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Peace and God's Blessings!
1 join your many well-wishers in congratulating The Bedan Alumnus publication on it 50th foundation anniversary.

I continuously receive feedbacks at how pleased readers are with The Bedan Alumnus. As this wave of positive review and goodwill spread, I am confident that The Bedan Alumnus publication will further enhance its reputation as the premier publication of the SBC Alumni Association (SBCAA). Congratulations to the Editorial Board, staff and writers led by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar, editor in chief for 12 years now, and Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, founder of the magazine, for their continued dedication, hard work and diligence to keep this publication going. Kudos also to the many officers and trustees of the SBCAA, SBC Alumni Foundation and SBC Law Alumni Association for their continued support of this publication.

With all of you working together, there is no doubt that The Bedan Alumnus will remain an important communication partner tool of the College in reaching out to more and more Bedans to become pro-active in the affairs of the SBC Alumni Association and the college.


Peace!
We celebrate this year the 50th Anniversary of The Bedan Alumnus which may be considered a modest milestone but to us Bedans, a very significant occasion. The Bedan Alumnus, a brainchild of Fr. Benigno Benabarre, our most senior monk and, definitely still a very energetic and productive person, the magazine has been a very good source of information on activities of Bedans, within and outside the school. And more than just a source of information, it has also become a means of bringing Bedans together and thus of strengthening our common bonds.

I congratulate Fr. Benigno and the editorial staff and all who have contributed articles during all these past 50 years and those who are still contributing. May you continue to do the good work of uniting Bedans all over the country and abroad and keeping them informed about the College!


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Pride in our alma mater - San Beda College is a feeling shared by everyone who has passed the hallowed halls of this unique Benedictine learning institution.

This sentiment springs from the sense of family we have all experienced during our stay in the college, and a great sense of responsibility to make Bedan education better and more relevant to the times.

The idea of having an alumni magazine was hatched in 1962 by our beloved Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB. Through the years, The Bedan Alumnus publication served as the most effective link of the college to its alumniae. Thanks to the editorial officers and staff led by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar, for keeping this publication true to its mission.

And so, on the 50th founding anniversary of The Bedan Alumnus, we say congratulations for a job well done, long live and more power!


In behalf of all in the Bedan Law community, l extend my sincerest congratulations to the Editorial board and staff of The Bedan Alumnus publication on its 50 th founding anniversary.

Our beloved Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, should be hailed for having founded this publication in 1962. At 97, Fr. Benigno remains to be the inspiration of this magazine kept more alive by his editorial board led by the ever-reliable Dr. Joffre Alajar.

50 years is a milestone worth celebrating, and a time to reaffirm our full support to this publication. Let it remain the most effective link among the SBC Alumni Association, the SBC Alumni Foundation, our SBC Law Alumni Association, and our dear San Beda College.

Congratulations and more power!
"Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus". That in All Things God May Be Glorified.


# 50 Years of The Bedan Alumnus Magazine!!! 

That just makes me a year older than this publication which means that I was in diapers at its inception, had just learned the basics of walking after the instinct part kicked in...

But here I am today writing about it and a looking at my life as a Bedan, a member of society, a family man - I know much has happened to me already. What more then with this magazine that has been a witness to the many chapters of Bedan life, to the Bedan alumni who have come and gone and those who have stayed to be part of the life of the school. If this magazine then were to be human, it had lived thousands of lives over 50 years.

The Bedan Alumnus publication then is a picture of the alumnus himself. STEADFAST, as a Bedan who goes through life's daily grind. VALUES-BASED, as it continues to echo the teachings of St. Benedict and the value of ora et labora. DYNAMIC, as it has also changed over time to adapt to its environment - such that today, the Bedan Alumnus is also in downloadable format from the website.

I would like to honor Fr. BenignoBenabarreOSB who has founded this publication and who today, at 97 continues to shape the material through his articles, editorial inputs and insights on how the magazine should evolve and be distributed.

I ask the alumni to see this publication beyond its form and content. It is a call to ENDURANCE in the name of St.Benedict - that we continue to embody and share to the world our Christian values and make a positive difference wherever we are called to serve.

It is no wonder then that we can say, "That in all things (Bedan Alumnus included...), may God be Glorified" because it really has over 5 decades...

Thank you, Bedan Alumnus. We are excited for your next 50 years.


The new AY 2012-2013 ushers in a new set of officers in the San Beda College Alumni Association. At the helm is Joselito "Jojo" Hautea (GS '74, HS '78, CAS '82) who will serve a one-year term as president; Engr. Eriberto "Erie" Gomez (GS '59, HS '63) as vice president; Albert Almendralejo (GS '73, HS '77, CAS '81) as secretary; and, Gerard Sanvictores (GS '68, HS '72) as treasurer. We welcome to the SBCAA board Albert Timmy" Imperial and Vicente Genato, Jr. as new trustees. With new blend of the young and the not-so-young Bedans in the SBCAA board, expect new programs to be delivered as the SBCAA continuous to be the College's most effective partner in the latter's mission of education.

The first half of the new academic year was also witnessed to the shining moments of Bedans: Manuel Buensuceso (CAS '11) garnered first place in the May 2012 CPA licensure examinations; Hon. Ma. Elisa Sempio Diy, and Hon. Pedro B. Corales, were appointed to the Court of the Appeals; Hon. Antonio M. Eugenio, Jr., deputy court administrator of the Supreme Court; Hon. Jaime D. Jacob, chairman of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB); and, Hon. Nonnatus Caesar R. Rojas, director of NBI; and the late Fernando Poe, Jr. who was affirmed National Artist for Cinema. All of them made us proud belonging to the race

The first semester though saw also very regretful moments for the Bedan Community as another Bedan succumbed to death in a fraternity hazing incident. The SBCAA is in solidarity with the entire nation in condemning this culture of violence among fraternities.

I am one with the entire Bedan Community in greeting the SBCAA as we all celebrate the 50th golden anniversary of this great Bedan magazine. More power!


- Do you have a real estate property that can be developed into a first class housing project? Consult Mañosa Properties, a sister company of Mañosa \& Co., the best developers of the Filipino style constructions. You may confide with them-they are Bedans!
- Prof. Chito San Mateo, Graduate School of Business, donated to the alumni office a framed copy of the page of the Philippine Daily Inquirer depicting the new mural in our abbey-college church. Thank you!
- Renato P. Reinoso, vice president for sales \& marketing, brought several copies of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, in which the mural painting story came out.
- Rolando R. González (GS'62; HS '66), who lives in Canada paid a courtesy visit to the alumni office.
- Wilfrido C Reynoso, (HS '64), who lives in California, visited the alumni office, and volunteered to bring to his Bedan friends copies of the SBCAA registration forms.
- Also Eriberto Villanueva de Guzmán (GS '78), who resides in Barcelona, Spain, visited the alumni office.
- M.D. Francis Cabang Alcaoili who came to the alumni office requested for the blessing of a good number of St . Benedict medals.
- Giving an extraordinary example of his love towards his father, Sports Commissioner Joaquín José C. (Chito) Loyzaga resigned from his position to be able to take care of Caloy, who is seriously ill in Australia. Chito, 52 (HS '76; Marketing '95), who played basketball for San Beda, the PBA and the national game, and saw action in the 1990 Beijing Asian Games, was appointed commissioner in 2010.



## Greetings from the San Beda AlumniAssociation!

This is a year of challenges for the Bedan alumni. Some challenges we can view from a positive angle, some arising from negative situations. Whatever form or sources of the challenges, we can all rally as one association and make the statement "may our fellowship never cease" resound all the more.
Our school has once again been rocked by the hazing related death of Marc Andrei Marcos - a useless death that brings to our common sense that hazing is unnecessary, completely irreverent to any person's dignity, whether he consented to it or not. We, the alumni, denounce all forms of hazing. But we also need to move ourselves, the alumni as well as the administration to act on alternatives, and to make it happen fast! As mentioned and written by Atty Rene Saguisag, how nice it would be if initiation rites demanded community service time from initiates, for them to clean up the streets or do community work for the underprivileged sectors of our society. How DIGNIFIED a fraternity name could be in that sense.

We honor the families of Mark Andrei Marcos and Marvin Reglos for their love for their children and quest for justice. They are victims, and we the alumni can feel for them as many of us too are parents.
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On a lighter note, the alumni association has embarked on an annual calendar of activities designed to bring us together in common activities. So far, the response has been very encouraging. It seems we are just waiting for the activities to happen. The alumni unity cup bowling, billiards and darts tournament in July had about 130 players! Check the website (sanbedaalumni.org) for updated announcements.

October 14, 2012 will be the Alumni Unity Cup Badminton tournament. Get in touch with our secretariat for details and to register for the event.

We are also glad to report to you that the weekly Mass sponsorship by alumni batches has been received well. An average of 15 participants from the alumni batches congregate in school for the 11am Sunday Mass. Aside from celebrating the Holy Eucharist as a batch, it also serves as a venue for mini batch reunions - and a practical one at that as some batches opt to just take a simple meal together in the cafeteria. Some family members are also present. On one Sunday that I had my son, Josh, with me, I recounted to him how we, as young high school students would troop to the cafeteria, place tables together and bring out our respective lunch boxes and share the food with the groupl Such fond memories... Many of the guys in that table are still my close friends today, 36 years after...

I guess, if you sum up all the thoughts l've shared above, it could mean one common thread... Bedan brotherhood and fellowship at its best, no need for hazing...
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Share with me your thoughts. Email me at jihautea@yahoo.com. I also have a facebook account: "jojohautea"

May our fellowship never cease, brothers and sisters.


Congratulations to The Bedan Alumnus on its 50th founding anniversary. Best wishes for this publication to continue its pivotal role in bringing to many Bedans around the globe important news events involving the school and members of the SBC family, more importantly, the Bedans. Glad to note that it was Fr. Benigno Benabarre's pet project in 1962 to have an alumni paper that delivered varied news stories about the College and the alumni. Fr. B. must be very fulfilled seeing his dream realize until now at his advanced age of 97. The SBC Alumni Foundation considers The Bedan Alumnus as a very important communication tool by which we can reach out to Bedans and friends.

We also congratulate Ms. Imelda Sarmiento, managing director of Hortica Filipina Foundation, and SBCAF's formidable partner, on the launching of her book "Philippine Native Trees 101 (Up Close and Personal)." The book launch was held last August 15 at Forbes Park Pavillion Cambridge Circle-Pandacan Rd., North Forbes, Makati City. Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB SBC rector-president, was one of those who rendered a book review. We wish that there be more books about native trees in the future.

Our Red Lions Living Highways Project: Let's Plant Native trees is our SBCAF's environmental advocacy. Let us fully support this worthy program for its environmental component. Floodings in Metro Manila will be minimized if only everyone of us would care to plant a native tree. By your donation of P2,500 per tree, one can adopt a scholar and let him/her experience Bedan education.

We also thank our many scholarship donors and benefactors who tirelessly and generously responded to our call for student scholarship grant. Leading the roster of donors are Security Bank Foundation and Punongbayan Araullo Audit Firm. We thank also Mrs. Sonia Roco for allowing the SBCAF to use the endowment fund of the Raul Roco Professional Chair for student scholarships. Thanks too to Prof. Mike Rubio, Prof. Zeny Manuel and Prof. Ricardo Palo for quietly helping the SBCAF in providing scholarship grants so more students will experience Bedan education.

# Fernando Poe, Jr., recognized as National Artist <br> by Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB. 

On July 20, this year, President Benigno Aquino III, issued Proclamation No. 435 confirming the May 23, 2006, Proclamation No. 1069 of then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo conferring on Fernando Poe, Jr., the title of National Artist (posthumous).

President Macapagal had set the ceremony on May 2006, but Poe's family refused to attend and to receive the award in protest of the questionable result of the national elections which, according to general opinion, had been rigged in favor of Macapagal.

After receiving the award by the widow, Susan Roces, their daughter May Grace Poe-Llamazares said that "it was worth waiting for the award to be conferred by a duly elected President."

According to President Benigno Aquino III, "Fernando Poe, Jr. will be remembered by the Filipino people as "the King of Philippine cinema, a national artist who will continue to be part of lights, camera and action in the life of the whole country."

Although Fernando Poe, Jr. only studied in San Beda College for his elementary course (he graduated in 1953-I was then the Principal--), the Bedan family has always been proud of him.

Remembering Mr. Cresencio Pimentel, 82

A number of Bedans who received their high school secondary education in San Beda College were under Mr. Cresencio Camarillo Pimentel in their Science and Biology classes.

Last Aug 16, 2012, our dear Mr. Pimentel died after complaining of chest pains which led to a massive heart attack.

Sir Pimentel entered SBC as a high school science teacher in 1958, and after 20 years resigned from the high school department in 1979. In 1982 however, he came back to SBC to teach once again science subjects. In 1990, Mr. Pimentel was appointed head of the Science laboratories to comprise the Biology, Physics and Chemistry laboratories. In 1995, Mr. Pimentel retired from active service.

The Bedan Community grieves the passing away of another dedicated and competent teacher who will be long remembered for his mastery of Biology and other Science subjects.

# Fr. Paul Ma. M. De Vera, OSB 

## Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)

## 2012 Outstanding Professional - Library Science

## by Lourdes Roman

Fr. Paul de Vera, OSB has once again made San Beda College very proud. He is the recipient of the prestigious and highest award given by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) - the Outstanding Professional of the Year in the field of Library Science. The awarding ceremony was held during the celebration of PRC's 39th Founding Anniversary last June 22, 2012 at the Fiesta Pavillion, Manila Hotel. Fr. Paul received the award together with forty-five Outstanding Professionals in the field of Accountancy, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Dentistry, Guidance \& Counseling, Medicine, Nursing, Professional Teachers among others.

The Executive Board of Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI), its appointed Committee composed of past outstanding librarians and the board for librarians rigorously went through the process of screening the nominees to the PRC Outstanding Professional Award. Fr. Paul's contributions to the field of librarianship were noted and submitted to the Professional Regulation Commission for final review and approval. The highlights of Fr. Paul's profile include being; librarian in the 60's; membership in library associations such as Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL), Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Las Piñas (MUNTIPARLAS) Library Association and Rizal Librarians' Association (RLA); a member of the Mendiola Consortium Ad-Hoc Committee for establishment of the Mendiola Consortium; the President of the Philippine Library

Association, Inc. (PLAI), University of Santo Tomas Library Science Alumni Association (USTLSAA) and Philippine Association of Teachers of Library Science (PATLS); officer of the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP); and, editor of IFLA Newsletter during the 46th International Federation of Library Associations Conference and the seventh CONSAL Bulletin. He was able to visit and observe libraries while he was attending religious studies and conferences in Rome, U.S.A., Canada, Israel and South Korea. His desire to propagate the love for reading and libraries included outreach activities to various libraries and flourished to the establishment of a barangay hall and barangay library. The lot for the construction of the said hall and library came from his initiative of donating a portion of a family land.

Fr. Paul is not only for the library but for the field of sports as well. He was the official representative of San Beda College to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Management Committee, NCAA-Manila - 1990 to 2007; founder of NCAA - South and a member of the Samahang Basketbolista ng Pilipinas (SBP). He is likewise involved with another quite familiar acronym, NCAA or the National Commission for Culture and the Arts as member of the National Committee for Library and Information Services.

Indeed, Fr. Paul's commitment to the library profession serves as an inspiration to all.

# The 50 wonderful years of The Bedan Alumnus - <br> <br> In Great Service to San Beda College and my dear Bedans 

 <br> <br> In Great Service to San Beda College and my dear Bedans}
by Benigno Benabarre, OSB


For one who is, 97 years and 3 months old as of today (August 23), fifty (50) years mean only little. I had completely forgotten that my beloved "son" THE BEDAN ALUMNUS was celebrating its golden birth anniversary this year-a span of time long enough, according to some friends, to suggest that the magazine was and continues to be worth publishing.

I was appointed moderator of the SBC Alumni Association in 1955, a job so dear to me that I retained it even during the years I was rector (1961-1966). In 1962, I decided to publish a magazine that would be the link between the College and its alumni living in the Philippines and in any corner of the world. And thus was born THE BEDAN ALUMNUS. Probably, what moved me to take that bold step was the fact that, years before, while being the principal of the elementary department, I had launched the publication of THE LITTLE BEDAN, which up to now is the organ of the elementary department of San Beda, Manila, but located at Taytay, Rizal. in the way to Antipolo.

When I became Rector, I appointed Fr. Abbot (emeritus) Bernardo López as moderator of the Alumni Association. Enthusiastic as he always was in everything, he did not only continue to publish the magazine, but he made it a better one.

In relation to its circulation, I remember that, at least for some time, the copies were 7,000 . However, in the March 14, 1971 issue there was an article - "Do you like THE BEDAN Alumnus?" where it was stated that the circulation was 6,000 copies.

From the very beginning, the magazine tried to be self-financing by advertisement and a most modest

subscription fee of 1.50 pesos in the year 1969 (I have no figures for the previous years), the amount was raised to 2.00 pesos in 1969. At least during my time, there was a life subscription in the amount of 100 pesos.

Apparently, some moderators who succeeded Fr. Abbot Lopez, after he went back to Spain for good in 1970, were not as enthusiastic with the magazine as he was, and transformed it into a very modest newsletter; even the logo was somewhat changed. It became through time so insignificant that the issue (Volume IV, Numbers 2 and 3, March 2000) had only eight pages given such milestone school event like the centennial celebration.

When Professor Joffre M. Alajar, now Doctor, became the executive director of the SBC Alumni Association in 2001, he not only restored the old logo but he also gave back to the publication the magazine form it had at the beginning and, what was more important, he infused in it new life. And when, four years later, I was assigned to the alumni office as assistant moderator, I begged him to make THE BEDAN ALUMNUS a publication as good as the SBC Alumni Association of which it happened and continue being the official organ. And he succeeded in his endeavor.

However, there is something I am not satisfied until now. Due to lack of funds, we stopped sending copies by mail to our alumni. True, we download every issue in our SBCAA website, but to me, that is not enough.

I'd be very glad if, in this golden year of my petty project, some would find the formula that would allow us to print some 10,000 copies and send 9,000 by mail to our good alumni.

In the meantime, let us all be thankful to our Heavenly Father for the 50 wonderful years of The Bedan Alumnus - in great service to San Beda College and my dear Bedans!



Rev. Dom Maximilian Mary C. Mapilisan, OSB has just been ordained

Another Bedan ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyters by the Most Rev. Roberto C. Mallari, bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija. The ordination to priesthood took place in solemn rites last August 12, 2012, at the Abbey Church. Rt. Rev. Tarcisio Ma. Narciso, OSB, Abbot-chancellor, led the ordination rites. In attendance were the members of the Benedictine community, parents and family members of Dom Maximilian, school administrators, faculty members, friends and loved ones.

The entire Bedan family welcomes Dom Maximilian's ordination to priesthood, and wishes him well in his priestly vocation.

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# FRAT HAZING ISSUE GONE(?) BUTNOTTO BE FORGOTTEN 

May I congratulate Fr. Benabarre, said to be a contemporary of Methuselah (por broma solamente), on the golden anniversary of the Bedan Alumnus, his baby, and going strong, for another 50 , and counting. Gladdening.

But saddening that we are in the news again with two scores to be charged for the loss of Marc Marcos, including the parents of Gian of Alabang as if they had known that Thou Shalt Not Kill would again be violated and did nothing to stop it. Overkill? Or just a cruel ploy to make people speak? Marc was my good student, who showed promise. But, as Sister Dolores Hart, the first actress Elvis kissed on screen, now a Benedictine bosswoman in Connecticut would say: "Who understands God? Idon't." But, we have to be accepting.

Hero Joe Burgos of We Forum, a veteran newsman, our 1982-83 client, told us then that everything is a nine-day wonder in the media. So we got pummelled and pilloried from pillar to post for two weeks for the Reglos-Marcos tragedy. We had a period of calm, following a pleasant Senate hearing on Aug. 15, 2012. We guests were treated as particles of popular sovereignty by public servants Senate Prez Juan Ponce Enrile, Sen. Gringo Honasan (who attended San Beda and got accelerated but left with his family for Taiwan where his officer-father had been posted) and Sen. Tito Sotto. They showed breeding, which should be required of all, particularly the high and the mighty.

The respite and our temporary disappearance from the radar screen don't mean we can relax as we had commitments to the victims' families to do the right thing, like helping ensure the tragedy is not repeated and disciplining those who may deserve it. Community service I have in mind for initiation. But we got into the news again.

Indeed, on August 23, 2012, the Philippine Star headlined that 37 would be charged in Cavite. The next day, 39, per the Inquirer. Spread the misfortune, democratize the misery, would seem to be the clarion call. Destroy the youth. But, our scarce resources may be better spent doing after say, drug traffickers. There is enough grief.

We grieve certainly also for the loss of Sec. Jesse Robredo who I met only once, last January 25, in the Mass for Prez Cory on her last birth anniversary at Manila Memorial. We had the briefest of small talk. When Cong. John-John Kennedy lost his life in a plane crash, in a moving elegy, Uncle Ted borrowed from Yeats, in that his nephew, like his father, Prez Jack, had every gift, but length of years.

Of course we should not overlook the two pilots with Jesse, Jessup Bahinting and Kshitiz Chand. The little ones are often forgotten. Having dealt all my life with life's losers. I know how the world laughs with you but, you weep, alone.

The Kennedys may be a good dynasty, like our Aquinos, non- lying, non-cheating, non-stealing. Dynastybuilding we are world class in, as in multiplying like rabbits, and should be proposed as an Olympic event where the long list shows we are among the kulelats (if we continue to ignore the
triumph of our Victoria Manalo Dravis, from Orani, Bataan, who won two golds in London '48; she was in Orani some years ago, where her musikero pa came from, for a two-week celebration. A two-acre park in San Fran is named after her. Victoria na, Manalopa).

On picking the next Chief Justice, I see where our Leila de Lima and Rene Sarmiento were out. But, they will have, we pray, the gift of length of years. There is 2014, and even now, the search for a new Associate Justice has begun. There are issues as to all nominees in a world of sinners so it may be a question of balance and perspective. (The only perfect Justice I know was, Justice Gregorio Perfecto, San Beda, Clase Superior, 1905.) Roberto Concepcion was another Bedan alum, Clase Superior, '14, AB, '20 and the first Bedan to be CJ. (I might have been the second had I not turned down a signed SC appointment as Associate in Jan. ' 87 when I was 47 but many betters were around and to me public service was its own reward. Then again I might have been impeached and convicted or assassinated.)

Critical is LEGACY as Jesse is showing. Honesty. Hard work. Common in the past but so rare today. Hence, the nostalgia for a Jurassic Type in the mold of our own CJ Berting Concepcion.

But, we should not go overboard in praising worthy Jesse as having changed us all. Or overlook us human rights advocates as Sonny Alvarez did last August 21 at the tarmac. Also buried at about the same time as Jesse was Precious, wife of EV Javier, assassinated on February 11, 1986, when I was Prez-elect Cory's spokesperson. It was my sad duty to speak on activist EV Javier's salvaging.

From 1972 to 1986, the human rights activists were there, confronting the dictator, while Jesse was playing billiards near La Salle, which produced human rights gurus Sen. Tanny and Ka Pepe, who Jesse could not have changed either. Enough credit to go around, not at the expense of those who needed no changing, as their hearts were always in the right place, battling the dictatorship daily, blocked, truncheoned, teargassed, water-cannoned, beaten, chased, arrested or shot at, when not fighting the Conjugal Dictators in courtrooms.

Our public service was its own reward, with no title and no public pay, my own plan or obsession but an upset Prez Cory would not take no for an answer on February 25, 1986. I just wanted to go home but became instead an Accidental Public Servant serving a Providential President.

Good that Jesse is praised by his kids as a good father while I went around the country saying my family could not complain because I was neglecting all of them equally, for the Motherland. My Dulce was a superb mother and father though mirabile dictu! - and held every post here in San Beda, save the abbacy and the rectorship, so the joke went. It is a pity she's not with me to enjoy our Apos-tolate as her hope, obsession and prayer was to be a Lola.

Why? Who understands God? I don't. Finite I can never understand the Infinite. But, I am accepting.



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A MANIFESTO DENOUNCING "FRATERNAL HAZING", A FALSE SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD AND THE CULTURE OF VIOLENCE

MARC ANDRE H. MARCOS is the latest victim of "fraternal hazing" and a false sense of brotherhood.
We, officers and members of the San Beda Law Alumni Association, are in solidarity with the Bedan community and the entire Filipino nation in denouncing the culture of violence that subjects one to physical, mental or psychological suffering; and a false sense of brotherhood by fraternities which practice hazing as a prerequisite for admission.

We denounce as well, in strongest terms, fraternity hazing being morally repugnant and cowardly, and such does not have a place in a just and humane society like ours.

As we condemn violent hazing, we invite the entire legal community and other schools to stand with us as we revisit the basic attitude of schools towards the existence of fraternities, coupled with reasonable regulations, in order to openly monitor its activities, and hopefully eradicate the culture of violence, in the pursuit of genuine brotherhood and peace.

Let the tragic incidents of the past be a time for deep reflection of the Benedictine ideals and values that San Beda College has inculcated in us: ora et labora (work and prayer), and fides, scientia et virtus (faith, knowledge and virtue) - all enabling us "to become fully human, wholly Christian and truly Filipino servant-leaders" dedicated to the cause of freedom, justice and truth.

As we sincerely convey our deepest sympathy and offer special prayers to the aggrieved families of Marc Andre and other hazing victims, we stand committed to attaining justice for them. With faith in the Rule of Law, we know justice is not far behind.

That in all things, God may be glorified!


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## 100+ Alumni Break, Bullseye \& Strike for Unity

"It's more than the sports, it's really about fellowship...the inter-batch camaraderie," stressed current SBCAA President, Jojo Hautea, in his brief spiel during the start of the awarding ceremonies of the recently held Billiards, Bowling \& Darts (BBD) Tournament last July 28, 2012 at the Paeng's Skybowl Center in Robinsons Galleria, Ortigas, Quezon City.

## BBD-AUC Profile

The BBD tournament kickedoff the Alumni Unity Cup 2012-2013 (AUC), a series of sports events that brings alumni batches of different years together. The tagline of the BBD Tournament is "Break! Bullseye! Strike! For Alumni Unity."

This will be the $3^{\text {rd }}$ time that the AUC is being held. The first was held in 2008-2009. After the BBD, Badminton is already scheduled for October 14 while the Abbots Cup Golf Tournament is being planned for late November. Other AUC events being discussed include a Shoot Fest, a Poker Tournament, a Fun Run, and possibly, a Family Fun Decathlon. The AUC 2012-2013 will culminate with the annual Red \& White Golf Tournament, which is scheduled during the 2013 Homecoming Week in early February next year.

Under the AUC format, the various Alumni Batches are grouped into 5 teams. Each team is made-up of batches with years that are 5 years apart. Team 3-8 is composed of the 2013 Jubilarian Batches of $1963,1968,1973,1978$, 1983, 1988, 1993 and so on. All batches with years ending in 4 and 9 will form Team 4-9. To complete the field of participants: a Team 0-5, a Team 1-6 and a Team 2-7. Team standings in the BBD and the other tournaments will gain for each team graduated AUC points, and the Team with the highest cumulative points earned from

all the events, will win the Alumni Unity Cup, which will be awarded during the Homecoming Night.

## BBD Participants \& Winners

Over a hundred alumni representing 17 various batches and some of their family members played in and attended the 3 events. The 5 participating teams donned shirts of different colors (light blue, yellow, light green, orange \& gray). The Batch of High School 1988, the
Silver Jubilarians of the 2013 Homecoming, together with batches HS'73 \& HS'78, sent the largest contingent of 40 participants.

| Team 3-8 | HS73 | HS78 | HS88 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Team 4-9 | HS64 | HS74 | HS79 |  |
| Team 0-5 | HS70 | HS80 | HS85 | GS2000 |
| Team 1-6 | HS71 | CAS81 | HS86 |  |
| Team 2-7 | HS67 | HS72 | HS77 | HS82 |

The Billiards tournament was ceremonially opened at around 2PM by SBCAA Asst Moderator (and former College Rector) Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB (see photo in the next page). "Fr. BB", at 97, showed all and sundry how to break those 9 balls, The Darts tournament shortly commenced at 3PM while the Bowling Tournament rolled-off at a little past 6PM.

The first Championship trophy and gold medals went to Team 3-8 and the tandem of Philip Co and Jojo Hautea of HS'78 (see lower left photo). Philip Co and partner Eric Villalon (also of HS'78) were the champions in the 2010 Billiards tournament. The first runner-up came from Team 0-5-Arthur Banaria and Albert Consulta of HS'85.


The best Darters were from Team 4-9: The winner was the doubles team-up of Pete Rigor and Bogard Garcia of HS' 79 (lower right photo above), and the $1^{\text {st }}$ Runner-up was the pair of Dokiks Jocson and Edwin Aquino of HS'74.

Team 2-7, which had a lean but definitely mean Bowling team, bagged the Championship Team Trophy with the highest accumulated pinfalls of 4 games, edging out the best of the 5 squads deployed by Team 3-8. Nick Bacsal (HS'67) got the special gold tenpin for scoring the highest pinfalls in a

The Red \& White Competitive Spirit

single game (see middle photo above). The photo at the top right shows some of the members of the Team 2-7 Bowling Champion Team - (left to right) Chito Canteras (HS'72), Mario Carlos (HS'77), Ed Bugia (HS'72), Ray Dadia (HS'72) and Denden Marcelo (HS'72). The other members of the top Bowling Team of Team 2-7 are Jun Nasol (HS'67), Jun Gatmaitan (HS'72), Ray Estacio (HS'72) and Chito Valte (HS'72). Joy Mariano of HS'70 and Team 0-5 grabbed the consolation but unique "Most Number of Splits" trophy (right photo above).

## The True Spirit of the AUC

The competitive spirit was so intense \& evident in all the games played during BBD night. JG Lomotan (HS'73) told a teammate from a younger batch: "Pare, mas challenging next year kasi mas matanda na kami... pero maski masakit na ang mga buto-buto, sali pa rin kamil Umpah!!" The presence of family members, friends and classmates cheering the Bedan players was also a delightful sight... especially with the actual participation of some children \& spouses in the games. "It was indeed a wonderful sight to see... an event attended by a lot of alumni from different years, young and old-er, coming together with their loved ones... celebrating one day of brotherhood... the Red \& White way. We should have more of these


Left photo - Son \& pool partner Paolo and daughter \& cheerleader Nique with Alumni Dad Mathi Fernando (HS'70).
events," reflected Ver San Jose (HS'67), who still came to the event to cheer his Team 2-7 despite a slight fever.

Alain Maulion (HS'82) was a little more articulate: "This is true Bedan Brotherhood in action -harmony instead of violence; true servant leadership... not lip service; and above all - unity through Ora et Labora!".

Hernan Santos (HS '64) added: "It was an excellent time to meet and bond with fellow Bedans. Lot's of Hi-5's and the Bedan brand of kibitzing. The venue roared with fun \& laughter!"

It was truly a day of Fellowship \& Fun... when that special Bedan camaraderie clearly prevailed over any differences in age and batch affiliation. Bob Asis (HS'70), during the festive group photo session of most of the participants (photo in next page), observed: "you may see many Bedans in shirts of many colors but what you actually sense and feel is one group of Red."


The BBD's success, like all the upcoming AUC events, should not be merely measured by attendance count, but by its being able to meet the more meaningful objective of Alumni Unity through InterBatch cooperation \& fellowship.

That goal seemed significantly closer to reach last July 28.


## Billiards Bowling \& Darts Tournament Alumni Unity Cup 2012-2013

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## BATCH COORDINATORS

Team 3-8

- Vijun Genato (HS'73)
- JG Lomotan (HS'73)
- Boyet Almosa (HS'78)
- Toby Estrella (HS'88)
- Philip Oliveros (HS'88)

Team 4-9

- Hernan Santos (HS'64)
- Allen Mercado (HS'74)
- Mitoy Orosa (HS'79)

Team 0-5

- Joy Mariano (HS'70)
- Popoy Ramos (HS'70)
- Tini Imperial (HS'70)
- Joey Alvero (HS'80)
- Bong Ronquillo (HS'85)
- Reinnie Vitanzo (HS'85)

Team 1-6
o Jimmy Tiongco (HS'71)

- Art Nuguid (HS'71)
- Albert Almendralejo (CAS'81)

Team 2-7

- Nick Bacsal (HS'67)
- Ver San Jose (HS'67)
- Andy Francisco (HS'72)
- Alfred Danac (HS'82)
- Bu Castro \& GS'66-HS'70 - Project Coordinator
- Jojo Hautea - SBCAA President

Mav Our Fellowship Never Cease!

# We Value Life, Peace and Genuine Brotherhood 

 STATEMENT FROM THE SAN BEDA ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONWe are an integral part of a serving Bedan community that values life, peace and genuine brotherhood.

The senseless killing of Marc Andre Marcos and Marvin Reglos from fraternity hazing incidents has enraged thousands of fellow Bedans here and abroad. Their tragic death will be a continuing nightmare we do not wish upon any one.

In solidarity therefore, with the entire San Beda College family, the San Beda College Alumni Association denounces fraternity hazing being a barbaric act and breeds a culture of violence. The act of hazing, and the concomitant harm it inflicts on an individual does not lead one to feel a sense of belongingness and acceptance. Instead, it is in a sense-a ritual that leads to death.

We fully support the efforts of both the school and police authorities in bringing the perpetrators of this crime to justice. We call on fellow Bedans who acted as their seniors to willingly surrender to proper authorities and own up to their crime.

We pray for a just and speedy investigation process leading to the arrest of the killers and their accomplices.

We, unite and place ourselves on call for whatever assistance we could extend for the immediate resolution of the cases of our fellow Bedans who had become victims of fraternity hazing. Amid our disgust and hurt, we call on God to reign supreme over us all - for Peace and Justice to be fully served.


# ANOTHER TOAST TO SAN BEDA'S BEST! 

The San Beda College of Law and the San Beda Law Alumni Association beam with pride once more as their active members have been appointed to preeminent positions in public service.

A special tribute has been prepared to honor the greatness of their Bedan spirit. The honorees included the newly appointed associate justices of the Supreme Court, namely; Hon. Ma. Elisa Sempio Diy, Associate Justice Court of Appeals; Hon. Pedro B. Corales, Associate Justice Court of the Appeals; Hon. Antonio M. Eugenio, Jr., Deputy Court Administrator, Supreme Court; Hon. Jaime D. Jacob, Chairman, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB); and, Hon. Nonnatus Caesar R. Rojas, Officer In Charge, National Bureau of Investigation

The Testimonial Dinner celebration drew enduring inspiration from these distinguished Bedans so that other great men and women from the San Beda College of Law will continue being committed vanguards of truth, justice and excellence in the legal profession and, making a destiny of honor and service for San Beda, Country and God.

We wish them well, nursing the deep hope that they will contribute much to the welfare of the Filipinos and the larger society as well.

Here's another toast to San Beda's best!


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# The Italian Painter Professor Signore Francesco Giannini 

 completes the painting of Our Abbey and College Churchby Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB

During the years 1931-1939, two Benedictine artist monks: Fr. Lesmes López and Bro. Salvador Alberich beautifully painted and decorated our church, dedicated to the Holy Child of Prague and to Our Lady of Montserrat. Fr. Lesmes was the painter, and Brother Alberich, the decorator. It is a beautiful work, of which the apotheosis of Jesus' name, covering the ceiling of the sanctuary, is the masterpiece.

On the sixteen sections of the church's ceiling or vault,, Fr. Lesmes painted as many allegories representing virtues or great ideals. On the upper part, the life size figures represent virtues, while in the lower part lurks the anti-type: Sin beneath innocence, War under the allegory of peace, etc.

Around the sanctuary, eight paintings offer us scenes of Jesus' birth and infancy.

And over the arches below the second level of the church, Fr. Lesmes depicted in 14 meaningful scenes of the Way of the Cross.

For reasons unknown, Fr. López did not paint the 27 square meter wall that separates the old choir to the rest of the church. It is at the rear of the church over its entrance and it has remained unpainted since 1925, the year the church was built. At the suggestion of several members of the community, Fr. Abbot Tarcisio Narciso commissioned the Italian artist professor Francesco Giannini, Father Ealred U. Nilo's, OSB, friend, to undertake the painting of such a large panel. He was given the general theme: the history of the Black Benedictine monks in the Philippines. Painted in Italy, the paintings were brought to the Philippines in six large canvas pieces. It took the painter almost one year to finish his work that blends well with Fr. Lesmes' paintings.

From up to down and from left to right, the six panels represent: 1) the Montserrat Abbey, that sent the first Black Benedictine missionaries to Surigao in the year 1895, and Subiaco Abbey, the first monastery founded by Saint Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine Order; 2) the 18 Benedictine Martyr monks of EI Pueyo de Barbastro Priory, 2 of whom had been monks of the Manila community for some years: 19 Fr. Santiago Pardo and 6 Fr. Domingo Caballe'; 3) Our Lady embracing the world; Saints Benedict and Scholastica, his sister, and the 12 missionary monks of Montserrat, Spain, that made up the first expedition to the Philippines; 4) One of the Surigaao missions; 5) façade of our Abbey and College church, Manila; and 6) Saint and martyr


Fr. Maximiliano Kolbe who, in his visit to the Philippines, celebrated Mass in our church. Its depicted audience is not the real one. The paintings were unveiled and blessed on June 20, 2012.

This good painting almost completes the total painting of our church. I say almost, because still there is another important part without decoration or painting: the ceiling over Our Lady of Montserrat statue, at the left side of the transept.

The new paintings were generously financed by the Ortoll-Zaragoza family, whose three children: Carlos, José Javier ( + ) and George did graduate from high school in our Mendiola College. Our most sincere thanks to the OrtollZaragoza family.


# San Beda's Continued Domination of NCAA Swimming 

Michael John Y. Rubio

The members of the San Beda Red Sea Lions are:

## WOMEN'S TEAM

Cabrera ,Francis May I. Chua , Michaela Carla C Garcia ,Patricia Ella D. Lora, Lorelie Etrone C. Mantienzo, Millicent S. Pilar, Jan Michael C.
Ronquillo, Djhoana Rose V.

## MEN'S TEAM

ALCOS, Andrei Don I. BAÑAGALE, Neale Paolo M. BARRAIRO, Rafael Louis B. CASTAÑAREZ, Jorev Kenz Z.
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## COACHING STAFF

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As the officials of the 88th NCAA Swimming Championships held from August 22 to 24, 2012 made their exit from the historic Rizal Memorial Swimming Pool to signal the end of the tournament, the celebrations began for the San Beda Red Sea Lions. Showing continued domination of their opponents from the other member schools, the Red Sea Lions bagged their 11th consecutive championships while the Lady Red Sea Lions made it back-to-back on the distaff side. Though there was improved competition from the College of Saint Benilde, the Bedan tankers have shown what hard work, tenacity and teamwork can do: win championships.

The preparation for the current NCAA season actually began a month after the Red Sea Lions won their 10th title last year. After a much needed break, the Bedans went back to the pool and started their training in earnest to defend their title and continuously give glory to their alma mater. In a casual interview with some members of the team and coaching staff, they admitted that training for the 88th season started barely one
month after the 87th season ended with one swimmer saying "halos isang buwan lang na pahinga tapos balik na ulit sa training". When asked about their preparation for the NCAA, they recounted the past competitions that they had to join to test their mettle against the best in the Asia-Pacific region, most notable was their last competition in Hong Kong where they saw action against swimmers from all over Asia.

But despite this grueling schedule, the studentathletes make it a point to still attend their classes and learn from their professors in the College of Arts and Sciences knowing fully-well that nothing beats a good, solid education. This kind of dedication to their studies and their craft has made all these young swimmers the kind of heroes that they are to their fellow students.

In closing the members of the San Beda Swimming Team would like to express their appreciation to all the school officials who have supported them in their various endeavors. Likewise, they have only fond words for Mr. James Sy who has not only supported them financially but also is like a father to the boys and was always present in their swim campaigns. And not to be forgotten is their coaching staff headed by Dondon Roxas who has done a tremendous job of winning championships for the school.

The team will not promise another championship next year saying that the level of competition has vastly improved but they will do their best in making it 12 straight for the men's and a three-peat for the women's team in the 89th season of the NCAA.


# Sa Pula, Sa Puti . . . 60 years na po kami! sbc Law Assoc. CELEBRATES DIAMOND YEAR 

by Atty. Carlos Caliwara

In a lifetime, 60 years is truly a glittering milestone. It is to be celebrated, and that is what San Beda College of Law will do as it marks 2012 as a year "of many reasons to be happy about".

The San Beda Law Class ' 87 is spearheading the event with the Class '62. It
 was announced that this year's celebration will be held at the Manila Polo Club, McKinley Road, Makati City, on November 23, 2012 with the theme "Sa Pula, Sa Puti . . . 60 years na po kami!"

Invited to be the Guest of Honor and Speaker will be the Honorable Chief Justice Lourdes Sereno who will speak on "Judicial Reform Agenda". The event is led by Class '87 President, Deputy Prosecutor General Richard Fadullon and Overall Event Chairperson, Atty. Cristina Reyes.

## Fr. Aelred's book-

## Benedictine Story in the Philippine Islands

The book launched on March 23, 2012 by the Benedictine monks of San Beda College Manila presented a masterpiece of an Italian painter Francesco Giannini entitled 'Benedictine Story in the Philippine Islands'. The paintings, which consisted of seven thematic panels, narrated the foundation of the Benedictine monks and their missionary activities particularly in the Philippines. These were depicted through landscapes, personages, religious images and symbols highlighting the important events in the life story of the Benedictines monks of Manila.

The author, Aelred Nilo, OSB, a member of the Benedictine community of Manila, worked closely with Francesco Giannini, the one commissioned to do the mural paintings in the Abbey Church. The book is the result of their collaboration for more than two years. It summarized chronologically via photographs the development and execution of the paintings. Although the photos were not professionally shot, as indicated in the preface, the book managed to present in stunning way the details of the paintings that may escape the discerning eyes in the actual appreciation of the artwork. The readers therefore will find a showcase of Benedictine history in paintings, their story in colorful images, their faith journey in symbols, their spirituality and a cultural legacy in the Benedictine tradition.

The book presented a masterpiece that revealed the genius of the artist. It visually narrated the Benedictine story while at the same time revealed the technical intricacies behind the paintings. Evidently, the spirituality that inspired the conception of the paintings is captured in the book.



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## San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA)

Date
April -Gave cash incentive to the San Beda Sr. Football Champion team, NCAA 87th Season.
-Gave cash incentive to the Taekwondo Champion Team, NCAA 87th Season
-Hosted a Welcome Dinner and Mass for the Red Lions and new coaching staff.
May -Conducted the SBCAA Planning Session with the new officers, namely: Mr. Joselito I. Hautea President, Mr. Eriberto Gomez, Vice President, Mr. Albert Almedralejo, Secretary, Mr. Gerry Sanvictores, Treasurer, and Prof. Joffre M. Alajar, Executive Director; Trustees: Atty. Dominador D. Buhain, Mr. Roberto M.C. Bunagan, Mr. Edmundo R. Badolato, Atty. Jonas L. Cabochan, Mr. Albert Imperial, Mr. Jose Mari V. Lacson, Mr. Joaquin C. Loyzaga, Dr. Conrado F. Oca, Dr. Edgardo C. Paras, Jr., Justice Jose C. Reyes, Jr., at Club Filipino from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
-Donated cash as requested by Rev. Fr. Eduardo Africa, OSB, for the SBC Juniors Basketball Team, who represented SBC during the Palarong Pambansa Games in Pangasinan (May 7-13, 2012).
-Gave financial assistance to Ms. Basilla Concepcion, head, SBC janitorial services, who will undergo heart angioplasty.
-President Hautea donated cash for the annual outing of Bernardo Maintenance Services, the service provider of SBC.
-Gave cash incentive and a Swatch watch gift to Mr. Manuel P. Buensuceso, Jr. for placing number ONE in the May 2012 CPA Licensure Examinations.
-Organized the 2013 Jubilarians' Meet Saturday at the San Beda College Cafeteria. This served as the kick-off activity for the 2013 homecoming. The objective of this meet is to make the homecoming meaningful, and to identify commitments from each batch. President Hautea was the facilitator of the meet.
-Hosted a luncheon for Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB on his 97th birthday.
June -Donated a football marker to the Football nice-peat champion team. It will be installed at the Senior Football field soon.
-Gave scholarship/financial assistance to the following students, through the help of Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB, HS Class '59, HS Class '50, Dr. Conrado Oca, Mr. Kishu Sehwani, Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB and Mr. Jose Araullo.

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- Organized a Holy Mass for the late Mr. Raul Contreras (HS Class'56) held at the Abbey Church.
-Arranged an interview pictorial with the Philippine Daily Inquirer (Ms. Tracy Paska) regarding the new mural paintings of the Abbey Church. Interviewed were Fr.Aelred Nilo, OSB, Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, and Mr. Francesco Giannini, Italian Painter.
-Assisted in organizing the blessing of the mural paintings of Francesco Giannini, at the Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat. Invited were Mrs. Ballsy Aquino Cruz, Mrs. Viel Aquino Dee, Senator Agapito Aquino, as well as Mr. Carlos Ortoll and family.
- Organized an unveiling ceremony for the two golden brass lions donated by Mr. Ernesto Lim (HS Class'80). These lions statues are now at the Jubilee Garden.
-Organized Sunday Masses at 11am for the alumni with sponsoring batches.
Date $\quad$ Sponsor
July 1 - SBCAA
July $8-H S^{\prime} 63$ and HS'88
July 15-HS'58 and HS'83
-Hosted a welcome dinner for council officers and members of the Asean Learning Network, July 9, 2012 at Casa Roces, J.P. Laurel Manila, per request of Fr. Rector Aloysius Maranan, OSB.
-Mr. Joselito Hautea, Mr. Eriberto Gomez, Dr. Conrado Oca, and Mr. Jose Araullo donated lechons during the luncheon reception for the St. Benedict Service awardees. Mr. Ricky Cuna donated ice cream for the affair.
-Released financial assistance to Bedan Alvin E. Abelardo, (HS'93, CAS'97), who underwent a brain surgery last June 21 at the Cardinal Medical Center.
- Organized the Alumni Unity Cup - Bowling Billiards \& Darts held last July 28 at Paeng's Skybowl.


## San Beda College Alumni Foundation (SBCAF)

## Date

May -Responded to the query of the SBC Southern California Alumni Association (SBCSCAA) regarding status of their scholarship donation to the school.
-Submitted to the SBC administration a proposal for the rehabilitation of the SBC Taytay football field. Prepared a masterplan of the football field, grandstand, and the lightings etc.

June Awarded financial and scholarship grants to the following scholars:

Scholarship Grant
Rene Veles Pangilinan Memorial Scholar

Dr. Andrew Gotianun Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar

Ninoy Aquino Memorial Scholar

Amb. Eduardo Cojuangco, Jr. Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar

Fr. Benito Afuang OSB, Memorial Scholar

Eduardo Cojuangco Sr.Memorial Scholar

George Yang Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar

Atty. Art P. Tugade Scholar

GS'62 \& HS'66 Pantawid Program Scholar

## Recipient

Mikhail Chua, (4th year)
B.S. Information \& Comm. Technology

Monique De Arroz, (2nd Yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Blesilda Nacion, (3rd Yr.) Medicine

Maria Angelica Arevalo, (2nd year)
B.S. Accountancy

Ma. Jessica Hernandez, (3rd Yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Charene Evangelista, (3rd Yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Charito Malabanan, (2nd yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Iris Soria, (4th year)
Full Scholarship, Medicine
Alvince Daryl Cuvinar, (4th year)
BS Operations Management
Tuition \& Miscellaneous fees

Scholarship Grant
Arturo R. Macapagal Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar

Robert G. Coyuito, Jr. Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar
Luis I. Ablaza, Jr. Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar

Punongbayan \& Araullo Foundation

Security Bank Foundation, Inc.

Raul Roco Student Scholarship

SBC Southern California Alumni Association

## Recipient

Thomas Gonzales, (1st yr.) B.S.B.A. Marketing

Sheila Marie Zarraga, (1st yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Calvin Fernandez, (1st yr.)
B.S. Legal Management

Dann Karlo Manzano, (4th yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Full tuition, miscellaneous fees \& stipend
Jung Hing Gend Wan, (4th yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Full Tuition, Miscellaneous plus stipend
Napoleon Miranda III, (2nd yr.)
B.S. Financial Management

Tuition, miscellaneous fees plus stipend
Adrian Santiago, (2nd yr.)
B.S. Accountancy

Tuition and Miscellaneous fees
Miguiel De Alva, (3rd yr.)
B. S. Accountancy

Tuition and Miscellaneous fees


Blesilda Nacion
Charene V. Evangelista


Maria Angelica Arevalo
Ma. Jessica'Hernandez


Miguiel'A:De Alva


San Beda Law Alumni Association (SBLAA)
Date
June Organized a testimonial reception in honor of Honorable CA Justice Elisa Sempio-Diy; SC Deputy Administrator Antonio Eugenio; NBI Director Nonnatus Rojas; CA Justice Pete Corrales; and, LTFB Chairman Jaime Jacob, at the Club Filipino, Greenhills.

July Endorsed Hon. Leila de Lima (Law Class'85) to the Judicial and Bar Council as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

## 58 <br> Savoring <br> an Afternoon with the Former President

by: Dr Joffre M. Alajar

It was after the week-long "habagat" disaster that I, Rev. Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB and Atty. Risel Castro-Taleon were tasked to see the former President Fidel Valdez Ramos for some advice related to the fraternity issues besieging San Beda College for the past several months now.

As we entered FVR's well-appointed office in Makati City, we could not help but notice the treasure trove of memorabilias, picture mementoes and souvenir gifts from the mundane to the extravagant, suggesting that the former president had a full life as leader of the country in the early decade of the 90 's.

From the receiving area of his mini-museum, one could already hear the familiar voice of one of the country's well-admired former presidents. At 2:30 pm, FVR was busy attending to guests and some paperworks in the office that one would immediately surmise that this 83 -year old workaholic leader is not bent on retiring from public service.

Meeting the former president in his main office, one could not help but be awed with the man's brilliance, wit and candor, sharing some important lessons he learned over the course of his presidency, and his life now as a private citizen. In a nutshell, FVR subscribes to being in the moment, fully and living positively. These days, he keeps himself pre-occupied with his FVR foundation and makes himself available as resource person in many international forums on various global issues.

Of course, amid his still hectic schedule, family remains his priority, spending most of his spare time with the former first lady Ming Ramos, their kids and grandchildren. This close encounter with FVR was short but filled with poignant stories and anecdotes from this great Filipino. It surely tugged at our hearts and made us hopeful about the future and appreciated better our important role as educators in the building of the country. It was a brief meeting with the former president but it shines and leaves us forever warmed and grateful being Filipino.

Indeed, FVR's gift of person is his great legacy that will be long treasured by a grateful nation. His legacy lives on!



## SO FAR SO GOOD FOR NEW LIONS COACH

New Red Lions head coach Ronald Magsanoc has passed the first semester with flying colors, leading San Beda's multi-titled senior basketball team to the top of the standings in the on-going 88th Season of the NCAA. The defending two-year champions are currently leading the nine other schools with a 9-2 win-loss card.

Magsanoc took over the top coaching spot of the Lions when five-year Red Lions chief tactician Frankie Lim resigned after being slapped by the league with a twoyear ban for his role in a fracas late last year during an NCAA volleyball game at the St. Placid's Gym. Since then, Ronnie, as he is fondly called, learned to love his new duty as mentor and second father to the Red Lions. Under his watch, the Bedan ballers took home fourthplace honors at the Fil-Oil Cup during the summer, before the current league-leading status of the team.

Ronnie has always been a winner in the sport of basketball. He was a member of the 1982 NCAA Juniors champion team Red Cubs of coach Ato Badolato, alongside such notable cagers as Benjie Paras, Dindo Pumaren, Eric Altamirano and Gerry Esplana among others. He was also part of the first and only UAAP title of the University of the Philippines Fighting Maroons in 1986. And he was a many-time member of the National Men's squad.

But Magsanoc is most distinguished as a professional basketball player, having been one of the best point guards the Philippine Basketball Association ever saw. He was chosen as one of the greatest 25 PBA players of all time.

A family man, Ronnie now has adopted a second family, and a big one at that. San Beda's senior basketball
program has close to thirty players in its care. This gives the former Shell superstar added responsibilities in his hands, apart from his duties as deputy assistant in the Meralco Bolts PBA team. He is also a part-time sports broadcaster in TV 5's AKTV.

Ronnie was offered the post by no less than the school's top patron Manny V. Pangilinan. "Naatasan tayo kaya ngayon kailangang maglingkod in the best possible way. It's also time to give back to San Beda where my two brothers Boyet and Ernie and I got our elementary and high school education. It's like going full circle. Pero magaan ang pakiramdam maglingkod kasi dito ako nanggaling," related Magsanoc.

Although admitting he is overwhelmed with all the work that needs to be done, the mild-mannered Red Lions mentor expressed optimism in this on-going NCAA season. "I think San Sebastian and Letran are the teams to beat this year. But other teams have also improved, especially Perpetual Help. The Lions under Coach Frankie have achieved a lot and we will try our best to emulate what they've done. All I can promise is that we will work very hard," added Magsanoc.

The Red Lions have won five NCAA crowns in the last six years, with the last four under Lim. And with the departure of key players Garvo Lanete, Dave Marcelo, Mar Villahermosa and Sudan Daniel, the new head coach has the daunting task of keeping the championship in Mendiola.

Magsanoc hopes that this amazing start in the Lions' campaign will translate into another triumphant season, and thus another feather in his cap.

# FR. DUNSTAN A Gift OF Light 

by Fr. Rembert C. Tumbali, OSB

Amonk once said that a monastery is a hard bed to lie on but a soft bed to die on.

Life in the monastery is different from what you usually see on television. Oftentimes, TV presents monastery as though one gets a glimpse where monks look very saintly and pure. But I tell you solemnly, life in the monastery is not a virtual reality.

When I had my solemn profession, a senior monk whispered to me during the kiss of peace, 'welcome to purgatory.' Indeed, a monastery is a hard bed to lie on. We shake one another and we hurt each other.

And indeed Fr. Dunstan and I once had a heated argument. We acted childishly and allowed our own pride to rule us. As a consequence, we avoided each other for months. I recalled this silent war, a cold war. We did not even realize that everyone in the community was deeply affected. I felt then that this monastery was indeed a purgatory. One monk described our relationship as, 'a love-hate relationship.'

But I realized that we also get tired of maintaining and holding on to our pride. We have exhausted all our remaining strength and energy in avoiding each other. Or perhaps, this monastery as purgatory did exactly its purpose of purging us of this pride that afflicted us. One day, heaven showered us with so much grace that we found ourselves again in each other's embrace. From that moment on, we have learned to embrace the things we like most in each other but even more so, one another's flaws and weakness. We have learned our lesson. Love becomes deeper when ithuts!

Fr. Dunstan and I then tried our best to recover those seemingly 'lost months' of not existing together. We became closer each day. Our brotherly love for each other has grown from a bitter to a better level. In fact, another senior monk made this observation to us, 'para kayong mga love birds.'

And so if there is one gift that God gave me when He called me to stay in this monastery, it was no other than, by sending me Fr. Dunstan. God knows how weak I am. God knows my struggle. And God knows how to comfort me. Yes, God gave me Fr. Dunstan, a very precious gift. I remember this song, 'persons are gifts of God to me, that come all wrapped so differently, some so loosely, others so tightly, but wrapping are not the gifts . . . I am a Gift to others too, that must be given to
you and you. We are well person; we are all Gifts. So let's have a grand exchange of Gifts.'

Fr. Dunstan became a gift to others too. 2 days ago was Fr. Dunstan's anniversary of this diaconate ordination and also the anniversary of my priestly ordination. The theme of our ordination was 'you are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden,' taken from Matthew's Gospel. As Benedictine monks, our life is hidden inside the monastery. St. Benedict his himself in the cave of Subiaco when people flocked to him after he performed his first miracle in Affile or Enfide. But his holiness radiated so brightly that people saw it as though like the star the three Magi followed and led them to St. Benedict.

In the same way, many people have also discovered the light that Fr. Dunstan exuded and from that moment on, he became
 'a shining star.' Just like a candle that must be burned in order to give light, so Fr. Dunstan burned himself until his wax began to flow. He brought light and warmth to many people. He illuminated them by his thoughts and insights. Most often, people who attended his retreat shed tears but also was moved to laughter. He cheered them up with his great sense of humor. In the end, Fr. Dunstan not only touched many hearts but also brightened many lives.

In addition, Fr. Dunstan Candol comforted even those who were grieving because of the loss of a loved one. His favourite funeral homily was the metaphor of a candle. Didn't you notice that Fr. Dunstan 's surname sounds like candle. His name was indeed his mission.

Yes! Fr. Dunstan lit up my monastic life. His presence in the school, in the monastery and particularly in our refectory was always 'a deo gratias' moment for me-a moment of joy and thanksgiving. In fact, I always break the rule of silence in the monastery every time I saw him. I usually run straight toward him and in controlled voice cry out: 'Pax! Fr. Dunstan is here. So let us bless the Lord.'

The Mythologist and Catholic writer Joseph Campbell wrote: 'heaven is not the place to have the experience; here's the place to have the experience.' In those precious moments that I spent with Fr. Dunstan, I felt that our monastery was transformed into heaven. The monastery ceased to be a purgatory nor a hard bed to lie on. It is a place where true brotherhood exists.
'The monastery is a soft bed to die on.' This is the advantage of living in a community. Here, we do not fell abandoned. Here, we do not feel alone. We cry, grieved and mourn together. Our strength comes from one another. Here in this monastery, we pray together. And it is in this togetherness that the presence of God is experienced. Christ now cries with us. He shares our sorrow.

And so I thank God for summoning you to come here and mourn with us. God knows that we need you at this moment of grief and by moving you here, we felt God's loving concern for us and Fr. Dunstan's family. And I also know that your presence here reflects how Fr. Dunstan meant a lot to you. Your presence therefore strengthens our faith in the goodness of God. It consoles us. It gives us comfort.

This is in turn our gift to Fr. Dunstan. Our coming together as one big family to console and comfort one another is a divine activity that reflects the divine goodness in us. In this gathering, we are saying that Fr. Dunstan, is a witness to God, that God is present even in times of suffering.

Fr. Dunstan, thank you for the gift of light and for putting color and meaning to our lives. May Christ be your light now.
'That in all things, God may be glorified.'

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Calendar of Activities
AY 2012-2013

| MONTH | DATE | DAY | ACTIVITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 |  |  |  |
| SEPTEMBER | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 8 \\ & 8 \\ & 12 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | SATURDAY SATURDAY WEDNESDAY SUNDAY | SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING LAUNCHING OF CARLOS LOYZAGA BOOK FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MONTSERRAT RED \& WHITE BINGO |
| OCTOBER | $\begin{gathered} \hline 6 \\ 8-13 \\ 13 \\ 14 \\ 15-24 \\ 20 \\ 29 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | SATURDAY MON-SAT SATURDAY SUNDAY <br> SATURDAY MONDAY | MEDICAL MISSION FINAL EXAMINATIONS <br> SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING <br> AUC - BADMINTON TOURNAMENT SEMESTRAL VACATION <br> ABBOTS' GOLF TOURNAMENT (W/ HS '72) 2ND SEMESTER BEGINS |
| NOVEMBER | $\begin{gathered} 1-2 \\ 3 \\ 10 \\ 15-17 \\ 29 \\ 30 \end{gathered}$ | THURS/FRI SATURDAY SATURDAY THUR/FRI/SAT THURSDAY <br> FRIDAY | ALL SAINTS' DAY/ALL SOULS' DAY AUC-SHOOTFEST <br> SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BARATILLO SALE <br> LAW ALUMNI HOMECOMING <br> 60TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF SBC LAW ALUMNI ASSO. BONIFACIO DAY / HOLIDAY |
| DECEMBER | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & \\ & \\ & 22 \\ & 25 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | SATURDAY <br> SATURDAY TUESDAY SUNDAY | SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SBCAA/ SBCAF CHRISTMAS PARTY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHRISTMAS BREAK CHRISTMAS DAY RIZAL DAY |
| 2013 |  |  |  |
| JANUARY | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 3 \\ 12 \\ 7-12 \\ 20 \\ 25 \\ 25-27 \\ 26 \\ \\ 28 \\ 29-30 \\ 31 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | TUESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY MON-SAT SUNDAY <br> FRIDAY FRI SAT SUN | NEW YEAR'S DAY CLASSEA RESUME SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS ALUMNI RECOLECTIN (SIVER \& GOLDEN JUBILARIANS, SBCAA, SBCAF \& SBLAA BOARD TRUSTEES / ALL ALUMNI) RED \& WHITE FUN RUN FROLICS / PISTANG STO. NIINO ALUMNI NIGHTAA PARTICIPATION WITH THE FROLICS - MR. \& MS. RED \& WHITE (SAN BEDA) SCHOOL HOLIDAY BENEDICTINE LEADERSHIP FORUM RED \& WHITE GOLF (W/ HS ' 78 ) |
| FEB | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2 \\ 5-8 \\ \\ 9 \\ 25 \\ 9 \\ 26 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | SATURDAY <br> SATURDAY MONDAY SATURDAY TUESDAY | GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING ALUMNI SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO THE MONASTERY OF TRANSFIGURATION MALAYBALAY, BUKIDNON RED \& WHITE BALL <br> EDSA REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY / HOLIDAY SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SENIORS' FINAL EXAMINATIONS |
| MARCH | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ 9 \\ 9-13 \\ 22 \\ 23 \\ 25-29 \end{gathered}$ | SATURDAY SATURDAY THURS-WEDN FRIDAY SATURDAY MON-FRIDAY | SENIORS' FINAL EXAMINATIONS SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES BACCALAUREATE MASS GRADUATION DAY HOLY WEEK |
| APRIL | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & 15 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | SATURDAY MONDAY | SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING |
| MAY | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 2-3 \\ 11 \\ 23-24 \end{gathered}$ | WEDNESDAY THURS/FRI SATURDAY THURS/FRI | LABOR DAY MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS SBCAABOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING END OF SUMMER CLASSES/FINAL EXAMINATIONS |

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