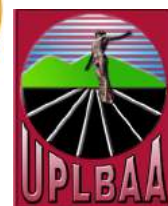


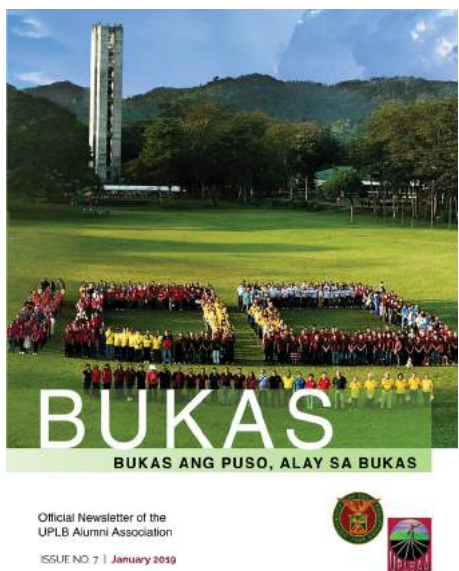
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BUKAS Newsletter: Linking Alumni Towards Nation Building

Greetings!

As we celebrated the 100 years of Loyalty Day last October 10, 2018, it is indeed fitting that we pay tribute to the 206 students, faculty and staff who enlisted in the Philippine National Guard during that historic day a century ago to gallantly fight with the Allied Forces during World War I.



This 7th issue of the newsletter will feature a historical account of the events that led to the annual celebration here at UPLB, the Prelude to Loyalty Day, the alumni awardees, the grand parade, the luncheon salo-salo, and other activities in line with the centennial celebration.

As we browse over the contents of this issue of the newsletter, we may experience that nostalgic feeling of being part of a great university that traces its roots to those gallant men and women who showed unparalleled loyalty to Alma Mater and country. Until this day, as UPLB alumni, we still exhibit that sense of camaraderie and loyalty wherever we are and whatever we do.

To my fellow alumni and friends, let us make BUKAS Newsletter the LINK to our glorious past that will guide our present endeavors towards a bright future for the university and the nation!

God bless us all!

LEO R. BALLESFIN
President, UPLBAA



2018 Diamond Jubilarians



2018 Golden Jubilarians

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Mr. Fabian Espiritu

Ang iyong handog ay pinapalawig ang buhay ng BUKAS. Umaasa kami na di kayo magmamaliw sa pagtaguyod ng BUKAS at madami pa ang sumunod sa inyong yapak.

Salamat po.

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We are much interested to hear from you to update and share with other alumni the recent events which occurred in your life, your views, and memoirs. Please reply.

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ALAY SA BUKAS

Looking Ahead, Moving Forward

After sharing the “milk and the cookies”, burping the sumptuous food fare, and the centennial activities over, the Loyalty Day celebration was still the talk of the town. The events had their day and UPLBAA has all the rights to throw the hat up in the air for a memorable and successful celebration.



In keeping with the Los Baños Spirit and teamwork that marked this year’s events, the well-attended commemoration came to a close. Even after the revelry has ended, many unforgettable memories linger on and to be recalled. Thus, this issue of BUKAS is dedicated precisely to give an account of the many happenings that occurred during the week-long celebration.

While the feasting is over, there is still great anticipation for the next Loyalty Day and Alumni Homecoming. The fortitude beckons alumni from all over the world to come home again and rekindle ties with Alma Mater. The alumni will be looking forward to future innovative features in its celebration as each year continues to roll in and out.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Corazon F. Azucena".

CORAZON F. AZUCENA
Editor-in-Chief

PRELUDE TO UPLB LOYALTY DAY: A SHOWCASE OF THE LOS BAÑOS SPIRIT

By Apolinario L. Lantican, M.Sc.

Year 2018 marked the 16th time that the unique activity called “Prelude to UPLB Loyalty Day” was held to keep the so-called Los Baños Spirit alive. This unique feeling of camaraderie among UPLB alumni traces its root on the volunteerism shown by more than half of UPLB students and faculty who enlisted for service in the Philippine National Guard in October 1918 during World War I. Since then, October 10 has become UPLB’s alumni homecoming to rekindle the old fire of camaraderie and patriotism.

Looking Back

With the growth of UPLB into a multi-campus activity, the grandeur of Loyalty Day seemed to be remiss in providing its alumni with a longer time, more intimate and casual way for social interaction and to reminisce their college days.

The different colleges conduct their own alumni homecoming during their foundation day. Likewise, student organizations and jubilarians prefer to hold their gatherings outside UPLB campus. The more senior alumni of the then College of Agriculture, whose major departments are now separate colleges or institute, have dual or multiple affiliations. Thus, the intention of holding an eventful Loyalty Day to entice more alumni has its own drawbacks.

To offset such shortcomings, the Prelude to Loyalty Day was conceptualized. Mauro “Manny” Baradas and Esteban “Steve” Baltazar planned it as a reunion of UPLB alumni regardless of batch, year graduated, major field, organizational affiliation or regional grouping. The two worked as sales personnel of Interchem Philippines. Steve convinced Manny that their plan to reminisce the Los

Baños Spirit can only materialize if the latter will organize the event and foot the bill. Thus, the first Prelude was held in 2001 at Manny’s airstrip in Brgy. Santor, Tanauan, Batangas as an informal gathering of alumni with no definite agenda. It was attended by about 85 alumni, mostly from Metro Manila.

On the second year of the Prelude, Francis Laurel joined the organizers as he was pleased by the success of the event. He even jokingly told Manny during one of their meetings, “Pag gastos, isama mo ako. Pag away, don’t invite me.” Coincidentally, the Prelude is held closest to Francis’s birthday, October 5.

In some succeeding Preludes, successful alumni like Tranquilino “Lino” Magpantay and Crisanto “Billy” Gualberto II also co-sponsored the event which is now regularly held every Saturday closest to Loyalty Day. The Prelude has become a part of the calendar of activities for Loyalty Day celebration. It is attended mostly by CAFS alumni and officers of UPLB Alumni Association (AA), UP Alumni Association, and CAFS Alumni Association.

Prelude 2018

This year, the Prelude was held last October 6 at Manny’s airstrip where more than 600 alumni attended. Other notable personalities included Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr., UPLB President Leo R. Ballesfin, and actor Leo Martinez.

As shown in the succeeding pictures, the alumni and guests had so much fun reminiscing their good old days at UPLB. They sang, danced, laughed and took photographs with their colleagues and contemporaries.

Prizes such as large screen television, mini-refrigerator, electric fan and other give-aways were given to lucky alumni. They were also treated to sumptuous lunch and snacks brought by attendees and organizers.

Likewise, the UPLBAA officers reported about the accomplishments and grand plans of the association, notably the Alumni Complex to be built along Pili Drive, UPLB.



Alumni share light moments together

Looking Beyond

With the tremendous support and participation of UPLB alumni, the Prelude will forever be enshrined as a showcase of loyalty and commitment to the institution that helped the alumni reach their dreams.

Let us hope that this significant event will also be a prelude to other initiatives that will

further strengthen UPLB and uphold its lofty stature as trailblazer in instruction, research and extension.

Moreover, the Prelude to Loyalty will always be an affirmation that the Los Baños Spirit is indeed alive! *(With excerpts from Aggie Green and Gold Newsletter, October-December 2011 & 2014 Loyalty Day Souvenir Program)*



Left: Alumni of the UP Student Catholic Action; Right: The people behind the success of the Prelude (from left): Billy Gualberto, Daisy and Manny Baradas, Francis Laurel, UPLBAA President Leo Ballesfin, and Chancellor Fernando Sanchez, Jr.

Photos from UPLB Office of Public Relations

REVISITING CAMPUS LANDMARKS

By Corazon F. Azucena, Ph.D.

On October 8, 2018, some alumni joined the campus tour, revisiting more important landmarks at UPLB. It is certain that they could not have missed the many interesting places on campus.

The significant landmarks can tell many historical stories. Thus, the many landmarks that dot the campus landscape narrate the history of UPLB, an institution that has come a long way- from a small College of Agriculture and at the turn of a century, to become the first autonomous university in the UP system.

The “Then and Now” are pictures, the old ones taken by Robert Pendleton, and superimposed with colored pictures taken by Eric John F. Azucena, a Chemical Engineering alumnus.

At the UPLB gate, there used to be a mural installed in 1978 showing the first seven panels that traced the roots of the university and portrayed its transformation. The eighth panel showed a vision of UPLB. This was designed by Filipino “mosaicist” Elizabeth Grace Chan. The left black and white photo was taken by Robert Pendleton in 1935 while the colored photo to the right was by Eric in 2014.

The Baker Hall, one of the oldest remaining buildings on UPLB campus, was named after Charles F. Baker, former dean of the UP College of Agriculture. The building now serves as the gymnasium for sports activities.



The former carabao statue used to be where the “UP Los Baños” sign was written before it was moved in the mid 60’s to its current location at UPLB Alumni Plaza. The old pedestal was painted white but now it is granite covered, refurbished by this year’s Diamond Jubilarians (Class 58).



The black and white photo of Pili drive with Mt Makiling at the background was taken in 1932 side-by-side with the colored picture taken in 2014. The pili trees that lined on both sides of the road were planted by students as a class requirement.



The Women's dorm, photo taken in 1950, used to be the "home" of freshmen who had to move out on their second year in college to give way to the incoming freshmen. Today, the old dormitory houses the Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Physics of the College of Arts and Sciences.



This building was the main library where many students spent many hours of their free time as well as during the night to search for their assignments. It is now the Humanities building

of the College of Arts and Sciences where the Oblation is located.



The other interesting campus landmarks include:

Golden Jubilee Thai Pavilion

Standing elegantly along Waling-waling road, the Golden Thai Pavilion was erected to mark the 50th anniversary of accession to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The pavilion was built through the initiative of Thai students and alumni as an expression of gratitude to the Philippines for the invaluable experiences they received through the years at UPLB. In the same breath, it signifies a close and steady relationship between Thailand and the Philippines.



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Dalambanga

Ang *babaeng may dalang banga* is a life-size statue of Maria Makiling atop a gazebo erected in 1930 by Moises Villaluz. It is located beside the Student Union.

The Oblation

The Oblation, a sculpture of a naked figure of a young man, is a symbolic gesture of a sacrificial offering of service to the country and has become a major landmark in every UP campus. The Oblation at UPLB, situated in front of the CAS Humanities building was casted by National Artist Napoleon V. Abueva. It was unveiled and dedicated in 1983 and is the fifth replica of the 1935 original Oblation by Guillermo Tolentino.



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Rizal Centenary Carillon

The carillon, named after our national hero, is UPLB's contribution to the Philippine Centennial celebration and in commemoration of the martyrdom of Jose Rizal as well. Rising 15 stories (45 m) above the ground, it symbolizes the towering aspirations of the youth of the land. The rigid concrete elements depict strength of conviction while the voids in the composition portray the atmosphere of transparency and freedom prevailing in the academe. It was at this area that served as the assembly point of the foot parade.



Photo credit: Chito Madamba

Class 58 Gazebo

Built in 1999, the gazebo is the class way of upholding the memories of the members' stay at UPLB for about four years. It symbolizes celebration of successes and as a tangible expression of gratitude to their Alma Mater.



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Academic Heritage Monument of Class 55

The huge monument is 15 meters tall with an “eternal flame” on the top. It symbolizes the growth of the university from the humble beginning of the College of Agriculture. It rests on four legs – each representing the four most important foundations of the university’s multi-disciplinary programs: biological sciences, social sciences, physical sciences and the arts and humanities. The monument is dedicated to the Filipino youth whose challenge is to carry on this heritage to new heights.



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Class 60 Maria Makiling Glade

The field sculpture of cement of Maria Makiling, the most well known diwata in Philippine mythology, was done by sculptor Renato Rocha. The sculpture is located on the road on the way up to the College of Forestry and Natural Resources. It serves more appropriately as the first welcome to the magnificent natural forest further up the mountain.



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UPLB IN THE SERVICE OF THE FILIPINO IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS

By Emil Q. Javier, Ph.D.



Good day fellow alumni.

Allow me to thank President Leo Ballesfin and the officers, directors and advisers of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) Alumni Association for the privilege and honor of being guest speaker for this year's celebration.

For us Los Baños alumni this is indeed a propitious occasion for it celebrates the centenary of the event when as a body the entire faculty and studentry of the College of Agriculture volunteered en masse on 10 October 1918 to join the National Guard. The world was at war for the first time and the plan was to send a contingent to Europe to join the allied forces then resisting the designs of a militaristic Germany to gain hegemony over the free world.

Our detractors try to diminish the significance of the event as one of abject behavior of a subject nation since we were then still effectively a colony of the United States of America.

However, we see the event differently. We volunteered in the spirit of unity for a noble purpose, albeit at that time for the freedom of peoples a hemisphere away. Unity and

selflessness, these are the essences of Loyalty Day which we are celebrating today, the twin traits that have endured and bound us together as graduates of Los Baños.

Though we still had an American Governor General as chief executive, the Executive branch and the Judiciary were run largely by Filipinos. The Legislature, both the Senate and Lower House, were fully elected by the Filipino people by virtue of the Philippine Autonomy Act of 1916, otherwise known as the Jones Act. We did not have to volunteer but we did. On the contrary we volunteered precisely because we felt it was an obligation and we were free to do so.

The Cebuanos have a beautiful word for selflessness — *Pahinungod*, the offering of one's self for a higher purpose, the closest Filipino equivalent to the Oblation.

It is thus with pride that I recall that my first act as the second President of UP to come from Los Baños, after Bienvenido Gonzalez, was the institutionalization of *Pahinungod*. It was so natural for me to do so because of our Los Baños upbringing. After all extension and voluntarism are wired into our DNA, so to speak. The *Pahinungod* spirit continues to this day in the many campuses of UP. But it is only in UPLB where we have a dedicated building for *Pahinungod* (courtesy of Chancellor Ruben L. Villareal, UPCA Class 1960). And fellow alumni please note, UPLB is the only UP campus which recognizes *Pahinungod* graduates. Unique among the campuses, the Los Baños *Pahinungod* graduates have a page devoted to them in the commencement program. We have served our people well since the original College of Agriculture (CA) was founded on 06 March 1909. Lest people forget,

UP Los Baños is as old as the UP System we know now. Agriculture, fine arts and medicine were recognized as the first three academic units of the new university in that inaugural meeting of the UP Board of Regents.

As we move on to our second century we are expected to do more.

Following in my view are five strategic directions we need to pursue to continue offering “UPLB in the service of the Filipino in the next twenty years.”

Embracing Agribusiness to Modernize the Rural Sector

As the country’s leading agricultural university, our primary role is still sustaining agriculture to provide food security for our people, produce raw materials for industry and generate livelihoods in the countryside, henceforth we have to do things differently. We have to redirect more of our efforts from primary production to the whole value chain — to post harvest, manufacturing and markets i.e. agribusiness.

Primary agriculture now accounts for only 10% of gross domestic product (GDP) and further contracting. On the other hand the food and beverage industries which rely on agriculture for their raw materials generate 17%. Primary agriculture and the food and beverage manufacturing industries, plus the logistics which support them account for a full third of GDP (37%).

We should now redefine our purposes to embrace agriculture in the broad sense and thus further broaden our relevance to the economic life of our nation. The restructuring of the institutes of the CA to align with the different agribusiness sectors, and the renaming of the college to the College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS) are steps in the right direction.

However, this paradigm shift should involve all units of UPLB not just agriculture and the agribusiness department. Nobody else could do it better than us.

UPLB as an Engineering University

Industry and its many branches both traditional and new constitute the larger slice of our economy. Just like the land grant colleges in the US after which we were patterned, which have since evolved into major engineering universities, we should now flex our wings beyond food and agriculture, and assert our presence in engineering and industry.

A few years back we created a College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology (CEAT), building upon our strengths in sugar technology and forest products engineering. We have since expanded our academic offerings to include agricultural engineering, civil engineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering and industrial engineering. We should move into mechanical engineering soon.

If we base our progress on undergraduate performance in the Professional Regulatory Commission board exams, we have done very well indeed. Apart from our share of board exams topnotchers, our passing rates are always close to 100%, way above the national averages.



Electrical Engineering Building of CEAT-UPLB

(Photo credit: Dr. Arnold Elepaño)

There are obvious niches in the engineering and its various subfields where we should excel: food engineering; pulp and paper engineering; geothermal engineering; biomass renewable energy generation; solid waste management; biosystems engineering; precision agriculture among others.

Natural Resources, Water, Biodiversity and Stewardship of the Environment

These are our traditional areas of concern. With continuing population increase and expanding economic activities impacting on the environment, the adverse consequences particularly in the cities are already obvious. And they can only get worse with urbanization and climate change. We should therefore persevere in providing direction and leadership in these vital areas. The obligation is all the more heavy because no other national institution is better endowed than UPLB to provide leadership in these national issues.

The key operating principle is responsible and scientific management of watersheds — for soil, water and biodiversity conservation; for disaster mitigation, and proper utilization of slope lands for forest and plantation crops. The world is running out of fresh water. To begin we should immediately formalize a Water Resources Research Center to bring together our expertise in engineering, forestry, agriculture and the social sciences. In particular this is an excellent opportunity to place our social sciences units on the map because watershed management issues invariably gravitate toward governance at the community, regional and national levels. In fact this is true for the whole of agriculture!

Relatedly, to date we have not done much with

the 10,000-hectare forest reservation in the Sierra Madre which is under the university's administration. We should take it upon ourselves to seek private partners to transform these assets into productive scientifically managed plantations for production of timber, paper, pulp and other forest products which are some of our major imports.

Part of the reservation should be converted into a permanent national in situ collection of tree crops and indigenous forest species.

Tourism - Why not!

Tourism is a significant third leg propping the economies of our neighbors in Southeast Asia. To date the tourism industry accounts for 12%

of our GDP. Obviously we can and should do more. Thus, we should recognize tourism as a new sector where UPLB can make an impact. We should identify ourselves with sustainable and inclusive tourism. Agro- and ecotourism are our natural entry points.

We can build upon our long-standing scientific investigations on the flora and fauna of the 5,000-hectare Makiling natural reserve as bases on how to intelligently manage our national park system for tourism, recreation and biodiversity conservation purposes.

I have always marveled at how smartly Singapore has marketed Sentosa Island for global tourism. But our 300-hectare Makiling Botanic Garden is much richer and more naturally-endowed than Sentosa. We should explore a joint venture with the private sector to develop Makiling as model on how better to manage our patrimony by making it the closest, most easily accessible nature park for the emerging Mega Manila super metropolis.



Makiling Botanical Garden

(Photo credit: mylifeandmytravel.blogspot.com)

Greater Los Baños-Bay City

Even before our own urban planners have begun to realize that our physical plans for Metro Manila have been overtaken by demographic development, Japanese (JICA) city planners are now talking of an urban transport system for Mega-Manila – a metropolis extending to Malolos in the north and Batangas City and Lucena in the south. We will be right in the middle of this emerging megapolis. An elevated, circumferential road ringing Laguna de Bay and a modern railway system extending to Bicol are in the works. Included in the plan is a commuter railway terminal in the UPLB experiment station across the Institute of Plant Breeding.

We should plan for these eventualities. We had plans all along for a university science and technology park. Chancellor Luis Rey Velasco (UPCA Class 1978) has succeeded in having a part of the UPLB Central Experiment Station declared as a PEZA export processing zone. The science and technology (S&T) park serves four purposes: to incubate agribusinesses and showcase our innovations; to attract locators which will employ our graduates and people from surrounding areas; very importantly, to attract scientists and professionals who will double up as faculty, and ultimately to generate resources for the university.

However, our progress towards these eventualities will be stymied by the incoherence and lack of coordination of the

physical plans of Los Baños and Bay. Even now we are suffering with the horrific traffic jams in Crossing. Transport, water, septage and electricity grids serving the two communities and the university should be integrated now before we are also overwhelmed by demography.

We should now plant the seeds of the administrative and political union of Bay and Los Baños into a city with the University S&T Park as pivot.

This is where the ambitious Tahanan ng Alumni conceived by Regent Francis Laurel, Andrew Nocon, Leo Ballestin, Manny Baradas, Billy Gualberto, et. al fits in. The Tahanan will be the centerpiece of the university S&T Park.

Conclusion

Let me close by returning to the essence of the Los Baños spirit which we are celebrating today – volunteering, offering of self to a greater purpose, Oblation, the Pahinungod. Volunteering sets the Los Baños alumni apart. We should be proud of it and proclaim it.

I propose that henceforth we should begin calling ourselves and our sports teams as the — The Pahinungods, the Volunteers.

(Excerpted by Dr. Carmen M. Paule from Dr. Emil Q. Javier's speech during the UPLBAA Business Meeting)



UPLB Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Volunteers pose with Dr. Javier
(Photo credit: UPLB Ugnayan ng Pahinungod)

REFRAMING A GOOD TRADITION

By Higino A. Ables, Jr., Ph.D.

A conversation between a history professor and his nephew delve into the incredulous background of a revered tradition in Los Baños, the Loyalty Day, that has evolved into a much-celebrated alumni homecoming event.

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Uncle Gene, may I ask if you have read anything about the First World War, and how it came to involve the Philippines and triggered the enlistment by the teachers and students on the U.P. College of Agriculture campus?

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In the Beginning

“Let me start from the beginning. What was Europe like before 1914? In the book by H. P. Willmott entitled *World War 1* (2nd edition published in London 2015), before 1914, Europe was at peace, the nations were prosperous, industrializing, populations were growing faster than before with the advent of newly discovered medicines and healthier lifestyles.

“It seemed there was an uneasy peace. Neighboring countries in Europe were jealous of each other. Competition for industrial superiority gave way to distrust, and soon each country was engaged in military build-up particularly the so-called Great Powers, and alliances were getting more marked. It was just a matter of time as to when hostilities would erupt.

How the War Started

“You must have taken up in your world history class about the assassination on June 28, 1914 of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife by a Serbian nationalist in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Archduke was heir to the German Royal House of the Hapsburg which ruled Austria (from 1278 to 1918) and Serbia (now Bosnia-Herzegovina).

“For several weeks after the assassination,

Serbia tried diplomatic channels to pacify Germany, and to be conciliatory, but to no avail. On July 28, 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. This started the First World War.

“Within days, Germany launched its mobilization of its 3.5 million-strong army. Russia came to the aid of Serbia, and France, rejecting an ultimatum for territorial concessions to Germany, also mobilized. The author, Willmott, put the blame for the World War squarely on “Germany’s quest for mastery in Europe.”



German troops march through Belgium

(Photo credit: southwalesargus.co.uk)

“This I have gathered from reading Howard Zinn who authored ‘*A People’s History of the United States*’ published by Harper-Collins in 2003. America’s rapid industrialization had propelled it to levels that no country in Europe had attained. After acquiring the Philippines,

Guam and Puerto Rico from Spain at the end of the Spanish-American War in exchange for 20 million dollars, it seemed that its abundant supply of raw materials propelled its manufacturing industries even further. And it needed new markets for its products.

“As wars naturally decrease farm production in war-ravaged areas, the U.S. eyed Europe to buy what it produced in abundance. As for high-value products, its steel plants turned out weapons and ammunition needed by its Allies.

“On August 4, 1914, the U.S. declared its neutrality. In fact, President Wilson won reelection in 1916 principally because the American public liked his policy of keeping out of the war. But the following year, the U.S. joined the fray.

How the U.S. Got Involved

“What prompted the U.S. to reverse its policy of neutrality? Was it the sinking of the Lusitania?”

“There were other factors. The Germans had warned that it would attack any ship carrying war supplies to the Allies in the Atlantic. Was the Lusitania guilty of that? My two references differ on that account.

“Willmott wrote that the ship was not armed and at most had on board 5,000 cases of cartridges and some explosive fuses. On the other hand, Zinn listed the following items in its cargo: over 1,200 cases of 3-inch shells, about 5,000 boxes of cartridges, and 2,000 cases of small arms ammunition, hence the manifest was falsified. When the boat sank, 1,198 people drowned, including 124 Americans. The sinking happened on May 7, 1915. Still, the U.S. was not to be drawn in until much later.

“The following events and factors precipitated the war declaration by the U.S.:

1. Germany resumed its submarine blockade in the Atlantic.
2. Destruction of munitions ships and a munitions plant in New Jersey by German saboteurs.
3. Sinking of a U.S. ship carrying grain.
4. Huge loans by American banks to the Allies which could be left unpaid if they lost the war.
5. Strong cultural ties between the U.S. and Britain and France.
6. President Wilson’s efforts to secure peace had failed.
7. The need for more troops by the Allies.

“President Wilson justified America’s joining the war with the slogan ‘to make the world safe for democracy. It was an appeal for world sympathy. The U.S. declared war against Germany and Central Powers on April 2, 1917, almost two years after the war started.”



Camp Wadsworth, a U.S. Army training camp, in Spartanburg, S.C., is packed with tents
(Photo credit: National Archives)

“Uncle, was it probable that the Allied Forces could have lost if the United States did not join in? I mean, could the Germans have won?”

“Possibly, as the French Army was plagued with mutiny and the Russians had a revolution. Yes, the Allies could have lost the war and the U.S. could not afford to let that happen.”

“And now, Uncle Gene, we come to the local scene in 1917-1918. Did the War have any impact on the Philippines, first say, as far as our economy was concerned?”

Impact of the War on the Philippines

“Yes, according to the late O.D. Corpuz, in his ‘An Economic History of the Philippines’, published by the U.P. Press in 1997, capital investments to our country decreased, and this affected the British-funded construction of the Manila Railroad which was planned to reach Legazpi in Bicol. Construction resumed in 1919, according to Arturo G. Corpuz in his ‘The Colonial Iron Horse’, 1875-1935, published by the U.P. Press in 1999.

“However, wrote O.D. Corpuz, our trade with the U.S. grew immensely while trade with the Central Powers was greatly reduced. O.D. Corpuz wrote that the trade imbalance with the U.S. became positive in our favor by 1916.

“The American Governor-General Harrison (1913-1921) supported the Democratic Party’s (contrary to the Republicans’) promise of self-government for the Philippines by adopting the policy of Filipinization of the government and economic expansion for the country. The U.S. Congress enacted the Jones Law in 1916, and this presaged Philippine independence.”

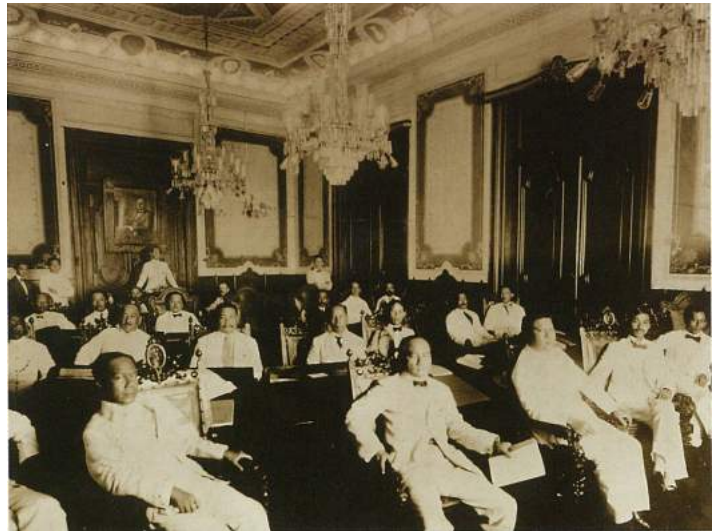
“Now, as the Americans, after its war declaration, and it needed warm bodies to go to battle, did the Americans in the Philippines appeal for volunteers?”

Quezon’s Offer

“The Americans did not have to campaign for support themselves. It was Manuel Quezon, the Senate President then, who requested the U.S. government, through Governor-General Harrison, and then Washington, to organize a Philippine National Guard with 50,000 men that would be sent to fight for the U.S. in Europe. He then campaigned, making speeches in the provinces urging support for the American cause.”

“It is interesting to know that Quezon who preferred a government run like hell by

Filipinos than a government run like heaven by Americans’ offered the lives of his compatriots. In exchange for what? For the granting of Independence? But the Jones Law passed in 1916 already guaranteed that.”



The Senate of the Philippines with Manuel L. Quezon (back of the room) presiding, in the Marble Hall of the Ayuntamiento de Manila.

(Photo credit: officialgazette.gov.ph)

Loyalty to Whom?

“A 1988 article written by Ricardo Jose in Philippine Studies, a journal published by Ateneo de Manila University, was about the Philippine National Guard. It was given to me by a history professor at the Ateneo de Naga, and the same article was also made available to me by the UPLB Librarian. The article described the tireless campaign of President Quezon for the U.S. to approve the training and organization of the Philippine National Guard to be sent to the battlefield in Europe. He told President Wilson in Washington that “the Filipinos, without exception, are loyal to America.”

“And how did Washington respond?”

“President Wilson and the Secretary of War expressed enthusiasm over the offer. However, they took their own sweet time in officially responding to the request.

“Finally, on January 20, 1918, President Wilson signed the law creating the Philippine National Guard. However, the law did not specify when it would be called to active duty, presumably because the military officers in Washington saw no need to call it to active service.

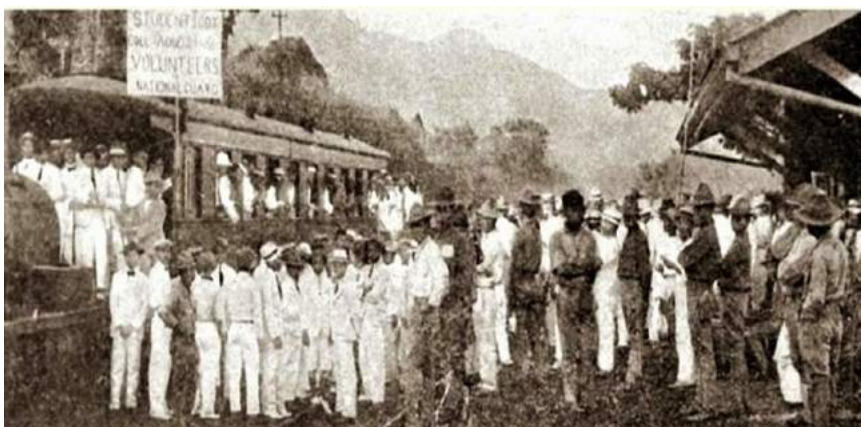
Who Volunteered?

“According to Ricardo Jose, the goal of the Philippine administration was to recruit 25,000 men. Only about 14,000 actually enlisted and were trained.”

“That many, Uncle Gene? Where did they come from?”

“From the provinces. Many had yet to learn hygiene and sanitation, and even the wearing of shoes as many came barefoot. While most were high school graduates, proficiency in English was hard to come by.

“We have only heard of the volunteers from the U.P. College of Agriculture. Were there also volunteers from the other colleges of U.P.?”



Student volunteers from the U.P. College of Agriculture

(Photo credit: Philippine Agriculturist)

“None that I know of. The lack of volunteers from among the medical profession was even deplored. We can only guess why none of the students and faculty from the other colleges of U.P. in Manila answered the call of President Quezon.

“The 1918 issue of the Philippine Agriculturist shows that the College of Agriculture had 364 students and 32 faculty members that year. The same issue published a telegram dated October 11 of the Acting Dean to then UP President Villamor stating that: ‘Practically all able-bodied men of the faculty and the student body have offered themselves for enlistment.’”

“Those who enlisted went for training then. What was the training like?”

Training the Volunteers

“The training site was ill-prepared. Food rations were inadequate as corruption bedeviled the camp administration. Some men, unfamiliar with sanitation and hygienic practices were subjected to punishment. Some 650 cases of flu and another 162 other medical cases were confined in hospitals. The first three-month training in Parañaque started in August and ended in October 1918.

“Can you imagine, putting together a native army coming from different regions and provinces, speaking different languages, even if English was supposed to be the medium of communication? They had to resort to sign language, and ‘bamboo’ English, as illustrated in the call by a sentry on duty assigned to check attendance in the barracks: ‘Who is you, Who is you are?’ Occasionally fights occurred among the men due to misunderstanding. Riot calls were sounded when clashes occurred between hostile groups.

“Ricardo Jose quoted reports of a pathetic sight during the grand military parade. Men wearing rejects or surplus uniforms and shoes often too big for their feet invited jokes and laughter and did not inspire future recruits.

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100th Loyalty



Music Competition
August 30, 2018



Fun Run
October 6, 2018



Prelude
October 6, 2018



Campus Tour
October 8, 2018



Trade Fair
October 8, 2018



Isang daan sa isang minuto winners
October 8, 2018



UPLBAA Business Meeting
October 9, 2018

Day Events



Awarding Ceremonies
October 9, 2018



Dinner and Barn Dance
October 9, 2018



Art in Biodiversity
October 9, 2018



Luncheon Salu-salo and Raffle
October 10, 2018



Parade
October 10, 2018



WHEN ALUMNI CONVENE

By Paully May Valencia, M.Sc.

Alumni get together annually every October 10. Seeing old friends and colleagues in one venue brought back unforgettable memories and stories.

To start off the program, UPLBAA President Leo R. Ballesfin and Class '68 Overall Coordinator Dr. Reynaldo L. Villareal welcomed everyone who attended the opening program of the Centennial celebration. Two finalists of the UPLB Centennial Music Competition graced the event with their song entries – *Ginto* and *Utak at Puso*.

Dr. Emil Q. Javier, UPLBAA Presidential awardee, was the keynote speaker. He

delivered his message entitled, *UPLB in the service of the Filipino in the next 20 years* (Excerpts of speech on page 12 - 15). He presented five strategic directions that UPLB can pursue. Dr. Higino A. Ables (BSA 1960) served as the moderator during the open forum where alumni reacted to Dr. Javier's speech. A discussion on balancing the technical and social areas of learning arose.

UPLBAA President reported to the body the latest projects and achievement of the association. A video presentation was also presented showing the UPLBAA and Class '68 project of waiting sheds.

This is the winning song for the Centennial Loyalty Day celebration.

PAMANTASANG HIRANG

*composed and arranged by Kim Camille Beltran,
Kim Rasel Gutierrez, and Ivan Ulgado*

Sa ati'y itinanim nitong Pamantasang
Hirang Ipinunla'y karunungan, nagbukas ng
kamalayan S'yang nagpayabong ng damdaming
makabayan Lahat ito'y handog sa bayan ng
Pamantasang Hirang!

Sa'yo natutong magtanim nang búkas ay may
maihaing May halaga sa bawat búhay, tapat sa
panatang makapalay Binigyang-dangal ang
bawat magsasaka Lahat ito'y handog sa bayan
ng Pamantasang Hirang!

Koro: Panahon na upang anihin na Púno ng
pangarap, punó ng pag-asa Ipagdiwang ang
tagumpay, ipagdiwang ng may Sablay Ang
isang siglo ng pagbibigay-búhay Sa ating bayan
ng Pamantasang Hirang!

Tulay: Saan man ako tangayin, mapalayo
sa 'yong piling Marating man namin yaong

malayong lupain Paakyat man, pakanan o
pakaliwa Mananatiling naka-ugat sa tinubuang
lupa

Koro: Panahon na upang anihin na Púno ng
pangarap, punó ng pag-asa Ipagdiwang ang
tagumpay, ipagdiwang ng may Sablay Ang
isang siglo ng pagbibigay-búhay Sa ating bayan
ng Pamantasang Hirang!

Koda: Patungo sa pagsibol ng Panibagong
siglo ng Paglilingkod sa bayan ng Pambansang
Pamantasan

Lahat ito'y handog sa bayan ng Pamantasang
Hirang! Ikaw at ako'y handog sa bayan ng
Pamantasang Hirang!

Padayon!

HONORING THE UPLB ALUMNI AWARDEES

By Paully May Valencia, M.Sc.

Continue to uphold honor and excellence.....

These are words we usually hear even before we graduate. As alumni, have you continued this legacy of upholding honor and excellence in whatever you do, wherever you are?

Annually, the UPLB Alumni Association (UPLBAA) recognizes alumni who excelled in their fields of expertise. This year is very special because it's the Centennial celebration of UPLB's Loyalty Day. On top of that, there are 73 alumni and 6 families who were acknowledged during the UPLBAA Awarding Ceremonies last October 9, 2018 at the Baker Hall. The list may be long but these awardees are deserving to be hailed as cream of the crop in their fields of expertise. Moreover, alumni who have graduated for 60 years (Diamond Jubilarians) and 50 years (Golden Jubilarians) were acknowledged and given medals.

Six families, who have received the ***UPLBAA Multi-Generation UPLB Family Recognition Award*** produced three or more successive generations of U.P. alumni, i.e., grandparent(s), parent(s), child(ren), and/or grandchild(ren). The list of the multi-generation awardees for this year are as follows:

Aguiero family

Vladimarte M. Aguiero (BS Agriculture '64), Johanna M. Aguiero (BS Agriculture '91), and Hanna Danielle Aguiero (BS biology '18)



Arca-Alejar family

Arturo S. Alejar (BS Agriculture '58, MS Animal Science '74), Arcelia M. Alfonso (BS Agriculture '58, MS Agriculture '70), Arturo A. Alejar (BS Chemistry '79), Reena Angeli Arca-Alejar (BS Human Ecology '84), and Rosario Arcelia A. Alejar (BS Agriculture '10, MS Animal Science '14)



Fandialan family

Juan C. Fandialan (BS Sugar Technology '38), Anthony Charles F. Dalmacio (BS Biology '94), Ida Fandialan-Dalmacio (BS Agriculture '70, MS Plat Pathology '72), Leslie Michelle M. Dalmacio (BS Biology '94, PhD Molecular Biology and Biotechnology '12) and Samuel C. Dalmacio (BS Agriculture '67, MS Agriculture '70)



Faustino family

Dominador G. Faustino (BS Forestry '42), Belle Faridah P. Faustino-Wallace (BS Development Communication '00), Dominador M. Faustino Jr. (BS Forestry '61), Tara Faith P. Faustino-Markiel (BA Sociology '03), Florante C. Faustino (BS Forest Products Engineering '78), Franco Mikhael Faustino Abrina (BS Development Communication '15), and Anna Floresca P. Faustino-Firmalino (BS Economics '98, MS Economics '04)



Mendoza family

Valerio B. Mendoza (BS Forestry '60, MS Forestry Biological Sciences '77), Maria Emelinda T. Mendoza (BA Sociology '85), Maria Rebecca Mendoza-Celles (MS Applied Nutrition '88), Marivic L. Mendoza (BS Agriculture '92, MS Development Management '00), Marlo D. Mendoza (BS Forestry '86), Diana T. Mendoza (BS Human Ecology '18) Yolanda Benedicta Mendoza-Ripley (MS Community Development '95), Heidi D. Mendoza (BS Development Communication '13, MS Development Communication '18), Lionel D. Mendoza (BS Economics '93), Marc Joshua T. Mendoza (BS Communication Arts '15) and Stephen T. Mendoza (BS Forestry '18)



Payawal family

Pacifico C. Payawal (MS Botany '72), Claudia Payawal-Javier (BS Forestry '88, MS Public Affairs '02), Melissa Payawal-Ferido (BS Human Ecology '90, MS Family Resources Management '03), Eleanor Payawal-Manipol (BS Development Communication '92), Ma. Charina S. Payawal-Maneja (BS Nutrition '90), Miguel Payawal Ferido (BS Development Communication '06), Helga S. Payawal-Vergara (BS Human Ecology '98), and Bianca Isobel P. Ferido



(MS Development Management and Governance '18)

For this year, a total of 52 awardees were recognized as ***College Distinguished Alumni***. Each of these awardees, from their respective colleges, demonstrated exceptional achievements and contributions in their endeavors at the local, national, or international level.

College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS)

Dr. Villaluz Zara-Acedo – Distinguished alumna for Research and Development (Tissue Culture)

Dr. Rene Rafael C. Espino – Distinguished alumnus for Teaching, Research and Extension (Horticulture)

Dr. Telesforo A. Veja – Distinguished alumnus for Youth Development - Posthumous

Ms. Maria Olivia P. Puentesolina – Distinguished alumna for Agricultural Entrepreneurship

Dr. Milagros Parker Hojilla-Evangelista – Distinguished alumna for Research and Development (Food Technology)

Dr. Desiree M. Hautea – Distinguished alumna for Molecular Genetics and Agricultural Biotechnology

Dr. Aphiphan Pookpakdi – Distinguished alumnus for Agronomy and Tropical Agriculture



(L-R) UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, CAFS Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., and Dean Agbisit

Dr. Domingo E. Angeles – Distinguished alumnus for Teaching and Research (Horticulture)

Dr. Victor V. Perez – Distinguished alumnus for Higher Education Administration

Mr. Michael L. Melendes – Distinguished alumnus for Agriculture and Social Entrepreneurship

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

Ms. Ricamela S. Palis – Distinguished alumna for Culture and the Arts

Ms. Mina C. Ballesteros – Distinguished alumna for Rural Development and Social Enterprise

Mr. Raymond C. Nuñez – Distinguished alumnus for Information Technology Development

Mr. Pablito F. Aquino – Distinguished alumnus for Enterprise Development and Corporate Governance



(L-R) Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, CAS Distinguished Alumni Awardees, and Dean Lansigan

College of Development Communication (CDC)

Dr. Serlie B. Jamias – Distinguished alumna for Development Communication

Ms. Sylvia Katherine S. Lopez – Distinguished alumna for Agricultural Communication

Dr. Rogelio P. Matalang – Distinguished alumnus for Community Broadcasting

Prof. Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph – Distinguished alumna for Peace Education and Communication

Atty. Vida Soraya S. Verzosa – Distinguished alumna for Children and Women's Rights Advocacy

College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology (CEAT)

Engr. Romeo Capuno – Distinguished alumnus for Global Corporate Management

Dr. Francisco B. Elegado – Distinguished alumnus for Biotechnology

Engr. Elizabeth B. Maghirang – Distinguished alumna for Agricultural Engineering Research

College of Economics and Management (CEM)

Mr. Enrico P. Villanueva – Distinguished alumnus for Financial Risk Management and Development

Ms. Ana Cecilia S. Palma – Distinguished alumna for Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship

PO2 Haidelyn P. Arevalo – Distinguished alumna for Public Service

Mr. Rodolfo T. Azanza, Jr. – Distinguished alumna for Energy Sector Development



(L-R) UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, CDC Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dean Velasco, and Chancellor Sanchez, Jr.



(L-R) Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, CEAT Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dean Elepaño, and Dr. Borines



(L-R) Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, CEM Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dean Pabuayon, and Dr. Delgado

Mr. Carlos Lorenzo L. Vega – Distinguished alumnus for Leadership and Corporate Governance

College of Forestry and Natural Resources (CFNR)

For. Federico L. Ocampo – Distinguished alumnus for Outstanding Public Service

For. Honorio M. Soriano, Jr. – Distinguished alumnus for Public Service (Institutional Development)

For. Cenon B. Padolina – Distinguished alumnus for Public Service (Private Sector)

For. Ina Q. Guillermo – Distinguished alumna for Institutional Service (Renewable Energy)

For. Bresilda M. Gervacio – Distinguished alumna for Public Service (Government Sector)

For. Yeshey Dorji – Distinguished alumnus for Public Service (International Sector)

For. Edwino S. Fernando – Distinguished alumnus for Institutional Service (Education Sector)

For. Nathaniel C. Bantayan – Distinguished alumnus for Institutional Service (Research Sector)

For. Roberto P. Cereno – Distinguished alumnus for Institutional Service (Forestry Extension)



(L-R) Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, CFNR Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dean Abasolo and For. Cabahug, Jr.

College of Human Ecology (CHE)

Ms. Marinela M. Nuñez – Distinguished alumna for Gender and Rights-Based Rural Development

Ms. Melissa P. Ferido – Distinguished alumna for Education, Research and Training

Ms. Myrannor H. Mirabel – Distinguished alumna for Local Community Empowerment

Ms. Natalie V. Pulvinar – Distinguished alumna for Promoting Nutrition Legislative Advocacies



(L-R) Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, Mr Albor, CHE Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dean Piadozo, and Assoc. Dean Amparo

College of Public Affairs (CPAf)

Dr. Lope A. Calanog – Distinguished alumnus for Research and Development Management

Mr. Madan Raj Joshi – Distinguished alumnus for Development and Humanitarian Work

Dr. Fernando V. Magdato, Jr. – Distinguished alumnus for Agricultural Extension

Dr. Luz R. Taposok – Distinguished alumna for Agricultural Education and Extension Leadership

Dr. Leonardus Tumuka – Distinguished alumnus for Community Service

College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM)

Dr. Edna Zenaida Velarde-Villacorte – Distinguished alumna for Military Service

Dr. Simeon S. Amurao, Jr. – Distinguished alumna for Private Practice

Dr. Michelle Valle-Paraso – Distinguished alumna for Veterinary Public Health

Dr. Marjorie Advincula-Filoteo – Distinguished alumnus for Government Service

Dr. Florisa Vilorio – Distinguished alumna for Education

School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM)

Dr. Ramon M. Docto – Distinguished alumnus for Institutional Service

Dr. Mari-Ann M. Acedera – Distinguished alumna for Research and Development



(L-R) Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, CPAf Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dr. Serano and Dean Bello



(L-R) UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., CVM Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dean Torres, and Dr. Matawaran



(L-R) UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., SESAM Distinguished Alumni Awardees, Dean Eslava, and Dr. Ancog

The Outstanding UPLB Alumnus/Alumni Award (TOUA), on the other hand, are those alumni who surpassed their disciplinary fields of expertise and contributed their service in addressing different national issues – i.e. rural development and social enterprise; environmental protection and national resources management; agriculture and biotechnology; enterprise development and corporate governance; technology development; education, research, and training; public engagement and risk communication; veterinary medicine and agro-bio services; and engineering. The 2018 TOUA list is composed of the following:



TOUA Awardees with Chancellor Sanches, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, and their college representatives

Dr. Reynaldo L. Villareal – Rice and Wheat Breeding, Genetics and Training

Mr. Ireneo V. Vizmonte – Good Governance and Public Service

Dr. Anabella Bautista-Tulin – Research and Extension

Dr. Guido Alfredo Delgado – Energy Economics and Entrepreneurship

Dr. Cleofas R. Cervancia – Technology Development and Extension

For. Jesus Bienvenido R. Rola – Environmental Protection, Natural Resources Management and Public Engagement

Mr. Alexander C. Cortez – Culture and the Arts

Nelly S. Aggangan – Agriculture, Biotechnology, Research and Technology Development

Ms. Mina C. Ballesteros – Rural Development and Social Enterprise

Perry S. Ong – Environment Conservation and Sustainable Development

Dr. Rodolfo R. Altamirano – Education, Research and Training

Eric Dennis C. Legazpi – Promotion of Public Health through Development of Neurosurgery

Dr. Luz R. Taposok – Agricultural Education and Extension Leadership

Dr. Rex B. Demafelis – Research Management and Administration

Dr. Eugenio P. Mende – Veterinary Medicine

Two other special awards such as the ***UPLBAA Presidential Awardee*** and the ***Nelia T. Gonzalez Alumni Service Award*** are most awaited. Dr. Emil Q. Javier (BS Agriculture 1960) received the UPLBAA Presidential Award while Dr. Jovita L. Movillon (BS Sugar Technology 1973, MS Agronomy 1977, PhD Agronomy 1986) received the Nelia T. Gonzalez Alumni Service Award.

Dr. Javier is well known for being the 17th UP president. His leadership and service truly showed how he loves the University and the country. On the other hand, Dr. Movillon is UPLBAA's treasurer and board member since 2010 and 2004, respectively. Although her plate is full of activities, she still spares time to serve UPLBAA.

Special recognition is also given to the ***Outstanding Golden Jubilarians*** who dedicated their time and effort to make the Centennial celebration special. A salute to our outstanding hosts for this year namely Dr. Aphihan Pookpakdi (BS Agriculture 1968); Dr. Cleofas Rodriguez-Cervancia (BS Agriculture 1968, MS Entomology 1972, PhD Entomology 1982); Dr. Javier P. Mateo (BS Agriculture 1968); Ms. Thelma Romero-Paris (BS Agriculture 1968, MS Agricultural Economics 1981); Mr. Nazario S. Racoma (BS Agriculture 1968); and Dr. Reynaldo L. Villareal (BS Agriculture 1968, MS Agronomy 1975).

Truly, alumni played important role in the University. We should continue strengthening our linkage and network with them because they are the University's extension to the nation and the world.

To all awardees for 2018, may you continue to serve the Philippines with your remarkable intelligence and empathetic heart.

The legacy continues.

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(L-R) Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, and Dr. Emil Q. Javier



(L-R) UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, Chancellor Sanchez, Jr., Dr. Movillon, and Mr. Kevin Movillon



(L-R) UPLBAA Pres. Ballesfin, Outstanding Golden Jubilarians, and Chancellor Sanchez, Jr.

RELIVING A MOMENT IN HISTORY

By Mariechel J. Navarro, Ph.D.

Men in white formal attire and hats and women in 19th century clothing make a final pose before leaving on a steam engine train for Camp Claudio, Paranaque in 1918. This iconic picture of 27 faculty, 193 male students, and 2 women staff of the UP College of Agriculture (UPCA) who responded to a call from then Senate President Manuel L. Quezon to join the Philippine National Guard (PNG) symbolize the values of volunteerism and love of country. On October 10, 1918, President Quezon would send a telegram to UPCA Dean Charles Baker giving thanks and recognition to the volunteers who showed dignity, honor, and loyalty to the mother country.

Fast forward to October 10, 2018. The College of Arts of Sciences (CAS) reenacted this exact scene during the Loyalty Day parade sending a wave of nostalgia across the crowd particularly the Jubilarians and senior alumni. CAS Dean Felino Lansigan as Dean Baker on a 19th century-model train led the College contingent. A flyer explained the symbolism of the float:

“Bilang panggunita sa ika-100 taon ng karapatan at bolunterismo, inihahandog ng Kolehiyo ng Agham at Sining ang karosa hango sa pagsapi ng unibersidad sa Philippine National Guard. Ang disenyo ng tren ay tungkol sa katapatan, karangalan at kagitingan

ng mga Iskolar para sa bayan. Sumisimbolo rin ito ng paglalakbay ng mga nasa unibersidad na magdadala hindi lamang patungo sa digma kundi pati na rin sa progreso’t tagumbay ng bansa sa hinaharap.”

Dean Lansigan attributes the cooperation and collaboration of the College’s nine units and programs to its winning the Best Parade Float. “We had a team from the Department of Humanities led by Jeremy dela Cruz who helped brainstorm the concept and design with



Photo credit: CAS Dean’s Office

the Executive Committee. The idea of a moving train on wheels incorporating different elements of sound and steam was executed by a group with Oliver Felicisimo, CAS Administrative Officer, as overall manager, using recycled materials from a previous float, a fogger from a student play repaired to simulate smoke, and sound effects downloaded from the Internet. The train was a top secret and its exact location was kept away from public view with a tarpaulin around an area where repair was actually being done.”

Dela Cruz remembered that they had only one rehearsal two days before the actual parade. Participants were briefed about cues and corresponding action to take at specific moments such as the passing of the train, movement of



CAS float during the 100th Loyalty Day

people, and raising of placards. But those who participated were prepared, dressed their part, and lived the moment. The concept team did their research and their background in theatre and fine arts assured that details, from the neutral colors of dresses to the iconic steam engine, were captured in their entirety.

Lansigan would also comment that feedback was positive and that some Jubilarians and senior alumni approached him and commended the team for a well thought out float to commemorate the special day. “Some were teary-eyed,” Lansigan described the aftermath of that reenactment. It was sweet success to CAS which has never won a best float award, managing at best, a third place finish during the 99th Loyalty Day parade. “Our respective efforts reflected the coordination and respect for different talents and skills, and everybody appreciated the value of their individual contributions,” Lansigan added. It is noteworthy that CAS is a big College with 11 units and gathering people for a singular project is an achievement in itself.

Interestingly, CAS also organized several events in celebration of the 100th Loyalty Day. One was a symposium on the ‘Philippines and World War I: A Small Democracy Trying to Pull its Weight in a World War’ with Dr. Rico T. Jose from UP Diliman as guest speaker. Jose mentioned that Senate President Quezon thought of the PNG to gain a good impression from the US military. However, there was no support for the group and while the Senate President was able to convince the Philippine legislation to allot money, the PNG was ill-prepared for war and lasted only for three years. The original idea of sending troops to Europe did not materialize since the war would eventually end. Jose thinks, that even if it did, the Filipinos would not have been able to adapt to winter conditions.

The CAS float bested 14 other entries with the College of Agriculture and Food Science taking second place, and the College of Veterinary Medicine coming in third. Most Creative Award

went to the College of Forestry and Natural Resources while the most symbolic award went to the College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology.

Mar Movillon, one of seven judges, narrated that they viewed the floats as early as five in the morning of the parade and interviewed around 50 passersby to gauge the people’s choice. While adherence to the event’s theme, workmanship, and institutional mandate were considered, “X factor” quality was also important. “The nostalgic spirit of the CAS float, among others, captivated the judges and crowd,” Movillon explained.



CAFS float during the 100th Loyalty Day



CVM float during the 100th Loyalty Day

The annual Loyalty Parade attracts community participation from UPLB and its units, Los Baños Science Community, partner organizations, student groups and the local government unit of Los Baños. This year the Class of 1968 proudly participated in the parade to celebrated their golden jubilarian year.

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(Continuation of Reframing a Good Tradition from Page 19...)

“About the training protocol, Ricardo Jose commented that it was quite noticeable that there was nothing about how to cope with the cold weather in Europe. This probably was a give-away hint that there was really no intention to send them to Europe after all.

“As to the training cost, the U.S. paid for the expenses for one month, \$15,000, and the Philippine Islands bore the cost for the two months, \$2,406,000!”

In the End

“And the war ended before all the volunteers completed training?”

“On November 21, 1918 Armistice was signed. But word that the war had ended reached the Philippines only on November 30.”

“But UPCA students and faculty enlisted on October 10. What happened to them?”

“After the first batch was trained, training still continued and the second was completed in February 1919. The volunteers from the U.P. College of Agriculture were included in the second batch, finishing in February 1919.”

“And then what happened to the trainees?”

“On the bright side, those who completed the training were federalized, meaning, sworn into the National Guard like they were in the U.S. mainland.

“On the downside, of the 14,000 that were trained, 184 men did not return home alive. One hundred seventy-six died of influenza or of broncho-pneumonia and eight died of other causes.

“Sad to say, the PNG was eventually disbanded. The last heard about it was that in 1936, the members held a reunion.”

Assessing the Events

“Alright, Uncle Gene, how do you assess the Filipinos’ enlisting in the Philippine National Guard?”

“In my opinion, Quezon’s proposal to form the Philippine National Guard was a political ploy meant to show Filipinos’ loyalty to America and ingratiate himself to Washington. He must have cultivated friendships in the U.S. Congress when he was Resident Commissioner for the Philippine Islands and was attending meetings there albeit non-voting, from 1909 to 1916, you see, and perhaps he wanted to impress them. Fortunately, the U.S. followed a different agenda.

“The U.S. delayed the decision to form the PNG and then designed a three-month training that clearly disregarded the European weather to which Filipinos would need to be adapted. Washington was prescient enough to assume that the volunteers’ chances of surviving a war against well-equipped and well-trained armies of Germany was close to nil.”

“Now, about Loyalty Day, Uncle Gene, when did the College start celebrating on October 10?”

“In July 1921, the U.P. Board of Regents declared October 10 as a holiday in the academic calendar of the U.P. College of Agriculture after it received a proposal to that effect from the college student body organization.



Loyalty Day Celebration
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A student organization during a Loyalty Day celebration parade

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The first celebration was held that year.

“I have gathered from some faculty members who were around in Los Baños in the late sixties that student activists succeeded in forcing cancellation of Loyalty Day celebrations as they were then protesting so-called American imperialism.”

Loyalty to Alma Mater

“Yes, those were the tumultuous years when UP campuses were rocked by demonstrations and they put to task the university administration for being pro-American, especially with technical assistance pouring in to UPLB at the time. But eventually the College’s Alumni Association took over the sponsorship of the Loyalty Day celebration and student protests died down, especially with the disclaimer that Loyalty has evolved to denote Loyalty to Alma Mater, not to America.”

“Do you honestly think this is now the prevailing sentiment?”

“I would think so. None among the millennials, I suppose, know what happened during the First World War. And so, most everybody now associates Loyalty with Alma Mater. Only avid students of history like you would be inclined to ask what it is all about, how it all began.”

Reframing the Tradition

“So it is okay to refer to October 10 as UPLB Loyalty Day Alumni Homecoming?”

“Yes, as a day for alumni to come home and renew their fellowship with former classmates, rekindle friendships with contemporaries and professors, and be reunited with Alma Mater where they had spent a good part of their lives.”

“Uncle Gene, do you think it is good to commemorate Loyalty Day?”

“Yes, we should perpetuate good traditions. Loyalty Day in U.P. Los Baños is one tradition that unifies all alumni and they come and visit the campus during Loyalty Day, wherever they may be living now. We also know that there have been attempts to rename October 10 but these have gotten nowhere. Loyalty is a good concept for a homecoming. The origin is really not worth questioning anymore. It’s time to put it to rest. We have to move forward. That is evolution.”



Executive offices' float during the 100th Loyalty Day Parade

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UPSILON SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY: 100 YEARS GATHERING LIGHT TO SCATTER

By Corazon F. Azucena, Ph. D.

The fraternity observed a double celebration during the October, 2018 Loyalty Day and Alumni Homecoming - the UPLB centennial occasion and their own hundred years of existence. The members of the fraternity joined in the foot parade, donned to the ninth in formal Barong Tagalog.



Upsilon brods in their formal attire bearing banners

After the parade, the members gathered in the amphitheater at the Student Union (SU) to join their peers and members of their sister sorority, the Sigma Delta Phi Sorority, for an amazing reunion cum sumptuous lunch.



Fraternity brothers showed a unique kind of brotherhood as they sing the Upsilon Song "We're Upsilononians" ...*oh this title we proudly bear, through tears and laughter we are one every time, everywhere the years can not break us...*

A Bit of History

(as reported by Carlo Magno in October 2004)

In 1918, a decade after the founding of the University of the Philippines, 14 young men who shared common interests, had identical aspirations and similar ideals of leadership and excellence bonded together to form what would become the oldest organization and the first Greek-letter fraternity at UP. This was how Upsilon Sigma Phi came into being. However not until November 19, 1920 was the group formalized with a constitution and by-laws.

Four months later, on March 24, 1921, "Upsilon Sigma Phi" standing for the initials "University Students Fraternity" was adopted as the fraternity's official name. In the same

year, the fraternity completed its organization with the rituals, and conceived the motto "We gather light to scatter". For the next 100 years the fraternity kept true to its motto. Their colors are cardinal red and blue and flower is pink rose. They call the head Illustrious Fellow (IF).

Being the first fraternity at UPLB and imbued with the fine tradition established by its mother chapter, the fraternity flourished. From the beginning, the invitation was extended to outstanding students who possessed leadership qualities and commitment to excellence. It drew to its fold the cream of the

crop and excelled in academics, dramatics, student politics and civic activities. The UPLB Upsilonians initiated the holding of several international symposia on international relations and pursued justice against perpetrators of brutal kidnap-murders involving UPLB students.

A newly unveiled sculpture Kapit-Kapit Legacy Monument at the Carillon Plaza symbolizes the fraternity's tradition of brotherhood and aims to communicate the values of camaraderie and unity. One of the outreach projects of the alumni was the assistance in the Bahay Kalinga housing project. The 2000s saw Upsilonians continued dominance in many relevant activities.

At the turn of the century, two Upsilonians became UP Presidents: Alfredo E. Pascual and

Danilo L. Concepcion, the current President while at UPLB, the fraternity boasts of having chancellors at the helm: Abelardo Samonte, Ruben L. Villareal, Rey Velasco and the current Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr.

The story of the fraternity is not complete without mentioning the Sigma Delta Phi Sorority, its sister sorority which in their own rights, was tops in scholarship and in campus activities. The relationship between the Upsilonians and the Sigma Deltans was so close that it resulted to numerous marriages among the brods and sisters.

The sorority also boasts of many outreach projects such as the Sigma Delta village in Putho-Tuntungin, adopting a charity ward and donation of bed sheets and other linens to the UPLB Health Service.



"Cor Unum Via Una", the sorority's motto meaning "One in heart, one in mind one in the communion of the spirit" reflects the sisterhood one finds in the sorority. The photo shows the members welcoming Sis Emma Juliano-Ramos (at the center), who was responsible in organizing the sorority at UPLB in 1955.



After the parade, resident sorority members posed in front of the Maria Makiling fountain built by alumnae sisters at the Carillon plaza.

UPLB MOUNTS BIODIVERSITY EXHIBIT

By Jerry R. Yapo, Ph.D.

Festive and critical is UPLB's yearender exhibit "Art in Biodiversity".

Exploring a wide range of mediums, styles and techniques, the group show brought together a select group of painters, sculptors, and mixed-media artists. It was a fitting tribute to UPLB on its 100th Loyalty celebration.

Most of the featured works were hinged on conservation as the *raison d'être* of biodiversity. Highlighted are flora and fauna that are rather peculiar in the country and the Southeast Asian region. Endemicity, one of the hallmarks of biodiversity, became a rallying point in the exhibit.

A few artists, however, dared to trek another equally important aspect of biodiversity:

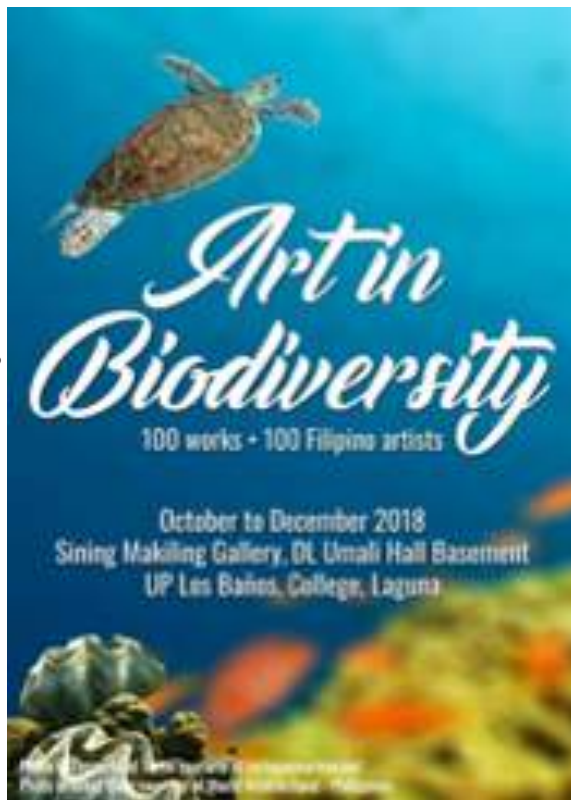
endangerment. Its urgency is evident in our quest for survival in the midst of finite resources available. This is biodiversity's critical turn.

The artists' pieces were a tapestry of visual communication, and viewers decoded their meanings in more ways one could possibly imagine.

Hopefully, "Art in Biodiversity" would succeed not only created a platform for the celebration of biodiversity,

but also in stirring public consciousness on its endangerment.

"Art in Biodiversity" opened on October 8 at the Sining Makiling Gallery, DL Umali Hall, UPLB. Exhibit ran until December 2018.



EMMAN ACASIO
"One"



POPE DALISAY
"Sweet and Sour"



ROGER RISHAB TIBON
"One with Nature"

INTERESTING REFLECTIONS SHARED

By Corazon F. Azucena, Ph.D.

After a short respite from participating during the Loyalty Day, faculty members of the then Department of Horticulture calendared November 11 to attend the first ever reunion held at the UPLB Executive House. Instead of the usual class reunion after the Loyalty Day parade, the members opted to have a faculty reunion. The occasion was spearheaded by Dr. Teresita L. Rosario and Dr. Leo Namuco and many responded positively to the invitation. The reunion was a way of renewing, reflecting and rejoicing bonding moments, what with the fun and laughter shared.

life style, staff development and enhancement history of the department that was established on March 28, 1974. The department has been elevated to become now the Institute of Crop Science.

Most of their messages were related to their journey from student life to entering the academic profession, sharing their expertise and perspectives spanning various topics of interest.

With the abundance of intellectuals, talented and committed staff currently based at the Institute of Crop Science, there is no doubt that many will be well prepared to face the challenges in the real world.

The members were treated with a sumptuous lunch where bonding moments were continued as well as Chancellor Sanchez sharing his vision and plans for the development of the university during his second term at the helm.



Attendees to the faculty reunion dressed in Filipiniana and Barong Tagalog for the gentlemen

One representative from the five divisions of the department gave short messages: Fruit Crops by Dr. Namuco, Vegetable Crops by Dr. Eufemio Rasco, Ornamental Crops by Dr. Helen Valmayor. Plantation Crops by Dr. Johnny Sangalang who came all the way from Mindanao, and by Dr. Ofelia Bautista for Postharvest.

Former Chancellor Ruben L. Villareal also gave a piece of wisdom including millennials,

A brief slide presentation prepared by Dr. Rosario shed light on some little known but key moments in the department history such as Who Is Who in the department. Shown in the presentation was an old picture of faculty members.

The trivia questions written by the staff were “anecdotes” and the members were given prizes for a correct answer. Prizes ranged from plants such as *Rosa senensis* (gumamela), the

ever prolific *sinta papaya*. *Oncidium* (Dancing lady) orchid, lemon, golden durian, *aglaonema* and small gifts brought by the attendees.

To conclude the event was the singing of the traditional closing song “Auld Lang Syne” crossed hands in a circle as if to say “let us meet again next year”.



Lunch time for attendees



Faculty members as they were in 1984



Attendees of the faculty reunion

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