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LONG AWAITED: A Grand Betan Reunion on October 10, 2022

by Tony Frio, Batch '60

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Discussions in the Zoom meetings in the virtual Tumbleweeds Tambayan held every Sunday have culminated in concrete plans to revive a more vigorous grand Betan reunion on October 10, 2022. This was revealed by Brod Leo Balagot who headed previous Betan grand reunions in 2010 and 2015. The Betan homecoming scheduled for October 10, 2020 last year did not push through as all of us faced this Covid 19 pandemic.

Brod Leo is again chairing this 10-10-22 grand homecoming executive committee (ExeCom). The ExeCom is composed of brods and sisters some of whom were members of the 10-10-10 and 10-10-15 ExeComs.

Aside from the usual homecoming activities, unveiling of a Betan legacy project will cap this 10-10-22 reunion. The proposed legacy project will refurbish the foundation site of

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the then UP College of Agriculture behind the Central School near the Municipal Hall Building and fronting the Junction Road leading to Jamboree site. This project is vaunted as a “giving back” by Betans who are UPLB alumni to their alma mater. At present, initial discussions with the brods and sisters and with University authorities and concerned UPLB alumni associations are being held.

Brods Freddy Fajardo, Plato Tirol with Sis Alice Quicoy conferred with UPCA Dean Dr. Elpidio Agbisit, Jr. for this project. The Dean signified that the foundation site is open for adoption.



UP College of Agriculture Foundation Site located along the National Highway in Los Baños

And why a 10-10-22? And not this year's 10-10-21? Everyone has eyes on the vaccine rollout that we expect to have us all inoculated by June 2022. By that time, we hope to be able to see, greet, and hug each other like true brothers and sisters in the “new normal.”

For this 101022 reunion proposed activities are:

October 7 (Friday)- Fellowship and welcome party

October 8- Grand Fraternity and Sorority Ball

October 9- Inauguration of the UPLB Foundation Site
- Motorcade to forestry and jug-a-lug

October 10- Loyalty Day Parade and Luncheon

October 11- Barn Dance

RESPONSE FROM THE FOLD
as posted in the TVG and Email-group

Brod Toto Sarrosa '69C

Congratulations, my Brother!👍

Mabuhay ang Kapatiran!

Cheers!!!🙏🙏🙏

Brod Carlo Malabanan '77C

Kudos!!!

Brod Bob de la Torre '63

Congratulations brods miggoy

Tony F and Leo B for the publication of the Tumbleweeds newsletter. Reading it made me travel back in time to UPLB in the 60s. Good job.

Brod Rene de Rueda '64

Brod Leo...Greetings of peace!

Received the maiden issue of the Tumbleweeds Newsletter with thanks and lots of appreciation. Thank you and pls extend to the whole team our gratefulness for making this publication possible. Cheers and mabuhay ang ating kapatiran.

Brod Benjamin Garcia '64

Congrats to Brods Tony Frio and Leo Balagot and their Team for a great maiden issue of our Tumbleweeds Newsletter. Very good read ! Cheers 🙏🙏🙏

Brod Jojo Alejar '79D

Congrats to brods Leo B, Tony F, KKK, Jim L, Jim G, Popoy C, Mando D, Rotsen L, Larry S, Dianne C, Bike C, & Resident Sis' for a great 1st Issue! Cheers!

Brod Edwin Maninang '73A

Got my copy. Thank you and congratulations brods Leo B, Tony F, and the rest of your team ! Cheers !!!

Brod Bernie Bituin '74E

Congratulations Brod Leo and the editorial staff for the first issue of the Tumbleweeds newsletter !!!!

Brod Mon Paje '77D

Brod Leo... Galing! I am reminded of our days in campus; the glories of our beloved frat! Tumbleweeds will keep the candle burning, despite the challenges our fraternity is facing. Congratulations Brother!

Brod Ted Quijano '67B

Brod Leo... Thanks sa issue ng Tumbleweeds, ang haba daming ganadong sumulat.

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For cellphone users...

Rotate your phone to landscape position for a better view of the contents of this Newsletter.

RESPONSE FROM THE FOLD
as posted in the TVG and Email-group

Sis Eloisa Labadan Anton

Great newsletter !!!

Sis Alice Ramos Quicoy

Cheers to this newsletter project.. For its success, wider circulation, more articles coming.. And may it be a motivating "influencer" to the residents!

Sis Norms Natividad Fajardo

Congratulations to the Tumbleweeds newsletter editorial team for a well-crafted maiden issue! Takes us back to those colorful college days. Keep those articles coming - pantanggal talaga ng stress.

Sis Grace Yabut Criador

Congrats to Brod Leo and the rest of the team on the successful maiden issue! I'm hoping that the stories shared here create excitement within the members of our fold and help in bringing us all together again hopefully in 10-10-22.

Amendment to policies and guidelines:

1. Name, Readership...

"Tumbleweeds" ... publication to be circulated online thru the Email-groups and Chat Groups of the UPLB Fraternity and Sorority. Upon receiving their personal copy of the newsletter from the editorial team, they may share it to other Brods and Sisters belonging to other local and international Betan organizations...

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Unusual Initiation Rites

Sixty or so eager neophytes nervously awaited the arrival of UP Dili-man brods headed by **Manny Alinio** (not **Mamintal Tamano**) ...

THE SIGMA BETAN SAGA IN LOS BAÑOS

Norma N. Fajardo, UPLB Sigma Beta '68



The fire that burns incessantly within the hearts of all Sigma Betans was first kindled in Los Baños during the '50s. It was on the 15th of August 1955 that the UP Sigma Beta Sorority Los Baños Chapter was founded.

Sis Cecilia Kalaw, then an undergraduate student of the College of Agriculture, met a zoology instructor at the same college named Erlinda Quiaoit, a Sigma Betan from UP Diliman. After being inspired by the Sigma Betans' commitment to service and excellence, and learning of the objectives and principles that set the sorority apart from others, Sis Cely and other women students decided to organize the fold.

Close collaboration with the Diliman sisters prompted the new sisters to easily process recognition of the new chapter and to recruit the "cream of the crop" for members.

The main activity of the sisters was to raise funds to sustain the scholarship grant given to deserving women students of the university, thus meeting the sorority's standards in upholding academic excellence.

Expanding its reach to other student activities, the pioneering Sigma Betans sponsored Bal Masque, a student presentation aimed at raising funds for the sorority's scholarship program. Charter members

recall the great success of this presentation in the large proceeds they obtained from the show. After this, the Sigma Betans embarked in presenting to the UPLB community its reservoir of talents in the performing arts. The first major cultural presentation was the play HMS Pinafore, produced in cooperation with their Beta Sigma brothers. This show introduced the Betans as a leader in cultural activities in the campus.



Above: Bal Masque
Below: HMS Pinafore

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The '60s: The Blossoming of the Sigma Betans

Indeed the '50s was a period of humble beginnings followed by courage and perseverance to preserve and uphold what had been begun. The '60s would prove to be a golden period for the sorority. Sigma Betans would further blossom into a major force in the studentry. They could be found everywhere in campus activities: showcasing their talents in cultural plays and presentations, gaining seats in student councils and providing leadership in campus student politics and in various student organizations and student publications such as the then Aggie Green and Gold, providing glamor to the UPLB ROTC by serving as corps sponsors, and participating in other student and UPCA-wide activities.

In essence, the Sigma Beta Sorority was the toast of the UP College of Agriculture during the '60s. It was during this time that the recruitment of members and management of activities as well as active participation of sisters in campus politics preceding Martial Law flourished.

The Sigma Beta mounted productions that tested the leadership and resourcefulness of its members. Moreover, activities in cooperation with their Beta Sigma Brothers enabled numerous plays and productions to be staged. For example the musical "South Pacific" was shown in 1960 and the play "Blithe Spirit" was staged in 1967. Another musical entitled "The Ambassadors" was presented in the late '60s. These productions showcased the talents of the sisters and at the same time provided entertainment to students.

The '70s: Responding to the Quarter Storm

The playfulness and seeming innocence of the early '60s gave way to the heightened activism of the latter part of the decade. The sorority slowly came to the realization that its purpose for being must be reassessed in the context of the upheaval that was rocking the nation.

During the early politically turbulent years of the '70s, the sorority embarked on a period of reflection in hope of finding new directions towards a more relevant role for the sisterhood. Against the backdrop of increasing repression, it staged the *comedia* "Prinsesa Perlita" in 1971. Many members found the courage to join the Beta Sigma production "Welga! Welga!" in 1972 at the risk of being labeled subversives. But then Martial

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Law was declared and the play never went on stage.

Despite martial rule, cultural life in the campus still flourished as politics took a back seat. The sorority presented the campus with yet another gem of a production in “La Casa de Bernarda Alba” which was brought on stage in 1975. The dramatic talents of Sigma Beta bagged many of the leading roles in this tale of intense passions.

The Transformation: the ‘80s through the ‘90s

In one important aspect, Greek-letter societies were victims of the activism that swept the campus in the ‘60-’70s. Membership in such student organizations dwindled and the sorority was no exception. It was denied official recognition for one semester in the ‘80s by the university authorities for failing to have the required minimum number of members. The sorority then embarked on a massive recruitment effort to shore up its members’ number and shortly gained recognition again.

Sigma Betans continued to excel academically. In addition, they endeavored to live up to the sorority’s tradition of bringing color to the campus cultural scene. For the UPLB’s diamond jubilee celebration in 1983, they staged the twin-bill production “Hedda Gabler” and “A Doll’s House” in cooperation with the U.P. Beta Sigma Fraternity.



Sigma Betans also participated in such sports as volleyball, swimming, and the very macho UPLB rodeo contests.

Recruitment of new sisters remained to be a problem in the ‘90s. This decade saw the dramatic rise in the number of academic and other types of student organizations. The competition for the *crème de la crème* of the female population on campus proved stiff but the sisters pressed on.

Sigma Beta sponsored free medical and dental services to benefit the communities around the campus. In this decade was born “*Ate Ko sa Araw na Ito.*” In this project, the members play elder sisters for a day to financially disadvantaged children in a selected community in Los Baños. Food, games, and entertainment galore await the participants and gift-giving caps the day’s activities. To this day, the project continues to be a major community activity of the sorority, an affirmation of its commitment to service.

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The New Millennium Amidst the Challenge of a Growing Campus

The start of a new millennium heralded the beginning of preparations for Sigma Beta's golden anniversary. The training ground was the sorority's active involvement in the UP Beta Sigma's 50th anniversary celebration in 2000. It was a time of joyful reunions as alumnae sisters came back to Los Baños to join their fraternity brothers on this happy occasion.

The Sigma Beta continued to surprise the UPLB campus with what it can achieve. Proving that gender knows no boundaries, it put up the Transport Show series, a venue for car enthusiasts to show their wares. The show is both educational and entertaining. The project began in February 2002 and to this date continues to attract participants from all over Luzon. It has even evolved to include motorcycles and scooters. Part of the proceeds from this annual event goes to the UPLB Emergency Student Fund.

Through these years, true to its Sigma Beta principles and doctrines, the sisters have carved a name in the UPLB academe, constantly striving for academic excellence and leading in social and political functions. With zealous hearts, the Sigma Betans continue to promote a legacy blazed for them by their founders and charter members fifty glorious years ago.

Reference:

Fajardo, Norma. 2005. The Sigma Betan Saga in Los Baños. "On Turning Gold: Our Spirit, Our Best, Our Pride" 50th Anniversary Commemorative Directory UP Sigma Sorority Alumnae Association. College, Laguna, Philippines. 150pp



Editor's Note:

This June 2021 issue of our Tumbleweeds Newsletter features three of our fraternity and sorority members who have recently reaped honors for our organizations.

The first features Sis Mary Ann Sayoc who was knighted by the Netherlands Embassy in Manila. Sis Mary Ann is a UP Sigma Beta Batch 74C - UP Diliman. She graduated from the UP College of Veterinary Medicine, Diliman in 1979. She is married to Dr. Darwin G. Sayoc, also a veterinarian and her classmate. They have four daughters who are all professionals and who graduated from UP Diliman as *cum laudes*. This article is reprinted from the April 26, 2021 Facebook post of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Philippines, Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

The second article is about the election of Brod Chris Javier Directo Mateo as President of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Research Farms. This story is reprinted from the post of Mr. Dave Ott, General Manager of Cooperative Research Farms, Linked-In website, May 2, 2021.

Brod Chris is a UPLB Beta Sigma Batch 1994A, Nocturnals. He was the fraternity's Master of the Rolls in 1994-1995 and became its Grand Princep in 1995-1996.

His unforgettable college experiences with the brods at UPLB were: Producing two play productions (i.e., Sigaw ng Bayan I and II) at the D.L. Umali Hall; participating in the Dual Meet (UPLB vs. Diliman); joining-in annual Fraternity activities like Gymkana, Feb Fair, Operation Big Brother, etc.; hanging-out at the campus Coop Tambayan, and of course jug-a-lug sessions with the brods.

Brod Chris says that being a member of the Central Committee and actively involved in numerous Fraternity activities during his college days was a great training ground for life (in general) after college. From interacting and engaging with different people from different walks of life to learning time management and communication, developing leadership skills, establishing a personal (and future professional) network, etc. are experiences that were the foundation of budding career. Fellowship with the Alumni brods was certainly a plus as they imparted their life experiences to us residents. "Our Betan Doctrines served as a guide and measuring stick on how I live my personal and professional life."

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Brod Chris is based and lives in Canada since 2009 with wife Kristy and son Kenzo and daughter Raine.

The third article is about Brod Cosme Santiago and his outstanding efforts in bringing medical assistance to indigent communities in the Philippines.

Brod Cosme graduated from UPLB in 1972 with a BS degree in Forestry. He entered the UPLB Beta Sigma Forestry Chapter in 1967 as member of its Batch Lucky 9. He was the fraternity's Grand Princep in 1972 to 1973.

He served as faculty member of the Philippines' Isabela State University College of Forestry in 1973 to 1981. He was a research assistant in 1978-1980 and subsequently became Classified Staff University of Washington at Seattle, Washington, USA, in 1986 to 2016. He was also Grand Princep of the Beta Sigma Fraternity Northwest USA in 2009-2014.

Brod Cosme is married and has 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

SIS MARY ANN PELAGIO SAYOC
UP Diliman Sigma Beta Batch '74C

NETHERLANDS AWARDS KNIGHTHOOD TO FILIPINA AGRI-ADVOCATE

MANILA, Philippines (April 26, 2021) – Ambassador Saskia de Lang honored Dr. Mary Ann Pelagio Sayoc by awarding her a Knighthood in the Order of Orange-Nassau in recognition of her tireless dedication in promoting The Netherlands relations with the Philippines.



In conferring this prestigious royal decoration, Ambassador de Lang said: "I am very proud to announce that it has pleased His Majesty King Willem-Alexander to award a Knighthood on a leading personality of the Dutch-Filipino community. It is a recognition of exceptional merit to The Netherlands."

The Philippines and The Netherlands have developed strong ties in the agri-food sector in the areas of trade, investments, agricultural technology and knowledge transfer. Dr. Sayoc in her various capacities has significantly contributed in realizing efforts aimed at transforming Philippine agriculture and boosting productivity of local farmers.

Dr. Mary Ann Sayoc is presently the public affairs lead for the East-West Seed Group (EWS), a Philippine company with

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SIS MARY ANN PELAGIO SAYOC '74C

Dutch roots having been founded by Dutch seedsman Simon Groot with Filipino seed trader Benito Domingo in 1982. Since its establishment EWS has become a dominant market leader in vegetable seeds in the Philippines and expanded its operations to countries in Asia and Africa.

She is also the chairperson on the Philippine Seed Industry Association (PSAI) and was instrumental in the involvement of Dutch expertise in the scoping mission on establishing the National Seed Technology Park (NSTP). The first step for the planned multi-year collaboration between the Philippines and the Netherlands on horticulture development.

Dr. Sayoc also heads the Philippine-Dutch Fellows Network, Inc., the alumni association of Filipino professionals who have studied in The Netherlands. Through PDFNI, she has been active in promoting Filipino-Dutch friendship and leveraging Dutch education in contributing to nation building.

Furthermore, Dr. Sayoc is a board member of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines Inc. - DCCP since 2014, together with a number of Dutch-Filipino companies. Through DCCP, she selflessly makes her knowledge and experience available to Dutch companies that are interested in doing business in the Philippines.

Prior to her move to the seed industry in 1998, Dr. Sayoc was involved with the International Training Center on Pig Husbandry (ITCPH), an institution created by The Netherlands government through Barneveld College and the Philippine government through the Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI).

The Order of Orange-Nassau is awarded to individuals for longstanding meritorious service to society.

BROD CHRIS MATEO
UPLB Batch '94A

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH FARMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS OFFICERS

Dr. Christopher Mateo, Senior Director, Innovation - Livestock Production with Sollio Agriculture was elected President of the Board of Directors for Cooperative Research Farms, during the April meeting of the CRF Board. Dr. Mateo joined Sollio in 2018 when Sollio Agriculture purchased Standard Nutrition

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BROD CHRIS MATEO '94A

Canada where he was employed since 2009, serving as Managing Partner; General Manager of the Northwest Region; and as the Director of Nutrition, Canada. Chris received his PhD from South Dakota State University in 2005 and his Master of Science degree was received in 2001 from the University of the Philippines at Los Baños. He also received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1997 from the University of the Philippines at Los Baños.

Dr. Mateo noted that *“I am grateful for the vote of confidence given to me by my fellow Board members. It is truly a great honor to serve Cooperative Research Farms in this capacity. I appreciate the steadfast contributions of the management team, research committee, research coordinators, and members that drive the success of this esteemed organization.”*



Also elected as Vice President was Mr. Todd Steen, Ruminant Nutritionist with Tennessee Farmers Cooperative. Todd has been involved in CRF for the past thirty years and an active member of multiple CRF Research Teams and Committees. Mr. Paul Kalmbach, Chief Executive Officer of Kalmbach Feeds, Inc. was elected Treasurer. Mr. Kalmbach has served on the CRF Board of Directors since 2003. CRF's General Manager Mr. David Ott was appointed Secretary by the Board. CRF is a multi-national organization of feed manufacturers in North America and Europe. For 67 years, CRF members have worked together conducting thousands of nutrition and management related research trials for the benefit of their customers. The members of CRF include Federated Co-operatives, Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Kalmbach Feeds, Inc., Upper Sandusky, Ohio; MiXscience, Bruz, France; Sollio Agriculture, Montreal, Quebec; and Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, LaVergne, Tennessee. The combined scope of the CRF membership represents 13 million metric tons of final feed equivalents, 45-member owned feed mills manufacturing feeds of the highest quality, 1,615 employees working to provide superior animal nutrition products and 93 highly skilled individuals employed in research, development, and technical support.

BROD COSME'S MISSION POSSIBLE

by Brod Bebong Arreza, DLSAUF

reprinted from the BETAN Newsletter, April 10, 2020

Seattle-based Brod Cosme Suguitan-Santiago is no M.D. but he has been crossing the Pacific every year to lead medical missions to his native land.



The UP Los Baños Batch '67 Beta Sigman estimates that the 20 missions he had organized over the past 15 years had served 40,000 poor patients for free.

To give you a mental picture of how big that is, imagine four Mall of Asia (MOA) Arenas packed to the rafters, or 800 buses crammed with passengers.

But there is a backstory to his “favorite hobby” that will tug the heartstrings.

Twenty years ago, the Masters in Forestry graduate of the University of Washington at Seattle and former research assistant in its College of Forestry, found himself diagnosed with the worst kind of cancer – of the pancreas, which has metastasized. After “hours-long multi-organ operation by the finest surgeons in the Pacific North-west,” he was given months to live. The day the news was broken to him was seared on his mind: Feb. 7, 2000.

Two decades later, hale and hearty, he jokingly considers Feb. 7 his birthday or death anniversary. When no Farewell Rites were held in his honor five years after his death sentence was read by his doctors, he began organizing medical missions to his homeland, “as a way of thanking the Lord for extending my contract of stay in this world.”

The first was in his late father’s hometown of Laoag in 2005, and he has since picked mission sites near to farmers. This is so because Brod Cosme grew up in Isabela in a hardscrabble farm by Ilocano parents who were sharecroppers.

In the Santiago household, food for the body was scarce but the mind was continually nourished by parents who drilled into it the lesson that education was their only ticket out of poverty. His father and mother, however, did not only bequeath work ethic on their offspring, they also gave them fatal cancer genes. In a luck akin to winning the supper lotto, Brod Cosme dodged this genetic fate. Many of his siblings sadly did not. In fact, when he was sucker punched by the cancer diagnosis in the dead of the Seattle winter a month into the new millennium, he was still grieving over his mother’s death from cancer months before.

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So when he began organizing medical missions, “it was to thank everybody and everything which conspired to give this promdi from Isabela a good life,” he says.

It also allowed him to tap “into the goodness of our brods who believe that it is indeed a great way of giving back to the country which gave us the talents to bloom on foreign soil.”

Soft-spoken and self-effacing, he is uncomfortable with praise. He even reluctantly granted his permission to print this piece. He downplays his role “as just one of the brods who make these missions possible. Foot soldier lang ako.”

But bringing “medicines and needed supplies” from the US and from Manila to the provinces is often an Army-like operation of bringing resources to the front.

“Isang taon ang preparation. We have to raise funds,” he recently said in a radio interview.

A typical mission costs \$10,000, he said. Of this, about \$2,000 is shouldered by the Beta Sigma North-West USA Assembly, now led by Brod Dr. Joel Sim, FEU Medicine '62. Friends and fraternity members from other states also chip in.

“But that amount does not include the out-of-pocket expenses of volunteers, some of whom are US-based Beta Sigman and Sigma Betan doctors and nurses,” Brod Cosme explains.

“Hindi pa kasama ang gastos ng hosts. Ito ang malaki rin. Buti na lang yung mga brods can be relied on for the ground work. This is the reason why they are part of the planning from Day One. We don't parachute into an area,” Brod Cosme says.

Organizing medical missions has honed his fund-raising charm, “Pag maganda ang layunin, klaro ang gastos, marami kang magiging suki.”

He also always lugs a camera, and many of his photos are bought, proceeds of which go to future missions.



Medical mission at Angadanan, Isabela in February 2013

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Reading the services offered by a typical medical mission would lead one to conclude that it is indeed a big-budget major production.

In the last one held in Dumalunao and Mahayag towns in Zamboanga del Sur last September, about 2,000 came for minor surgery, diagnostic, dental extraction, optometry, diabetes screening.

Two topnotch Beta Sigma lawyers also showed up, so what was originally a medical mission became a free legal aid clinic too.

He describes his age “as old but younger than our frat, which means if Beta Sigma is still active then why should a member like me slow down?”

On the drawing boards are missions to Bicol, Butuan and Magalang, Pampanga, the latter because “I’ve been invited by a former student of mine at the Isabela State University,” where he taught Forestry for seven years before migrating to the US in 1981.

“When I wake up every morning, I thank God for giving me the strength of doing things I love most,” he says.

And that is also the prayer of many brods for this kind soul who exemplifies “all that is good and noble in man.”



Ilocos Sur medical mission



Ilocos Sur 2013



Nueva Viscaya 2016



Nueva Viscaya medical mission



Romblon 2017

EIGHTEEN YEARS OF BIG BROTHERS' BOUNTY

by Dutch Aragones, Batch '78B



In 2003, some Los Baños elder brods based in North America responded to a call to support the residents' stage production "Katas ng Dubai". Philip Balagot'00c was GP and star of the play. They gladly came up with a one-page ad, *Katas ng Amerika*. From the collection there was an excess \$64 so a plan was hatched:

Why not use this as seed money to start another project?

How can the elders in America help in recruitment?

What incentives can we offer residents who can recruit?

The plan was simple:

- GP and Body select the deserving brods.
- Benefactors award \$300/semester/recipient.
- Recipient must recruit a brod within 2 semesters.
- Recipient must pass all subjects; high average grade is not required.

This incentive program is our commitment to make our Fraternity truly a **Brotherhood of Scholars**. It is also through this that parents of the residents may have a good impression of the UPLB Beta Sigma Fraternity. (Soon enough the parents of Mark Balane'06a told him that if he is to join an org, he should go with Beta Sigma as it is giving scholarships to its members.)

Thirteen pioneering brods signed up to get the project going:

Dutch Aragones'78b
Vee De Vera'67b
Ronnie Dimaano'80b RIP
Bob Lorenzo'78b
Olrac Malabanan'77c
Mark Nubla'79d
Val Palattao'72a
Pipoy Perez'94b
Bong Sabalvoro'80a
Erwin Salud'82e
Johnny Singh'68b RIP
Ernie Tremor'58 RIP
William Valdez'81c

All committed to donate \$20/sem to sustain this reward system on a long term basis. (But in due time donation was increased to \$25/sem).

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BIG BROTHERS' BOUNTY by Dutch Aragones '78B

The project was launched in the 2nd semester of AY 2003-2004. Eric Catangay'02c (BS Applied Math from Bataan) was the first recipient. In 2004 BBB boosters more than doubled as Vet Med brods signed up. Brods from Australia and Switzerland joined in 2005. By 2006 Philippine-based brods were part of the project, paving the way for more residents to avail of this opportunity.

BBB is now the longest running program of UPLB elders (18 years), next only to the residents' annual Operation Big Brother.

As a testament to BBB's relevance and success, there are already several BBB recipients who have graduated from UPLB. They in turn have pledged their own time and effort to become full time donor members, thus giving back and sharing fruits of their success with the same institution that has helped them achieve their academic goals.

For 2nd semester AY2020-2021, 6 residents were recipients, namely:

Tyrone Balaguer'16c BS Forestry
Angelo Del Rosario'20a BS AgEcon
Russel Kim Manicad'14c BS Forestry
Joash Cedrick Orozco'19a Certificate in Forestry
John Remo'18c Certificate in Forestry
Gian Marco Toledo'20a BS Applied Math

Thanks to 76 BBB Boosters who made this possible:

Mike Alcasid'79	Tomsac Criador'81
Jojo Alejar'79	Illie De Los Santos'84
Rogelio Ancheta'61	Rene De Rueda'64
Nick Angel'83	Julius Bruce Dimaano'99
Dutch Aragones'78	Ric Escobin'79
Paolo Arejola'85	Jojo Flores'12
Pat Atos'81	Ivan Fojas'91
Leo Balagot'69	Nick Galvez'69
Philip Balagot'00	Don Ganchorre'56
Caloy Belleza'64	Bing Garcia'64
Ryan Calma'98	Jim Gonzalvo'70
Larry Capupus'85	Alan Hamoy'79
Cris Catalla'84	Smiley Hernandez'74
Kire Catangay'02	Yoyoy Hernandez'80
Ponch Chan'99	Ely Hilario'69
Vee De Vera'67	Alex Jasmin'78
Jun Cornejo'75	Mar Lagua'67

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Rotsen Lawas'66	Ruben Panaligan'79
Thad Lawas'07	Pipoy Perez'94
Ned Leonor'79	Adrian Pinera'85
Rody Lintag'84	Ted Quijano'67
Boying Liwag'75	Maeng Ramirez'68
Joe Llames'61	JR Regadio'66
Darius Llanto'94	Janus Rojo'90
Bob Lorenzo'78	Rex Rosario'99
Alex Lustria'77	Dindo Rivera'60
Olrac Malabanan'77	Bong Sabalvoro'80
Joshua Malana'08	Erwin Salud'82
Jun Mamaril'80	Jun Samaniego'85
Mario Manzano'85	Nikki Samaniego'79
Chris Mateo'94	Eric Santos'82
Waldo Miranda'79	Joven Serna'63
Mark Nubla'79	Plato Tirol'78
Jon Ocampo'03	Allan Torneros'89
Adel Oviedo'78	William Valdez'81
Ting Oviedo'83	Darwin Valenciano'93
Marvic Pacoma'00	Ric Velasco'67
Val Palattao'72	

Brod Dindo Rivera'60 is also the sponsor of a special project to honor the legacy of a group of brods who struggled academical-ly but had the perseverance and fortitude to stick it out and earn their degrees. For the 4-year course they were enrolled, it usu-ally took them an average of 5 years and most summers to fin-ish. The "Grove Continental Togs" were **Brods Eto Oliva '56, Jess Pido '57, Jimmy Lagdameo '58, Albert Chiongbian '59, Rudy Ortega '59 and Dindo Rivera '60**, named so be-cause they rented a house at Grove, where lots of brods used to hang-out.

Collectively, these brods were devoted members of the fraterni-



ty and despite being care-free, fully enjoying fraternity and college life, they did so in accordance with the prin-ciples of The Beta Sigma Fraternity. All these brods became very successful in their respective business, professional endeavors and lives after their college days.

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BIG BROTHERS' BOUNTY by Dutch Aragon '78B

Dindo Rivera is honoring these brods and other Los Baños Betans who were not quite scholarly types with a special scholarship grant, as a fitting reminder that grades of 5's do not close the door to a successful life after college. It is how you follow the principles of the brotherhood, how to be humble but street smart and apply these as we embark life after college.

This school year's recipient is GP Rainier Ambrosio'12b (BS Agriculture), receiving the peso equivalent of \$400.

On the other hand, Brod Dr. Bong Sabalvoro'80 continues to give back to our fraternity and at the same time honor his late father with the Dr. Eugenio Sabalvoro Sr.'53 Memorial Grant, administered through BBB. Resident Brod John Gil Borela'12e (BA Multimedia Studies) is the recipient of this special grant.

In the offing for next school year is the John Singh'68 Memorial Grant. The late Brod John Singh was active in BBB, not only as a pioneer donor to our scholarship program but as a generous donor to all other calls for help. For this reason, he is being honored with this special grant.

The same memorial grants were done for our late Brod Ernie Tremor'58 and Brod Nong Fred Aquino'57.



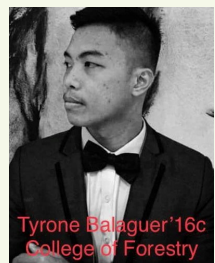
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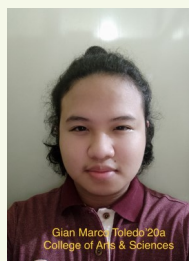
Tyrone Balaguer'16c
College of Forestry



John Angeles Remo'18c
College of Forestry



Josiah Cedrick Orozco'19a
College of Forestry



Gian Marco Toledo'20a
College of Arts & Sciences



Angelo Del Rosario'20a
College of Economics & Mgt

BBB awardees this semester



First BBB awardee Brod Eric Macatangay '02C

MY BETAN JOURNEY: THE FIVE PRINCIPLES

by Jonas H. Tetangco '93A

(Reprinted from "Footnotes to Everyday," Facebook blog, January 23, 2021)



My Beta Sigma journey began 28 years ago, when I made what I consider as my first adult decision.

As a college freshman, despite the disapproval of my parents, I joined the Fraternity. I was 16 years old. It was one of the best decisions of my life.

Beta Sigma was the best training ground for young men like me, the Fraternity prepared us well for life. It set us up for success no matter the path we chose. It provided learning experiences and gave us skills that proved very valuable as soon as we joined the workforce.

Key competencies like interpersonal communication skills, problem-solving, critical thinking, decision-making, negotiation skills, teamwork and leadership. All these I learned from the Fraternity, all these became part of my strengths as a manager, as a leader.

But more than the skills and leadership training, what was even more important was embodying the doctrines of the Fraternity. Foremost among these were our Betan Principles.

The five principles of the Fraternity were not merely words we had to memorize in order to pass the initiation, they were tenets that we had to live by. A code that every Betan must embody, ideals that serve as our moral compass.

As neophytes and resident members, what was emphasized in our indoctrination was how these principles would apply inwardly to the Fraternity. How we must always be ready to extend brotherly love to every Betan; how we must protect the integrity of the Fraternity and not cast dishonor upon its name; how we should remain loyal to the Fraternity 'til death; that we must treat every brother equally with respect; and we must give service to the Fraternity and our community.

However, after University, what I learned is that it is more important to apply these principles outwardly, beyond the Fraternity. Doing so makes it more alive and meaningful. Thereby making our being Betans truly relevant.

Let me to share how I endeavor to apply these principles in everyday life.

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Brotherhood

Create strong bonds with people, treat everyone like they are your brothers – with respect, with understanding, with compassion.

Because we know what true brotherhood is, we must allow others to experience it through us. This way, they will know how it feels not to be alone. They will know what it is like to trust and to be trusted. They will experience what it is like to be respected, and learn how to respect in return.

Having strong relationships is important, how we relate with other people often determines how far we will go in life, and how truly successful we can be.

More importantly, extending brotherly love is a fulfillment of God's commandments.

Integrity

Integrity is one principle that I take very seriously. Valuing our name, credibility and reputation is our one true legacy in this life. When everything around us falls and crumbles, our name and reputation, if well-guarded, will remain intact and that will be what will bring us out of the rubble.

It is important to always endeavor to do good and to give your best, especially when no one is looking. Because people will notice and because a Supreme Being is always looking and watching over what we do.

Integrity had been one of my most important investments.



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Loyalty

Be loyal to the institutions we work for, serve them faithfully, regardless of their flaws and shortcomings. It will reflect negatively on us if you speak ill of the company that clothes and feeds us.

No organization will ever be perfect, because man is not perfect and man runs these organizations. Also, because man's expectations are often unrealistic.

So if you work for a flawed organization, build your influence and endeavor to change it from within. Often this is much easier said than done, but the least we can do is to genuinely try.

In doing so, we are showing loyalty to our organization. We are doing our part in making it better than how we found it.

If after we have exerted all effort and we've accepted that we can no longer stand the situation we are in, let us show loyalty by leaving with our relationships intact.

Moreover, it is also equally important to show loyalty to people, not only those above us, but also those under us.

Loyalty is best expressed when the person is absent. Courage and honor is best exhibited when you can tell a person face-to-face, what others might only be able to say behind their backs.

It is hard to trust a man who shows no loyalty. Always be loyal.

Equality

We must treat every man as our equal, regardless of their status in life. Rich or poor, educated or not, fully-abled or disabled.

God created all men equal, in his own image, in his liking, with a purpose.

Some of us were more fortunate in the circumstances we were born in. But this does not give us the license to treat others who are less fortunate than us differently.

Instead, we must use our privilege to help in equalizing the playing field.

We must be advocates and exemplars of equal opportunities, of fighting for those who have less in life, of cultivating social justice. Be it in our own work places or communities, or in a higher

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field of public service or spiritual calling. We need not be activists to take part in social change, we just need to be enlightened, we just need compassion.



Service

Give service to those who need them most. Help the poor and less privileged, whenever there is an opportunity to do so.

This can be done through charities, outreach programs, voluntary activities. Through sharing of our time, resources and skills towards improving the lives of people or communities.

Anything that will fill a need in the lives of the less fortunate, any act that will make them feel that we care. That is service.

We must encourage service amongst our peers, in our families, amongst ourselves.

Learn to pay it forward. There is nothing more gratifying than knowing that we helped someone. There is nothing more heartwarming and humbling than to see the smiles of people whose lives we touched even in a small way.

Remember that as we give service to others, we do so as well to our Creator, as such we are answering to a higher calling.

Brotherhood, Integrity, Loyalty, Equality, Service - these are the principles of the Beta Sigma Fraternity. But more than that, these ideals are the barometer from which I measure myself against.

These are my mantra. I shall forever remain.

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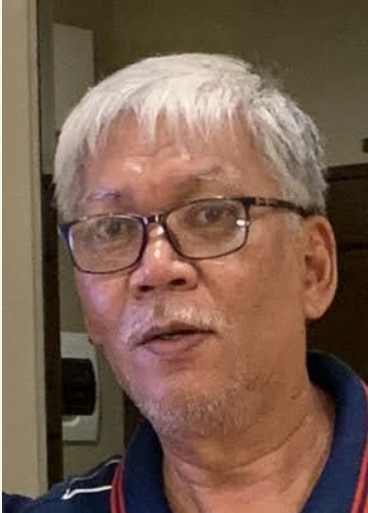
1 / This year, in commemoration of the 75th year of the U.P. Beta Sigma Fraternity, I intend to write a series of blog entries about my journey as a Beta Sigman.

2 / I was accepted into the Fraternity on January 23, 1993. At the break of dawn on that Saturday, together with my batchmates, we received the light of truth and we pledged to always seek it.

3 / I AM A BETA SIGMA AND PROUD OF IT.

LOOKING BACK

by Toto E. Sarrosa, Batch '69C



My UPCA story/journey, did not start June of '69, but summer of '68. I just completed my 3rd year in high school, when my father sent me to Los Baños, Laguna for a familiarization tour. Stayed around three days at Men's Dorm, with my first cousin, Alberto E. Escurel, who was conducting his thesis at that time. He was a member of the Pi Omicron fraternity & met a couple of his brods. My routine was swimming in the morning at Baker Hall & the rest of the day was spent going around the campus, while my cousin was concentrating on finishing his thesis. That includes going to crossing & watching a movie on my own.

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My last year in High School was uneventful since I already knew that I would be pursuing an Agricultural Engineering degree at UPCA, as decreed by my father. My mother though wanted me to enter the PMA, as some of her cousins were also in the military. The problem was, I couldn't even take the entrance examination, simply because I was only turning fifteen (15), by the time I graduate, in H.S..

So from Ateneo de Davao H.S., I found myself back at UPCA, June 1969, and by 07 September, became a member of our Beloved Fraternity, The U.P. Beta Sigma Fraternity, batch '69c 'Young Turks'! Thanks to my sponsor, Brod Vicente Montoya Tupaz '67, also an Ilongo, who saw in me, my potential.

Let's not forget though, to give thanks, to The Great Architect of the Universe, for making all these possible!

Editor's Note:

In October 2020, Brods Toto Sarrosa and Ed Carandang (both Batch '69) founded the UPLB Betans Tumbleweeds Viber Group (TVG). At present, the TVG has 144 members.

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PART 2 - The Process of Becoming a UPLB Beta Sigman

It was that particular Sunday evening the 2nd week of September 1954, after getting off our train ride to College and while walking home with two Betans Oca Siasoco (Batch '54, well known in campus as "Chop-Chop") and John "Sonny" Mendoza, Batch '54¹ we three aspirants



to the Beta Sigma Fraternity Angel Mendoza, Frankie Colanta and I were given the unwritten prerequisites to join the Brotherhood of the Beta Sigma Fraternity.

They told us that we had to apply and start in the fraternity as "slaves" and when accepted, pass thru the crucible of the initiation.

A. The Preliminaries and Requirements

I had a general idea of the initiation from what I witnessed last semester from the behavior of the student upperclassmen in our residential bungalows.

Here's what I remember. Sometime walking on our way before reaching Palma Bridge, Brod Tony Bautista, Batch '54 riding his bike, caught up with us to inform me that I can start having my meals at their boarding house, which was managed by Mommy Bautista, Tony's mother. Much later, I transferred to their boarding house upon the advice (and with a little arm twisting) of Oca Siasoco, and Pablo Burgos Jr., so that I will be acquainted with more Betans.

So now, Tony on his bike joined us to our bungalow residence. Oca Siasoco invited us to bungalow no. 4 to further discuss the subject we were talking about. When we reached bungalow 4 a bottle of Tanduay rum magically appeared. When told about our concern, Brod Boy (Felipe Doneza, Batch '51)² who was at home then, took over our impromptu briefing and immediately started to tell us about the prerequisites of being "slaves" of the Beta Sigma Fraternity. Boy was the most senior Betan at the bungalow residences at that time. He repeatedly emphasized that what we are applying for the privilege of becoming "slaves"

¹ After his graduation, Sonny Mendoza took up medicine at the University of the East and became a well-known Doctor in Palawan.

² Became a sales manager at the San Miguel Corporation.

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and undergoing the period of slavery known as the initiation and that surviving that period was up to us “slaves”. So first was the academic requirement. You had to be a bona fide student of the College of Agriculture with at least 45 college units credits and a grade of 2.5 or better, male and in good physical condition. At that time initiations were still open. “Slaves” or “amuyongs,” or neophytes wore pins or badges to identify them from the general student population.

The UP administration was then starting to tighten the rules and required candidates to pass a routine physical medical exam by the administration. During the initiation period there was also provision that the administration can call for medical and physical exams of the candidates.

The second set of requirements were the special talents that the candidates possessed. Foremost were qualities for leadership and popularity in the campus and in campus politics. At that time the fraternities in UP were in a death struggle against the UPSCA (UP Student Catholic Action) then personally led by Father Delaney the official Chaplain of the University of the Philippines. Father Delany wrote a column for the Manila Times newspaper and openly criticized the authorities especially that of the University of the Philippines for its laxity on the issues on initiations. Because of this, the issues against initiations were aired on the media and were used as political issue against the Greeks, as the fraternities were called by the media that time. In the Diliman campus, this political climate caused a *quid pro quo* attitude among the fraternities during campus elections with the Greeks forming a loose phalanx versus Fr. Delaney’s UPSCA.

However, student politics at the Los Baños campus was still a contest between the two Greek lettered fraternities (Beta Sigma vs. Upsilon). The local UPSCA chapter did not have any political clout. It was left at the sideline waiting to grab the opportunity to gain the upper hand. At the moment, any of the two fraternities that posted a charismatic candidate can garner votes from the rank and file of the UPSCA.

Oratorical and writing skills were also much desired assets for a Beta Sigma applicant. These were the talents that were supposed to assure you to be short listed as candidates for membership in the fraternity. At that time, the college student paper, the AGGIE GREEN and GOLD, was edited by Brod Richard

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Jacaria, Batch '53.

If you have a good singing voice and can carry a tune, and especially if you had participated in musical productions in high school, these were assets that will help shortlist you.



However, it did not end there.

Boy Doneza told us that if we are really determined to enter the Beta Sigma Fraternity and as we have told them we did not have any special talents nor a pretty face, we should file our application now fill up the form, include handwritten letter with our class schedules and give it to the Fraternity Secretary, Dave Canet, Batch '54. In addition, we were to know and be familiar with all the resident members, all the brods of the faculty and the staff of the non-academic division of the College.

Throwing your hat in the ring this early, you risk being subjected to light initiation by some over eager brothers. While this is not supposed to be sanctioned, it happens. The plus part for this is that the Fraternity by initiating you even lightly shows you its approval.

Boy Doneza also told Angel and me that there was an unwritten rule they observed as residents of the bungalows. At the upperclassmen bungalows especially 4 and 5, billeting was restricted only to Betans. Since we were fraternity applicants, we could be accommodated. However, we had to leave the bungalows if we did not make it past the initiation.

So I will be at bungalow 4 and Angel in 5. Boy Doneza also told us that the bungalows were the unofficial Frat house (bungalow No 4 is the central initiation and “slaughter” house known only to the resident members and some selected brods in the faculty). Boy then opened the rum bottle and we emptied it in two rounds.

B. Undergoing the Process

The next morning Oca, Steve Castillo, Pabs and I walked from our bungalows to take breakfast at Mommy Bautista's house near the college gate. On that day, we walked together with these Betans who were regular boarders at Mommy Bautista's:

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Joseph Madamba, Batch '53³, Juan “Johnny” Quijano, Batch '52⁴, and Tony Guzman, Batch '54⁵.

This was my first day of boarding and meals with Mommy Bautista's. There I met Dave Gorrez, Batch '52⁶, Ciriaco “Cherry” Divinagracia, Batch '53⁷ and his brother “Jun,”⁸ and their younger sister Fe Divinagracia-Laysa, Sigma Beta Batch '56⁹ and Adelina “Lina” Marfori, Sigma Beta Batch '55¹⁰.

Jun was obviously an aspiring applicant like me since he kissed the hand of Boy, Joseph and Dave and he knows about me. Jun and I were not allowed to eat with the group. We were assigned a place in the kitchen that will be our spot during the duration of our initiation. In there Jun briefed me on how to be a good “slave.” With *adlibs* from Tony¹¹, who being the son of Mommy Bautista and as the self-appointed *maitre d*, assured us of extra portions of food.

Thus begun my journey to the fraternity. I was assigned to give Lina and Fe their house slippers on entering Mommy Bautista's house for their meals as Mommy Bautista did not allow shoes in her boarding house. Then Jun and I were to wait until everybody was served. Then we went to our designated place in the kitchen and started eating. We had to finish our meals before Joseph and Dave who were the slow eaters and at times when there are flies sharing our food, Jun and I took turns on the

³ After teaching at the UP, he became the Director of SEARCA.

⁴ He married Amparo Pagulayan, the popular and attractive nurse at the UP Infirmary. He now resides in California USA)

⁵ After graduation, Tony entered and graduated from the Phil, Air force Flying school.

⁶ One of the well-known Betan Brothers who is also the father of David “Ducky” Gorrez '82c

⁷ Cherry retired as president of Camarines State College of Agriculture.

⁸ Delfin “JUN,” Divinagracia, Batch '55, served 3 terms as elected Mayor of Pili, Camarines Sur.

⁹ Fe Divinagracia-Laysa, UPLB Sigma Beta '57 served and retired as Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture, Region V.

¹⁰ Lina Marfori would become the Sweetheart of the fraternity in 1957-58. She served and retired as provincial treasurer of Laguna.

¹¹ “TONY” batch '54 is Lieut. Col. Antonio M. Bautista, former member of the Philippine Air force Blue Diamonds. He was killed in action in Jolo, Sulu. The Col. Antonio Bautista Air force base at Puerto Princesa, Palawan was named after his honor.

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Joseph Madamba was recently graduated and was my laboratory instructor in Animal Husbandry 2. I had to go with him every Wednesday after lunch to our classes and ended up being his assistant in the course.

Later I found out that the house next door to our boarding house was the Aspiras Dormitory. In this dormitory, Mr. Aspiras' two sons, Marcelo and Roger, both Batch '54 and 10 other Betans to whom I was introduced by Hawards Alonzo. Both Cherry and Jun Divinagracia were also residents there.

The following Friday, Frankie and I decided to go home to our Manila residences. After classes, I went back to the bungalow to get my Rucksack and there on the balcony of bungalow 1, the Grand Princep of the Fraternity Ignacio "Pop" Amador asked how we have been. After a few minutes of pleasantries, he started interrogating me. He said he heard talks among the brods about my being subjected to initiation by the brods in the bungalows. He said this was not allowed. He started telling me and warning me that if I were caught withholding information or lying he would ill reject me during the final selection of the fraternity aspirants. He finished the interrogation by warning me not to tell anybody about his talk with me and that if interrogated by others about his visit, I was to tell them that he was asking me to draw a map for him. He even told me to wait before leaving.

A while after Pop Amador left I took off for Mommy Bautista's boarding house. At the Palma bridge Boy and Oca were waiting for me and the two asked me why I was visited by Pop Amador, that maybe I reported I was already being initiated and that I implicated Oca, Tony Bautista and Joseph.

Oca was very mad and even threatened me with rejection. I denied this of course and we went on towards our boarding house. Later Oca seemed to calm down but cautioned me about keeping my mouth shut. At lunch I was further grilled by Dave Gorrez asking what I told Pop Amador warning me that if he found the truth, not only would I be rejected but he would surely make things difficult for me. Everybody in that boarding house was giving me the killing stare, even Pabs and Tony Bautista. To cap the whole thing Pop Amador came and talked briefly with Joseph then gave me a nod and left I ate my

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lunch and with my army rucksack amidst silence from the Betans eating I went down to catch a ride to Junction where I caught up with Frankie. We took the bus and together we exchanged information on the bus home. It seemed that Frankie's assignment was not that bad with Richard Jacaria. Richard had "acquired" Frank as his man Friday and asked him do stuffs for Richard's Aggie Green and Gold the editorial office most of the time. I didn't tell him about my incident with Pop Amador. This incident kept hanging over my head like the proverbial sword of Damocles all thru out until the finals.

Meanwhile back at the College, the initiation activities became routine. When we prepared to go home to Manila for the Christmas holidays Boy Doneza told us there were already more than a hundred applicants in the Beta Sigma fraternity. This was not encouraging news specially when he told us that there would only be 30 applicants to be taken in. It was the Monday after the Epiphany that I went back to College. I was three days early because Oca called me up and told me that he and I were recruited by Salvador "Badong" Locsin, Batch '52 to help him prepare some posters for the Fraternity. It was whispered around that he was a terror during initiations. Oca told me after lunch to go ahead and proceed to the Gonzales Dorm where he lived. He gave me instructions in hand printing the posters while he was practicing on the punching bag. Later in the day, Pop Amador came and just glared at me.

There at the Gonzales Dorm I met more Betans. As the semester progressed, we came to be aware of other applicants to the Beta Sigma Fraternity. I came to know of Romy Dilagt†, Batch '55 and Romy Dizon†, Batch '55. They were my co-cadets in our ROTC platoon. Also at ROTC, I met other Betans and applicants. Our platoon leader Lieut. Archimedes Handog, Batch '53 knew we were applicants since he sees us with Boy Doneza and other Betans at the Coop. Our company commander Capt. Fidel Madlansacay, Batch '54 at bungalow no. 1 and everybody knew that Angel and I were Beta Sigma aspirants and our Housemate Cesar Ramos was aspiring to be a Pepsi (as the Upsilon were known).

Time goes fast when you are busy and by the middle of March, Oca told me, Angel and Frankie to report to Ricarte "Ric" Abejuela, Batch '54 that evening at bungalow 4 by 7:30. When we came to bungalow 4, there was a small crowd of students

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waiting. We joined them and when Dave Canet and Ric Abejuela arrived. They asked those present to sign the attendance sheet. Later Pop Amador came with the Grand Counselor Andy Goseco, Batch '50. They told us that there were already 160 applicants and there will be a final selection when we come back for the first semester sophomore year 1955.

By the end of the 2nd semester and the final exams were finished and after completing term papers, laboratory reports and completing whatever was graded "incomplete" and thus being assured of enrollment for Sophomore year, Angel and I were assisted by Oca, and Tony Bautista to transfer our things to the upperclassmen bungalows. The following day we went home for summer vacation with the strong advice from Boy Doneza to come back at least 1 week before enrollment,

C. The Finals: Here we come!

That summer I physically prepared for the impending event by helping at my grandfathers' salt beds and by the last week of May, Oca Siasoco who previously called came to pick me up in his jeep to return to College. He had with him Frankie Colanta Conrad Nora and Sonny Mendoza.

Editor's Note:

Watch Part 3 of this journey in the forthcoming issue of this newsletter.



Nutmeg Imperial Pigeon... Artwork by Brod Popoy Castañeda

THE TUMBLEWEEDS IN THE COLLEGE RODEO

by Ulysses M. Lustria '60 and Freddy Fajardo '64
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History of the College Rodeo

Rodeo, a peculiar and rugged sport, was initiated in 1956 by the late **Brod Joseph C. Madamba** in the department of animal husbandry, UP College of Agriculture (UPCA). A fresh BSA graduate then, who during his college years was the captain and letterman of the college football varsity team, Brod Joe joined the department as instructor, and was responsible for conceiving such a strenuous game in the then UPCA.

The game is an adaptation of that which started in the Wild West, in the days of the open range. Ranch hands, after having been paid for the hard work of rounding up cattle from the range, or the long drive of herds, would usually bet among themselves on their individual prowess on bronco riding and calf roping while on horseback. This came naturally to men who spent their lives riding half-wild horses and chasing wholly-wild cows. Riding and roping contests were much awaited games for them. This competition, when transferred to the arena became known as the Wild West Rodeo.

The college rodeo was one of class activities in Animal Husbandry 103 (Cattle and Carabao Husbandry), a summer short course offered in the department of animal husbandry, UPLBCA handled by Brod Joe Madamba. Its three laboratory classes were attended by the first three rodeo teams formed and coached by department instructors: **Brod Joseph Madamba**, **Moises de Guzman**, and **Brod Lino Nazareno**. Among the first cowboys, who were either students or faculty of the department were **Brod Ernesto Rigor**, **Valentino Argañosa**, **Benedicto Parker**, **Orlando Palad** and **Brod Vicente Momoñgan**. **Benedicto Parker**, a student assistant then, was the first rodeo announcer.

The subject Animal Husbandry 103 became Animal Husbandry 120, and then renamed as Animal Science 120, and has remained the principal training ground for men and women who enjoy this rugged college rodeo sport. Later, the department became part of the Institute of Animal Science and together with the Dairy Training and Research Institute (DTRI) became part of the Animal and Dairy Science Cluster (ADSC) of the UPLB College of Agriculture, which is now part of the autonomous UP at Los Baños.



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In various occasions, the sport was called different names: UP-CA Livestock and Poultry Day, College Rodeo, UPLBCA's Rodeo, *Rodeo sa UPLB* or simply Rodeo. In 1983, **Brod Uly Lustria** coined it *Pinoy* Rodeo, a name then sneered at as *baduy*, but was the name preferred and adopted in campus.

Pinoy rodeo has become a tradition in UPLB, and has evolved as a Filipino sport in the UPLB College of Agriculture. Copied by other outfits and institutions in substance and style, including the rules of the game, it's indisputable, that in the Philippines, *Pinoy* rodeo has its roots and home in the UPLB College of Agriculture.

The Rodeo Teams

Students who finished ANSCI 120 brought home to their respective organizations their rodeo skills and enthusiasm. The succeeding years saw the emergence of teams represented by student groups. The UPLB **Beta Sigma Fraternity** had a team called **Tumbleweeds** (1960) that saw many glorious rodeo years. The **Ranchers** and the **Feathers** (1960) of the then animal science-based organizations, the Ranchers Club and Poultry Raisers Club, respectively, were pioneer rodeo teams.

In the late 50's and early 60's, UPLB Betans who made good names in rodeo were Brods Jess Pido, Rodeo 63 team captain Rudy Ortega, coach Johnny Abilay, Dandy Gorrez, Billy Dormal, Kuya Domingo, Frank Parrera, Ando Roman, Bert Chiongbian, Joe Fernandez, Joshua Demerre, Mon Somosa, Alexis Tan; and Rodeo 64 team captain, Gabi Viterbo, co-captain Louie Alano, coach Maning Arejola, Freddie Fajardo, Gabi Gonzales, Necito Lustina, Pete Maines, Tony Frio, Ernie Maximo, Andy Sibayan, Art Soriano, Bob dela Torre, among others.



Umagang Kay Ganda '08 Live TV Show featuring the Tumbleweeds

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In the 60's and 70's, UPLB teemed with rodeo talents. Students' organization singly or in partnerships formed rodeo teams. In 1963, the Varrons listed in the **Rough Riders** (1963). In 1964, five organizations, the Labay, Alpha Phi Omega, Upsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Sigma and UPSCA united to form a very strong team, the **Men of the Mavericks**. In 1968, Doming Discaya and **Brod Uly Lustria** organized the formidable **Ramblers** of the UP *Sarong Banggi*. In 1969, UPSCA merged with the Poultry Raisers to form the **UPSCA-Feathers**. The Casanovans or Grange of the UPLB International House formed a team with the suggestive name **Hi-men Wreckers** in 1974. The **Rare Breed** of the Espaleklek was formed in 1975. The Ranchers, because of its many rodeo talents, fielded another team, the **Wranglers**, in 1963 to allow greater exposure of its members. The **UP Round Up** surfaced in 1990, and the **Incredible Bulls** in 1994. Each of the team had its taste of glory in this kind of sport.



The **Tumbleweeds**, skippered by **Brod Freddie Fajardo**, with **Brod Leo Balagot** as co-captain and coached by **Brod Tony Ordoveza** won the coveted championship crown in the 1974 Rodeo (see picture below). Included in the team were: Edwin Antonio, Del Ganapin, George Gines, Butch Cariño, Mac Arriola, Manolo Banzon, Del Ganapin, Tony Fajardo, Nelson Genito, Nestor Lawas, Buddy Mabesa, Viven Marfori, Jess Monzon, Noel Paje, Tony Pusag, Pedrito Revilleza, Alex Rivera, Louie Ronquillo, Efren Sabularse, Herbert Ticzon, Tony Velasco, Guy Romualdez and Archie Macatangay, among others, with Millet Cantos as Muse. Tied for second place were the IH Hi-Men Wreckers and the Wild Bunch, while the Rough Riders was third place. Miss Lisbeth de Padua, muse of the IH Hi-Men Wreckers was crowned the Rodeo Queen '74.



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In 1984, **Brod Greg Villanoy**, who was the captain of the **Tumbleweeds** became the cattle bareback riding champion although the Ranchers was the over-all winner and the **Tumbleweeds** was 3rd over-all champion. Brod Greg's co-captain then was **Brod Theodore Tongacan** and the coaches were **Brods Alexis Domingo** and **Freddie Fajardo**. Some of the team members were Brods Jojo Alejar, Joseph Criador, Roger Barroga, Nick Angel, Muloy Eala, Jr., Ned Leonor, Dave Gorrez, Chito Velecina, Ric Escobin, Yoyoy Hernandez, Randy Maligaya, Jun Mamaril, Jun Ramos, William Valdez, and Mark Nubla, among others.

In the early 90's, the UP Animal Science Society and the UP Concordia Scientia Animalis, now recognized as IAS-based student organizations joined the other rodeo teams. Their membership was exclusive to animal science majors. The Ranchers Club was reclassified as University-based organization. The UPASS started as a team in partnership with AS 120 in Rodeo 91, the last invitational. The UPCSA started to join in Rodeo 94. Also in Rodeo 94, the UP CVM fielded two teams – the **Rodeans** and the **Rodeo Club**.

Rodeo Events

The major rodeo events included the “cattle events”: branding, lassoing, castration, casting down, wrestling, ear notching and bareback riding. In earlier years, carabaos were used, but now mainly bovines are used.

The chaotic *carambola* or scramble was introduced in 1975. In this event, all teams with four contestants each rush simultaneously to a group of wild-eyed, shocked yearlings, to grab with bare hands and to tie their animals down. Like in western rodeo, it had always been the cattle bare back riding that awed and thrilled both the audience and the players. Rodeo men con-



Bareback riding

sidered this as the ultimate test of their courage and skills. The **greatest cattle bareback rider** in the history of UPLB *Pinoy* rodeo was **Brod Bob dela Torre**, of the **Tumbleweeds**, Rodeo 64, who did a dangerous act as seen by the rodeo organizers. Thereafter, in the *Pinoy* Rodeo of 1999, the cattle bareback riding was removed from the list of the events.

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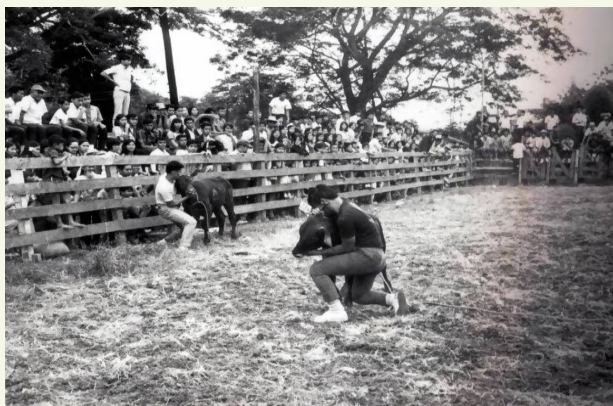
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The college rodeo has been a public demonstration of class (laboratory) activities. Since the early 60's, other animal husbandry practices were included: judging beef and dairy cattle, pigs and poultry; castrating and ear notching pigs, and caponizing cockerels to widen student participation. Chicken dressing and cattle hempen halter making were also added. In the mid-60's, wood chopping using ax, wooden post making and piling, and 50-kg. load carrying were included. These were typical Filipino farm tasks that simulated chopping of firewood, fencing farm lots and carrying sacks of rice or paddy on the shoulders. All had local farm values requiring knowledge, strength and stamina. Some tasks separated the boys from the men, but all these made it a truly *Pinoy* sport.

The festive mood of the occasion was something the audience and participants looked forward to where there was audience participation in fun contests like egg catching, milk drinking, greased pig catching, and estimating piglet weight and number of eggs in a basket.

The Tumbleweeds in National Sports Events

In the annual Livestock and Poultry week held by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) of the Department of Agriculture, activities called "Demonstration on the Different Livestock Talents" were included in its Rancher's Day. Cattle events, such as, riding, lassoing, calf wrestling, throwing down large cattle, branding, ear notching, and castration were done. Used to be held in Pandacan, Manila, this event has now been conducted in other parts of the country. Although considered as a "demonstration," it was actually a rodeo contest. Here in UPLB, student rodeo buffs met teams from Central Luzon State University, Gregorio Araneta University Foundation, UP College of Veterinary Medicine and BAI and some ranch cowhands.



In 1964, at the BAI Livestock & Poultry Fair National Rodeo in Urdaneta, Pangasinan **Brod Uly Lustria** won the bull bareback riding championship.

Calf lassoing and wrestling

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In 1974, **Brod Ulysses Lustria** and Franklin Aglibut coordinated the “**First Marlboro-Greenhills Roundup**,” held at the Greenhills Shopping Center compound in San Juan, Rizal as a public service of Ortigas & Co. Seven UPLB teams composed of students and alumni namely, the Hi-men Wreckers, Sarong Banggi Ramblers, Ranchers, Rough Riders, Mavericks, **Tumbleweeds** and Wild Bunch played. An American team, the Sacramento Cowboys, composed of Clark Airbase American servicemen showed their skills and talents to the locals. Other local teams were the experienced BAI Selection and the cowhands of the Ortigas Ranch. The Betan’s **Tumbleweeds** with **Brods Freddie Fajardo** as team captain, **Leo Balagot**, co-captain and **Rudy Abad**, as playing coach clinched the championship trophy. **This must be the first national Pinoy rodeo where the Tumbleweeds won the first national rodeo championship.**

At the First “*Rodeo sa Philcite*” held in March 1984, that was sponsored by the Federation of Cattle Raisers’ Association of the Philippines and the Philippine Livestock and Poultry Department Foundation, the UPLB sent a team composed of the cream of the **Tumbleweeds** and the Ranchers Club. Skippered by **Brod Renato “Yoyoy” Hernandez** and coached by **Brod Uly Lustria**, the team brought home the championship crown beating the CLSU and GAUF teams.

The Invitational Rodeo

The UPLB Rodeo’s popularity had its peak in 1974 in two events held in a two-week interval. It was held annually until 1975, when organizers found it too taxing for the host and with the lack of resources such as cattle, the next rodeo was held two years later.

In UPLB Rodeo held on March 5, 1977, the **Tumbleweeds** was captained by **Brod Danny Ticsay** and coached by **Brod Oscar Lawas**. Three weeks later, the Rodeo of March 27, 1977 ushered in the invitational. A UPLB selection of rodeo buffs composed of battle-tested alumni competed against outsider teams from the BAI, Araneta University, UP Vet Med, Junior Chamber of Cattle Raisers of the Philippines and the Bancom Farm Services Corp. UPLB tied with UP Vet Med for the first place. Other invitationals were held in 1979 and 1981, with the alumni taking up the cudgels for the UPLB.



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After four years, with barely a memory of the rodeo in the minds of students, *Rodeo '88 sa UPLB* was held on June 18, 1988 to celebrate the 79th anniversary of the founding of the UPCA and the 5th year of the IAS to add attraction to the CA Week. The rodeo was invitational, the teams were composed of students and employees of their respective schools or agencies. The **Tumbleweeds** led by **Brods Chito Reynoso**, **Nestor Lawas** and **Theodore Tongacan**, and the Ranchers Club met the challenge posed by teams from CLSU, PAC, GAUF and the BAI. Line-up members of the **Tumbleweeds** were Brods Freddie Fajardo, Eric Cariaso, Pao Arejola, Jun Samaniego, Ric Escobin, and Jojo Alejar. The teams from CLSU and PAC coveted the first and second place, respectively while the Ranchers placed third.

Rodeo sa UPLB '90 was another invitational. The joining teams included the Ranchers, the **Tumbleweeds**, and a second team of the Ranchers, the Roundup while the non-UPLB teams were from CLSU, PAC and GAUF. The CLSU was champion team with the Ranchers, second.

Rodeo sa UPLB '91 held on June 19, 1991, was the last invitational. The **Tumbleweeds** was coached by **Brod Chito Reynoso**, team members Thad Arejola, Arnel Bandian, Danilo Pascual, Remberth Cabangbang, Roderick Enalbes, Pet Alcasid, Edward Sunico, Fredz Gatchalian, Dennis Salingbay, and Ericson Gayahan. The Wrangler's Rodeo Club Philippines Inc. was the champion, the Ranchers was second and the merged UPASS-AS 120, third. Other teams that played were: Belman Laboratories, Fatima Medical Science Foundation Inc, PAC.

The invitational *Pinoy Rodeos* that were held for more than a decade showcased non-UPLB teams that proved more adept than UPLB buffs in handling ropes and cattle and even in livestock judging contests. For a pioneer of the sport like UPLB with a "home grown/corral" advantage, poor showing was quite unthinkable. Thus, to further hone their skills and talents as well as to broaden the mass base of rodeo student aficionados, *Rodeo '94 sa UPLB* was held on March 4, 1994 exclusively for UPLB student teams only.



Yearling castration

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The Tumbleweeds with **Brods Cesar Artiaga** and **Peter Guzman** as captain and coach, respectively took to the arena along with eight other teams: the UP Concordia Scientia Animalis, the UP Animal Science Society, ANSC 120, Mavericks, Ranchers Club, Incredible Bulls, UP CVM-Rodeans and the UP CVM-Rodeo Club. In that year, the Ranchers overcame the Rodeo Club by a hairline for the first place and the **Tumbleweeds** was third.

Then followed a 5-year lull in holding the *Pinoy Rodeo* at UPLB. The sport aficionados realized that holding the sport was too costly in terms of financial resources, cattle and other animals required for the various events. Added to this were the talents, time and hard work required for planning and execution which hardly merited points for promotion.

Rodeo '99 was held on March 6, 1999 in celebration of the 90th Foundation Day of the College of Agriculture. Five all-UPLB teams participated namely the UP Animal Science Society (champion), UP-CVM- Rodeo Club (2nd), UP Ranchers Club (3rd), ANSC 120, and UP Concordia Scientia Animalis. After another five years, Rodeo '04 was held on March 6, 2004 with five hurriedly composed teams as participants. The teams were the UP Ranchers Club (champion), UPASS (2nd), UP-CVM Rodeo Club (3rd), UP Concordia Scientia Animalis and ANSC 120.

Allowing prolonged intervals in holding *Rodeo sa UPLB* had its downsides. Rodeo talents from participating teams either graduated without having trained under-studies or else showed reduced stamina and skills in handling ropes and animals due to lack of practice. To address this concern, Directors Ninfa P. Roxas of IAS, Virginia P. Barraquio of DTRI, Arnel N. Del Barrio of PCC and former CA Dean Candida B. Adalla agreed to hold a rodeo the following year.



Caponizing cockerel

Pinoy Rodeo '06 was held to rekindle interest in the sport among students, faculty and staff particularly of the Animal and Dairy Sciences Cluster (from the fused IAS and DTRI) and the Philippine Carabao Center.

The participating teams were the UP Animal Science Society, UP Concordia Scientia Animalis, UP CVM-Rodeo Club, UP Ranchers Club and ANSC 120.

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The Tumbleweeds as Event Organizers

The celebration of the 99th Foundation Day of the College of Agriculture from March 6-8, 2008 provided the impetus for holding the Agri Fair and Pinoy Rodeo at UP Diliman. The celebration featured agri fair and exhibits, techno demonstrations and the UP Centennial Pinoy Rodeo '08. The participating teams were the UPLB (White)-Bounty Team, UPLB (Maroon)-Bounty Team, CLSU-Bounty Team (champion) and the De la Salle-Araneta University-Bounty Team.

The success of the Foundation Day celebration probably awed UPS President Emerlinda R. Roman and thought of holding the same event at UP Diliman. The Presidents' idea cum request was warmly welcomed by UPLB Chancellor Luis Rey I. Velasco. **Brod Pat Roman**, the President's husband, lauded the holding of rodeo at UP Diliman and even volunteered the assistance of **Brod Freddie Fajardo**, former Team Captain of the Tumbleweeds and a daring rodeo player during his times. Further negotiations and planning ensued to solicit the support of co-organizers, sponsors and benefactors, among whom were Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and Department of Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap.

November 27-29, 2008 was earmarked for the AgriFair and Pinoy Rodeo at UP Diliman. This was another invitational rodeo with the teams from CLSU, DLSU-Araneta University Foundation, Camarines Sur State Agricultural College, and UPLB as participants.

Farewell Tumbleweeds?

Since 1994, the participation of the rodeo pioneer, the Tumbleweeds was never felt. Gone were the good old days with the Tumbleweeds, but will they ever come back? With the new



Brods in Masbate during rodeo training

breed of UPLB talents, it is not late yet to bring back the fame the Tumbleweeds had- they are yet to come and it must be soon!

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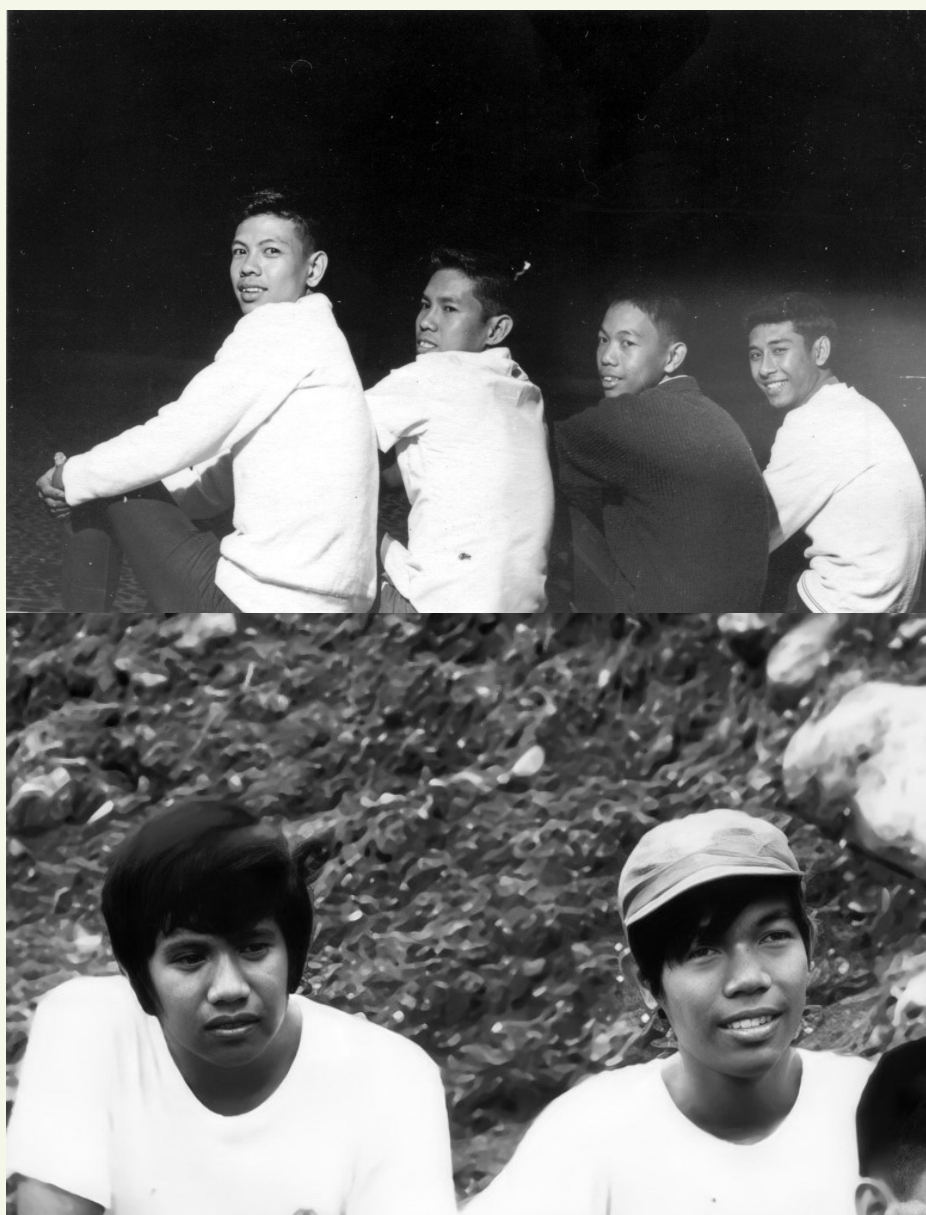
This Really Happened Back In '67

by Vee de Vera Sand Pebbles '67B

The previous night we got presented. This second night was our first reporting at the Umali Subd. four houses occupied by Betans. The place is surrounded by cornfields and I came early to observe the place from behind some thick rows of corn plants. Suddenly I heard voices and so I bent down. The voices were of my two batch mates Vic Tupaz and Roger Rosales also surveying the place while also trying to take a leak before going in to report.

What I did next, I cannot explain. I uttered "Beta Sigma" and saw Vic and Roger looking at each other. Again loudly, I said "Beta Sigma" and the two still holding their dicks had to kneel! That's when I appeared and started to laugh. Neither was amused but we had to come in and do the reporting and that night we all got what we came for and more.

Today, after 53 years, the joke still lives in us, Vic and me, two remaining characters of that unforgettable night. Roger's life is celebrated every time we tell the story. May his good soul Rest In Peace.



Above L-R: Ted Quijano, Roger Rosales, Percy Perez, Vee de Vera
Below: Vic Tupaz and Percy Perez

TOTOONG NANGYARI ITO

by Brod Vee de Vera '67B

Dekada nubenta sa California, isang natatanging Fratball ang idadaos at dumagsa ng husto ang mga Beta Sigmans.

North, South, East, West nagsulputan ang mga weekend BBQ, birthdays, mahjong, pusoy, toma atbp. Pumutok ang e-mail at nabuhay ang mga chapters sa Amerika at sa buong mundo.

Sa "Welcome Nite" bago mag frat ball, isang grupo ng mga koboy na Tumbleweeds, Aggie, Forestry, Tabets from Toronto, Chicago, Nuyok, Southern California, nagkukwentuhan ng mga buhay sa mga rumble habang ang iba naman ay nagpupusoy sa isang table.

Biglang sabat ng isang Brod. "Tol, na meet nyo na ba yung Brod na Amerikano na nasa room no. 220?" "Hanep mag ilocano yung Brod na yun."

"Anong pangalan?" Tanong ng isang Brod.

"Ernie Tremor Batch '58 daw."

Hagalpakan ng walang tigil na tawanan ang mga Brods, pati pusoy na mis-deal!

Nung gabi na yon, nalasing yung Brod na nakadiskubre sa ating mahal na late Brod Ernie "Butburatem" Tremor '58 Forestry- "Intake," sumalangit nawa.

SINO ANG MGA DANNY SA TVG?

(Lagyan ng Alyas para huli agad)

1. Danny Labadan- "Two Sticks"
2. Danny Abad- "Don Dabadini"
3. Danny Ramos- "Sir Onilad"
4. Danny Ticsay- ? ? ?
5. Danny Sayto- ? ? ?
6. Danny Tanguilig (Forestry)- "Gov"

Editor's Note:

Send your reaction in the TVG if you know the Alyas of # 4 & # 5.

Ang mga Pinoy never tumatama ang sagot kahit maayos ang tanong. Por eksample:

Q: Kumain ka na ba?

A: Busog pa ako.

Q: Saan kayo galing?

A: Lumabas lang kami sandali.

Q: Paano mo ginawa yan?

A: Madali lang.

Q: Bakit wala ka kahapon?

A: Absent ako.

Q: Anong oras na?

A: Maaga pa.

Q: Nasaan ka na ba?

A: Malapit na ako.

Q: Magkano ito?

A: Mura lang.

Q: Kilala mo ba siya?

A: Bakit?

Q: Saan ninyo gusto kumain?

A: Kayo.

Juice ko po!!!

Ano ang kaibhan ng Pakpak sa Pekpek?

Ang Pakpak pag bumuka,
lilipad ang ibon.

Ang Pekpek pag bumuka,
dadapo ang ibon...

JEST JOKING/all ORIGINAL

by Al John Lloyd "KKK" Piedad, Batch 77A

Usapang Kung Fu ni Eduardo & Noli Series

UPLB, Baker Hall, Year 1978

Characters: Brods Noli Nolasco, Eduardo Cornejo, Cirlo Nuyles

Si Brod Jun "Babs" Cornejo at Cirlo "Hapon" Nuyles ay mga siryus na maging mga Kung Fu master tulad ni Brod Noli. Pakinggan ang mga usapan...

January, 1978

Babs: master Noli, master Noli!

Noli :yes Brod

Eduardo :paano po kaya ako gagaling sa Kung Fu?

Noli: madali lang Brod, manuod ka ng pelikula ni Bruce Lee! Hi hi hi hiiii

February, 1978

Babs: master Noli, master Noli!

Master Noli : ano yun Brod?

Babs : Paano po kung tatlo ang kalaban ko, mananalò po ba ang Kung Fu? medyo nahihya pa

Master Noli : Oo naman, tumakbo ka! ... Hi hi hi hiiii

March, 1978

Babs : master Noli! master Noli!

Master Noli: ano na namaaan!

Babs : Paano po kung may itak ang kalaban ko, mananalò po ba ang Kung Fu?

Master Noli :Oo, tumakbo ka uliiii! Hi hi hi hiiii

April, 1978

Babs: master Noli, master Noli!

Master Noli : ano yun brader?

Babs: kung may baril po ang kalaban mananalò po ba ang Kung Fu?

Master Noli : Hindee, pero at least namatay kang lumalaban.... Hi hi hi hiiii

May, 1978

Palaging maaga si Brod Cirlo Hapon sa Dojo. Nagwawalis isang oras bago mag umpisa ang Kung Fu class ni master Noli. After class, lumapit si Hapon ke master Noli

Hapon :master Noli, master Noli, gagaling po ba ako sa Kung Fu?

Master Noli :BETSIGMA KA BA!

Hapon : Opo master

Master Noli : akala ko janitor ka! Hi hi hi hiiii

Stellas Lugaw and Buko Pie, Crossing, Los Banos

Bago umuwing Lipa, kumakain sina Brods Carlo Malabanan at Jun "Babs" Cornejo, dito sa Stella's lugawan nila Brod Ric Escobin

Carlo: Brod Ric, 2 lugaw

Ric : Lugaw kaminng

Babs: wow sarap mainit

Biglang...

Babs : Ric bat may ipis itong lugaw?!

Ric : Ano ba namaaan brods, P5 piso lang ang lugaw gusto nyo manok pa ang ilalagay ko?! Hi hi hi hiii

Second sem Stat 1 agad si Brod Babs Cornejo at pinili nyang sked at teacher si Mam Ludy Velasco, esmi ni Brod Dags Velasco.

Dahil nga Mrs. ng brod palagi ang greetings ni Babs kay Teacher. Kapag nakita nya si mam, iikot sya para makasalubong at magreet ng good morning o good afternoon. At palagi naka smile si Babs kay mam kapag magkita o makasalubong nya.

Sa end ng sem, Cinco/5 sa class card si Babs, so, hinanap niya si teacher

Babs: mam, bat naman 5 ang grade ko mam??

Teacher Velasco : okay na yun Babs, hindi kasi kami pwedeng magbigay ng 6! Hi hi hi hiiii

National Heroes Day

Aug. 23, 1967

Grade 3 si Brod Jun "Babs" Cornejo at ito ang nangyari sa Social Studies class nila nung araw na yun..

Teacher : Nat'l heroes day ngayun, at ipagdiwang natin ang mga bayani at yung mga lumaban sa gyera

Teacher : bat ka nagtataas ng kamay G. Cornejo

BABS (grade 3) mam, bakit po ang lolo ko lumaban sa gyera pero hindi naging bayani?!

Teacher: PAANO HAPON ANG LOLO MOOH! hi hi hi hiiii