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IT'S WHO YOU KNOW

Given the limited number of available awards, the Foundation employs a scheme for distributing scholarship applications in the Philippines which exploits the intimate involvement alumni have had with the country. Application forms are sent each year to Philippine community contacts who have high ethical standards, are involved in community affairs and have been recommended by former volunteers, staff or associates (i.e. alumni) who have had direct interaction with the contacts. These individuals serve primarily to announce the existence of the awards and provide

applications, though they may also provide one of the three written references required of any applicant. This process allows for a much greater quality of selection than would be possible with a general distribution of applications regionally or nationally and administrative costs are low.

You can make a special contribution to the Foundation as well as to the locality where you worked by nominating a contact. Simply send a brief description of what makes your nominee an appropriate contact. Qualified contacts will be retained in our pool for possible use in the spring of every year.

APTITUDES, ASPIRATIONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Each of us enjoy many opportunities; to study what we wish, to travel, to do the kind of work we enjoy, to live in the place of our choosing. Having lived in a developing country we can begin to appreciate how lucky we are. We have been able to use these opportunities along with our aptitudes and aspirations, to pursue our dreams.

Through your contributions, the Foundation provides opportunities to needy Filipinos. To appreciate what these opportunities mean to our scholars, we should understand their aptitudes and their aspirations. Below are excerpts from correspondence with four of our thirteen scholars. Are their dreams different from ours?

William Catubig
Freshman, Commerce
Xavier University
Cagayan de Oro City

"During my first year in college I have gained a lot of things, ideas, changes, and a much more challenging life. I have learned to be independent, to stand on my own feet. I have exerted much effort toward my studies. I became aware, brave enough to face reality, for all that I gained is toward the fulfillment of my desires, the quest for education."

Rhea Cinco
High School Freshman
University of Eastern Philippines
Cataraman, Northern Samar

"In our community there are many sick people who need proper health care. I want to be one among those who help uplift the health conditions of our country. After my secondary education I intend to take up medicine. It is my earnest dream to work as a physician. To be able to work as a physician and to cure sick people or even save a life would indeed be a great achievement. I would like to make people happy and serve God in this way." (Note: Rhea earned the highest ranking in her class in her first semester.)

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FOUNDATION MEETINGS

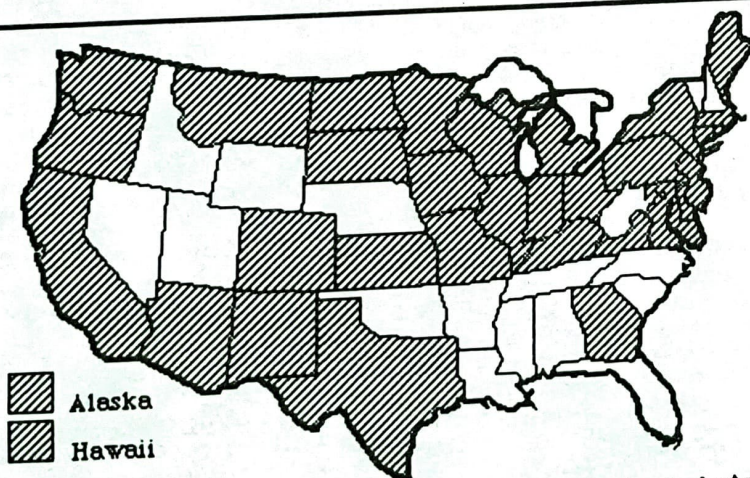
Foundation meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Foreign Student Service Council, located at 2337 18th Street N.W. All meetings are open to interested parties—we welcome your participation. Persons traveling to or through the Washington, D.C. area are encouraged to call on the members of the Board of Directors to exchange views and information. Some phone numbers are listed below:

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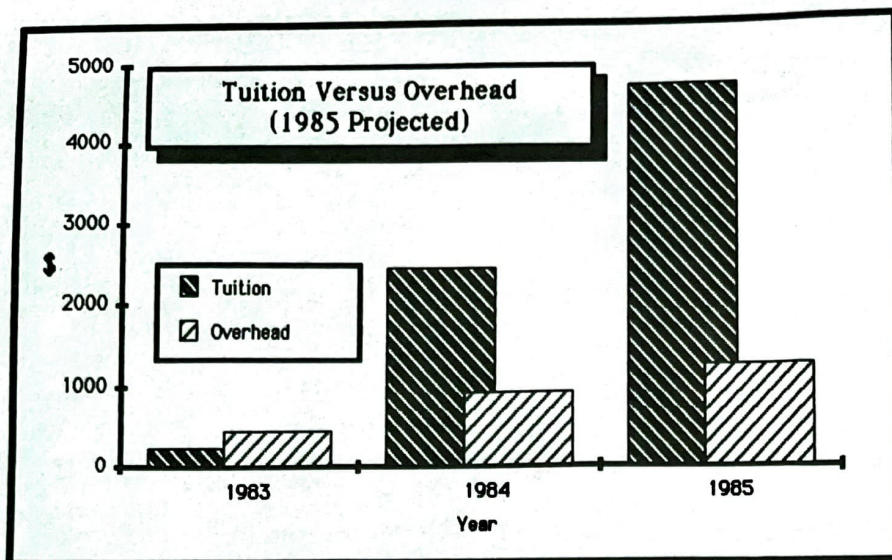
CELEBRATION PLANNED

Even as the debate concerning the number of new students to be funded this year is heightening, the Board agrees that a celebration is in order. Our collective achievements over the past two years are considerable. You are one of more than 1000 readers of our newsletter. With the help of those like yourself, the Foundation is now beyond the two-year flop threat, it has a diverse and sustaining support base and most importantly it continues to support thirteen students this year with the prospect of greater future support.

A \$25.00 cocktail party will be held at the Thomas Dine residence in Washington, D.C. in late April as both a celebration and fundraiser.



Contributions have come from individuals in shaded states.



FINANCIAL NOTE

In two brief years of operation, the Foundation has reduced its administrative costs from 64% in 1983 to roughly 30% in 1984. Projections for 1985 show a further reduction to 21%. Most important, however, is the fact that we have gone from funding two students in 1984 to thirteen in 1985. We will fund even more in 1986.

Such astounding reductions in administrative costs were achieved not only as result of getting relatively large start-up expenses out of the way but also due to the contributions made by our volunteers of time and resources. These unrecorded contributions multiply our financial support and are crucial to continued success. Thanks to all.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

MAKING CHOICES

Making choices involves selection from among alternatives. Much of our world enjoys the ability to make many small daily choices (e.g. where to have lunch, what to wear, whether to drive or to walk) and several life-shaping choices in the course of a lifetime (whether to study, what to study and where, what kind of work to undertake, etc.). Though sometimes overwhelmed and stressed by the sheer multitude of choices before us, we generally appreciate the presence of alternatives. The extent to which we are able to steer or control our lives is an important indicator of its quality.

Choices become difficult when something important must be given up or put at risk in order to accomplish something else. The more limited resources are, the harder are the choices.

Hard Choice: Education with unknown pay-off or employment with immediate pay-off. It is difficult to invest in the future when there is so little to spare beyond that which goes into basic human needs. If it were not for the extended family support network, many of the poorest Filipino families would have to turn down even full scholarships for their children because of the resulting loss of farm or household labor. As it is, only select children from a given family go to high school or perhaps college. The others must work.

Hard Choice: Elevated goals, high risks and large potential benefits or limited goals with smaller risks and benefits. Scholar Ruth Llusala recently informed the Foundation that she was changing majors to Psychology from Pre-med Biology. Her parents wrote, "...we cannot send her to medical school and there are

more laboratory subjects which incurs more laboratory fees." This is a decision only her parents can make, and the Foundation is not in a position to guarantee to fund Ruth all the way through medical school. Assuming her first choice is medicine, this choice of a B.S. over an M.D. is an underutilization of Ruth's outstanding abilities and represents a net loss to Philippine society.

Hard Choice: Gamble and grow or stop and consolidate (and gamble)? The Foundation has experienced a couple of years of steady growth and the number of scholars has thus increased. But with each student brought on in a given year comes a commitment for which funds have to be raised. Current debate suggests a fraction of next year's projected tuition costs should be saved every year consonant with our primary commitment to the continuing Foundation scholars. It follows, then, that no new students should be brought on unless a given year's budget projected a surplus greater than the fraction being saved for the next year.

The size of this fraction is not yet decided. If it is large, the number of scholars will climb slowly if at all and cash reserves would accumulate which would virtually guarantee multiple-year funding. However, a large level of cash reserves year after year would represent wasted potential scholarships. Furthermore, a freeze on new scholarships makes it more difficult to raise money. Ironically, as a result of attempts to build up a reserve, income may actually fall.

A large number of people recognize that hard choices are a major part of many Filipinos' lives and that hard choices frequently result in a loss or

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RECENT CONTRIBUTORS

We wish to extend our thanks to all supporters of the Foundation. Your collective actions have enabled the Foundation to extend its awards to 13 scholars for the school year 1984-1985. Contributors since the publication of the last newsletter follow. (An asterisk indicates attendance at the Christmas Fundraiser in Washington, D.C.)

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Cesarz, Joseph	PA
Chow, Myra	CA
Clinton, Walter	DC
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Corpeno, Roberto	DC
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Dine, Thomas & Joan	DC
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OPPORTUNITIES

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Ruth Llusala

Sophomore, Biology
St. Louis University
Baguio City

(Note: This was written by Ruth's mother, Mrs. Natividad G. Llusala.) "We are very happy to receive your telegram informing us that our daughter Ruth has been awarded a scholarship by your foundation. This is really a great help to us. Ruth is our eldest daughter and after her there are still four children who are all going to school. During the present economic conditions we are thinking of letting her stop for a year to give way for the younger ones. Considering that my husband is the only breadwinner in the family, we really cannot send Ruth to college. This scholarship is really a blessing for our daughter and this is something we cannot forget.

On behalf of my husband, my children, and especially Ruth, we thank you very much for the privilege you have given our child. I pray to God that your Foundation will continue to exist in order to help many underprivileged and talented children. We assure you that Ruth will do the best she can to live up to your expectations."

Julio Baldo, Age 16

Political Science
University of the Philippines
Diliman, Quezon City
University Town, Northern Samar

"After I graduate from college, I would like to engage in professional work as a lawyer. In doing so, I aim to extend legal assistance and counsel, especially to the poor of Northern Samar. I consider it that as a lawyer I could and I will share the service that would uphold the essence of the world justice, mostly to the unpowerful... I dream to be a practicing lawyer where I could live and learn from my day to day contact with people. One best possible means of helping develop a community is to develop its human resources... This I would be able to do by fostering a sense of social equality and justice among the local masses who are hardly aware of their rights (nor their) responsibilities to other people." (Note: Julio was valedictorian at High School graduation, and received the equivalent of a 3.4 GPA his first semester at U.P.)

FIRST FUNDRAISER

A Filipino-style Christmas Dinner was held in Northern Virginia on December 7, 1984. Filipino food and music mixed well with friends of the Foundation. More than fifty persons attended and several hundred dollars were raised. Thanks to all for an enjoyable evening!

CHOICES

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underutilization of talent or other resources that, in the aggregate, has far-reaching effects on the nation's development.

Because the opportunities are so great, many of us accept the challenges of development. Some, like those in the Foundation, volunteer many valuable hours every week, and contribute wisdom, ideas and material resources. It is hard work and, of course, it has its rewards. If you cannot devote your time, you can still help make the choices easier by sending a contribution.



FILIPINO AS ADVOCATE

It is worth remembering that all over the Philippines, Filipinos are applying great efforts to improve the quality of life or to prevent its deterioration. Filipinos are not complacent "recipients"; rather, like ourselves, they seek to combine information and resources to produce the greatest benefit.

A case in point is Renato B. Bulaon who is now starting his second year as a Foundation Board member. For more than 20 years, Mr. Bulaon has worked in service to Filipinos. From 1964 to 1968 he worked with the United Methodist Church--first as Secretary to the Bishop, and then as Assistant Editor and eventually as Editor of the Filipino Methodist Magazine. Mr. Bulaon supervised the Good Shepherd Family Center from 1969 to 1973 as part of a World Vision project. From 1974 to 1980, he supported youth activities as District Chairman of the Philippine Boy Scouts. He was a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at Philippine Women's University and in the College of Business Administration at Southeastern College.

Renato's deliberate choice to apply his rich practical experience, B.S. in education and M.B.A. to service oriented work is laudable but not unique.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development welcomed another year of challenges and new accomplishments at its second annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 1985. In addition to the "old timers", several new persons were elected to the Board--Carol Hammaker, Steve Vineski, Cynthia Koskinen and Larry Koskinen. Though they are new to the Foundation, each carries first-hand knowledge of development issues and each has worked in the Philippines.

Carol Hammaker, Health and Nutrition PCV in the Batanes Islands (closer to Taiwan than Manila), recently worked with refugee resettlement in Washington, D.C. before joining the Department of Agriculture International Extension Service.

Steve Vineski was an LDA Volunteer in Negros, and Regional Volunteer Leader for the Visayas. Steve works full time at the Environmental Protection Agency and is working on a Masters in Public Administration at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Lani Vineski finishes her nursing degree at Catholic University in May.

Cynthia Koskinen was born in Manila and served in the province of Masbate as a non-volunteer spouse. She was active in teaching and program development. Currently she is working at the Smithsonian Institution and completing her Master of Public Administration degree in evening study at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Larry Koskinen served in Masbate province on the island of Ticao as a nutrition worker from 1978 to 1980. Larry now works as a Management and Budget Analyst in the Office of the Associate Director for International Operations at the Peace Corps. He is completing his Law Degree in evening study at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Along with general board responsibilities, Larry and Cindy will be contributing their experience in layout and design to the Foundation newsletter. The Foundation is sure to be enriched by the experience, vitality and dedication of its new members. The full list of the Board of Directors is printed on the last page of the newsletter. Board members serve three year terms on a staggered basis; officers are elected to one-year terms.

To outgoing Board members Timothy P. Casey and Stephen F. Callahan, the Foundation gives great thanks and sends best wishes.

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