

U: **New UP-BOR Faculty Regent appointed**

P: Prof. Julius D. Mendoza of UP Baguio has been appointed faculty regent by Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for a term expiring on Dec. 31, 2003. Regent Mendoza's appointment was received by the Office of the Secretary of the University on Mar. 7.

N: Prior to his appointment, Regent Mendoza was a Graduate Program head of the UP College Baguio Division of Social Sciences where he also served as division head from 1991 to 1992 and discipline head of Philosophy for almost nine years.

W: Some of the important positions he occupied outside the University were: vice president for Northern Luzon of the Philosophical Association of the Philippines, guest professor in social Philosophy at the University of Santo Tomas and St. Louis University, professorial lecturer at the San Pablo Major Seminary in Baguio City and referee at the Ateneo University Press.

S: Regent Mendoza obtained his Doctor in Philosophy with the great distinction from the Higher Institute of Philosophy from of the Catholic University of Belgium in 1990.

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UP-NCPAG sets up Asian Resource Center for Decentralization

To serve as a source of information on the Asian region--this is the goal of the Asian Resource Center for Decentralization (ARCD). Based at the Center for Local & Regional Governance (CLRG) of the National College of Public Administration & Governance (NCPAG), UP Diliman. It also aims to promote information exchange among its network of public and private institutions such as the Office of Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.; World Bank Institute; LOGOTRI; Local Government Academy; League of Cities; League of Municipalities; Department of Interior & Local Government; and Local Government Support Programme (LGSP).

True to its mission of promoting effective and innovative local governance through information exchange and dialogue, the ARCD has hosted several study tours from Cambodia, Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam. Decentralization materials are also available through its website at

www.decentralization.ws. Students and researchers benefit from the site as shown by the letters the center receives through its email info@decentralization.ws. The site also houses the Regional Information Resource Facility on Women in Local Government (RIRF-WLG), jointly administered by CLRG and the University Center for Women's Studies (UCWS). It also maintains a library, which will soon include books on decentralization and governance.

The resource center published last year a source book on decentralization entitled **Decentralization and power Shift: An Imperative for Good Governance** and launched its second volume on Jan. 27.

ARCD is an offshoot of the 2nd International Conference on Decentralization (ICD) entitled **Federalism: The Future of Federalizing State?** held in July 2002 at the Shangri-la Hotel, Manila, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Asia PARAGON Regional Governance Programme of UNOPS and the Office of Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.

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Two UP doctors get 2002 TOYM awards

UP-PGH faculty Dr. Eva Maria Cutiongco and Dr. Raquel B. del Rosario-Fortun received the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) 2002 award. Dr. Cutiongco was cited for her work in genetic medicine and Dr. Fortun for forensic pathology.

Dr. Cutiongco is one of only four practicing clinical geneticists in the Philippines today. At present, she is a Clinical Associate Professor of the UP College of Medicine and a Research Faculty of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She is also the deputy director of NIH's Institute of Human Genetics (IHG), as well as its Overall Research & Project Coordinator.

She has been involved in organizing support groups such as the Down Syndrome Association of the Philippines G6PD Parents Support Group and PGH Breast Friends. She was chosen by the NAST as one of the Ten Outstanding Scientists in 2002 for her contributions to molecular biology and genetics.

Dr. Fortun is the country's first forensic pathologist who is well remembered for her role in the

identification of Ozone Disco fire victims in March 1996. Since then, she has been involved in a crusade to educate medical students, the general public, the investigators, the judicial system and even the pathologists themselves on the importance of forensic pathology. Her involvement, often pro bono, in nationally known disaster and crime cases proved her steadfast professional integrity even in the face of harassment and intimidation.

In recognition of her work, Dr. Fortun received in 1996 Pathologist of the Year award from the Philippine Society of Pathologists. She was also featured as the "First Filipino Woman Forensic Pathologist" in **Filipina Firsts: A salute to 100 Women Pioneers 1898-1998** published in 2002 by the American Foundation in Washington DC.

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UP Alumni Association donates P7M to UP

The University of the Philippines Alumni Association (UPAA) donated P7 million to help UP implement its library modernization campaign. UP libraries are in the process of converting their collections into electronic formats, acquiring journal databases, purchasing additional computer units and firming up their online services.

During the turnover rites, UPAA president Eduardo F. Hernandez said that the donation was aimed at encouraging the alumni to "compete" in giving more to UP.

The donation was the biggest single contribution from the UPAA in the three years that its present board members were in office. The amount was on top of the P17 million raised by the Board during its three-year term, which will end in June 2003. "We traveled all over the country just to seek the support of alumni chapters for this project," said Atty. Gari M. Tiongco, first vice president of the UPAA.

Aside from Hernandez and Tiongco, also present during the turnover ceremony were other UPAA officers and board members: Marianne R. Gancayco, treasurer; Solina R. Iglesias, executive director of Ang Bahay ng Alumni; Prof. Teresita M. Hernandez; Evelina G. Escudero and Prof. Mely Ramirez, director of the Office of Alumni Relations.

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UP alumnus receives Filipinas Magazine Achievement Award

Dr. Rey E. de la Cruz (ABBroadCom'76), a playwright-director and educator based in Glenview, Illinois, USA, has been chosen to receive the 2003 Filipinas Magazine Achievement Award for Arts & Culture. The award honors his achievements in creating an extensive body of work that has garnered critical and popular acclaim for artistic and cultural endeavors. The invitation letter from the prestigious magazine goes on commend Dr. de la Cruz for symbolizing "both the accomplishments of Filipino individuals and art organizations and the challenge of increasing opportunities for minorities in the future."

Besides writing and directing plays, Dr. de la Cruz is a special education teacher at the John W. Garvy Elementary School, Chicago Public schools, and part time professor of special education for the Chicago State University.

The awarding ceremony for the Filipinas Achievement awardees will be held on June 5 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Burlingame, California.

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UP alumnus wins \$125,000 Goldman environmental prize

A Filipino environmental activist who organized campaigns against waste incinerators in the Philippines is one of this year's seven recipients of a top environmental prize.

Von Hernandez (AB'88), 36, coordinator of Greenpeace's International Toxic Campaign in Asia, was the winner from Asia of the Goldman Environmental Prize often called the Nobel Prize of the environmental movement. The prize is awarded annually to grass-roots activists from six regions

across the globe.

Hernandez, who is also a convenor of the Philippine Clean Air Coalition, is the first Filipino to win the award.

"Personally, I feel gratified and vindicated, having spearheaded this campaign and having been ridiculed constantly for it. The international recognition is an important validation that we are doing the right thing," he said.

The winners were honored in San Francisco yesterday. Each regional winner was awarded a statuette and \$125,000.

"This year's winners have looked beyond themselves, often risking freedom or safety, to inspire their communities for environmental protection," said Richard Goldman, who founded the award with his late wife, Rhoda Haas Goldman, in 1990.

"In the current political climate, it is more important than ever to recognize people who are working to protect the health of their water, air and community resources. We are honored to recognize work that exemplifies how much can be accomplished when ordinary people take extraordinary action to protect the health of our planet," he said.

'Very pleasant'

He said the award was a "very pleasant and encouraging surprise."

Hernandez's campaign against waste incinerators helped make history in 1999 when the Philippines became the first country in the world to ban waste incineration nationwide.

Waste incineration is a highly polluting practice that produces hormone-disrupting dioxins and releases heavy metals like lead, arsenic and cadmium into the air.

"We have to change from material destruction, incineration, to material recovery--recycling, composting," said Hernandez. "It is good for the environment and for communities."

Other winners

Two grandmothers, one from the coal fields of West Virginia and the other from the Australian outback, who saw their families devastated by environmental damage, were among the other recipients of the environmental awards.

Julia Bonds, 51, was this year's winner from North America. A coal miner's daughter and the director of coal River Mountain Watch, Bonds has campaigned to stop mountaintop removal mining in Appalachia, a practice that involves blasting off the tops of mountains so machines can mine thin seams of coal.

Eileen Wani Wingfield and Eileen Kapakuta Brown, both Australian aborigines, won for leading a campaign to block construction of a nuclear waste dump in their South Australian desert homeland.

The African winner was Odigha Odigha, 46, who helped limit industrial logging in the Cross River State in southeastern Nigeria. These are the country's last remaining rain forests and home to 2,400 native forest communities.

Peru's Maria Elena Foronda Farro, a 44-year-old sociologist, won for her efforts in forging partnerships between community groups, fishmeal producers and the government to institute sustainable practices for fish meal production.

Europe's winner was Pedro Arrojo-Agudo of Spain, an economics professor who was the principal architect behind the campaign to stop his country's National Hydrological Plan from damming and rerouting the country's last remaining free-flowing rivers.

Toxic technologies

Hernandez became active in the incineration issue while working as Asia Toxics Campaigner for Greenpeace International. Hernandez had realized that it was not only hazardous waste but also toxic technologies that multinational companies were exporting to the region.

With waste incineration being touted as the solution to Manila's waste problems, Hernandez and his allies jumped into action. They informed local communities that waste incinerators were the largest sources of hormone-disrupting dioxins.

In 1998, Hernandez helped organize mass protests, testified before congressional hearings and waged a national public education campaign in the media to draw attention to the devastating health impacts of waste incineration and to highlight proven alternatives to burning waste.

His perseverance paid off when the incineration ban was approved in the Clean Air Act of 1999.

Eco Waste Coalition

Hernandez moved swiftly to create the Eco Waste Coalition to urge the Philippine government to adopt legislation that would manage and allocate resources to more sustainable methods of waste

disposal. The Ecological Solid Waste Management Act was adopted in January 2001.

Hernandez has not limited his activism to his motherland. He was a rousing presence at the recent World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg where, together with local allies and the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, he held a "zero waste" forum that drew more than 100 environmental leaders from 29 nations.

That same year, he was instrumental in organizing the first "Global Day of Action Against Waste Incineration", which involved more than 125 organizations from 54 countries.

"Our fight against incineration, landfills and polluting technologies is actually a struggle against the negative and destructive forces of over-consumption and dirty industrial development," said Hernandez. "It is essentially a struggle to shift the dominant paradigm to one which is truly respectful of life and the rights of future generations."

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UP alumna joins Filipino-American Hall of Fame

Musical performer and instructor and current president of the UP Club of America in Chicago, Illinois, USA, Prof. Olivia Rocha Aliga (BM'74), was awarded a place in the Filipino-American Hall of Fame in Music in Chicago in 1999.

With her impressive background in music, Olivia Rocha Aliga has oftentimes donated her time, effort and talent as a performer, musical director or conductor for civic organizations and church groups, for pro bono or no remuneration. By so doing, she feels that God's gift of talent is something to be shared, and so far, the Filipino community and the American community at large have benefited from her good heart.

A bachelor's graduate of the University of the Philippines, major in music, she pursued her Master of Music Education also at UP and Advanced Conducting at Vandercook College of Music, continuing her master's program here in Chicago, IL.

She teaches voice and piano in her own studio to a highly select group of pupils, and provides

special coaching for others. Currently, she directs the music ministry of the Winfield Community United Methodist, directs the choir and serves as pianist for the church. She also directs the UP Club of America choir and the Lombard Chorale.

She has directed various choral groups in the Philippines, California, Wisconsin and Illinois, including the FAPO Chorale of Vallejo (CA), PAMANA Choir (Philippine American Association of Madison & Neighboring Areas) and composer of official PAMANA Hymn; UP Medical Alumni Association (Midwest) Chorale, Music Director & Vocal Coach of UERM Chorale, 1990-95' and special performances of various organizations such as the Filipino American Seniors Association of DuPage, the Pacific Isles Golf Club, and Christ the King (Lombard) Santacruzán and Simbang Gabi, among others. She has served as a judge in various competitions in piano, voice and chorus, in the Philippines, California, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Olivia has been a featured pianist at various fellowship and fund-raising concerts, including the UP Club (1991 and 1997), the Marklund Foundation (1995), the Association of Filipino-American Women of Wisconsin (1985), Winfield Community unified Methodist Church, and Arbor View Elementary School in Glen Ellyn, among others.

This outstanding musician has received the following various awards, honors and recognition: President, UP College of Music Student council, 1970-71; Member, UOP Concert Chorus, 1969-73; UP ROTC Corps of Sponsors, 1970-71; Miss College of Music, 1970-71; Miss College of Education (UP), 1971-72 Beta Sigma Fraternity, UP Los Baños; Special Recognition, General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church, and many others.

Her community involvements include: Member, Executive Board, UP Club of America; Board of trustees, Winfield Community United Methodists Church; Citizen Advisory Council, Glenbard School District. and PRO of La Comunidad Zamboanguena.

Olivia was a Faculty Member of PWU (1971-82); High School Music Teacher of Trinity college of Quezon City (1972-82); Faculty Member of St. Andrew's Theological Seminary, Quezon city (1978-82); Faculty Member of the Vallejo Conservatory of Music 1982-83); Music Teacher at the New Life Christian School, Middletone, WI (1983-86), and many others.

This brain, beauty and talent Hall of Famer from Wheaton, Illinois, has been happily married to Dr. Norman Aliga. They have three children: Norm, Fonz and Chet, and one granddaughter, Alexis.

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Aquino-Sarmiento comes out with new book

Award-winning writer Menchu Aquino-Sarmiento collects 10 of her finest, meaningful and memorable stories in **Daisy Nueve: Stories Weird, Wonderful, Whatever**.

With the release of **Daisy Nueve**, fellow writers have nothing but praises for Sarmiento. No less than National Artist for Literature F. Sionil Jose hails Sarmiento as "one of our very best." According to poet Gemino H. Abad, "[Sarmiento] is without a doubt a fresh, exciting and powerful voice in Filipino English today." For fictionist Greg Brillantes, "In **Daisy Nueve**, Menchu Aquino Sarmiento is a winner."

Among the stories included are the twice-awarded **Good Intentions 101**, **When Ben was Ben**, **Gizzard Boy**, **Zechariah in the Gloaming** and **Fugitive from a Chain Gang**.

Aquino-Sarmiento was a fellow at the UP Likhaan National Writers workshop in Baguio in 2000. She has won the First NVM Gonzalez Award for Literary Excellence in the Short Story, five Free Press Literary Awards and a Philippines Weekly Graphic grand prize

Daily Nueve is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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Obituary: Pat Quesada-Bunales (BSE'32), 91

To Our Fellow Alumni:

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dearest mother, Potenciana "Pat" Castaneda Quezada Bunales, 91, of Rahway New Jersey on Sunday, March 23, 2003, in Rahway Hospital.

A 1932 College of Education graduate of the University of the Philippines and MA Education 1961 graduate of the University of San Francisco, she was a retired professor of the University of the East, Manila.

A World War II widow of Eliseo M. Quesada, she single-handedly raised us her two daughters, Carmencita "Menchee" Quesada Fulgado, PhD, and Nora Quesada Catiis. She migrated to San Francisco, California in 1960 and in 1967 moved to New Jersey with her second husband, Louis L. Nuñales, who died in 1976.

She was an active member of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of New Jersey and served a term as a member of the association's Board of Trustees.

She is survived by her daughters, sons-in-law Leonardo T. Fulgado, MD and Rollando M. Catiis, and her grandchildren Len, AJ, Joy, Mia and PJ Fulgado and Brian, Vin and Concetta Catiis, as well as three step children and their spouses.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mommy Pat, the name she has been known to family and friends in the United States.

God Bless,

Carmencita "Menchee" Quesada-Fulgado, PhD (BS'61cl)
Nora "Norie" Quesada-Catiis UP High School 1961

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Sicat (BSFS'57cl; AB'58cl; MA'58) to address PES meet

The Philippine Economic Society (PES) held its 40th annual meeting on April 10 at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas cafetorium with former National Economic & Development Authority (NEDA) Director-General and noted economics professor Gerardo Sicat (BSFS'57cl; AB'58cl; MA'58), Budget & Management Secretary Emilia Boncodin (BSBAA'75) and former National Security Adviser Jose Almonte as among those who will lead this year's panel of speakers.

According to PES president Cielito Habito (BSA'75scl), this year's meeting will highlight the need to revitalize investments in the country as it faces internal and external challenges. Noted economist Dr. Gerardo Sicat will be this year's PES luncheon speaker.

The annual meet will also feature plenary presentations with Secretary Boncodin for government, Dr. Ellen Palanca for academe, and Washington Sycip (LLD'2001 honoris causa) for the private

sector. A plenary session on the Economic Impact of the US-Iraq War was led by former National Security Adviser Almonte in the afternoon.

Other highlights of the PES meet include simultaneous sessions on: *Competition Policy* with Erlinda Medalla, Rafaelita Adaba, Ofelia Templo, Myrana Austria and Angelo Unite; *Financial Sector* with Antonio Cintura, Ludivina Gador, Ernando de Leon, Teodora San Pedro, Magno Torreja, Roberto Mariano, Fransico Dakila, Jr. and Racquel Claveria; *Governance Institutional Issues* with Raul Fabella, Emmanuel De Dios, Filomeno Sta. Anna III and Cristina David.

This year's theme was *Revitalizing Investments Towards Sustained Economic Growth*.

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