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Family Ties

Editor's note

Sometimes, things happen for a reason. I've always had a rough and tumble relationship with my father ever since high school. Even up until now in college, there are still some issues between him and I; and to be honest, I have no clue as to what an easy solution to this problem may be.


But there are no such solutions, right? We live for several reasons, and several reasons keep us living. There are real instances in our lives that make us pause for a while and ask us to reflect on the matters that are truly important. One morning, I attended mass at SM Megamall with my family. It was in Chinese, and although it took me a while to get used to responding and singing the songs in Chinese again, it was a refreshing experience nonetheless. The priest asked the birthday celebrants for the month to be blessed and my Dad, who had just celebrated his, stepped forward. Everything was more than I expected and I felt a sudden gush of happiness and pride, as if things fell into place. It was there that I realized how important he is to me in spite of our differences, and that the issues we have can only help strengthen our relationship.

There are many other ways to realize how important our families are, those of whom we share, laugh, and cry with. Here in this issue, as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Celadon, we write about stories and instances of togetherness, camaraderie, diversity, and love that continue to make us ponder on and wonder what it means to have family. Whether your own story involves the people living with you under the same roof, the peers who have the same block ID as you do, the people you share your time with during NSTP, those who are about to 'come down the hill', or your future colleagues, it may be all the same, yet unique from one another. Here in the family of Celadon, we hope to show you that when times get rough, sit down, talk a while, and lean on your brother, sister, father, or mother.

Thanks for picking this up and let's all share our stories!

谢谢你们!




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The Sibling Effect

By Margaret Kawsek and Patricia Tan

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(FROM THE AUTHOR'S view, Margaret Kawsek) Mornings are always a challenge. The day usually starts with me waking up and taking a shower. My sister somehow uses the sound of the shower stopping as an alarm clock, wakes up and goes through her morning ablutions. After much prodding that we need to leave, we leave.

In a perfect world, I suppose this would be the ideal routine. The truth is that we both love our sleep, and would often irritate each other; I would want to be in school earlier so I have to drive myself to school, while she takes the driver when she wakes up. This often leads to arguments about priority and consideration, none of which really get us anywhere. We stick to the perfect routine for a while, then everything else gets in the way: all-nighters, papers, finals, projects, meetings... we end up having to bend over for each other so that each of us can, logistically, get work done. I guess that's what happens when you have a sibling in Ateneo.

Logistics

Being with a sibling brings with it a set of responsibilities to fulfill. There's the need to coordinate each other's schedules to lessen the car's fuel consumption. There's the need, sometimes, to bum around school just to arrive at the earliest time needed, and stay around at the latest time required, to minimize the use of the car.

But not everyone has trouble with family logistics. Sometimes logistics evolve into habit. Samantha Co (I ECO-H) has a brother in the school varsity. "I

go to school together with my brother together on Mondays and Fridays. In going home, I don't go with my brother anymore since he has practices until late at night. Occasionally, though, we get to go home together."

"If we cannot go to and from school together, my mother can fetch me. But as much as possible, we try to wait for each other, or go to school earlier."

Academics

There is also a tendency of pressure from each other's academic achievements. Being in the same school suggests being grounded by the same set of rules and standards. Siblings are mostly pressured to take up courses that complement each other. Samantha is in the same course as her brother and sister. "I got the pressure from my parents to take up the same course as my siblings because they think Management is a practical course. I did not get any pressure from my siblings, though. I did not like Management all the more because that was what both of them were taking."

Twins Twinie and Sophie took the more practical approach when choosing courses. "I'm taking up Management. I'm interested with anything related

to sales and business,” says Sophie. “I’m taking up Comtech Management. As you can see, my sister and I are both into business. I decided to take this course so that when we become entrepreneurs, we can help each other out. I guess the pressure is not really with the course but living up with the expectations of our parents,” says Twinie.

It is also quite the downer when you notice that your sibling’s grades are way higher than yours. But most siblings accept the fact that their grades will never be on the same comparative level. “We are in different courses with different subjects and different grade requirements,” Samantha says, “It would be hard to compare and really say that I did better than them in academics.”

But that doesn’t mean that having a sibling in Ateneo isn’t a plus, academically. Twinie and Sophie help each other out. “Since we relatively have the same management subjects, we give each other tips about the course since professors teach differently. There are also times when we do compare notes with each other for reasons like ‘the class is too boring, maybe my sister was able to jot it down’ for the same professor. (laughs) We also do brainstorming whenever there is a need to squeeze out our creative juices.”

Having a sibling in Ateneo also pushes one to work harder and go the extra mile just to be at par with each other. Having this kind of intimidation may be healthy for one’s grades. Instead of slacking off, one is pushed to be more diligent and more persevering. There comes an inner drive to excel.

Extracurriculars

Younger siblings will most likely be part of the



elder sibling’s school organizations. “It is easier to attend org meetings and events,” Samantha says. “I easily felt comfortable in the org because of my siblings. Since the members know that I am the sister of an old org member, they were extra friendly to me. We also have more things to talk about since we know the same people and experience the same things. Being in the same org made me closer to my siblings.”

For Twinie and Sophie, org work ties in with their family life. “We just choose projects that interest us. Most often than not, we join bazaars held in school that are organized by these orgs. So in this case, parents just give us the capital and we do our entrepreneurial magic right then and there. (Haha)”

Family

In the end, however, it isn’t just the academics that make up for the entire sibling effect in Ateneo. Samantha spends time with her siblings cheering for Ateneo in the UAAP games, bringing her closer to her brother and sister. Twinie and Sophie find it fun to be in the same school. “Having a twin sister is fun. We are partners-in-crime and can easily pretend as the other especially for those who have no idea that we are twins. It’s pretty amusing. Another plus is her friends also become my friends and vice versa.”

Having a sibling in Ateneo is, for the most part, a large comfort. The sibling effect isn’t the benefits of having a sibling in school. Knowing that there is a sibling just right around the corner gives you a sense of security. You know that there is someone you can always depend on right there on campus.

(From the author’s view, Patricia Tan) Bumping into my brother after a stressful test of Pre-Calculus, I am brought back to a sense of reality, far from the world of math. Pass or fail, I am reminded that I have a sibling and that nothing can fail me when I am with my family. ☺



A Day in the Life...

Interviews with

Sanggunian Officers

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Misha Solano



Steph Gumar

EVER WONDER WHAT life would be like if you ever ran for a position in the Sanggunian? Well, wonder no more for two of our outstanding student leaders, Misha Solano (SOSE Central Board Representative) and Steph Gumar (Secretary-Treasurer for SOSS) have gladly offered to show us a glimpse at what it takes to be a real student leader.

Way Back When

I first asked them about their experiences as officers. Apparently, our young officers from the Sanggunian have done quite a lot since they first entered the Ateneo. Misha had been a block representative during her second year here and worked her way up to the CB Representative position in the span of only one year. Steph, on the other hand, started way back in her first year. Now in her third year, she's enjoying the fruits of her hard work as the current Secretary-Treasurer.

I also asked them what their motivations were because to be a good leader, one often has the proper reasons for stepping into such shoes. Misha relied on critical thinking and transparency. Inspired by the Sanggunian officials before her, she promised herself that she would train herself for the outside world, for real life, and for real government situations. Steph stepped into her role simply because she wanted to try it out as one of her dreams was to become a part

of the student council. Even back in high school, Steph took the initiative to run for office, but others ended up being much more qualified than her for the job. This didn't stop Steph, as her determination and hard work took her to where she is now and this is all thanks to the fact that she followed her dreams and stayed on course no matter what.

All In A Day's Work?

Everyone has had their share of challenges and our student leaders just aren't the type to back down to them. Being role models for the Ateneo community, each of our two officers dealt with their problems with efficiency and their own unique style. Being leaders, both of them had to be able to persuade the student body of their capabilities as officers. This wasn't easy as both our officers had had their own fair share of election fever. For Misha it was a matter



obligations to the Ateneo community. Both Misha and Steph have mastered this balance as they go about with their schoolwork during class and at home and do their obligatory work in between during their free times. They also still have time for their family and friends. Misha even gets to exercise regularly with them while Steph goes out with her friends from time to time. This balance in the life of such leaders is essential to being students as both Misha and Steph still have obligations to their studies as well as their friends and loved ones.

Values for Life

Leaders have their own set of values that they personally uphold in their lives. Think of it as their personal rules and guide. Misha's concentrates on honesty and trust. She believes that everything she does should be grounded on trust not only to her fellow officers, but to her

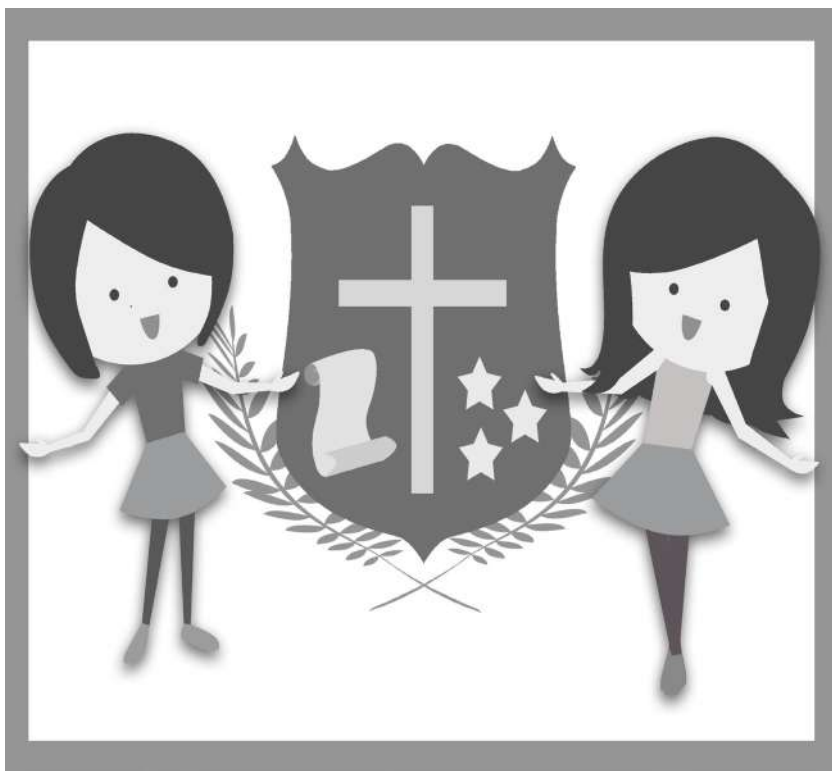
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of her personal life vs. how the public views her. She had to choose between her own personal choices against the desires of her constituents in coming up with projects. Finding the middle ground wasn't easy but she persevered and ended up choosing a common vote by combining the best of both worlds: satisfaction of both her goals and the constituent's needs. For Steph, it was a problem of trust. Many members of the student body have not realized the importance and help Sanggunian could give them. Steph wanted to make it known that she is here to help anyone and only tapping everyone (all constituents) could help her do that. She, like Misha, used perseverance to find an answer and eventually overcame this challenge with flying colors.

The nitty-gritty of a Sanggunian official's life is balance: a delicate balance of academics and

constituents as well. She's the type who would weigh decisions and act quickly in order to gain rapport with everyone she has an obligation to as a leader. Steph relies on diligence. She believes that through persistent hard work, she may be able to build trust, loyalty and friendship with her peers. She would go out of her way to work hard if what is at stake is the improvement of relations and trust with her constituents which are the things she looks for in others.

Every leader has his or her success story and this success story is always a crucial step in showing their qualities as excellent student leaders. How would you know if the person you were talking to were Misha or Steph? Easy, their trademark attributes would show who's who! Misha prides herself with being very vocal and outspoken. To be quite frank, she's actually very fun and easy to be with even whilst being a good speaker.



Steph on the other hand is very organized as well as sociable. These two attributes create a perfect balance in her work wherein PR skills and organization come together in a marriage of efficiency. Misha made it to the top through her PR skills and friendship ties. With the help of the campaign set up by her friends, she eventually succeeded and won her position in office. Steph used here organizational techniques. Being the ‘older sister’ of the Sanggunian, she always makes it a point to be a good example by giving it her all at every opportunity. When she makes a promise, she does her best to fulfill it to the best of her ability.

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Every great adventure ends with a message as will our foray into the secret world of the Sanggunian.

Misha’s Message:

“I thank you for trusting the Sanggunian now and hopefully in the future as well. As the community trust’s us, everything we do here is for the Ateneo community and the public. What we do now in college and the values we learn whether in social or academics will mould us to be the good Filipinos that our country needs.

Steph’s Message:

“Thank you for trusting me and giving me the chance to become secretary-treasurer. I will carry out all my promises to the best of my ability and give the trust that you gave me during the elections to the entire Sanggunian. This is because the Sanggunian is one big family “ohana” where no one gets left behind. Please work with us for we cannot do everything without you part too. The relationship between the student council and the student body is a give and take relationship.”☺

The Generation Gap

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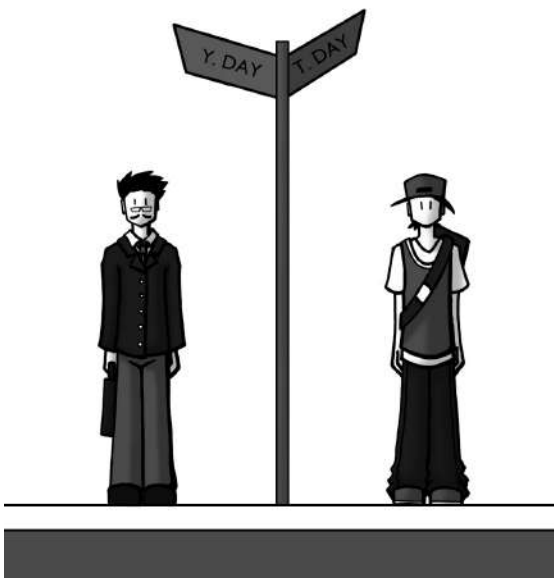
"Well, we spoke better English."

When asked to compare and contrast his time as a Atenean with that of his current students, one of the comparisons made by JGSOM professor Raul Rodriguez was the higher standard of linguistic proficiency in the English language back in yonder days. It goes without saying that with the passing generations, each succeeding iteration of students carries with it trends, cultures and attitudes unique to each one. The question is, have the changing times made things better or worse in the Ateneo? A number of professors on campus to share what they have to say.

The professors interviewed for this study stated that there are essentially no differences in Ateneans across generations in terms of performance from the perspective of a single professor teaching a college-level course. However, the differences become more apparent from an external point of view.

The current social landscape paints the picture of the enterprising, multi-faceted student. JGSOM, for example, offers a business accelerator that allows enthusiastic students to start their own businesses before receiving their diplomas. Students in the Ateneo are given an open canvas with which to pursue their various interests. The university student has broken from the mold of the scholarly academic, ceaselessly poring over books in the library in order to gather more data for his research. It is not surprising these days to find an undergraduate who runs his own business, holds a managerial or executive board

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position in one or more student organizations and regularly trains as an athlete, all the while wrestling with Philosophy and researching for a paper requirement for a major. The result of a student's increasingly diverse endeavors, Professor Rodriguez notes, is that the more recent batches of Ateneans tend to be more serious when it comes to their academics. He attributes this behavior to the increased variety of subjects that students have to learn in the curriculum, which inevitably put more pressure on them.

The abilities and competencies of the modern student were facilitated by various factors. One of these is the changing orientation of the education system. Professor Rodriguez mentions that earlier methods of teaching were incredibly teacher-

centric, where all the information came from the professors and students scrambled to take down notes because these would basically be the content of the exam. Today, teaching is more student-centric, allowing a greater breadth of dialogue between student and teacher. This makes the environment more conducive for learning, allowing students a faster and more personal bearing on the subject matter because they can get information faster and inject their own opinions into the subject, learning through dialogue rather than lecture.

The rise of technology plays a pivotal role in the evolution of the student. Professor Nathaniel “Nani” Lim, also from JGSOM, believes that the increased amount of societal and technological distractions give students nowadays a shorter attention span than before. MIS professor Joselito “Bong” Olpoc also shares the same sentiment. He believes that while effective teaching requires getting the students’ attention, students nowadays require more varied techniques and media to effectively engage. The Internet phenomenon, with e-mail and search engines, also fosters an “instant” culture, in which students demand to see results right away. While using technology in the classroom alleviates this, it also brings about the greater problem of sporadic dedication. Professor Winfer Tabares from the Math department believes that students nowadays are less focused than before. The popularity of computers, laptops and the Internet makes students

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less inclined to persevere in their lessons and seek ways to easily gratify their requirements using as little effort as possible, a difficult situation to be in especially in the mathematical disciplines.

Students nowadays rely more and more on the power of technology to find solutions and less dependent on deriving the key ideas themselves. The older generations, because of the effort required to gather information then, were more careful and thorough with their planning and execution, Professor Olpoc

states. Because research takes a tedious afternoon trip to the library and a programming code had to be compiled and tested on a separate location from where it was coded, students tended to make sure that a sufficient amount of quality and value went into every attempt. Fine Arts professor Elbert Or

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concludes, in fact, that the earlier generations are more regimented and detail-oriented, in contrast to the current batches of students who are usually not as comprehensive with their information. However, this does bring about its own advantages of sorts. To quote Professor Or, “technology affords a non-linear narrative experience.” The nature of technology and the modern student’s adaptation to the quality of data it affords gives rise to a breed of student that is adept in “piecing together bits and pieces” and “forming narratives from fragments.”

In spite of generational differences brought about by cultural and societal change, the student’s capacity for learning remains more or less the same, but the opportunities to learn in the current generation are definitely more, notes Professor Rodriguez. Coupled with the speed, convenience and efficiency of technology and the internet, and one sees individuals who seem to know volumes more than their years and even have the time for alternative pursuits, all seemingly without significant sacrifice. The new generation of Atenean, not without his flaws, does at least possess the tools necessary to know more and do more than their previous iterations. Nevertheless, it is comforting to hear from Professor Lim that the focus on quality, the drive for performance and the spirit of Magis have unconditionally withstood the test of time. ☺

WORK-A-PHOBIA

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MAKE NO MISTAKE: These days, life is hard. All of the times your parents would go “when we were young...” would translate to pedaling a tricycle with training wheels in a parking lot. The fact of the matter is, there are just simply more people in the world nowadays - much more people holding the same college diplomas that you hope to carry around, to get yourself an excuse to get out of the house and get some pocket money.

Because there’s so much competition for jobs between educated people today, it makes sense that most employers start looking for employees that come with some “premium features”. Just like laptops, they want their models to be “faster”, “smarter”, “less whiny”, and possibly more important, “cheaper”. Pretty soon, they’ll start going for “better-looking”, and yours truly will be out of employment even

“The first thing people do is walk into their office with all their fears and apprehensions in their bags,

before he can even hit the work force. Couple this with the fact that the average corporate boss is under severe pressure from his (or her) boss to waste less and less money - after all, money is tighter nowadays.

What does this all mean? It means that we’re all going to learn how to appreciate the fine taste of coffee, and then buckle down to get to serious work. Perhaps one of the most important qualities that employers ask (nay, demand) from their workers is a positive and open outlook towards the work ethic. The importance of this becomes a lot more apparent when we think about the nature of office-work: more often than not, the hard sciences or business calculations we learn from our college days are good for a few days of impressing our bosses during the interviews, and maybe for a couple days at work... And then the actual work begins. Most companies would prefer to have new hires undergo training seminars, to “get everyone started on the same footing”, and to properly ingratiate them into the conventional office culture. For a fresh graduate, the ability to pick up on these patterns becomes incredibly vital to get along with one’s co-workers, and to get the paperwork on the boss’ table before

he/she puts a start to the screaming. Learning quickly comes from the ability to listen well, and listening well comes with embracing and working with things that are unfamiliar from the get-go.

This dynamic truly pays off when, for example, it applies with images that pop into a person’s head when work is involved. Our schizophrenic childhoods paint the place in many seizure-inducing colors - parents, especially those that are Chinese, paint the future by teaching: “the happy job is one that gets you enough money to support your frivolous, frivolous lifestyle”. Media-born parodies and comics fresh from the United States use edgier and aggressive streaks, with the idea that work is a place that best resembles “the hot place downstairs where sinners go”. Lastly, every other kid you could talk to would only go “I want to be an astronaut!”

With all of these childhood conflicts messing with actual work at hand, it doesn’t take much to wonder why it becomes a difficult task to “keep an open mind” about work. The first thing people do is walk into their office with all their fears and apprehensions in their bags, and leave them behind, locked behind an office desk and they check out at night, just to make sure they’re not without them the following day of work. It takes a lot of time for us to get accustomed to new things, and this mentality passes on to the attitude of work - it takes a great deal of courage to put down those fears and apprehensions, to get over yourself and into the stack of paperwork. ☹.



How to be Closer to Your Block in 8 Days

BY Jason Dacuyan and Karen Tan

FRESHMAN YEAR IS where it all begins. Before you do those thick research papers, take those deadly accounting long tests, or become a president in an org, you have to go through this year first. This is the time when you adjust to an environment that offers a whole new perspective to academics, friendships and responsibilities. With all these new challenges, you cannot stand alone. You need friends who will understand everything you are going through-- and that's what your block is for.

Your block is your immediate family in school. They are the first few people you will get to know. They are just like you-- new to college life, looking for new friends and trying to adjust to a new environment. At this point, you may feel that they are the best people to be with or you may feel that you do not get along very well with them. Whatever the case, your block is your block and you can learn to love them. Thus, we came up with simple steps that will hopefully help you in getting closer to your block in 8 days.

Day 1

You've just met your blockmates and you may feel awkward being with them. You find it hard to strike a conversation, but don't fret! Go ahead and ask for their names and which high school they graduated from. Try to get to know more about them. Don't worry if they have different cultures, interests or sets of friends. This is just the beginning and you have so much more time to get closer to them.

Day 2

You finally got to know everyone from your block. But you still aren't close to them. You want to find your family in this big university, and you may conclude that your dorm community, your org-mates or your high school friends are your family. It's good to belong to a group of people who understand you, but it doesn't mean you should give up on your block. Hang out with your block during your free time! Trust us, if you do this, you'll learn more things about your blockmates.



Day 3

It's day three! Do you already know the different interests of your blockmates? If not, then ask them. Who knows? You may find people who like the same bands, basketball teams, hobbies and so much more. If you're into sports, invite them for a game or two during your free time. If you like the same shows, have a TV show marathon after spending time on schoolwork!

Day 4

Have you started hanging out with your block? If you have not, try to organize an outing with the whole block. You can watch movies, play bowling or eat together. You can also study as a group. By doing so, you get to do two things at once- you bond with your block while studying for your test.

Day 5

By now you already have a few close friends from the block that you can talk to. Treasure them, as they could be the friends you will stick with for a long time. Deepen your relationships with them by sharing personal experiences, having bonding sessions and giving each other pieces of advice.

Day 6

Widen your horizons! Get closer to the rest of the block. Be open to the block, because chances are they want to get to know you too. Bring down the barriers that prevent you from getting to know your other blockmates better. Think about what exactly you like best about them. Are they fun, outgoing and energetic? Do your blockmates so far at this time support and help each other through thick and thin? Do you fit in together despite your differences?

Day 7

Treat your block as your family in school. Stick up for each other. Make sure that no one is left behind and take care of your new brothers and sisters. Respect and accept them for who they are and inspire each other to become better people as the days pass.

FEATURE ARTICLES



Day 8

When asked "Given a choice, would you change your blocks?", you answer "No, not in a million years!" with overflowing block pride.

Of course, this is just a guide to help you get closer to your blockmates. Since each block is unique, you will probably have different experiences. The most important thing to keep in mind is to take this chance to get to know some of the best people you will ever meet. Forget about feeling shy or being afraid to have those dreaded awkward moments, because your block will definitely make you feel like a member of one big happy family. But don't forget to keep in touch with your old friends, but make room for new friendships to grow. ☺



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The Concept of Family: Pinoy, Tisoy and Chinoy

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Pamilya. Familia. Jiārén. These are some terms from three different languages which mean “family.” Defined economically, a family refers to a group of people who live in the same dwelling and are related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law, or adoption. But there is so much more to a family than just these technical terms.

As we look unto our own country, the Philippines, we see what kinds of families are most common, and delve into their very characters. Of course, we have the 100% Pinoy families, whose warm hospitality is famous the world over. But our country is home to millions of families, some of which are Pinoys at heart too, but of a different race. As people from China and from the West came to the Philippines, so came the emergence of new cultural combinations in families. Here enter the Chinoys and Tisoys.

The Pinoy Family

The Filipino culture is known first and foremost for its warmth. Though this description is correlated mostly with the many foreigners who experience the classic Filipino hospitality, anyone who knows a Filipino family knows that to a true-blue Pinoy warmth is in the family and in the home.

Kristine Andujare (I BS HSc) is a Pinoy that just so happened to grow up in a Chinoy world. Her parents are Filipino with Spanish mixed in but her schooling in a Chinese school has made her worldly in matters concerning Chinoy culture as well. As the eldest daughter in a family of four she says that she is expected to first and foremost be a good daughter and sister. Helping around the house and bringing home good grades are also some more to add.

She describes a typical Andujare family weekend to be just about the family. Though Saturday may be for going out with friends or school, Sunday is most definitively ‘family day’; a day set aside to spend time together – to eat out and watch movies or to go to their hometown, Subic, and spend the weekend with the entire clan.

In fact, for a lot of Pinoy families, it does not take a major occasion for the entire family to gather and be together. Celebrations can range from a Sunday lunch after Mass to massive feasts served at Noche Buena and Media Noche (though the entire Christmas season is sometimes considered one big celebration). In a nutshell, what is Kristine’s description of a family holiday? “A sumptuous, abundant meal shared together”, she exclaims. This, then is a testament to the Filipino love of two crucial parts of their culture: food and family.

A Pinoy is inextricable from his family; he is often defined by the same traits that define his family. When asked about what she thought about Pinoys in general, Kristine described them with three words: fun, loving and warm. A common response among other Pinoys was the idea of being family-oriented. In considering the mixed cultures in our country, Kristine’s response considered how Chinoys and Tisoys might sometimes feel torn between two cultures, how they might be asking “Who am I really?” or “Where do I belong?” but for the most part, she thinks that Chinoys and Tisoys nevertheless have the luxury of living in the best of both worlds.

The Tisoy Family



Judging by her mestisa looks and movie star-like name, Andrea Faustmann (or Fausty, III AB EU) is easily mistaken for a foreigner. The fact however is she's a Spanish heritage with her father borne of Western culture and her mother Filipino.

Asked if having both Eastern and Western cultures have a big impact on her, she says 'yes'. "Having two cultures allows me to experience and see more things in different perspectives." Her family, however, sticks to their Filipino roots more than their Spanish ties since she has been living in the Philippines since she was born. "When I was a kid, me and my sister often visited our relatives in Spain and participated in festivities such as the Three Kings. Nowadays we don't get to visit them that much." Like most families, the Faustmann family spends time together with her family eating dinner, watching movies and going to the mall.

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Fausty also says that she encounters difficulty in relating with other non-Tisoys for the first time. "Since I seem like a foreigner, people usually start talking to me in English and it seems kind of awkward especially because I'm a bit quiet. I'm not very used to doing small talk. But when we get to know each other, things (are) turn out okay."

Asked if there are any restrictions imposed on her by her parents, she says that there aren't too much. If she wants to go out the house, she can stay out late as long as she returns home earlier than 2am. Her parents are also not too particular with her friends as long as they are able to meet them sometime. As for commuting, she can use any mode of public transportation.

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As for family relationships, Fausty still keeps in touch with her Spanish relatives through the use of Facebook and email. She last visited them when she attended the Spanish Study tour last summer. Whenever her Spanish relatives visit the country, they often stay with them. For her Filipino relatives, she often sees them since most of them live in nearby cities. Being the second and youngest of two sisters, her responsibilities are usually assisting her parents in using the computer and other gadgets. Since they're often together, her family gets along very well.



The Chinoy Family

The Chinoy, or a person having both Filipino and Chinese ancestry, is certainly not a rare occurrence in our society today. Most of them seem to blend seamlessly with other pure Chinese or pure Filipino families, making it a little harder to spot a Chinoy than a Tisoy in a crowd.

James Ly, (I BS ME) whose mother is a Spanish-Filipina and whose father is pure Chinese, relates his experiences being a certified Chinoy. He mentions that what's different with Chinoys is how wide ranged their beliefs are as a family. This is probably since both Chinese and Filipino cultures are immensely rich with colorful customs and traditions that most people still uphold today. From very Filipino traditions like going on "pilgrimages" to Churches in the outskirts of the city, celebrating Noche Buena and the like, to very Chinese practices of folding and burning papers, lighting incense, and to the ever favorite "ang pao", Chinoys have ensured that both cultures are still respected and accommodated. "It's definitely not as easy as it looks," James shares, "because more often than not we have to learn double what a normal person would." Just think: a family gathering with the Filipino side and one with the Chinese side create an experience that is very different for the two families. But it's simply a case of balancing both cultures and embracing the differences.

Although Chinoy families are relatively the most conservative of the three, this is not something to be ashamed of. Chinoy parents are indeed "infamous" for being strict with studies, barkada gimmicks and the like, but they do so with good reason. James



says his parents really put emphasis on "education and discipline", in hopes that this would help their children later on. They are also often very cautious and family-oriented, limiting barkada outings since they'd want to see the family at home more often, rather than with friends.

At the end of the day, James agrees that family is still the number one in a Chinoy's priority list. "Sundays are usually reserved for family days," he relays, "and dinner time any day of the week is a family affair. " Chinoys also usually have smaller families though, on average three children per family, making it easier for them to be even closer. They even use Chinese terms in calling the different family members as signs of respect (Like Achi, Ahiya, etc.). Other than that, the Chinoy family is typically close knit as well, probably influenced by the close family ties of a Pinoy family and the filial piety belief of the Chinese. Chinoys are taught to respect their elders and always make it a point to spend time with the family no matter how busy they may be.

All in all, James concludes, "I'm proud of how my family is like; we get to choose the good parts from both Chinese and Filipino cultures and mix them the way it's best for us."

Three Distinct Cultures, One Common Ground

Pinoy, Chinoy, Tisoy. Three unique cultures living side by side in one country. They differ in the traditions that they practice and in some of the values that they uphold and they each experience the world that they share in a different way. Yet, as long as whatever differences they may have do not interfere with the one thing that they all have in common, the one thing that defines them is not Pinoy, Chinoy or Tisoy, but is Filipino: Family comes first. ☯

Finding Family in NSTP ways

By: Maia Gana & Arlene Chang

For the average 2nd year college student in Ateneo, Saturday mornings and afternoons are undefined without NSTP. It must be experienced, whether to their liking or not, in order to complete their college degree. Others may see it as a mere requirement, others may have complaints, others may not have any feelings about it, and others may enjoy it; but sometimes, others may have found family in the most unexpected and mundane places because of it. Here we will share two stories of how NSTP has completely touched our lives.

Maia Gana.

Every time I get on that green jeep and start feeling the curls of my hair being blown away by the wind, I always know that I'm in for another fun-filled day with the four eight-year old girls I've grown to love. At the very moment my jeep stops in front of their small and simple community known as Ancop Central, I hear my name shouted with endearing and energetic voices.

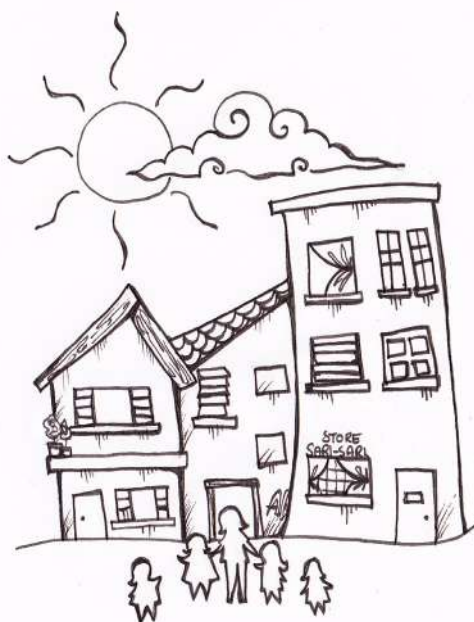
"ATE MAIA! ATE MAIA!", is what they scream. I look and see Venus, Hazel, Michelle and Meyanne with their feet tiptoeing, their hands held high waving, and their big and bright smiles flashing at me. As I approach them, they all hand me overwhelming pieces of pad paper with cute little stick drawings and notes, especially made for me. This happens every Saturday without fail.

The four of them grab my hands as we walk to Michelle's little house to start our tutoring session. This is probably the most difficult part for me since it's difficult to get them to focus. I try to teach them the wonders of the "ABC's", "Left vs. Right", "Beside vs. Behind", "On vs. Under", "First vs. Last", "Near vs. Far" and so on, with utmost patience and love. But somehow, I am gladly disrupted when they would insist on telling stories of their trips to SM Marikina, of the years they would be credited with medals and awards in school, of the times their parents would surprise them with toys, of how they would cry when their moms would scold them, or of how they would get into fights with their playmates. Of course, I stop teaching for a while to listen to the sentiments of these little girls, as I share parts of my life as well. (They particularly enjoy listening to stories about my love life. Hahaha!)

After our session is through, they run to the sari-sari store and fill my heart with sweetness by giving me some of their candies. They would then invite me to play Chinese Garter with them, which they fondly call Ten-Twenty – the "garter" being 30 pieces of rubber band knotted together.

Even if I honestly didn't want to, I join the game just to keep them happy. Hey, it's a big sacrifice for me. I'm very incompetent when it comes to those kinds of games so it's really humiliating!

As the time reaches 4:30pm, we all know that the fun day is over, and I have to go back to Ateneo. I can see the sadness in their eyes, and our goodbyes are usually lengthy, especially since Venus won't allow me to leave. She normally has her arms wrapped around me tightly and gives me a pout while asking, "Aalis na kayo?"



Art by Karen Fuentes

Something different happened last week though, when Venus surprisingly handed me a letter. It made me realize that all my sacrifices were worth it. It read:

Dear Ate Maia,

Maraming salamat potalagasalahatlahat. Salamat sa walang sawa mong pagtuturo sa amin kahit once in a week napagtiyagaan mo kami. Mamimiss po kita. Wag kang mag-alala tatandaan namin lahat ng itinuro mo sa amin. I love you ate Maia talaga.

Love,

Venus, Hazel, Meyanne, Michelle

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Arlene Chang.

Kids versus Adults. It was six against five. Even though they outnumbered us by one, we had our calculator stashed behind our backs. It was like preparing for a battle, we had to mentally and physically prepare ourselves for the challenge ahead. Our prides were at stake, we must win at all costs.

Two brave souls stepped out to represent each team—Teacher Jille from our group and David and Princess from another. We allowed the two against one match up in favour of the kids because, well, they are younger. Chalks were held up, tension filled the air. The buzzer was sounded, and the contest finally begun! The multiplication problem was slowly worded out as both teams hastily wrote it down the board to save time. The clock ticked by as teacher Jille takes the lead. The kids were only halfway finished when Teacher Jille yelled triumphantly that she was done. The judges deliberated over her answer. She added one number wrong, they said, so her answer won’t be accepted. A resounding “nooooo” was heard. While she tried to locate her mistake, it was too late. The point was already awarded to the other team.

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This is just one of the things we do in our NSTP insertions. Not all mornings are spent like this. Aside from some friendly competitions, we also play random games like pinoy henyo with the kids, and teach them basic grammar and math.

I remember the first day we met them. The room was filled with shy hellos and silent moments that it was hard to keep them engaged. They were a little hesitant to talk to us, but they became more open to us through the succeeding sessions. A big “Good Morning” written in the chalkboard greeted us each time we arrive, and it was no longer difficult to ask for people to answer on the board. These are some of the small things I learned to value.

The time we spent together with the kids made me closer to them. Instead of a teacher-student bond, I feel like they are all my little sisters. The idea of going to school on a Saturday became appealing to me knowing I can spend time with them. I used to dread waking up at the crack of dawn during Saturdays, but now it doesn’t seem so bad. My bond with my co-teachers also grew. We began to work together as a team to try to see the best way we can teach our students; it was like having our own little family.

As Asians, we place strong emphasis on family and blood relations; our culture values family above all. But what we didn’t realize was that family can come even from the most unlikely places. This experience helped us realize that. Yes, we have our own families, and we can consider our friends as our “second” families; but now there is another family in our lives, one we can equally love and be proud of. ☺

Throughout the presidential race, Noynoy Aquino has been marked with inspiration and hope by those who were victimized by politicians coddling the rich and rewarding themselves. However, deluged with calamities and crises through its 75 days in effect, will the Aquino Administration, once and for all, put a cease to the torment and agony inflicted and aggravated by ill governing or will it rather kill the Filipinos' flickering flame of hope for a better life and succumb to the true nature of politics?

With these said, let us take time to consider the viewpoints of Prof. Gino Trinidad (M.A., Ateneo de Manila University Comparative Politics, Church and State), various ADMU students and maintenance crews of Ateneo, regarding their stance on President Noynoy Aquino and contemplate on what consequences might be deduced from our decision in the past Presidential elections.

PNoy's FIRST DAYS:

*what
is the
real
score?*

BY
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Gerald Perry
Estavillo Marin



What were your expectations after Noynoy was proclaimed the 15th president of the Philippines?

Prof. Trinidad: The only expectation I had when Noynoy Aquino was proclaimed the 15th president of the Philippines was that of his administration taking seriously the task of rehabilitating the democratic space that was severely damaged by the previous regime. What I mean by this is that I expected the Aquino regime seriously to build its legitimacy primarily through making Philippine democracy more participative for and representative of the people through the building and strengthening of democratic institutions--participation and representation being the classic, fundamental markers of a healthy democracy. Admittedly, the doubts on his competence as the prime leader of the land are valid, especially considering his supposed inactivity during his congressional and senatorial stints. However, it cannot be denied that among the presidential candidates last elections, he is the only one that promised--and indeed has the capacity--to bring democracy back in the country, which is just what I expected him to do, or at least try to do.

Margaux Ngo (student, III - AB Psy): I expect that he'll bring hope to the people and that the different government officials would cooperate with him more since he is the son of the late former president Aquino.



Cenon Tapel (janitor): Sa tingin ko, seryoso siya na gampanan ang kanyang plataporma para sa masang Pilipino nang tumakbo siya sa pagkapangulo. Simula nang magkaisip ako, nandito pa rin ang kahirapan, pero naniniwala ako na sa ilalim ng administrasyon niya, mababawasan ito ng kaunti. (In my opinion, he is serious about implementing the platforms he made for the Filipinos when he ran for President. Poverty has been around for as long as I've been around, but I believe that under this administration, poverty will decrease.)

Andy Santos (AMPC): Siguro kapag umupo siya sa puwesto, magkakaroon na ng pagbabago sa pamamalakad ng gobyerno, sa sahod ng kapulisan, sundalo, at sa iba pang mga problema ng bansa. (Maybe when he assumes office, there will be changes in the way the government is run, policemen's and soldier's salaries, and other problems of the country.)

Let us go to specific issues that marked PNoy's first days in Malacanang. What is your take on the handling of Aquino administration in the recent hostage crisis?

Prof. Trinidad: In my opinion, this issue has been blown out of proportion given the complex nature of the situation. My take is that the said hostage crisis is a matter that should have been primarily handled by the concerned local government unit (in this case, the Manila government) and the police forces, not the president per se, and therefore, the praise or the blame--in short, the responsibility--should directly go to the particular local government unit and police forces, and only indirectly to the president, given that he is the chief leader of the land. Indeed, by virtue of the chain of command, the president is, at the end of the day, responsible for all that has happened, but not directly responsible, as others claim or think. The

only thing going against Noynoy now with respect to this recent hostage crisis, I further surmise, is the overwhelming expectations of the public, coupled with the skepticism of some members of the legislative that still has its loyalty to the previous president (who, by the way, is also a member of that legislature). It would be interesting to see in the next few days how the Aquino administration will deal with the concerned parties (undoubtedly, this hostage crisis has become an international matter), as well as the tackling of the more pressing issues that might have been the underlying causes of this tragedy--such as corruption and poverty.

Elijah Adamos (III – BS ES): As of now, I am disappointed with his decisions – lack firmness.

Anjo Peralta (III- BS MAC): I don't blame him. He was not directly in charge. It will surely take more than x number of days to change the task force.

Maricel Sumando (AMPC nutritionist): No comment ako diyan. Pero sa tingin ko hindi nahawakan nang maayos ni Noynoy dahil wala siyang sinabing utos sa mga pulis kung paano i-handle at maiwasan yung patayan. (I have no comment about it. But I think that Noynoy didn't handle the situation efficiently because he didn't give the police any orders on handling [the situation] and avoiding a shoot-out.)

With all the lifestyle checks of government officials and the formation of the truth commission, do you think the government is successful in their anti-corruption stance?



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Mr. Trinidad: It would be hard to assess this early whether or not the present administration is successful or not in its drive against corruption, and even the president himself was realistic enough to admit that necessary changes will take a couple of years to take effect. What can be said is that the Aquino administration at least radiates a strong aura of seriousness in its fight against corruption, especially considering the first three Executive Orders the president issued.

Anna Veloso (III- BS Psy): As of now, it is too early to tell but at least these changes are being implemented. This will be more likely to attract good and honest people to help the government as well.

Kaiza Yu (III- BS MAC): Yes, all they have to continue to do is be transparent.

Cenon Tapel (janitor): Seryoso si Noynoy, dahil pinaimbestigahan niya kahit na yung MWSS noong nakaraang SONA niya. Sa nakaraang presidente, walang nababalitaang ganyan tulad ng sobra-sobrang suweldo ng mga pampublikong korporasyon. Dahil sa mga ginawa niya, kahit papaano nauangkat at nabubusisi na ang mga bagay na tulad nito. (Noynoy is serious, because he had even the MWSS investigated during his SONA. With the previous presidents, nothing on excessively large salaries of public corporations ever made the news. Because of what he did, such things were somehow brought to light and investigated.)

The investors are very bullish on the Philippine economy, leading to historic highs in the stock exchange recently. Given that PNoy has only been in the position for less than 100 days, what do you think is his contribution to this?

Prof. Trinidad: Perhaps such investor confidence is a function of the supposed legitimacy of the Aquino regime. I am not familiar with the economic policies of Noynoy so I cannot comment on whether such policies also helped in elevating this investor confidence. Yet from what can be gleaned from his first SONA, I think Aquino really seeks the help of the business sector in realizing the dream of a developed Philippines, reflected in his deployment of “public-private partnerships.”



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Georgia Roa

Michelle Kawpeng (III – AB Psy): I don't think he has done that much yet for it to be evident.

Elijah Adamos (student, III – BS ES): He is a “so-so” economist, but carrying his surname – Aquino – bears hope in the eyes of the foreign community.

Mary Joy Bustamante (AMPC, food handler): Hindi pa namin narinig. (We haven't heard of it.)

In three words, define the first few days of PNoy.

Mr. Trinidad: Extremely, excitingly, challenging.

Alyssa Gaisano (III – BS MIS): Definitely needs improvement.

Anna Veloso (III – AB Psy): Reconstructing broken foundations.

Elijah Adamos (III – BS ES): I want more!

Andy Santos (AMPC): Magaling. Makabayan. Makatao. (Excellent. Nationalistic. Humane.)

Daisy Dela Rama (service crew): Bigyan ng chance. (Give him a chance.)

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Indeed, a lot of things can be said in the early days of PNoy as the prime leader. From the different vantage points of the Ateneo students, political science professor, and maintenance personnel, it is evident that they are expecting a lot of things, improvement in particular, to happen with the new government. They might differ in opinion with all the steps – and missteps – on how PNoy has been handling the different issues that rocked Malacanang, but at the end of the day, conclusions regarding the competency of this administration seem to be far from being drawn out. It is indeed too early to tell what this administration can or cannot do, but what is apparent from these interviews is the burning optimism of the people that the Aquino Administration can still bring in genuine change to the Philippines in the next days to come.

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Timeline of Aquino Administration's First Days in Office

June 30 – Noynoy took oath at Quirino grandstand as the 15th president of the Philippines

July 3 – Aquino late for the first military address by adhering to “no wang-wang” policy

July 14 – PAG-ASA was scolded by PNoy after Metro Manila caught unprepared for typhoon Basyang

July 26 – PNoy's 1st SONA highlighted corruption and poverty as his top priorities

July 26 – Pulse Asia Survey revealed that 85% of Filipinos trust PNoy

July 30 – Aquino signed 1st EO forming the Truth Commission to investigate Arroyo gov't anomalies

Aug 4 – 2nd EO issued revoking more than 997 Arroyo's midnight appointees

Aug 6 – Compromise deal was settled between Hacienda Luisita farmers and owners

Aug 18 – Aquino halted SLEX 250% toll hike

Aug 23 – Quirino hostage crisis ended in a major bloodbath

Aug 29 – Hong Kong staged massive rally to mourn for the hostage victims

Sept 3 – Aquino took full responsibility for what happened in the hostage crisis

Sept 13 – Lingayen Archbishop Cruz linked two Aquino's men receiving jueteng payola

Sept 14 – PNoy rang the PSE opening bell as stocks reached historic highs ☺



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The Crisis

IT WAS THE 23rd of August, 2010 when the Manila hostage crisis happened. Rolando Mendoza, dismissed Senior Inspector, climbed aboard a tourist bus containing twenty-one Hong Kong tourists and four Filipinos with the intention of keeping them hostage until he gets reinstated in the force. After eleven hours, the crisis ended in a bloody mess. Eight tourists were killed, nine others injured, and the lives of everyone aware of the situation had been irreparably changed.

The world went wild with this piece of news. Footage of the incident, so freely available, was shown on international broadcasting channels such as CNN. Needless to say, this did not help the situation any; rumors swirled and accusations were hurled by everybody against anybody. Speculation as to whether it was the police who killed the hostages abounded until the autopsies, coupled with the witnesses' account, disproved it. Foreign ministers and ambassadors had something to say against the way the situation was handled. To say they were not pleased is the understatement of the century. President Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III responded by expressing condolences and asking the Incident Investigation and Review Committee (IIRC) to conduct a thorough investigation of the matter. As of writing, the report of the IIRC recommends that twelve individuals and three television networks be sanctioned; a plan is underway to adopt the report.

Despite the positive actions the government is now taking, few can forget the period of intense bashing of Filipinos and the Philippines, not just by practically the whole world at large, but by fellow Filipinos as well. Critics were only too happy to expound upon the government's lack of ability; security experts only too willing to point out the various missteps of the Manila police. Today's media made it so much easier, as social networking sites became a convenient outlet of expressing grief, anger, and shame – the same sites where people posted pictures of themselves posing in front of the crime scene. Clearly, there is something wrong with the system.

This, however, doesn't mean that it is fair to condemn a whole country and every single one of its 98 million citizens for what one man did. It was exacerbated by the numerous errors of the police, the media, and all else involved, but it must be remembered that nobody wanted this. Nobody wanted any of it to happen that way – except perhaps Mendoza, one would argue, and even that is a topic of debate. (Hostages claim he was going to release all of them, until he saw his brother arrested on live television.)

But it happened, didn't it, and so we must deal with the repercussions and the implications.

As a Filipino-Chinese, the first thing I thought when I heard that it was Hong Kong tourists who were taken hostage was simple yet concise: “Damn.” (Excuse my French.) It was bad luck that it had to happen at all, not that luck has anything to do with human actions, and it was even worse that the people concerned are Chinese. It would be stating the obvious, but it is true that the Chinese are a prominent presence in the Philippines; there are also quite a number of Filipinos over in Hong Kong and China. Trade, tourism, travel – the Filipino-Chinese relationships no doubt got strained to the limits by this incident, and hesitation probably still lingers over business between the two counties.

We all know somebody working or living in Hong Kong and/or China; if not, we know somebody who knows somebody. We probably consider at least ten Filipino-Chinese people as friends. To be frank, compared to the impact on common folk had the tourists been from Vanuatu,

it must be admitted that there's little competition; in terms of country relations, business, and perhaps even media coverage, the Chinese link takes the proverbial cake. There would certainly be less Filipino-Chinese insisting they are ashamed of being Filipino citizens, less Chinoys who turn against the country which has adopted them as citizens and claim allegiance to the Chinese blood flowing through their veins. Less people would take sides, and not just because Vanuatu has a population that's three percent of Hong Kong's.

But this isn't just a matter of race. The implications of this hostage crisis are way more far-reaching than money matters or diplomatic relations. Wherever the tourists came from, the fact remains that they were just people who wanted to travel and see the Philippines' historical sites, maybe go shopping in 168 or Greenhills and buy souvenirs and local delicacies they can bring back to their respective homes as pasalubong to their loved ones. It's never going to happen, though, is it? For eight human beings, their lives ended the moment Mendoza was allowed to step onto that bus. Children became orphans and wives became widows, and that simply transcends race.

So forget about that – forget politics, forget image and appearances. For the sake of the victims, their families and friends, and everyone else affected by this tragedy, let justice be served. The police – the bumbling, power-tripping police whose reputation of being incompetent has long been apparent to the locals but is now known by the world – have had their names trashed about enough. We forget that they showed bravery and courage, no matter how misdirected and misguided. The media, who have no idea when to stop and when to realize that good ratings aren't the only things that matter, hopefully realize that innocent people's lives were taken via means they themselves so eagerly gave.

After all, perhaps transparency was another reason why they broadcasted every tiny detail. The officials who were in charge and the subsequent politicians who were more concerned about looking good than doing good – let's just pray that they at least learned that their selfish actions create, not just a ripple, but a tidal wave of events with consequences that others as well have to shoulder.

This was an unfortunate event that will mar the history of the Philippines, as well as Hong Kong's. The 23rd of August shall always be remembered henceforth as a day of tragedy, when one man

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changed our lives forever. But like all sad and painful things, there is always a silver lining. It exposed the weaknesses of the Philippines, revealed just how much was wrong – and now we know what to change.

As for the how, so-called experts will debate, but at least it served as an eye-opener for our country, the Filipinos, and the new government as to what really needs fixing. From this incident, it is clear that somebody needs to limit the nearly-unlimited power of the police; affix the line of the boundaries the media keeps overstepping; train professionals, and train them to work as a team for the betterment of the people they are supposed to help.

The hostage crisis now has its place in history. It isn't in any way glorious and it isn't worth any form of celebration, but it does serve as a reminder and a warning, a push and a shove for Filipinos to get off their behinds and make change happen. President Aquino said that years from now, this will be a matter that will not seem so grave. I think it is right to reply that maybe it will seem less grave, but not to the victims' families – their loss is forever. It may seem like it's just a frozen moment in history, but unless something is done to right the wrong, then several years from now, this matter indeed won't seem as grave – because there will probably be an even bigger crisis to solve. ☹



Mid-Autumn Gratia: Roll Out the Red Carpet!

BY Riche Lim

In line with its yearly projects, Celadon celebrated this year's Mid-Autumn Gratia last September 17, 2010 at the MVP Roofdeck. Aiming for a twist on the stereotypical celebration people have grown accustomed to, the organizing team of the project focused on something different.

"We want to make this year's Gratia out of the box; no stereotypes. We decided to choose Red Carpet (a not-so-Chinese theme) as our theme so that we can show to the community that this event [and Celadon] is open to all and not limited only to Chinese," said Marion Kho, one of the managers who organized this year's Mid-Autumn Gratia.

The event saw a different take on the traditional dice game, in which participants would roll the dice and pick a corresponding prize based on the combination yielded, with there being one person per table getting the highest prize - participants thus only focused on their own tables without knowing how the players in other tables were faring. But this time, the Zhongwan, winners who got the highest dice combinations, from each table were gathered for one final showdown - aptly titled "The Battle of the

Zhongwan". The Zhongwan winners are asked to participate in a game of "Hep-Hep-Horray" for the chance to win a brand new cellphone.

To the surprise of most, the prize system of the game was also slightly altered. The people, who rolled a "Yit-Siu," or a dice combination with one four, were required to drink a special tea concoction instead of the regular prize. This tea concoction, to the displeasure of some, was made of tea mixed with Datu Puti or ketchup. The consolation to this setup was a prize for finishing the entire cup.





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Games included the ham eating contest, sponsored by King Sue, and participated in by both students and professors alike. There were also performances from the Celadon Glee Club and the Celadon Band, all of which received loud applause from the audience.

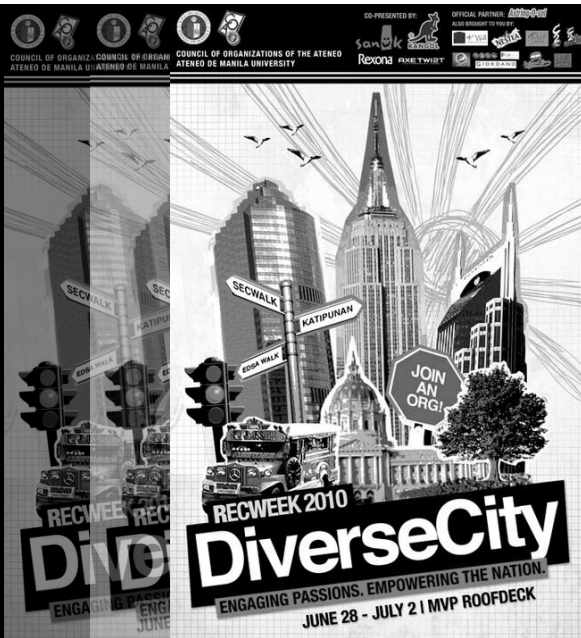
“[E]veryone who attended the event was all hyped up and full of energy. Upon seeing the smiles of the audience, I just gave them the entertainment they deserve and hoped for a smooth program flow. The professors were really into the whole event, especially during the short presentation from Gratia’s sponsor,” said Gian Ludovice, one of the hosts and organizers of the event.

“My co-project heads have done an excellent job in executing their tasks and responsibilities for the duration of the event. I am only one-sixth of an awesome team who managed to pull off this most-awaited event of the semester.”

Celadon wishes to extend special thanks to the sponsors who made the event possible - King Sue and Belle de Jour, and to the six managers who organized the event - Albert Chen, Keith Ng, Anne Ong Lopez, Gian Ludovice, Marion Kho, and Rachelle Uy for creating a very special night. ☺

The list of winning faculty is as follows: ●

Legendary Professor – Fr. Ben Nebres, S.J. ●
 Ulirang Guro – Ambeth Ocampo ●
 Star of the Show – Missy Maramara ●
 Hindi Pala Terror – Venus Ibarra ●
 Forever Young – Michael Liberatore ●
 Quotable Quote – Fr. Luis David, S.J. ●
 Geek – Jason Cabanes ●
 Diva – Lailani Gotao ●
 Comedy King – Elbert Or ●
 Comedy Queen – Jethro Tenorio ●
 Golden Voice – Glenn Mas ●
 Box Office King – Albert Lagliva ●
 Box Office Queen – Venus Ibarra ●
 Father Figure – Noel de Guzman ●
 Mother Figure – Lucille Natividad ●
 Mr. Eye Candy – Jamil Francisco ●
 Ms. Eye Candy – Stephanie Coe ●
 Mr. Fashionista – Geoffrey Guevara ●
 Ms. Fashionista – Stephanie Coe ●
 Student look-a-like – Clark ●
 Alejandrino – France Tan ●
 Celebrity look-a-like – Ice Pasco-Jesus ●



DiverseCity 2010: Remembering it All

by Karl See

CHINOY WRITER KARL See shares with us his own experience in this year's Recruitment Week entitled, "DiverseCity"

A Bewildering Bazaar

As a freshman, I always found everything new to me to be bewildering and zany. New friends, new school, new possessions, new president, and of course, new orgs! From what I have learned at the ORSEM, there were a ton of orgs to choose from, each suiting a different aspect of interest. All these org choices, as well as other hubs of fascination, all came together in one big, special, loud, and whimsical bazaar. That bazaar, as novel and interesting as any other bazaar in the world, was Recweek. Everything was loud, happy and fun. This included the program with its wonderful hosts and the upperclassmen who showed their support for their respective orgs by making posters, role-plays, cut outs, or even mascots to attract some new members.

My Experience

I went to the Recweek Bazaar on its second and last days. The first time I stepped onto the MVP roof deck, I felt like I was in another world. It was a world wherein everyone was like siblings, a world of togetherness. I saw total strangers making friends in the spirit of camaraderie for their newfound families. I did not linger long on the first day, as I did not have much time during my breaks to fully explore what this event really has to offer. What I noticed though, aside from the newfound friendships forming around me, was the spirit of the Ateneo society in general. Everyone was having a good time, and the free items

provided by the sponsors that day such as iced tea really contributed to it. The program was a great addition as it broadcasted many of the different orgs's ideas, goals and interests in order to better orient newcomers such as me. I tried signing up with the orgs which I had initially picked during the ORSEM. I was surprised by the liveliness and courtesy the members of the org showed me as they pointed out to me the nitty gritty of being a member of their org. I finally ended up joining three orgs that day, which would be my orgs for the rest of my stay here: ASEC (Ateneo Student Exchange Council), CELADON, and HPAIR (Harvard Partners for Asian and International Relations).

Diversity!

The Recweek Bazaar did its work well, as my expectations to look for a good org (and new friends) were fulfilled to the extent that I would not easily forget this event. Though the concepts and the planning for the Recweek bazaar was organized in such a way that it was simple for the organizations of the Ateneo to recruit new members into their ranks, I could see that there is so much more at work here at this event. New friendships, discovered talents, future careers and wonderful adventures all start here in this wonderful bazaar. So don't be fooled by the simplicity of Recweek, it is actually, as the theme suggests, much more diverse and deeper than what it seems.☺



I.T. ADVENTURE: A TRIPLE THREAT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN three of Ateneo's student organizations sharing a goal – to train members to design effective, eye-catching advertisements – combine their efforts, ideas and resources? The result is IT ADventure, a series of advertising workshops held from August to early September.

A joint effort of Ateneo Celadon, Ateneo Statistics Circle (A-Stat) and The Computer Society of the Ateneo (CompSat), I.T. ADventure was organized by Daniel Lim (IV-BS ME), Tiffany Lim (IV-BS MGT) and Charlotte Yu (IV-BS MGT) of Celadon; Gail Gorospe (IV-BS MGT) of A-Stat; and Christiaan Kessler Koh (IV-BS CS), Lancelot Chen (IV-BS CS) and Charmaine Chan (II-BS CS) of CompSat. Comprised of six sessions that were held during activity hours, these workshops gave students opportunities for hands-on learning, with the speakers giving them tips and tricks on creating clearer images, artful designs and neat, organized layouts. Indeed, the workshop series was a triple threat in more ways than one because, aside from involving three organizations, it equipped participants with knowledge of three popular software programs that are frequently used in advertising.

Jumpstarting the workshops was the basic Adobe Photoshop session on August 13, with Father Charlie Cenzone, S.J. as speaker. This workshop was aimed at beginners, that they would be able to comprehend the subsequent Photoshop session. After this session was a talk by Patrick James Tolentino on effective advertising, which was held on August 16 and was in line with the organizers' aim that students learn not only how to create designs but also how to capture the public's attention. The subsequent workshops were for Adobe Flash, with Mark Serrano, on August 23; intermediate Photoshop, again with Fr. Cenzone as speaker, on August 27; and Adobe InDesign with Lalaine Lim (IV BFA-ID) on September 3. All

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three organizations required members tasked with creating advertisements to attend the workshops.

According to Lancelot Chen (IV-BS CS), one of the members of the I.T. ADventure core team, one of the good points of the workshop series was that each session had various new skills to offer. He said that participants were amazed at features they have not discovered before, and that using those programs was a "cool" experience. However, he felt that the timeframe was not enough to cover a comprehensive range of topics. Furthermore, he said that most student evaluations echoed the same sentiments.

Gail Gorospe, A-Stat's Vice President for Promotions and Publications (P&P) and also part of the I.T. ADventure core team, said that the project "clearly showed that organizations working together could truly make something big." She added, "ADventure was a good start for an integrated Adobe seminar. It was a fruitful experience especially for the three organizations who worked together to make it successful . . . Hopefully, in the years to come, ADventure will continue and become an established event within the Ateneo." ☺



Tradition of the Swaps

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Recognizing the benefits of friendly interaction with students from the different major universities, the Ateneo Celadon continues on with its yearly tradition: the Swaps.



As this year's project managers, Jhenel Wong, Janelle Tiu, Rob Ong, and Ron Lim simply put it, the Swaps is "an annually held series of interschool interactions between Celadoneans and other Chinese-Filipino organizations".

Serving a dual purpose, the yearly swaps function as both the formation of Celadon's own members and external communication as well. Internally, this project wishes to give an avenue for its members to involve themselves in the organization, while externally, it aims to establish good relations with fellow student organizations from other schools.

The Celadon Swaps coordinates with certain Chinese-Filipino organizations from other universities, including DLSU Englicom, UP CSA and UST Comach, all of which have already come to visit this school year. All their visits were jam-packed with well-prepared activities that aimed to give each participant an enjoyable and ultimately, insightful and worthwhile experience.

A typical Swaps day would start with icebreaker games such as Speed Dating, which would enable its members to easily get to know the participants on a one-on-one basis. Later on, they would also be accommodated with formation activities, talks

and tours. This year, exciting treasure-hunt themed tours of the campus were organized to make the long walks a lot more enjoyable for the participants. Nevertheless, the best parts of the day would probably be those unplanned casual moments and conversations between the students. As Jhenel Wong relates, "I believe that the participants from other schools have enjoyed the typical Ateneo Celadonean life by hanging out with friends, chatting about random things and of course, playing Mah-jong!"

Judging by the success of each Swaps experience, Celadon will continue to ensure that each visit would be memorable for each participant. After all, past all the busy organizing and coordinating, visiting other campuses and welcoming those who visit prove to be very fulfilling in the end. The project managers share, "To be perfectly honest the swaps is truly a character building endeavour, because each swaps with another school is the culmination of all the hard work of all the members of the project."

With all this said, it there is good reason to believe that the Swaps tradition will live on, indeed!



Celadon visited DLSU last October 19. We will be heading to UP, UA&P and UST respectively in the coming months. ☺



ASK CHUCK

by “CHUCK”
art by Karen Fuentes

SALUTATIONS, COMRADES! IN this edition of AskChuck (patent pending), we’re going for a look-around at the things that might be on your minds at this time of year. No, I’m not talking about Christmas (what more can the Chinese say about Christmas?), but more of the Mid-Autumn months. And for us, that means filling our bellies with the best of our culture.

Returning to the topic, today’s ministrations will lean towards the epicurean, as well as the festivities and celebrations that the Chinese community celebrates around this time of year. Let’s get to the questions!

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Where in China did the Mid-Autumn Celebration originate?

So let’s get some facts straight: The Mid-Autumn Festival is a yearly event that happens in the middle of the 8th month in the Chinese Calendar, to celebrate the summer harvest (In Gregorian, the Mid-Autumn Festival falls on the following dates: September 22, 2010, September 12, 2011, and September 30, 2012).

The event of the Mid-Autumn Festival, in itself, is celebrated all over China (and even in Korea, Vietnam, and our local Philippines). However, the actual traditions people practice on the day are incredibly varied.

Of course, most of us are familiar with the local custom: It is also a practice for families to come together and play the Dice Game (Much like Celadon, as a family, celebrates the Mid-Autumn Gratia within the Ateneo campus on September).

On the other hand, Taiwan celebrates the Mid-Autumn Festival by having meat barbecues. Some provinces of China celebrate without the Dice Game. Vietnam and Korea have altogether different proceedings.

Despite all the variety, the one uniting factor remains the same: The Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated with Mooncake - hence the alternative moniker “Mooncake Festival”.



What traditional Filipino foods have strong Chinese origins?

Contrary to what the name suggests, Lumpiang Shanghai definitely doesn't come from Shanghai. The idea of placing ingredients (in this case, ground beef and vegetables) within a wrapped pastry does indeed have significant Chinese roots, but it was a culinary amalgamation of the local Filipino flavor and the immigrant Chinese techniques that gave birth to the Filipino Lumpia.

Another dish with humble Chinese origins is the "arroz caldo". It takes a level of scrutiny to realize that the dish itself reeks of Chinese influences – after all, "lugaw" is recognized as one of the most popular foods found in the Binondo area. "Lugaw" also goes on to play a major role in the development of another local favorite: "chamorado" (whether or not Rizal's Chinese influences could have had something to do with it, alongside the rumors that he invented the dish, are all topics for another day).

The effect of Chinese cooking techniques and ingredients reach far and deep into the Filipino culture, and part of the experience is the feeding the culture straight down to your stomach.

a section of the kitchen is open for the public to view. One of the chefs is responsible for preparing the noodles, by stretching and forming them from a lump of dough. As opposed to more mechanical or manufactured means of preparing noodles, the preparation of La Mian translates to a fresher, firmer, and much more enjoyable experience of eating noodles. Crystal Jade builds upon the experience by bringing the expertise of Hong Kong chefs here to the Philippines, which means that the La Mian served is seasoned with 100% Hong Kong sweat.

Xiao Long Pao (loosely translated as "Little Dragon Bun"), on the other hand, is a type of dim sum that I believe we are all much more familiar with. This dumpling is very popular in Chinese restaurants because of its unique property of containing soup, which means a high level of skill is necessary to prepare a _fantastic_ Xiao Long Pao – this means that the dish makes for a good "acid test" for the food quality of the establishment. In fact, few establishments in Manila go through the trouble to hand-make their own dim sum, which puts Crystal Jade's rendition of the dish in a league of its own (Try dipping it in the vinegar-and-ginger sauce at least once, you won't regret it).

The restaurant itself is merely an extended branch from the original franchise back in Hong Kong. The original restaurant, located in Causeway Bay's Times Square, draws a pretty strong crowd every night as well. In a city that is absolutely saturated with high-quality Chinese food, the restaurant still retains a high level of popularity. From there, it doesn't take rocket science to figure out why Crystal Jade is such a hot topic here in Manila. ☺



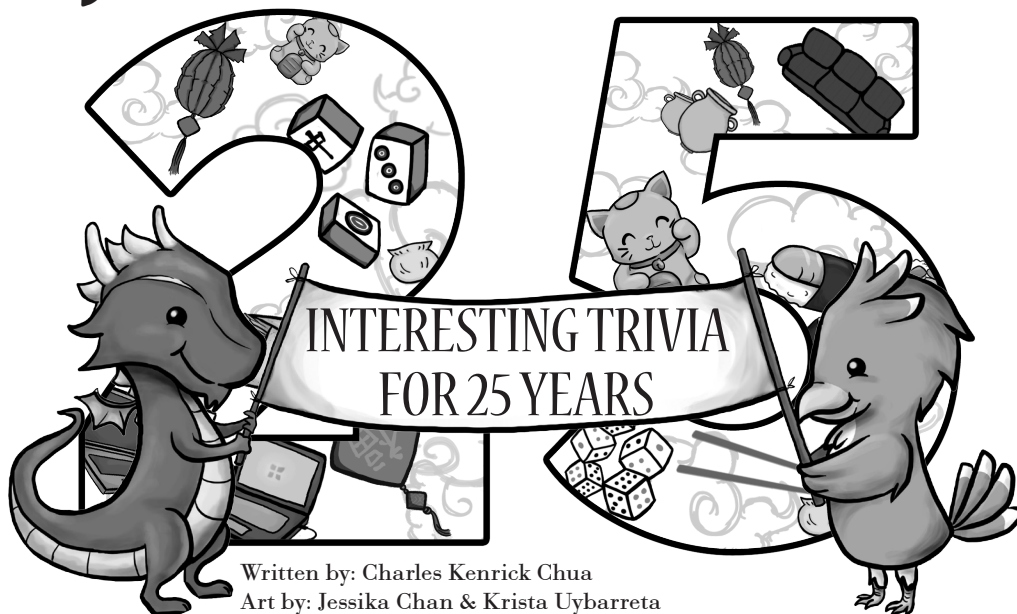
So... What's up with Crystal Jade, and why is everyone so nuts about it?

FANTASTIC QUESTION! To understand what's up with the whole "La Mian" craze that has smacked around much of the Chinese population in the country, you have to understand where the brand comes from.

Let's start from the beginning. Crystal Jade is a restaurant that recently opened in the Greenhills V-Mall, and prides itself with its "La Mian" and "Xiao Long Pao" dishes. Since its opening in the waning weeks of September,

La Mian can be translated as "hand-pulled noodles" (you may be familiar with a Japanese dish of similar name – Ramen). If you have visited the restaurant, you would notice that





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It seems that we can't overlook the fact that whenever we celebrate an anniversary, we have to release a set of trivia just to mark the occasion. Without adieu, here is a list of tidbits on our dear organization, with much of the material culled from the most recent years.

2 Some statistics on Celadon for this year (2010): There are 32 Celadoneans in SOH, 72 in SOSS, 78 in SOSE, 279 in SOM and 3 who are exchange students, for a total of 464 students in the org. Of the members, BS MGT students make up the most, with 93 (20.04%) students, followed by BS ME students with 89 (19.18%) members.

4 Celadon has been popularly branded the home organization of Chinese Studies majors, but the organization is actually independent of the department. They often work together in different projects to promote the Chinese culture but are not exactly officially affiliated.

1 Celadon used to reserve the Henry Lee Irwin Theater for its miting de avance, not for the size of the auditorium, but for the atmosphere of the Executive Board candidates presenting their platforms on top of the colossal stage.

3 The Celadon Logo, a combination of a dragon and an eagle (the Dreagle), has not changed since its inception. The logo actually consists of two very similar colors as opposed to a single one – pinpointing them with their corresponding hex codes yields 00317d for the dreagle, and 00307c for the word “Celadon.” It is not a noticeable aesthetic difference and we believe that it was unintentional.

5 The only Chinese Studies Major in recent history to become an Executive Board member of Celadon is current externals VP Ryan Joeyson Uy.

6 The Celadon shirt designs of previous generations generally revolved around creative depictions of the organization's name. This year's line of shirts is the first to use Chinese cultural icons with a twist in order to appeal to a broader audience.

8 We have tried (and repeatedly failed) to have fireworks in at least one event during the school year!

7 The Mid-Autumn Gratia was actually merged from the celebration of the annual Mid-Autumn Festival and Gratia, more commonly known as Teachers' Day, an event for appreciating the work of teachers.

9 Org rooms in MVP used to be full rooms (one room per org) until some rooms were converted into training rooms and orgs shared rooms instead (the current setup). The "Celadon room" (also referred to as "the room") is currently at MVP 208, shared with the Ateneo Lingua Ars Cultura or ALAC.

10 The members of Celadon and ALAC who frequent the room have grown to be the best of friends. In a gesture of harmony, they signed up for both organizations during RecWeek.

11 If you decide to drop by for a visit, please don't be put off by the general crowdedness of the room. It has always been that way. In fact, there were more people back when it was a full room.

12 One thing you'll notice about the Celadon room is that it has a couch. Watchful eyes may also notice that there is another couch of the same design in the CoA (Council of Organizations of the Ateneo) room. Both originally belonged to Celadon. One of them was donated to CoA after the room retrenchment since the less-spacious accommodations could no longer afford both couches.

13 The favorite pastime of Celadoneans who hang out in the room is playing Mahjong. The trendsetter is alumnus Harold Lu, who brought in his Mahjong set one day in 2007, and the game just stuck.

14 There is a small area on the whiteboard in the room reserved specifically for taking note of the wins of each person who has ever tried his or her hand at playing Mahjong in the room.

16 Mahjong is the spiritual successor to "the other game that must not be named", which was, at its core, a test of reflexes involving a rigid wooden shaft. Said game was deemed too dangerous for play in the room due to an incident that resulted in a broken wall plate.

15 The record-holder for most number of wins (so far) this year is Bradford Dytoc (IV BS MGT).

17 Just this April a small contingent of Celadoneans decided to undertake the Godzilla burrito challenge at Ristras, a Mexican restaurant in the Greenhills area. They all failed.

21 The “Celadon Band” has no consensus on its official name. Some insist that “Celadon Band” is merely a placeholder and it has no official name, while others claim that the name is “Celadon Band.” Some members of the band believe that they agreed on the name “Just These Alibis.” There has never been unanimous agreement as to what the band should be called.

22 The previous celebratory issues of Chinoy might be very misleading. Some issues celebrate organization (Celadon) anniversaries, while others are publication (Chinoy) anniversaries.

23 Celadon won the 2009 IAC Division 2 championship! The team has since stepped up to Division 1 and is looking for a second straight title amidst the basketball wars this year.

18 One of the current record-holders for that challenge, however, was former Celadon president Edward Cheson Sy.

19 Cheson is also a national champion... in the World of Warcraft Trading Card Game. He earned this distinction in 2007.

20 Chinatown Adventure was an event in Feb. 2009 and in Feb. 2010 that was planned by the CFBC (Chinese Filipino Business Club) and was originally a Celadon project.

24 Celadon in recent history has always had a choir, but it also used to have a dance troupe and it only recently got a band.

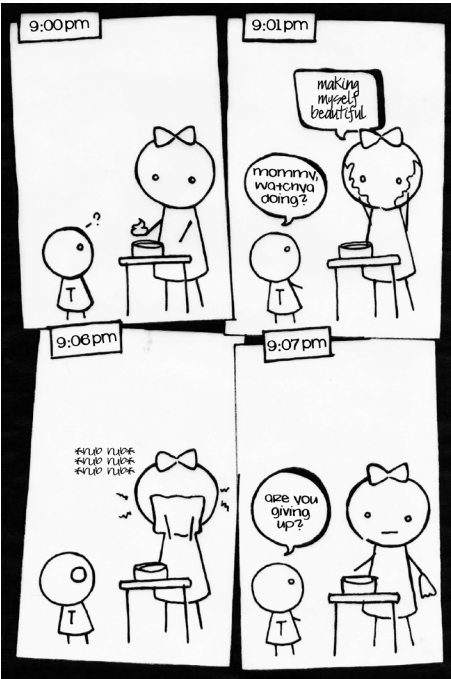
25 Want more trivia? Check out the tenth anniversary issue of Chinoy (the one with the red cover and the caption “Ten Years”)! Celadon and Chinoy trivia are generously dispensed throughout the issue.

At the end of it all, we're all just Ateneans who want to have fun, inside and outside Celadon activities! If you're curious about any of the trivia mentioned here, or want to be a part of the excitement, you are very welcome, member or not, to drop by the Celadon room. We will definitely make room for you! ☺

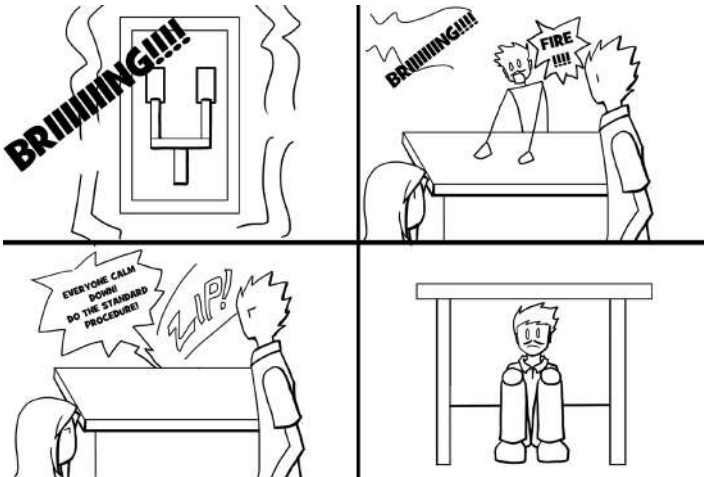
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