UPD	381	Virgilio Ocampo UPD '63
268	Wilfredo V. Garcia '65b UPLB	325	Efren A. Balita '72a UPLB	382	Gaudencio Santiago UPD '55
269	Teddy Gutierrez '66 UPD	326	Rodrigo T. Bersamin '70 UPLB		
270	David L. Guzman '63a UPLB	327	Florendo Castillo '73d UPD		

APRIL GROOM

TBrod Ron Justo ('88, Dil) bade farewell to his bachelor days when he married the tall, stunning and lovely Elsa Lacanilao, a BS Education graduate, also from UP Diliman. The wedding ceremonies and reception were held at the Army Club inside Fort Bonifacio in the late afternoon last April 6, 2009. An experienced manager and political strategist, Justo has been connected with Congress' House of Representatives for the last 15 years. He is presently the Chief of Staff of Representative Andy Salvacion from the 3rd District of Leyte. The former Miss Lacanilao, also a former varsity swimmer, has her own tutorial center for elementary and high school students located in White Plains. California-born Elsa has had experience teaching at an elementary school in the Chicago area.

Ron and Elsa both grew up as Campus kids in UP Diliman. They both graduated from the UP Integrated School, Ron ('88) and Elsa ('87). Ron has a kuya who is also a brod (Jun'87) while Elsa who is the youngest from a big brood of 5 girls and 1 boy has 2 ates (Chona and Joy) who were members of the Beta Sigma Ladies' Corps. Throughout most of their lives, they had only known each other as acquaintances. It was only 3 years ago that they finally hooked up and just last year when they made their intentions known to each other's families.

The wedding was graced with the attendance of 20 sponsors, which included a large number of political VIPs and personalities from the legislature, local government and private sector. Aside from the presence of family members, old friends, office mates, barkada members, Elsa's swimming buddies, there was the usual battalion of Betans that attended the festive occasion. Brods Ruben Pascual ('76 Dil), Joel Paredes ('73 Dil), Bong Arreza (Araneta) and Congressman (2nd District of Quezon Province) and Engineer Brod Procy Alcala (Luzonian Colleges) stood as major sponsors. Mr. Lacanilao toasted his daughter and new son-in-law with the word, "Tagay!" 3 cheers for Ron and Elsa, "Hip, Hip, Hurrah!"



National Scientist in the Field of Veterinary Medicine:

Teddy Topacio, Batch '49 (UP Dil)

Licensure Examination:

Prince Elmer A. Reyes

3rd place, Chemical Engineer Licensure Examination.

"Now, who says Betans aren't potential board toppers?"

2008 Bar Passer:

Sharif Pelandoc, Batch '90 (UP Dil)

New Graduates:

Christian T. Duldulao, cum laude, BA Public Administration

Miguel Gerard S.J. Alo, BS Materials Engineering

Aldus T. Agnar, B Library and Information Sciences

Jeipee Christian D. Banzon, BA Psychology

Gary Laurence Q. Patawaran, BA Public Administration

Side Bar News

UPBSFAAI Campaigns for Annual Dues

During the UPBSFAAI board meeting, the board decided to massively push the collection of P500 per year as annual dues to beef up operations expenses at the secretariat. "This is the minimum support expected of all alumni brods to contribute to the various programs of the alumni and the residents," said Ron Justo, UPBSFAAI Treasurer and chair of the campaign. The payment of dues will be a strict requirement for voting officers of the board in future elections, plus other benefits such as copies of the The Betan and discounts in future events. A set of incentives is being developed to ensure maximum compliance by alumni brods in their payment of annual dues.

News from Foreign Lands

Building a good foundation

By Brod Alexander Reyes,
UPD 84A, Federation Secretary

After a few ill-fated attempts by others in the past, the Federation of Beta Sigma Fraternity Chapters in North America (FBSFCNA) is putting the finishing touches to the creation of a non-profit and tax-exempt charitable foundation. The Beta Sigma Foundation of North America (BSFNA) is the brainchild of incumbent Federation President Sonny Pagador. Crucial contributions to this end were also provided by Federation Treasurer Abe Ragudos, Brod Bernie Bacosa, Legal Advisers Brod Attorneys Babes Ignacio and Nonoy Bejasa Jr., and yours truly

Currently, we are on the last leg of the effort to set up the foundation; the application with the State of California was already approved; the foundation's bank accounts have been established; the IRS has provided it a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) and had designated it as a Non-Profit Charitable Foundation.

The only remaining step is the official IRS notification granting the BSFNA tax-deductible status under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of the US.

So what is the big deal? Well, for starters BSFNA can insure and protect itself from lawsuits, if its legal standing is questioned. With all the activities being undertaken by the Federation, one never knows for how long all our good deeds will go unpunished. Second, the Foundation not only provides legal cover, it also creates a legal personality, and since it is non-profit and tax-exempt the BSFNA does not have to pay taxes on the funds raised. In addition, the foundation provides all donors with

a legal means to deduct their donations from their taxable income.

The BSFNA also opens up a whole new world of corporate funding for all its activities. Every year, corporations routinely give grants and donations to numerous charitable foundations. Its members will make sure that the BSFNA will shortly be included in that list. All that is needed is to fill up corporate grant applications and once approved, a steady source of monetary funds from corporations like Wal-Mart, Chase Bank, Toyota or GE is assured every year. Similar, albeit much larger, charitable foundations like the March of Dimes and the United Way will also be tapped.

However, in order to accomplish the foregoing, the need to continuously document all its past, present and future activities is a must as proof that these are deserved. There is also a need to educate and train the members of the BSFNA to begin to scrupulously record and report all of the resulting financial figures to the IRS.

The BSFNA is like an airplane that is never to land once it takes off. This is the feeling shared by all its members and they feel that any landing, however graceful, is not an option.

Finally, once the members have several years of experience successfully running the BSFNA, they can now use the experience and expertise to help establish its counterpart in the Philippines.

Simple, while eating even an elephant, one bite at a time.

MEDICAL MISSION'S FIRST STOP: PALAWAN

By Brod Alexander Reyes,
UPD 84A, Federation Secretary

Having barely stayed 7 hours in Metro Manila after a grueling 19 hour flight from LAX, Brods Billy Sevilla and yours truly, together with our hosts, Brod Abe Ragudos R.N., Brod Dines Padilla, R.N. and Brod Dr. Oscar Escudero, hopped aboard an Airbus 320 bound for the pristine beaches of Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Also joining the group are medical intern brods, Drs. Vernon Tejano, M.D. and Lexir Roduta M.D., both alumni of the San Beda chapter.

Going to Palawan is a first for everyone in this throng of Betans. The airtime spent is in direct contrast to our trans-Pacific journey, landing in Puerto Princesa International Airport in a little over an hour. Brods Art Solon, Marlon Nallana and Cesar Lucero have led the Palawan entourage in greeting the medical contingent with seashell necklaces and a jam-packed motorcade through the city's center. This has been the first ever Beta Sigma Medical Mission to be conducted in the beautiful province of Palawan.

Its beauty, however, is marred by poverty. The medical mission has succeeded in the provision of sought-after medicines, medical and dental services, and consultations to about 1,200 to as much as 1,500 indigent kababayans – all for free. It is not, however, devoid of its share of problems - challenges that are common to all the medical missions being conducted, and if not checked, will still occur in the future.

With all the time, money and effort expended in a mission of this magnitude, there is a glaring lack of foresight in the simple aspect of record-keeping. Permanent medical files with a well thought-out file layout and database-friendly format should have been pre-installed. These would have been invaluable in obtaining statistical data and figures that would aid future efforts in determining the types of prevalent diseases diagnosed in the area, the drugs that have been administered, and the overall positive impact of our efforts on the patients.

By the 2nd day of the medical mission, the pharmacy began running out of children's multi-vitamins as well as cold and cough medication.

Antibiotics, analgesics and antihistamines were also in demand considering the great number of patients in need of these.

If the fraternity is going to pursue its ambitions and establish a sustainable and permanent Betan Medical Clinic, there is a need to do a better job of handling the devil in the details. A medical patient computer database is a must. A few Excel spreadsheets with an Access database front-end will do a better job.

The problems that came about, however, have been dwarfed by the relief and joy the medical contingent has been able to provide the Palawenos – and vice-versa.

The fun and festivities that followed all the hard work has fueled unforgettable memories. It is astounding to recall that when Dr. Escudero dropped his pair of sunglasses straight into the gaping mouth of a 7-foot reptile at the Crocodile Farms, the sunglasses only turned up in our hotel's front desk the same evening - completely intact.

We will never forget the unspoiled beauty of Palawan and trail master Brod Cesar Lucero smoking a cigarette while he waited for us stragglers to suffer, sweat and struggle up and down the 7 kilometer hike from Sabang to the Underground Caves. The return trip by pump boat was both a memorable and salt-water drenched experience. Now, if only someone just remembered the kambing (goat) pulutan for our last evening in Palawan, everything would have been just perfect.

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On a positive note, the medical group did secure a very reasonably-priced and well-stocked pharmaceutical wholesaler in Manila in time for the 2nd Betan Medical Mission in Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur. No more guesswork from now on when it comes to sources our medicines.

Side Bar News

Betan Network

A group of alumni brods led by Cris Michelena ('73), Bino Aguinaldo ('88), Lloyd Dizon ('87), Ron Justo ('88) and Raffy Tomeldan ('75) met at the Secretariat along Kalayaan Ave., Q.C. last April 17, 2009 to discuss on how to strengthen the lines of communication within the alumni organization.

Cris emphasized the need to organize for better and faster mobilization of the alumni brods based on sectoral groupings which he termed as "nodules." Five (5) sectoral groupings were identified namely:

1. The brods from DA/DAR
2. The Makati Chapter
3. The Lawyers group
4. The brods from Congress
5. The Operation Big Brother Foundation (OBBF)

This standing committee agreed that these mentioned sectors have to be tapped first to serve as a foundation to build a strong network within the alumni association.

After the meeting, lectures were given to the resident officers of Diliman to maximize recruitment as efforts are being made to increase their numbers. After these 2 conferences, the participants joined the residents, the Ladies Corps and some members of the OBBF which totaled about 60 in number at the common plaza outside the secretariat. It was a rambunctious jug-a-lug much to the consternation of the neighbors.

WAYS AND MEANS

ALUMNI BOARD TO PUSH FOR BETA SIGMA DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The UPBSAAI is in the process of establishing a Beta Sigma Development Center (BSDC) which will specifically create programs and projects to promote members' interests out of which will earn revenue generated from plans promoted by it such as training programs, promotional fees including funding from international organizations with which it shares common interest such as environment, good governance, socially responsible investments, etc.

A brainchild of Brod Orly Pena ('47 UPD), it arose because of the need to raise funds (commissions, training fees, promotions) for the UPBSAAI to be financially well off and liquid so that the fraternity can sustain its own development and its advocacies. The BSDC was created as the professional business center of the fraternity, the objective of which is to promote the business and professional services of the Brods to

help Brods and the communities and projects affiliated with them.

The Center will be located in and served by the Secretariat Office of the Alumni Association. The Secretariat will also be the HELP Desk of the Center. Among the possible fund raising projects are as follows:

1) Promoting a Brods business or professional interest in exchange for a promotional, talent or consulting fees to the Center for facilitating the service or organizing the events required to achieve the desired objectives.

2) Organizing workshops, symposia and conferences to address specific needs, issues and problems of the Brods and their business interests and their families. For example: economic briefings, crisis management workshop, tax management

seminars and leadership development workshop;

3) Organizing and administering programs to promote good governance in the country;

4) Organizing activities utilizing the facilities owned or managed by Brods such as promoting the Hotel of Brod Orly Sakay in Boracay and other brods in the travel business;

5) Managing legacies of the Brods for scholarships and other activities;

6) Managing events and projects to raise funds for the fraternity such as utilizing events of our Brods in the entertainment business, promoting shows and sponsoring money making events, and special projects like the long term projects with the Bureau of Forestry and the DENR.

UPBSFAAI RESTORES ENDOWMENT FUND

A select group of brods were invited by UPBSFAAI President Ruben Pascual to form the committee that will re-establish the UP Beta Sigma Endowment Fund. The fund was first launched by then President Romy Lumauig with Brod Orly Pena as its pioneering donor, contributing P100,000.00. The fund was also pushed by Brod Mon Paje during his incumbency as alumni President, snaring commitments from 23 other brods to similarly donate P100,000.00 each. Because of certain operational concerns, the fund now was not pushed actively.

The high-powered committee composed of Brods Vic Ramos, Eddie Jose, Mon Paje, Rolly Reyes, Ed Abon, Nonoy Bautista, Jet Arriola, and Orly Pena met last April at Crown Regency Plaza Hotel in Ortigas, Pasig City to map out strategies to restore the much needed fund which is envisioned as the long-term sustaining source of fund-

ing for fraternity alumni and residents projects.

Features of the Endowment Fund as agreed are as follows:

- Principal is non-withdrawable and only interest earnings may be used
- Fund to be governed by an independent Board of Trustees who are all donors to the fund. UPBSFAAI President is an automatic trustee of the fund during his incumbency. There will only seven(7) trustees.
- Minimum contribution to the fund is P5,000.00 and the minimum target amount to establish fund is P1,000,000.00
- Fund to be deposited in Unionbank, under the care of Brod Vic Valdepenas.

- Policy for the use of the interest earnings of the fund will be developed by the Board of Trustees. Among the suggested uses of the fund proceeds include residents' development, secretariat support and a social welfare fund.

Already, Brods Vic Ramos, Mon Paje, Eddie Jose and Ruben Pascual have pledged P100,000.00 each to beef up the fund. This will bring the total fund amount to P700,000.00 and is expected to reach P1 million in pledges during the fraternity ball.

Brod Mon Paje has offered to re-invite the other brods who pledged during his term to put in now their contributions. Three cheers to all who are investing in the future of the fraternity!

Greetings!!!

From the ROBOSA FAMILY

Mars βΣ '71-b Silver Strife

Kate Σβ 2001-T Synergists

Toppet βΣ 2000-c Contigo

and

Jen Σβ 2001-A House of Gryffindor

Karlo βΣ 2003-c Obelisk

Arturo "JOJO" A. Alejar Jr.

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"TRISKAIDEKA"



Brod Augusto "Jito" Y. Arreza Jr. '76 UPD

Gerardo's

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Can you be reached?

Dear Brother,

This month, we celebrate our Fraternity's 63rd anniversary. To be exact, our red-letter day is Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

If you are able to read this item after such date, then you must be hard to reach.

Well, for some, this may not be much cause for dismay. But, when many other Beta Sigmans are unable to receive a copy of this or any other issue of our traditional newsletter, if ever published, then such should be a cause for alarm.

We need you, Brother. Can you help us best reach you and other U.P. Beta Sigmans?

By year's end, your alumni association will publish another directory, one that promises to be more useful than the one we had in the early '90s.

There are at least 5 reasons why we now (actually, always) require a practical membership list:

1. To keep an accurate tab on our Fraternity's brothers, their exact batch data, their current whereabouts, and their lifelong accomplishments.
2. To better inform brothers of ongoing and upcoming events, projects, and opportunities worldwide.
3. To help foster closer ties amongst brothers through frequent social, business, and professional interaction.
4. To help promote and generate success stories of resident and alumni brothers that may serve as sources of pride and inspiration to all of us, brods and other members of our respective families.
5. To help build a global network of support for our

alumni association so it can better address the concerns of our residents, new alumni, and other brothers in need.

To speed up data-gathering, may we request you to furnish us by email (upbsdir@who.net) or through the residents' new website (www.), your information and those of other brods, that correspond to those asked for in the hereunder form?

We hope, Brod, you can help us stay in touch.

Thank you and best regards.

For a better serving and truly responsive UP Beta Sigma Fraternity Alumni Association, we remain

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