

**Newsletter 13
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SCHOLARS NEED DOLLARS\$

Your contributions have supported 56 PCAFPD scholars since 1983; 23 have earned degrees, 10 of them this year. Three new scholars have been accepted for the 1991-1992 academic year, bringing the total to 59 students. New scholars are:

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Joey Equia, Palawan; Education



Ricky Lubrigas,
Maguidano;
Political Science at U.P.



Juan Yap Moreno,
Romblon;
Nursing

College tuition in the Philippines is expected to rise 30% this year, increasing the funds needed:

- 1) to maintain support of current students
- 2) to continue the Foundation's commitment to Philippine development through education.

Please join us in extending our Peace Corps experience by helping gifted Filipino students attend college. You can return your contribution in the enclosed envelope.

30th REUNION

AUGUST 1-4, 1991

WASHINGTON, DC

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REPORT FOR SUPPORT

PCAFPD grants are for one year with achievement review before renewal. The Foundation agrees to provide funds for tuition, school fees, books, technical supplies, and other necessary expenses depending on need.

The SCHOLAR agrees to:

1. maintain a minimum 18 units per semester,
2. Obtain approval of the Foundation before changing course of study or school, or quitting studies,
3. Maintain satisfactory grades,
4. Submit an essay at the end of the school year on progress in school and plans for applying knowledge to development in the Philippines.

Excerpts from several student reports follow.

**JOSEPHINE MORTEL
PIL-AM CHRIST COLLEGE, ROXAS CITY**

March 1988

I have still another plan, like majoring Pediatrics not only that I love children but I want also to promote a Health Program regarding proper health care for babies and children....

March 1989

I have completed my 255 duty hours in the community and 355 hours in the hospital as required by the College of Nursing. In the community, I focused my nursing care to the people by instructing them on how to maintain good health and advised them about proper sanitation... We talked about family planning, on how to become a productive citizen of the country and the most important is on how to prevent diseases... I didn't evaluate my patients whether they are rich or poor. I am there in order for them to recover from their illnesses. I've got about 8-10 patients per day in a certain unit...



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MORTEL CONT
April 1990

The following are the achievements and extra-circular activities both in school and community:

1. Counselor of the Filamer Christian College of Nursing.
2. Team leader in the Community Outreach Program for the Barangay and families development.
3. College of Nursing Choir and Seventh Day Adventist Choir.
4. Recommended as speaker about "emergency care and techniques" during the training of interested groups in the community to become barangay health workers.
5. Elected as one of the speakers in Psychiatric Nursing Affiliation in Pototan, Iloilo...

I visited those families which are so poor enough and have difficulty in handling their children. I gave them nursing care suited to their need and the most important is to educate the children. Teach them on how to maintain personal hygiene, prevent infection and reinfection, especially to the babies. I have instructed the mother that in order to avoid infection and diseases in and out of the baby's body, she must breast-feed the baby...

I realized how a nurse managed her patient during recovery time and death. How to deal with delirious patient. It needs patience and understanding. I didn't view my patients as a disease entity but view them as unique being who have the right to be treated as individuals and enjoy life to the fullest...

As a third year nursing student, I have experienced how to care with mentally ill patients. They are so rebellious and use many defense mechanisms which I myself can not understand.... Learning about the behavioral patterns manifested by this patients are essential... to show to them that you care because they have life and have rights to be treated.

DONNA P. NASDOMAN

ST. MARYS COLLEGE, NUEVA VIZCAYA

As a Commerce student, more or less, after graduation, I will definitely be a part of the business world or business community. And as an educated individual in this business world, I should be able to help in the maintenance of fairness

in business dealings that is upholding the law of Commerce and business practices so that in the end no one is fooled...

Unemployment really threatens graduating students, they are worried on where to go after graduation. We hear stories on CPA passers becoming "counting post around" or teachers having to go abroad and become maids there because they can't find employment here. I hope I will not be welcome to the world of unemployment

although it threatens me too. In our barrio, there is only one office that is the Administrative Office of the only high school in our place so I think my chance to be absorbed there is very slim because every position is already filled up.



REX PORTENTO

U.P. DILIMAN, Q.C.

April 1990

My freshman year in college has not been really very easy for me. There's a lot of things to adjust to in the city, considering that I came from the province. Here, I've got to get along with new faces, new places, new norms and new way of life. Unlike the high school teachers, most professors here are strict and inconsiderate, others are either lazy or too conservative that if you give him/her a criticism over the matter you are discussing will makes him/her feel mad at you. Furthermore, there's usually plenty of works in college. Most of these works are research papers and comes either simultaneously or at the same time. This sort of things let you feel that it will be easier if quit studying. But upon finishing the school year, I find it pleasurable realizing the fruits of difficulties

I've encountered... My English subjects have brought me additional skills and knowledge that help to improve my abilities in English communication, both oral and written. Likewise, my math subjects have brought me into a wider dimension in the world of numbers, thus easing my difficulties in some basic mathematical operations...

We are not just thought how to use our own language but our professors gave more emphasis on the value of being a Filipino. The realities behind the lives of Filipinos, our suffering and difficulties. The culture, traditions and the literary works of famous Filipinos are also taken by us. Sociology and Psychology on the other hand are the subjects that found my interest most...

Introductory Economics is my first major subject... I learned its basic elements; its laws and its principles. This subject also explained to us why despite of many attempts to solve our economic crisis, we remain poor and hungry. Moreover, we also did not know how such foreign interests affects our basic policies as well as our internal politics... I've also been discovering others realities in such field as



MABUHAY!

PHILIPPINE 30TH REUNION EVENTS

COUNTRY UPDATE:

Saturday, August 3, 1991 1 to 4 PM
Catholic University of America (CUA), NE Campus
[on the Metro--subway--Red Line, Brookland Station]

The afternoon will include talks, panels, question periods with Journalists, Diplomat, Development Workers and some RPCV's evacuated in 1990.

BARRIO FIESTA BLOWOUT:

Saturday, August 3, 1991, 7 TO 11 PM
WORLD BANK BUILDING, 18TH & I STREETS, NW

FILIPINO FOOD (catered by Lita Altea)

DISK JOCKEY

OLD & NEW FRIENDS

CASH BAR

(AMBASSADOR PALAEZ invited -- Bahanihan Dance Troupe and other entertainers)

Advance ticket \$30.00 before July 15, 1991 or \$35.00 after July 15

Proceeds to Benefit Scholars of
PEACE CORPS ALUMNI FOUNDATION FOR PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT (PCAFPD)

Bring or send photos (with your name on back, they will be returned) to display at our booth on the Mall during the weekend reunion and at the Fiesta.

The above is sponsored by the Foundation, even if you don't plan to register for the full NCRPCV reunion, we hope you will attend the Philippine events -- especially the Barrio Fiesta-- don't miss the fun and a chance to see friends.

**Tell your groupmates you'll be there and that
they should too.**

----- CUT & RETURN -----

Return to: PCAFPD
PO Box 53172
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Please check and complete all that apply:

_____ I plan to attend the Country Update at CUA on 8/3/91 at 1:00
_____ I enclose \$_____ for _____ reservations for the Barrio Fiesta, 8/3/91 at
\$30.00/person until 7/15/91
and
\$35.00/person after 7/15/91
_____ I enclose \$_____ for _____ T-shirts @ \$10.00 each [pickup at the fiesta]
[\$12.00 to be mailed]

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Nowadays, most people view school as just an institution where to finish their professions... Look at those students who become drug addicts, hippies, trouble makers, punks and prostitutes.. Where are those people who should help develop our country however, they are the ones who altered the character of social, political, economic and educational views and practices. Why there is hunger and malnutrition? Why are there injustices and exploitation? Why is there adultery and sexual promiscuity and degradation? Why are there rapid increases of crimes, drug addictions, family breakdowns, divorces, juvenile delinquency, poverty, etc.?

At this time, school campuses become now the battlegrounds for people to raise their grievances and demands. They become the areas for rallies, marches, protests, strikes and demonstrations. Are these products of education?

Should these be the progress we could get in school? How about the educators themselves - do they become the models for other people to emulate? Are they taking their responsibility seriously or more on their salary?

The presence of teachers and educators marching in the streets shows that our true educational system had

already been lost. The goals of education had not been met. Sadly, who is to be blamed?...

I will create organizations or involve in some already established which have good aims. These organizations must have the purpose to recover and develop which is essentially Filipino, yet which has been obscured by current trend. These must promote a God-centered, patriotic consciousness and elevate the moral standard of the citizens particularly students and young people.

Humanitarian organizations could bring solutions to economic and social problems. Humanitarian efforts demonstrate a spirit of service to one's fellowmen that is vitally needed in the development of our nation. Helping the poor, exploited and needy ones is more inspiring to do in my part. Teaching them skills and let them contribute for themselves and for others. Encouraging them to be part in any social activities and educate them that everyone has an importance in the society and the nation as a whole...

Truly, we can no longer live merely for ourselves, but must instead strive to live for others and thus become a one family - loving, serving and forgiving one another.



JESSICA P. LASTIMA

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, CEBU CITY

APRIL 1990

Another school year folded. A more complicated than my first two years in college. It is in this year lots of difficulties and adjustments are being done. Frustrations that somehow taught me to be more responsible, patient and careful in everything I have to do. June 1989 I was accepted in the College of Dentistry.

History of dentistry like any other history is being concentrated in the start of dentistry, person involved in the discovery, important events from the past until the present times...

Dental orientation. Field of specialization and laws of dentistry.. The qualities to be a good dentist was also given we met once a week so we have short subject matters.

General Histology. We studied the development of the parts of human body, those that cannot be seen with our naked eyes so microscope is being used. We have laboratory hours which we devote in making drawing and if any available slides in the topics discussed we look at it in the microscope.

Biochemistry, all elements that make up life was being discussed here...

General Anatomy 1. Those parts that can be seen by our naked eyes...

Oral Anatomy. One of my favorite subjects. Like Gen. Anatomy where we study parts of the body here the teeth. Its shapes, angles their eruption. Comparing one from the other. Confusing. Laboratory period like a sculpture we have to carve teeth patiently. At first we started on using plaster of paris but if we can't get the exact ratio its hard to carve so we decided to use perla soap... And my effort was compensated during our practical exam, I got a high score...

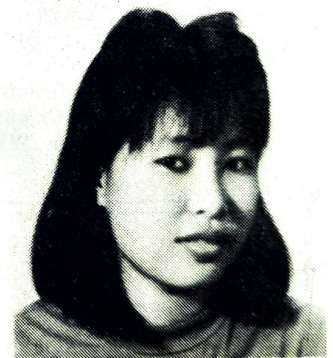
Second semester, I enrolled five major subjects. Orthodontics 1. which concerns with the development of the craniofacial complex, malocclusion and treatment of dentofacial abnormalities...

Gen Anatomy 2. A continuation of Gen. Anat. 1 we study the parts of the head and neck...

General Physiology. We studied more on the development functions of all organs in the body, some abnormalities, antibodies, hormones....

Oral Histology. We learned about all mouth tissues and function.

Dental materials topics includes all the materials needed in dentistry. We have to pay P30.00 until final impression. Mostly of the problems we encountered were wrong impression results, wrong ration of material used and most of all the separation of cast and impression results and sometimes your cast will be broken.



PCV PROJECT WINS AWARD

The San Roque Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Mabini, Bohol, was awarded 200,000 pesos for being best in the Philippines in 1990. RPCV Greg Baker was Credit and Marketing Advisor during the mid-1980's. He trained directors in bookkeeping, accounting, recruiting members, promoting crop insurance and establishing a model farm and fertilizer business with 13 other Coops. He also helped to obtain:

- a three-year loan from Philippine Business for Social Progress to market rice,
- a grant from the Netherlands to market rice,
- a grant from USAID to build rice-processing equipment,
- a loan from the Cooperative Rural Bank for land preparation.

Greg's former supervisor, an official of the Department of Agriculture, writes that the Coop now has "a big bodega and a good rice mill thanks to Greg's assistance." Greg regrets that withdrawal of the Peace Corps eliminates the possibility of more successful cooperation.

RPCV SINGS

Owen Davis, from Morgantown, WV former RPCV in the early 80's just released his first album "Fred MacMurray on Safari", a Peace Corps folk opera, under his own label. His music is based on his days in the Philippines.

Copies are available for \$11.50 CD, \$8.50 tape (includes shipping) from:

Too Big Music Co.
PO Box 469
Morgantown, WV 26507

OFFICERS, BOARD ELECTED

In January, the PCAFPD Board chose the following officers:

Andy Tracy, President, replacing Maureen Carroll, now Peace Corps Director in Botswana;

Modesto de Jesus, Vice-President Philippine Operations.

Rick Zemlin, Secretary, replacing Scott Sindelar, now in Beijing with the Department of Agriculture;

Pera Daniels, Treasurer, replacing Rick Zemlin.

John Abernethy, Vicente Borneo, Renato Bulaon, Carol Radomski and Allen Rothenberg were re-elected to the Board. Jeff Amundsen, Pera Daniels, Margaret Frericks and Jan Twarowski were elected to replace Olive Blackburn, Toni Ferrara, Scott Sindelar and Steve Vineski, who did not run for re-election.

KARNOW LECTURES FOR PCAFPD

Stanley Karnow's talk in January drew a large crowd and raised \$1,000 for the Foundation. Mr. Karnow, who won the Pulitzer prize for his book "In Our Image: America's Empire in the Philippines", reviewed the Islands' past and present. His remarks will be available to Foundation members soon.

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