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# Editor's Greetings

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This special issue of *The Bedan Alumnus Magazine* is dedicated to the 92nd Season of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), where San Beda College is serving as host school.

Looking back, it was in 1936 when San Beda joined the NCAA league

together with equally prestigious schools like Ateneo, La Salle, Letran, Mapua and Jose Rizal.

As it is San Beda's turn to host this year's NCAA, the SBC Alumni Association Board of Trustees and Editorial Board decided to have a special publication of *The Bedan Alumnus* that will distinctly feature the outstanding men and women who made the NCAA a great institution that it is now today.

Undeniably so, San Beda College would not have also been a great institution that it is today if not for its active and meaningful participation in the NCAA which is considered the oldest collegiate sports organization in the country.

Let the succeeding pages be our tribute to the NCAA as it continues to be at the forefront of Philippine sports development now and for all times.

With the loudest Bedan roar, the SBCAA family joins the entire Filipino nation in saluting the NCAA for upholding the finest tradition of sportsmanship through its many years of "building character through sports, and still achieving breakthroughs on its 92nd Season".

Let the exciting and unpredictable games begin... Go San Beda, Fight! Go NCAA, Go!

See you at the Games!



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My warmest greetings to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) on the occasion of your 92nd Season with my alma mater, San Beda College as this year's host school.

I am an avid supporter of the NCAA for it champions integrity, honesty, passion and discipline among our young athletes, which my Incoming administration is pursuing as its very legacy to the Filipino nation.

May this year's NCAA be another showcase of the best of the Filipino talents as you engage in healthy competition, and reach for the sweetest taste of victory.

Change is definitely coming, and I enjoy my fellow Bedans in effecting these changes which our country has been yearning for through the many years.

**HIS EXCELLENCY RODRIGO R. DUTERTE**  
*President  
Republic of the Philippines*



My sincerest greetings to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) on its 92nd season of achieving breakthroughs in the field of sports.

This year's host is our beloved alma mater San Beda College. It will be recalled that San Beda is one of the founding members of this oldest collegiate sports organization in the country. In fact, San Beda and NCAA are like two peas in a pod, where one cannot exist without the other.

I welcome once again this opportunity to host this year's NCAA hoping that it will be able to break new grounds, and further develop the character and physical prowess of our Filipino youth. May this 92nd Season bring to fore real champions of integrity, sportsmanship, and discipline among our young sports men and women whom we can all be proud of.

**Animo, San Beda; Animo NCAA!**



**MANUEL V. PANGILINAN**  
*Chairman of the Board  
San Beda College*



# MESSAGE



Peace and God's abundant blessings be with you and loved ones!

Welcome to the 92nd Season of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

The Season's theme: **Sports Builds Character: Achieving Breakthrough @ 92**, is very relevant and appropriate as we all yearn to have young people whose characters are built on high moral grounds.

On behalf of the Benedictine community, I wish the NCAA Season 92 all the best, with our very own San Beda College serving as this year's host school.

May the good Lord shower all the NCAA participants with His many wonderful graces, and may San Beda steer this oldest collegiate sports organization to even greater heights of service and excellence.

That in all things God may be glorified.

**VERY REV. FR. RAFAELITO V. ALARAS, OSB**  
*Prior-Chancellor*



Peace and God's blessings!

San Beda College is very pleased to host the 92nd Season of the NCAA. This year's theme: **Sports Builds Character: Achieving Breakthrough @ 92**, speaks much of this oldest collegiate sports organization in the Philippines being at the forefront of character development of the Filipino youth.

The NCAA through the years has produced innumerable outstanding athletes who have brought honor and fame to their respective schools, our country and the global community.

San Beda's pride Carlos "Caloy" Loyzaga, more popularly known as The Big Difference is one such iconic athlete who made a great name in the field of basketball in both local and foreign competitive games. This year, the NCAA Board thought it most appropriate to honor him posthumously for his exemplary life works whom today's millennials should emulate.

I enjoin all Bedans and sports fans to support this 92nd season of the NCAA as it continues its legacy of sports development and healthy competition in the twenty first century.

That in all things God may be glorified.



**VERY REV. FR. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSB**  
*Rector-President*





Cordial greetings from the San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA).

I join the entire Bedan community in taking pride that San Beda College is serving as this year's host school of the 92nd Season of the NCAA.

Since its inception, the NCAA, together with San Beda College has produced great athletes who have significantly changed the landscape of Philippine sports.

May this year's NCAA bring to fore another record-breaking performances from all member schools, with our very own San Beda College taking the lead in producing sports giants of tomorrow.

I enjoin everyone, especially our alumni/ae to support all the NCAA games, knowing that the alumni/ae play a primordial role in the success of any NCAA season.

To all our Bedan athletes, good luck and more power.

Bring out the challenges, we'll win them all!

Go San Beda Fight, Fight!

**ATTY. DOMINADOR BUHAIN, JR.**  
*President*  
*San Beda College Alumni Association*



# MESSAGE

It is with great honor and privilege that I join the entire Bedan family in greeting the management, staff, and participants in the 92nd Season of the NCAA.

San Beda College and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) have a long history of working together to produce outstanding men and women in the field of sports.

We, in the SBC Alumni Foundation are in unison in wishing this year's NCAA Season a huge success, contributing much to the sports development in our country.

And to our San Beda community, that this be another celebration of Bedan pride and glory.

Let us make another history that we all can be proud of!

Herald the Bedans coming, may our NCAA fellowship never cease!



It is with joy and pride that I take the lead in this year's preparations for the NCAA 92nd Season being a part of the NCAA Management Committee.

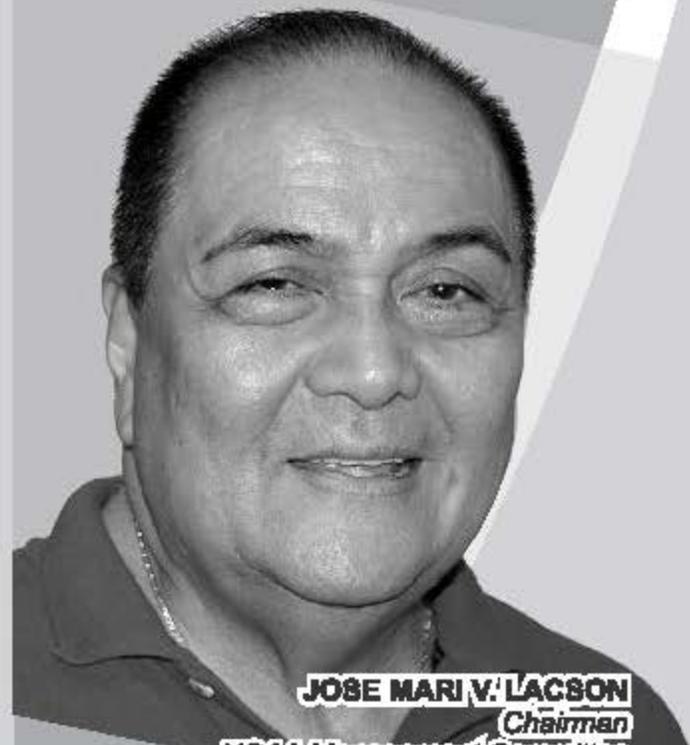
I am confident that with San Beda College as the host of this year's season, the NCAA will once again be another memorable and very fruitful sports event in our country.

Undenlably, the NCAA has always been a force to reckon with in the field of Philippine sports. And this legacy is here to stay, with our very own San Beda College making sure that NCAA 92nd Season will contribute significantly to making another history in sports competitions in the country.

**Go San Beda Gol**



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# MESSAGE



**REV. FR. BENIGNO BENABARRE, OSB**  
*Assistant Moderator*

I am one with the members of the Bean family in greeting the NCAA during its 92nd season. San Beda College is proud to be host of the games this year.

The NCAA is a well-respected sports organization which has produced quite a number of prominent sports heroes. More than that, the NCAA has developed the sportsmanship qualities of our athletes coming from different members schools.

I pray for another successful year of games, competitions and passionate schools spirit.

May God bless you all!



**REV. FR. AUSTIN P. CADIZ, OSB**  
*Moderator*

I take pride being part in this year's NCAA Season 92, especially so that San Beda is the host school of this most anticipated sports event among participating schools.

The NCAA 92 will surely be a much awaited Bedan event this year for we are serving as the lead school preparing all the details to ensure success of this oldest sports association competition in the country.

Good luck to all school athletes participating in the games. Allow me to commend fellow Bedans led by Mr. Jose Marl Lecson, Prof. Mike Rubio, Coach Ato Badolato, Mr. Jude Roque and of course, the many brilliant minds behind the preparations for the NCAA 92 Season.

May you be blessed a thousand fold for all your good works. And may the NCAA 92 Season be abundantly blessed by our Almighty Father.

# San Beda is host of NCAA Season 92

**On this year's NCAA being different from the past**  
This season will see a new commissioner in the person of respected sports analyst, Mr. Andy Jao who brings with him years of experience in basketball and commissioner of different leagues. There have been changes in schedules particularly that of the Juniors basketball and some rule changes that will make the games more exciting.



Mr. Andy Jao

The season begins with an impressive opening ceremony that will highlight all the sporting events in the NCAA calendar in a show of lights and sounds never before seen in the league's history.

### The alumni support needed to ensure the success of the NCAA

All Bedan alumni/ae are invited to give their full support to the NCAA by watching the games live and giving positive reinforcements to all Bedan athletes. Support in the form of assistance to the various teams will also redound to the benefit of the league as it makes our teams competitive against the other schools.

### The NCAA remains relevant to the times

We believe that San Beda being an integral part of the NCAA has been through the years developing character of the students as they cheer and support their respective teams. It also helps bring together the community members as they collectively witness the triumphs and defeats of San Beda. It instills a strong love for the school that is clearly manifested in the community praying for and egging their athletes to excel and bring honor to the school that they represent.

### The NCAA opens on June 25, Saturday at the Mall of Asia Arena,

with an elaborate opening ceremony at 12:30nn. The family of the late outstanding Bedan Carlos Loyzaga will serve as special guest of honor.



Mapúa Institute of Technology hands over to San Beda College the hosting of the 92nd season of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Season.

Two lead persons tasked by Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB, SBC Rector-President, to oversee the preparations for the NCAA 92 are



Prof. Michael Rubio Jose Marl Lacson

Prof. Michael John Rubio, CAS Prefect of Academics for Student Athletes, and Mr. Jose Marl Lacson, Chairman NCAA Management Committee 2016. These two dedicated and committed Bedans share their thoughts on the engagement of San Beda in this year's NCAA preparations.

### Plans of San Beda for the NCAA 92 Season

San Beda as host school for Season 92 ensures everyone that the tournament will run smoothly and that there will be stronger participation of the different stakeholders of all the member schools in the different games not just basketball. Further, San Beda is leaving no stones unturned to make sure that it will be a gracious host to everyone especially the viewing public.

# NCAA MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THESE

by Atty. Rene Seguiseg



Joffre Alajar emailed me a few days ago seeking "an article from [me] about [my] memories of [the] NCAA during the early decades." Why me? Fr. Benabarre just marked his 201st bday but I don't go back that far (*am 76, in my Second Adolescence*).

Seriously, in grade school in Makati Elementary, I, promdi, idolized Moro Lorenzo of Ateneo.

In 1955, I enrolled in San Beda cuz from Pasig to Legarda, 15 centavos. Beyond that, an unaffordable 20.

A little love, that slowly grew and grew, sung, by Teddy Randazzo in my AB years here - and today I may be as Red as anybody, if not Redder today. I am grateful, aren't I?

In the 50's the NC was the glamour league and for many, the only game in town. The UAAP and MCAA could not hold a candle to the NC then.

Caloy "Pomfret" Lozaga was the premier cager in the country then and impressed elsewhere, as well. What fun to watch him, Tony Genato, Eddie Lim, Bonnie Carbonnel, Cesar "Spinning J" Jota, Tata Carranceja, et al. versus Frank Rabat, Mao Ballesteros, Ed Ocampo, Honesto Mayoralgo, Tiny Literal, et al..

We had the easy-to-sing Red and White, replaced by the more challenging Bedan Hymn, disturbing

the Old Guard. Our harder-to-sing solemn Bedan Hymn of Raul Roco competes with Atenean Raul Manglapus's rousing Fly High. Losers did not have to stay to sing on court, unlike today (*In the NBA, even the losers are interviewed, but not on court; there's a decent interval*).

Then, the violence came in the 50's and 60's. I remember our Big Boy Reynoso, a Pasig townsman, chasing Ateneo's Cris Arroyo in Araneta (*in the 80's Cris was our - Jojobama Binay's, Ed Araullo's, et al. - playmate in St. Scho's gym, a shorter court, for women, unlike the regular, for me, nakakalula. Cris and Ed would toss homerun pitches to Jojobama and me*).

A crucial loss to Ateneo would mean mourning on campus for days when I first came here.

A Pasig neighbor, Jake Jacalne, was a second-stringer in Mapua, whose song was based on Trail the Eagle. As good as our cheer is, Um-Pah, Umpah, the Indian Yell, always a clear second - at least - was JRC's halftime show. Its band would play Bingo J, Bingo R, Bingo C, to the lifting tune of Till the End of Time (*I adored Perry Como's rendering of it*).

La Salle's was patterned after Notre Dame's.

The NC can be great again! At a time when, for good or ill, Warriors-Cavallers dominate and we may seem to know Curry and LeBron more than the PBA, UAAP and NCAA stars.

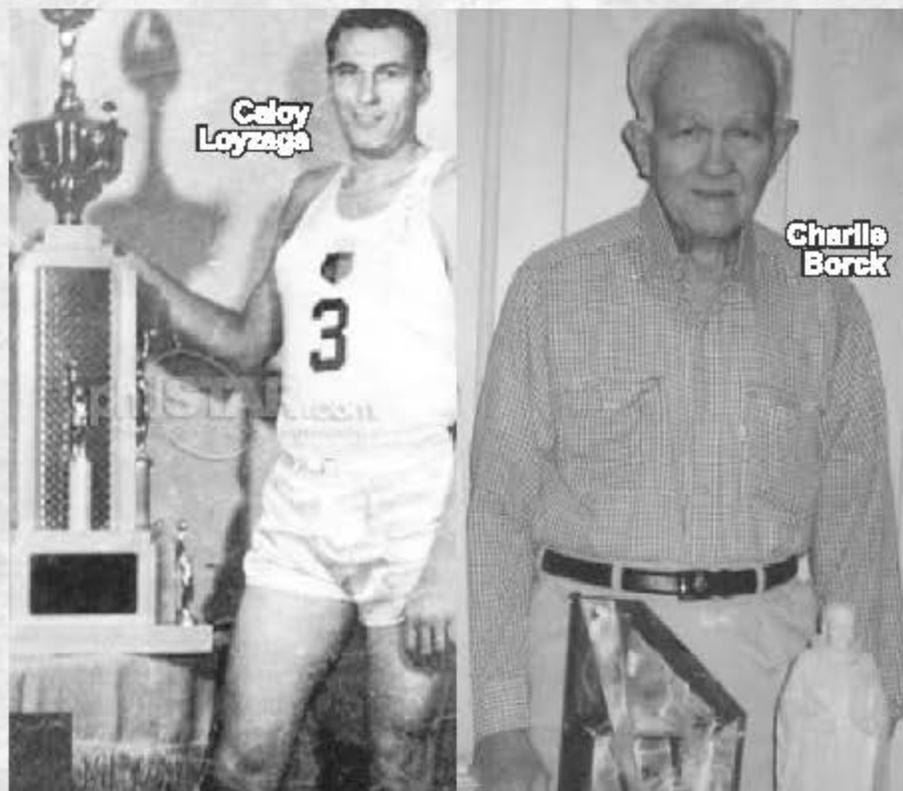
But it may be our time again in 2016. Pinagblyan ang Letran last year. The Prez-elect was our law stude, Digong Duterte, '72, Ilke Executive Sec designate Bingbong Medialdea, '77, Justice Sec designate Vlt Aguilme, '71, and DOTC Sec designate Art Tugade '72 (deceased pres candidate Roy Señeres was also '72).

Veep-elect Leni Robredo was my stude in our law grad school in 2013 but she had to leave on getting elected Bicol Cong. Below is our pix. Eat your hearts out.

The Prez- and Veep-elect are Bedans!

# NCAA LEGACY

NCAA Admin



Carlos Loyzaga

Charlie Borck

The NCAA, the oldest collegiate sports organization in the country, is dedicated to the development of amateur sports in the country. Through the years, the NCAA has been at the forefront of sports development and competition in this country.

Since its inception in the 1920s, NCAA has produced athletes who represented our country in the international competitions gaining fame and glory, not only for themselves, but also for their respective schools and country. Carlos Loyzaga, a great Bedan, is an example of an NCAAian who honed his skills in the NCAA hard courts, became a standout in the field leading San Beda to championships, and eventually making his mark in the Olympic scene.

The NCAA history is replete with numerous achievers in different fields. It provided players to the RP teams who played in the Olympics. Lauro "The Fox" Mumar (Letran) and Edgardo Fulgencio [JRU] were members of the team that played in the London Olympics [1948] where the Philippines placed fourth.

Some of the NCAA players who made it to the Olympics were Charlie Borck and Jesus Marzan of San Beda [Berlin 1936]. In the Helsinki Olympics in 1952, except for a player from La Salle, seven players were NCAAian. They were Florentino Bautista [JRU, Letran], Antonio Genato, Carlos Loyzaga, Eduardo Lim, Ponciano Saldaña, Meliton Santos [San Beda] and Mariano Tolentino [JRU]. Likewise, in the Melbourne Olympics, 1956, six of eight players were NCAAian.

It was not only in Basketball that NCAA players responded to the call of the flag but also in other sports. Simeon Toriblo [Mapua] played in Track and Field in Amsterdam (1929) and Berlin (1936). Jose Padilla [Letran] participated in boxing in the Los Angeles (1932) and Berlin (1936). Sambiao Basanung [Letran] was a swimmer in the Helsinki Olympics. Agapito Lozada [Mapua] was also in swimming in the Melbourne Olympics (1956).

# PHILIPPINE NCAA HISTORY

NCAA Admin

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is an athletics association of eight colleges and universities in the Philippines. Established in 1924, the NCAA is the oldest athletic association in the country. The Philippine NCAA is not connected to the NCAA of the United States.

The Policy Board and the Management Committee handles the affairs of the league. The Board and the Committee are composed of representatives of the eight member schools, and determine the acceptance and suspension of member schools, game reversals and replays, and other official actions. During the nearly yearlong season from June to March, each school participates in 11 sports; each sport is conducted in two divisions: the Juniors for male high-school students, and the Seniors for college students. There are male and female Seniors divisions for some events. The Juniors and Seniors divisions each award a General Championship trophy at the end of the academic year to the school which had the best performance in all sports, based on the total amount of points scored in a Championship tally.



The 1978 San Beda Red Lions, NCAA seniors' basketball back to back champions.

With basketball as the principal sport, rivalries have developed within schools. Rivalries have led to withdrawal from the league of some members as some games escalated into full-blown brawls. The NCAA took measures to prevent major brawls, such as the segregation of arenas into supporters of different schools. With the withdrawal of members schools came the admission of new members into the league. As of Season 82, the league is contemplating an expansion into Division II athletics.

The NCAA sponsors eleven sports, which are divided into two divisions: the Juniors division for high school students and the Seniors division for college students. There are male and female Seniors divisions for some events.

Each member college or university has an affiliated high school that competes in the Juniors division. For example, San Beda College's affiliated high school is its campus at Taytay, Rizal, while Letran College's high school is found within its college campus at Intramuros. While these two high schools are integrated within their colleges, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde is not directly connected with its high school affiliate, La Salle Green Hills (LSGH), except that they are both administered by the Lasallian Brothers. As a result, LSGH labels "St. Benilde" instead of "La Salle" on their jerseys.

The NCAA sponsors the following sports for Juniors and Seniors: basketball, chess, swimming, football, taekwondo, tennis, and track and field. Volleyball, table tennis, and beach volleyball are hosted on the Juniors and Seniors level as well as on both a men's and women's level. Cheerleading is a demonstrational event and is not used in the tabulating of each school's final score, and determination of the season's General Champion.

The General Champion for the each division in an academic year is determined by a points system similar to the one used in Formula One, where the school with the highest accumulated score from all events in a division wins the General Championship. A championship in an event entitles a school with 30 points, the second placer 20, up to eighth place, with one point. For an example, see the tabulation of points for Season 81.

The decision of the Board of Directors to file papers of Incorporation with the then Bureau of Commerce in 1930 led to protests from the University of the Philippines, which was the only public institution among member schools, saying that it would lead to commercialization. National University and the University of Santo Tomas sided with the University of the Philippines on the matter. This led into the formation, via an Article of Agreement, of a triangular meet among NU, UP and UST, with the Board of Control's condition that NCAA events should take precedence. The league established came to be known as the "Big Three," and on 1932, the Article of Agreement was renewed.

In 1936, the University of the Philippines and University of Santo Tomas withdrew permanently in the NCAA and continued with their own league, while Far Eastern University (FEU) withdrew on its own. Six schools remained in the league and became known as the "old-timer six" - Ateneo de Manila, Colegio de San Juan de Letran, De La Salle College, José Rizal College, Mapúa Institute of Technology and San Beda College. Also in 1936, league games were transferred to the newly-completed Rizal Memorial Coliseum, owing to its accessibility among the schools, for most schools were in Manila.

In 1938, Far Eastern University, National University, the University of the Philippines and the University of Santo Tomas formed the University Athletic Association of the Philippines, a rival intercollegiate league.

The NCAA experienced a golden age during the postwar years. The Loyola Center at the Ateneo campus became the new home of the league. Due to the home court advantage of the Ateneo, Blue Eagles

games were held on the old Rizal Memorial.

**Early years**

The NCAA was founded in 1924 on the initiative of Dr. Regino R. Ylanan, a physical education professor of the University of the Philippines (UP). The original members were the Ateneo de Manila, De La Salle College, Institute of Accounts, National University (NU), San Beda College (SBC), the University of Manila, the University of the Philippines, and the University of Santo Tomas (UST).

**1950s**

The 1950s will be known in the annals of history as one of the best decades of the NCAA. The start of the decade was the glory year of the fabled Letran Murder Inc. Eventually, it will be the Ateneo de Manila Blue Eagles and San Beda Red Lions who would be locking horns during the fabled era.



**Carlo Loyzaga**

The decade produced legendary collegiate players like Carlos Loyzaga (San Beda), Lauro "the Fox" Mumar (Letran), and Frank Rabat (Ateneo) among others.



**Lauro "the Fox" Mumar**

The 1950s was also known as the decade of the Crispulo Zamora Cup. The Crispulo Zamora Cup was the trophy to be awarded by the NCAA for the first team to get three championship crowns.

The Letran Knights started with their 1950 campaign bannering their legendary Murder Inc. However, they lost steam when San Beda and Ateneo traded championships thereafter. San Beda won the crown in 1951 and the 1952 season. Ateneo stopped San Beda in 1953 and secured the 1954 championship. The 1955 season was the deciding year for the Crispulo Zamora Cup which San Beda eventually won.

In the post Zamora Cup era, La Salle made their own statement by winning the crown in 1956. Still, Ateneo was undaunted and secured the 1957 and 1958 trophy. A third straight post-Zamora crown was only felled by San Beda in 1959 ending the legendary decade of the 50s.

#### 1960s to 1980s

NCAA basketball champions formed the core of the Filipino team sent to international competitions during 1960 and 1961 in Japan. The opening of the Araneta Coliseum, the largest indoor arena in the Philippines, prompted the league to transfer the championship round there.



Araneta Coliseum way back 1960s

By the 1960s, the league experienced problems such as eligibility of players and interscholastic hooliganism. This led to disagreements among member schools, and as a result the 1962-63 season was suspended, and the following two seasons were held in a loose conference format, where the home and away system was used. San Sebastian College - Recoletos joined the league in 1969.

After the riotous games of the late 1970s, several of the founding members left the league. The Ateneo de Manila University left the league in 1978 due to violence, which also marred a championship series with San Beda, while La Salle left after a riotous game with Letran in 1980. Ateneo de Manila was accepted in the UAAP in 1978, while La Salle had to wait for six years to become a UAAP member. San Beda left the league in 1983, reasoning that the college will focus on school-based sports activities like intramurals.

With the withdrawal of Ateneo de Manila, league games returned to the old Rizal Memorial and to the PhilSports Arena, since the Loyola Center was now the location of the UAAP tournament. Also with the withdrawal of the three founding members, most daily publications tagged the NCAA as "an ironic journey from sports to violence."

As the league was reduced to four members, membership was actively pursued. Perpetual Help College of Rizal was accepted as members in 1984. A

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year later, Trinity College of Quezon City became a full member. However, Trinity was not able to meet league requirements and was dropped from the league in 1986, the same year San Beda returned.

Measures were taken to prevent major brawls from starting such as patrolling the behavior of the crowd by the respective faculties of the member schools, were implemented as part of the remedy to ensure the security during the NCAA games.

The addition of Philippine Christian University and De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde in the late 1990s resulted in the current lineup of members the NCAA now has.

A major breakthrough occurred when the league, upon the initiative of host school San Beda, made a move that switched the television coverage of NCAA games from MCI group to ABS-CBN on March 18, 2002. Previously, only the Final Four and the Championship games were televised, but with the five-year contract inked with ABS-CBN, a majority of the basketball games will be aired, giving the league bigger exposure to fans, students and alumni. ABS-CBN would later air the games on its International affiliate, The Filipino Channel, making the games viewable to alumni and fans abroad.

#### Future expansion

The NCAA has set its plan of expansion. Division II, as it will be called, will be composed of newly admitted schools. The

league has already visited and issued invitations to schools such as Arellano University, Emilio Aguinaldo College and the Lyceum of the Philippines University.

In 1998, the affiliated schools in the CALABARZON region and southern Metro Manila established NCAA South, an offshoot of the league. The schools of NCAA South do not compete with the schools in the main league.

The return of a Mapúa Juniors team, which took a leave of absence beginning at the 2005-2006 season, would return at the 2007-2008 season, as the newly built Malayan High School would be fully operational. Malayan High School would represent the Mapúa Institute of Technology, which is due to be renamed as Malayan Colleges by 2010. However, the return of the Mapúa Juniors team on 2007 was held off.



# Hail Bedan Caloy

The Season 92 of the NCAA found it fitting to pay tribute to outstanding Bedan Carlos "Caloy" Loyzaga who to date is considered by many as the greatest Filipino basketball player of all time. Known as the Big Difference in basketball, Caloy led the Philippine team to a No. 3 finish in world basketball in Brazil in 1953. He was called Pomfret after a Canadian athletic great.

Born in San Juan de Dios Hospital in Pasay, Caloy was first noticed in Manila as a corner in Teresa-Valencia Athletic Club. It was in this Tervalac court where Caloy became an icon, a great distinction which he held not only in the country but even the global community.

He was a six feet three guy who stood out because of his high basketball quotient which he used to the fullest giving so much honor to his country. Talking about Caloy is like turning the pages of the golden era of basketball in the Philippines. In the 50s, the Filipino nation would always win a basketball title in Asia because of Caloy. He was a rarity simply because he could play all three positions—center, guard and forward with equal efficiency.

Even in death, Carlos "Caloy" Loyzaga will remain San Beda's greatest pride in the world of sports. Hail Bedan Caloy!





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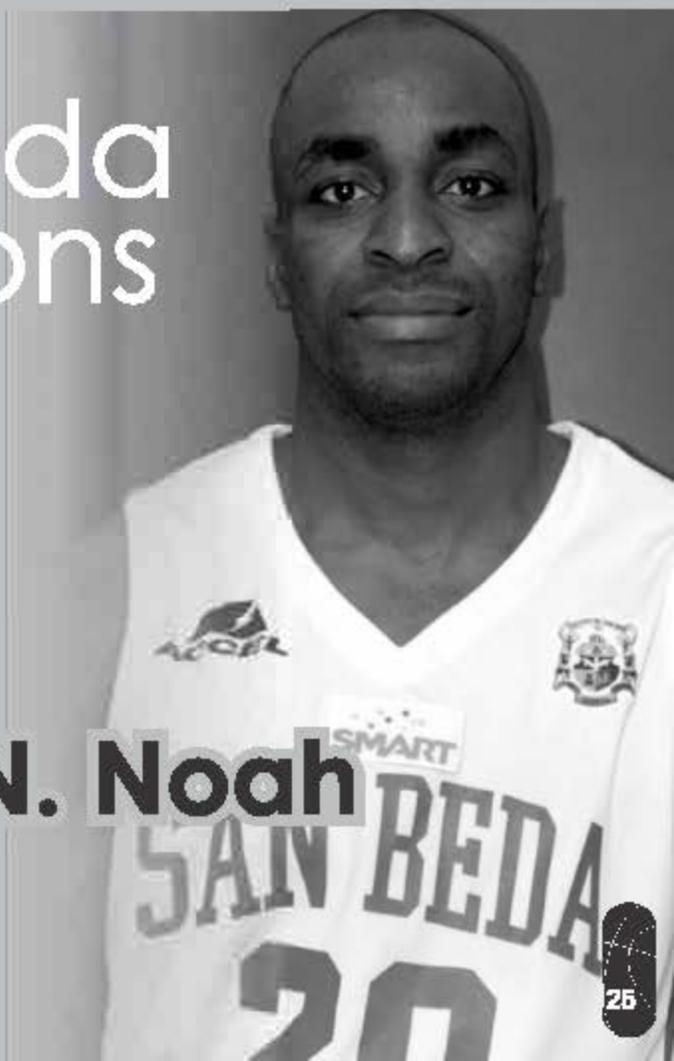
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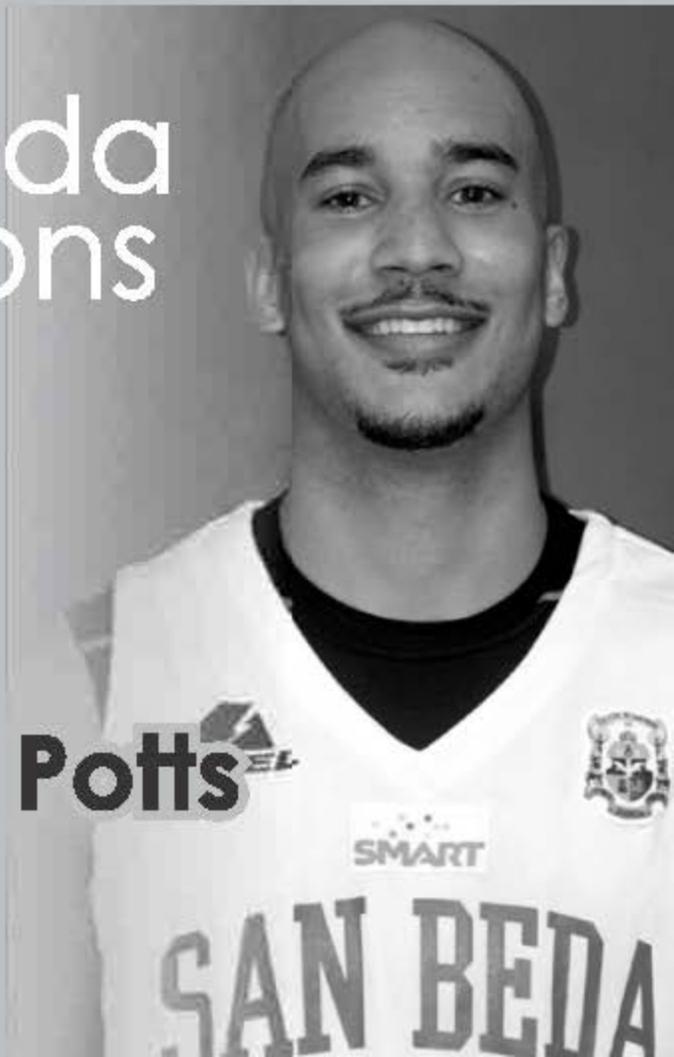
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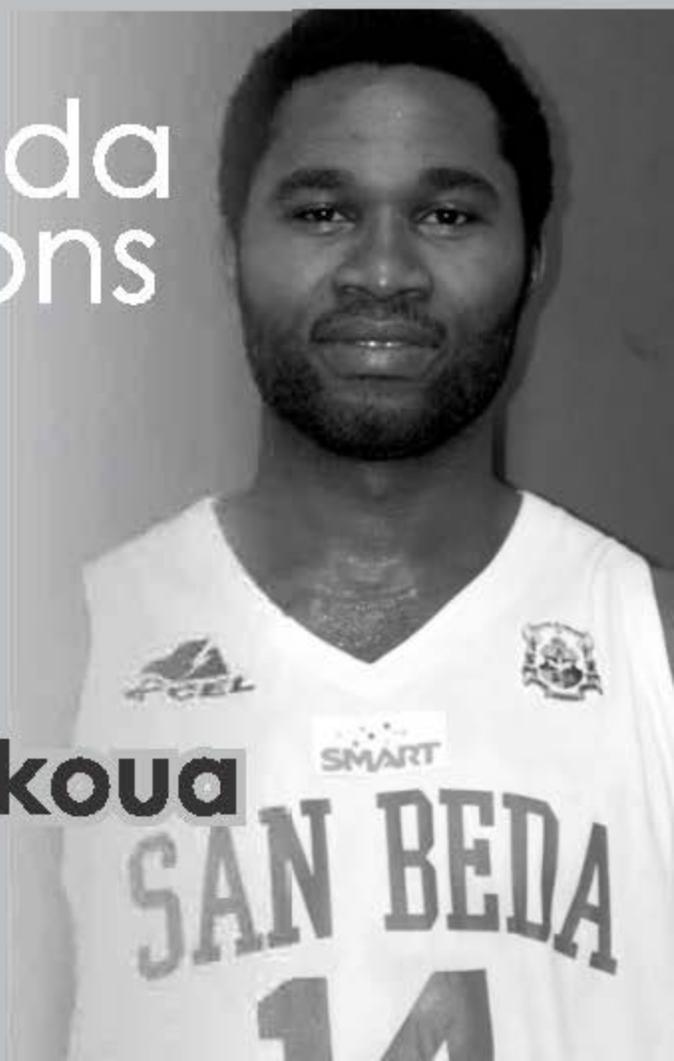
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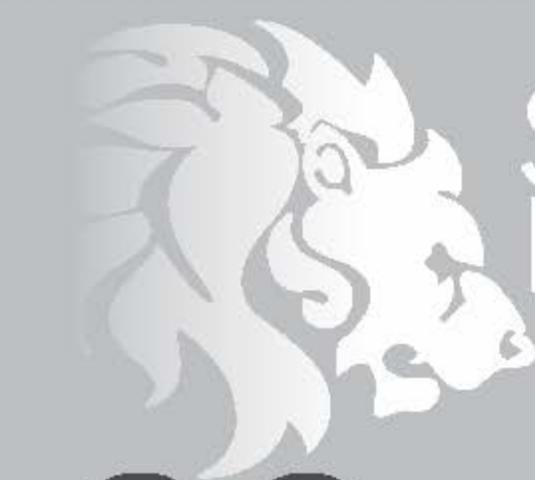
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# SBC wins NCAA Double General Championships

By Jude P. Roque



Season 91 of the NCAA turned out great for San Beda's campaign after all despite the failed title-retention bids of the men's basketball and football squads. In fact, it turned out doubly great as both the Seniors and Juniors NCAA general championships are coming back to SBC's den.

The Red Cubs took their third straight general championships and 12th overall after rulling the basketball, table tennis, lawn tennis and chess events for a total of 405 points. La Salle Greenhills-CSB and Lyceum came in at second and third places in the high school division.

It was sweet victory for the Red Lions as they finally retook the Seniors general championship that they lost to the College of St. Benilde in the last two years. The Bedan athletes dominated the men's and women's swimming, men's and women's soft tennis, women's table tennis, men's lawn tennis and men's taekwondo events.

SBC garnered a total of 632.5 points, outpointing CSB by merely five points, to win its fourth general championship in six years. It took runner-up honors in basketball, women's taekwondo, men's table tennis, football and women's beach volleyball. Arellano University came in at third place.

Rounding out the top 10 were Lyceum (376), Perpetual Help (365), Letran (347.8), Mapua (338.3), Emilio Aguinaldo (332.5), San Sebastian (320.5) and Jose Rizal (163.8).

The men's basketball and football teams were both denied a six-peat after bowing to Letran College and Arellano respectively in highly competitive finals matches. Fortunately, the other Red and White varsity squads stepped up and delivered the goods to Mendota.

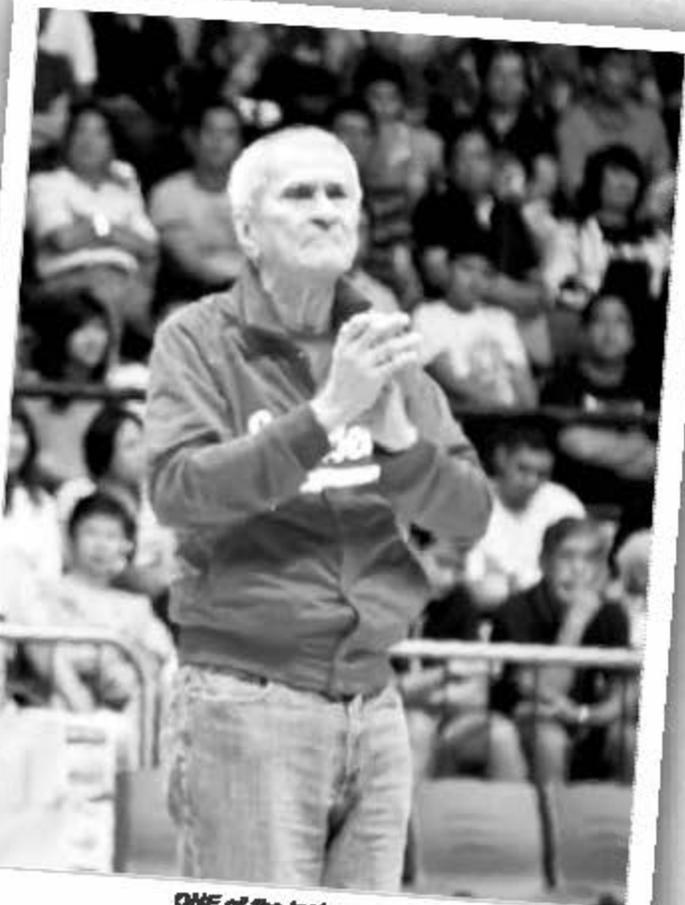
In the last ten years, SBC has undoubtedly bolstered its sports program. With the help of alumni and corporate sponsors, the basketball, football and swimming teams have become dominant in the NCAA. Now, it looks like the other programs within SBC's athletics department are catching up as well. Kudos to San Beda athletics director Edmundo "Ato" Badoleto for leading the Bedan athletes to another successful season.

We look forward to more general championships. This year, SBC will host the 92nd NCAA Season. We can expect all Bedan athletes to be extra motivated to bring more honor and glory this 2016. GSBF.

# Hail to the Chief!

*(The death of Ramon Ventosa, regarded as San Beda's most venerable cheerleader, has moved the school's community to preserve his legacy)*

by Mervin Jay R. Fernando  
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San Beda College Manila Class of 2009



*ONE of the last games Mon Ventosa attended*

Perhaps the most peculiar—if not the most famous—cheer in collegiate sports is San Beda College's "Indian Yell."

It's thundering beats herald the entry of chubby school kids, known as the Little Indians, during halftime performances.

Excitement builds up even before they emerge from the dugout.

Tapping the Little Indians to perform the "Indian Yell" at NCAA basketball games was the idea of the most venerable cheerleader in San Beda history, Ramon Ventosa, fondly known in the campus as Tito Mon or Señor/Don Ramon, though he preferred everyone call him Mon.

It would be misleading to think that the Little Indians going the "Indian Yell"—not to mention his other accomplishments—is his greatest legacy to the Bedan community. More than that, Tito Mon touched many lives on campus.

## **Big void**

Tito Mon's death last November left a big void in San Beda; up until his passing, he was still very active, watching the games, cheering his lungs out for the Red Lions.

During the school's 28-year title drought, he was moderator of the San Beda Cheerleading Association (SBCA) and did his best in motivating the Bedan community to comprise the biggest crowd in the NCAA.

But he also showed that to love one's school went beyond winning basketball trophies.

"The Don of San Beda cheerleading was a man of loyalty and service," said one cheerleader, Dennis Dy, in a written post after Mon's death.

Dy recalled that Tito Mon's contributions to SBCA were very much appreciated in the early 1990s—a time when the varsity basketball team was not doing well, the cheerleaders lacked inspiration, and the support of the Bedan community was wanting.

*"I was there when he first came to help," said Dy. "He would eventually appoint me as chief cheerleader. In his first year with us, he was able to secure full sponsorship for our jackets and shirts."*

Dy added that, although he hated the jacket due to its retro design—"it looked like it was from the '70s"—he loved the cheerleading team's new mentor.

### Dingdong's Initiation

In the late '90s, Dingdong Dantes, then a fresh high school graduate from Ateneo de Manila, transferred to San Beda for college. Much to everyone's surprise, he joined the SBCA.

Tito Mon had imposed initiation rite for new San Beda cheerleaders—they had to stand in the middle of Mendiola Street, facing Centro Escolar University, and then perform a Bedan cheer as loud as possible, or approach a random girl on the street and give her flowers.

Dingdong was not spared from this; when his turn came, a huge crowd turned out. It looked like there was a concert on Mendiola that day.

Though it saddens us that there will be an—other vacant seat at the San Beda gallery in the coming 92nd NCAA season, the Bedan community knows that Tito Mon will be watching from above, along with Mang Roger and other Bedan diehards who have gone to heaven.

Rest assured we will treasure our memories of Tito Mon and preserve his legacy—not just in cheerleading but also in living life like a true Bedan, serving school, country and God.



TAKEN back in 1962, Mon Ventosa (2nd from left) with his teammates, Miguel Mari, Roberto Batis, Ramon Melendez and Rafael Atayde



VERY old-school cheerleading taken in 1961 during the NCAA championship game

19-time National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) champions San Beda Red Lions begin their quest to reclaim supremacy in men's basketball on June 25, the opening day of the 92-year old league.

It's now up to this batch of Lions, more than half of who are incoming rookies in the NCAA, to redeem the school after losing the crown to the Letran Knights last season.

But it's not the first time this happened. In 2009, the Red Lions also lost grip of the NCAA title after holding it for three years, from 2006 to 2008. But San Sebastian averted the four-peat attempt of the Bedans that year. The next year however, redemption was achieved in sterling fashion as the Red and White squad bounced back strong and claimed the championship via an incredible 18-0 sweep of its games.

This 2016 season, the current Lions, under second-year coach Jamike Jarin, aim to repeat the feat from 2010 and avenge their defeat in Season 91.

But it will be easier said than done. Not only have the other schools improved their rosters but also the present Mendola-based team will have eight first-timers in the league.

Gone are the usual gems for San Beda by the name of Baser Amer, Arth Dela Cruz and Ola Adeogun – a dreaded triumvirate that wreaked havoc in the league from 2012 to 2014. Also no longer in the roster are the other key figures in a four-year title run, namely Jaypee Mendoza, Michole Sorola and Ryusei Koga, along with last year's rookie Ice Reyes.

Playmaker and new team captain Dan Sara will suit up for San Beda for the last time this year. He will lead the rest of the Lions this season, most of who are below 21 years old. Third year Lions Javee Mocon and Radge Tongco will provide the leadership and stability in the team, along with Sara and sophomore center Pierre Tankoua. Mocon, who wowed the NCAA with his splendid play in Game 2 of last year's finals, has grown to be one of the top all-around players in the league today. He has drastically improved his numbers in scoring and rebounding. Tongco is slowly developing into a potent scoring point guard.

Other sophomores returning for Season 92 are AC Soberano and Joe Presbitero. Soberano, a

# Redemption 2.0: The Road back to glory

By Jude Roque





transferee from Tarlac State University, is the team's designated three-point specialist. In his first three games in the last Fil Oil Cup, he unloaded six triples each game to become the team's leading scorer in the pre-season tournament. Presbitero, who moved to Mendiola from the Ateneo de Davao, is a defensive master and an excellent passer off post plays and penetrations.

A lot of weight now falls on the shoulders of Tankoua, who now assumes the role of main center with the exodus of Adeogun. For the first time since Samuel Ekwe, Sudan Daniel and Adeogun, San Beda will have a main center not taller than 6'5". Ekwe and Daniel were listed at 6'8", while Adeogun at 6'9". But Tankoua has proven to be an effective post player, using his remarkable skills and footwork. Third year player Jun Bonsubre will be Tankoua's main back up

at the center position. The former Red Cub has developed a short-range jumper.

As for the debuting players, all of them have a lot of promise. Former La Salle Green Archer Robert Bolick is the new starting shooting guard for the team. His defense and scoring ability have been evident in pre-season games. In last year's National Championship, he made it to the Mythical Five along with fellow rookie teammate Davon Potts. Potts is a remarkable outside gunner who played two years of NCAA Division 2 in the States. He normally starts for the Red Lions at small forward.

Cameroonian Amaud Noah will be the team's other foreign player. A former NCAA All-Star slam-dunk champion here, the 6'3" Noah is an exquisite slasher. He provides a lot of quickness at the power forward position.

Also debuting for the team are two wing players that stand 6'4" – William Navarro from Greece and Calvin Oftana from Dumaguete. Navarro played high school ball in Athens before deciding to move to Mendiola. He has a respectable shot from beyond the arc and is an exemplary shot-blocker. Oftana is great with dribble penetrations and has a decent set shot. Both are reliable rebounders.

6'5" Benedict Adamos of Albay is an athletic center with an accurate short-range shot. Former Red Cub Kenneth Alas substitutes as big forward and has excellent timing off the boards, while ex-La Salle Greenhills guard Kyle Carlos completes the point guard





rotation for Jarin.

After a two-week training in Las Vegas, USA, the Red Lions went 6-2 in the recent Fil Oil Cup with wins over the University of the East, Lyceum, Mapua, Adamson, Letran and Ateneo. They fell short against the Green Archers after leading for three quarters during their (Lions) third game in three days. In the quarterfinals, the Lions had their worst shooting game in the tournament and bowed to the Arellano Chiefs.

Today's roster may not have the dominance of Adeogun, the effectiveness and wits of Dela Cruz, and overall brilliance of Amer but they are surely quicker and hungrier. We can foresee a much improved running and pressing game this year, the way Jarin wants it. This year's batch should be more exciting to watch. And with a deep bench, Jarin can afford to apply the full-court press for 40 minutes. Like in previous years, the Red Lions should have the deepest bench again this season.

But the experts agree that this season may be the most competitive in the last five years. Many believe that up to six teams may be good enough to snatch this year's plum. Arellano looks impressive with Jlo Jalalon playing remarkably for the Chiefs as well as tremendous improvement in the games of Dioncee Holts, Michael Salado, Zach Nicholls, Donald Gumar and bull-strong rookie Lervin Flores. Jose Rizal U is almost intact, with top gunners Paolo Pontejos and Tey Teodoro still in the roster. Defending champion Letran still has a solid starting unit, headed by notable scorer Rey Nambatac and key players Jomar Sollano, Jerck Balanza, Felix Afreku and John Calvo. Kier Quinto and McJour Luib are valuable players off the bench. Reigning MVP Allwell Orasme, plus a platoon of outside sniping guards will banner Mapua. Perpetual Help U is dangerous with the outstanding Bright Akhuetie and his partner-in-crime 6'10" Prince Eze.

This may be an ambitious quest for the Red Lions but Redemption 2.0 is certainly not an impossible dream.



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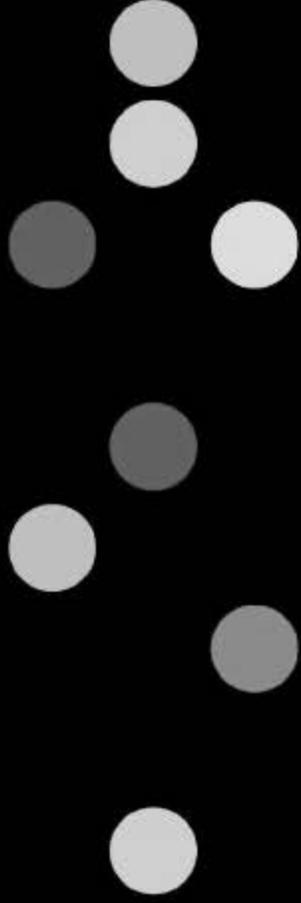
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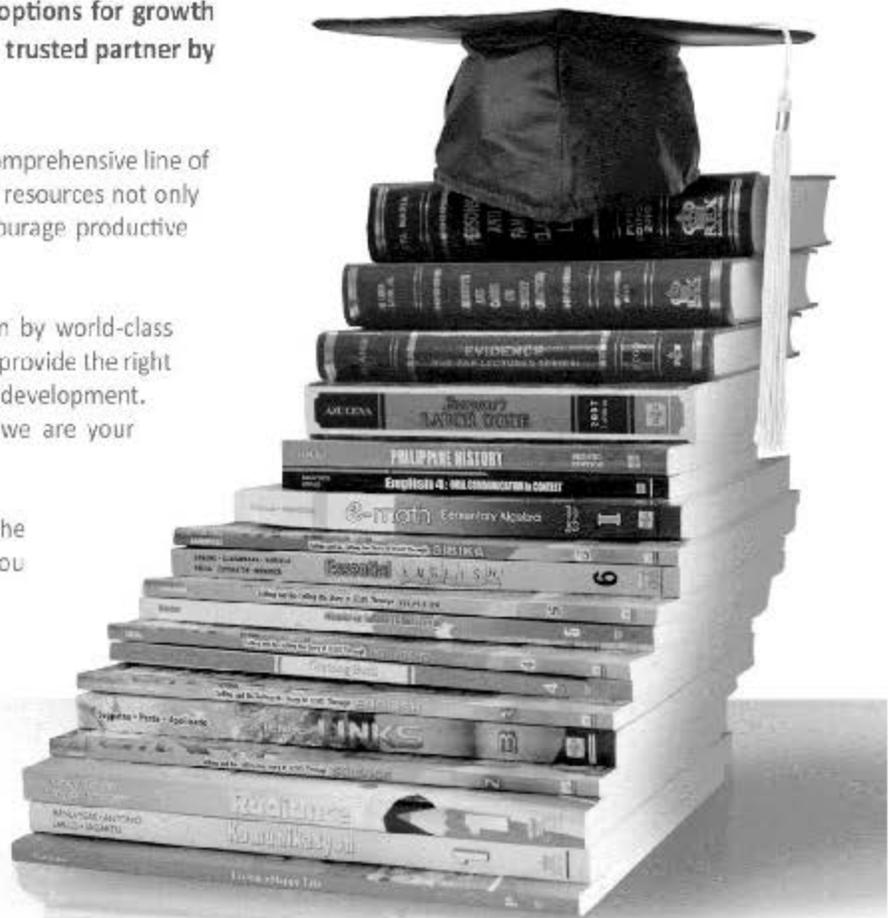


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