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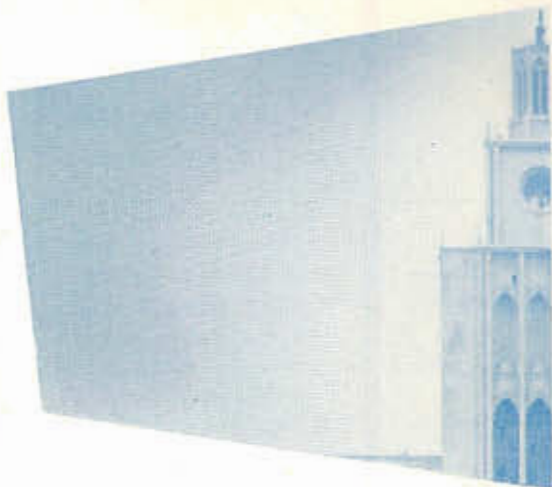
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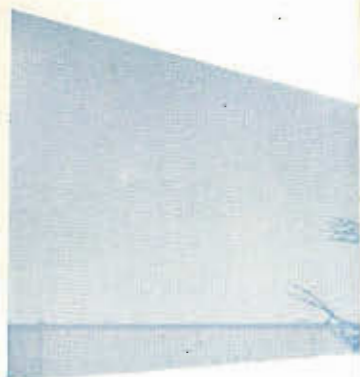
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The birth of Christ opened a new era, enlightening men's hearts and minds with the knowledge that all of us are made and equally loved by God. That any man may rise above and beyond the material enclosure of the world from which he is made. Christ brings hope. Christmas is the recurrent reminder of this hope. In his painting of the Nativity for this issue's cover, Val Laigo used Filipino principals for his models but the ideals they portray are, in the artist's mind, universal, transcending barriers of nationality and race. The cover title — "Hope of the World."

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filipino people
in
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AN EXCLUSIVE PICTORIAL REVIEW



bamboo goes to seattle U



by francisco belandres



FOUR FILIPINA AMERICANS sit in front row of a chemistry lecture. (l-r): Frances Barros of Ketchikan, Alaska, Helen Tamayo and Thelma Viajar, both from the Philippines, and Adela Nan Adriatico of Seattle. Nun in second row is also a student.

■ In a secluded but compact five acres of lawn, buildings and shrubbery, uncomfortably sprawls the beautiful campus of Seattle University—a Jesuit institution of higher learning on Seattle's First Hill and the largest Catholic college west of the Mississippi River.

Seattle U, in all respect, is no different from any other college in the country, except that it still boasts of the fabulous O'Brien Twins of basketball fame. But even of more interest are some outstanding things that go as part-and-parcel of student life at SU:

Out of 2,964 students attending the Fall quarter, 33 are Filipino Americans.

One of them (Albert Acena) is the editor of the student weekly paper and he is helped by another (Aurelio "Sy" Simon), who is the national advertising manager.

The first Filipino American to head a class at SU is 22-year-old John "Tito" Duyungan as president of the sophomore class. He is Head Counselor for Men in the school sodality, besides being on the ASSU Assembly Board.

The ROTC unit has on its officers' roster, Jerry Laigo.

These are but a few of the Filipino Americans who will someday help lead our nation.

Thirteen students are residents of Seattle. Three are from Alaska and 17 from the Philippines. Hawaii and Guam were not represented for the first time this quarter.

But most prominent of all is the four-year-old SU Pinoy Club of 27 members. As the Alpha Chapter, the Pinoy Club was the instigator in organizing PUSO (meaning "heart" in Filipino and standing for the Philippine United Students Organization). The Beta Chapter is the Filunist Club, a similar student group in the University of Washington.

The Pinoy Club first received university-wide attention when it won two competitive display awards in the school's annual Homecoming Celebration.

These pictures are progressive illustrations of what is happening to Filipino Americans everywhere. ▶▶▶



from the sublime...

...to the—



the pinoy club—"a part of the whole"

JOE "EIGHTY-INCHES" PEHANICK, varsity basketball center who stands at 6-9, is flanked by sisters Zenaida, 5-1, and Edith, 5-0, Brilliantes, while Tommy Cox, high-flyin' Chieftain guard, 6-0, reasons that maybe the All-American 5-9 O'Briens weren't so small after all!

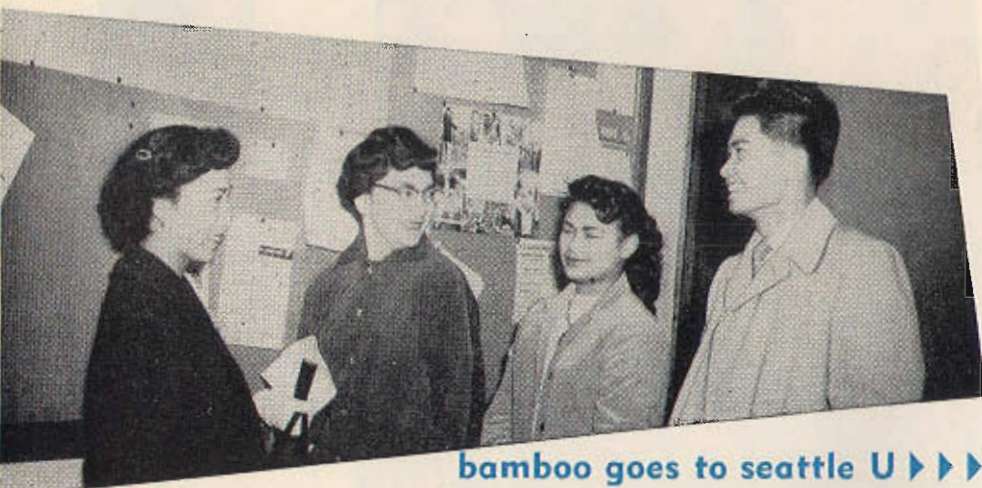


PRESIDENT of the Pinoy Club is 21-year-old Eddie Brilliantes, a junior majoring in Commerce and Finance. Eddie is the oldest son of Philippine consul and Mrs. Hortencio J. Brilliantes, Seattle.



"HOW'RE MY GRADES, Father?" the group asks Rev. James T. McGuigan, S.J., Dean of Faculties. From the smiles — they look pretty good.

MODERATOR of the Pinoy Club, Father Hayden D. Yachon, S.J., talks with the group in the spacious lounge of the new Chieftain Student Union Building.



bamboo goes to seattle U >>>

church life—

The Methodist young Filipino group of Seattle's Filipino Community Methodist Church has started three projects: the Power Tools Hobby Center, the purchase of a station wagon designed to bring those without transportation to church, and the soliciting of old and new clothing to be sent to the needy in the Philippines. Contributions will be accepted by the MYF, 1107 E. Terrace St., Seattle. Rev. D. F. Gonzalo is pastor.

good news—

Rey Urbano, wrestler, continues to win the admiration of fans. At Starkfield Arena in El Centro, Calif., Rey was currently on TV and beat such favorites as Johnny Red Shoes and Juan Renesta of Mexico. Rey recently became the father of a baby girl. His wife is the former Nora Ventura of Santa Paula, Calif.

smart living—

Leon Bareng is a pharmacist at the Queen's Hospital in Honolulu, T. H., after starting as an elevator operator in 1930. He became an orderly and soon began working in the hospital's pharmacy. He took correspondence courses and his experience in the hospital pharmacy enabled him to become a regular pharmacist. He came to the Territory in 1929.

* * *

Jess Savella, Oakland, Calif., Oakland district manager of West Coast Life Insurance Co., won a permanent membership in the West Coast Life Club. Savella has maintained an outstanding sales record since he first started in 1940.

fascinatin' facts—

Mrs. Juanita Diaz Camilon, 1215 E. James St., Seattle, notified BAMBOO's "Fascinatin' Facts" editor that the name "Manuel" is practically a household tradition. That's her husband's, her father's, her brother's and her baby son's name.

education—

Under a half-million-dollar contract sponsored and financed by the Mutual Security Agency, the University of Stanford at Palo Alto, Calif., will assist the University of the Philippines in a large program of rehabilitation during the next two and a half years. Part of the program will make up a research and training center affecting every phase of the Republic's life.

labor—

As the wintry days plodded on—Local 37, ILWU, Seattle, finds itself in the midst of cold negotiations with the Alaska Salmon Industry even as the Supreme Court is deciding the constitutionality of provisions affecting Alaskeros (cannery workers going to Alaska) in the controversial Walter-McCarran Act.

In the meantime, the final vote tally had been counted. For president: the incumbent **Chris Mensalvas** with 1,216 votes — defeating George A. Valdez (401), Trinidad Rojo (153), and Bobbie Cordero (141).

Other final results: Larry Itlong, VP; Matias Lagunilla, secretary; Casimiro A. Abella, treasurer; Ernesto E. Mangaoang, business agent; Gene Navarro, dispatcher; Lazaro Soria, patrolman; Vincent Pili-en and Joe Madarang, trustees; Carlos Bulosan, educational and publicity director. A total of 2,011 votes were cast in the elections.

quotes and by-lines—

Adriano G. Delfino, editor, FIL-AMERICAN ADVOCATE, San Francisco, Calif.:

"Two items have caused me to sit up and scratch my head pensively. From all indications, there is a storm brewing in at least two Fil-American communities of the nation, and when the dust settles down, we may yet see the Fil-American come of age." >>>

the philippines in the int'l trade fair—

Beautiful Philippine handicraft products will be some of the features in the Washington State International Trade Fair, February 11-24, 1954, in Seattle.

On Nov. 30th, 14 booths were already reserved by PRISCO, a Philippine government agency, and other Philippine export firms. Rare selections of Filipino handicrafts and other products will be available to more than 1,500 buyers from all over the U. S. and Canada. Selections can be made in large orders. Thousands of visitors are also expected at the Fair.

philippine wood important in NW—

Philippine hardwood has become an important item in the industrial development of the Pacific Northwest.

Elliott Bay Lumber Co. of Seattle is credited with being responsible for the progress. The company's lumber plant has used Philippine hardwood in the manufacture of plywood, trims, mouldings and flush doors—products which are finding increasing markets in other parts of the U. S. since 1948. Elliott Bay Lumber had organized the Basilan Lumber Co. in southern Philippines in 1948 to insure its supply of the valuable hardwood.

mineral discoveries—

There are "reasonable possibilities" of strategic radioactive mineral deposits in the Philippines, according to two scientists of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission who conducted a 70-day survey in the Philippines.

Several kinds of clay have been recently discovered to be good for high quality glazes and lustre. Tests made by the Philippine Institute of Science and Technology revealed the clay to be excellent material for porcelain-making.

Another new mineral, molybdenum, has been discovered in marketable quantities in the Philippines. The Department of Commerce has announced a desire to contact American firms which may be interested in mining or buying the ores.

future philippine trade policy—

President-elect Ramon Maysaysay in his first statement on foreign trade policy called for increased trade with neighboring Asian countries, entry of more foreign capital, early settlement with Japan, and Filipinos to assist in developing the national economy through fair competition. Concerning relations with the United States, he said: "Our country must continue to look to the U. S. for assistance, economic and military, until we can stand on our own feet."

quinine source available—

Cinchona bark, from which quinine is made, is available in large quantity in the Philippines, according to the Directory of Forestry, who requested the Department of Foreign Affairs to announce through the Philippine Consulates in the U. S. that availability of 80 metric tons of dry cinchona bark for sale at 70 cents per kilo.

import restrictions eased—

Selective Credit Control, in effect since November, 1949, was repealed by the Central Bank. Importers of luxury and non-essential items such as automobiles, perfumes and toilet preparations, beauty culture equipment, musical instruments and radios, rubber and plastic manufactures, electrical appliances, steel office equipment, and chewing gum, will no longer be required to deposit 80% cash margin on all letters of credit obtained to pay for such items. This relaxation will free from 15 to 16 million pesos for investment in productive enterprises.

new philippine industries—

Textile industry is rapidly developing. The government has already subsidized the establishment of mills in strategic areas. A new private firm, capitalized at two and a half million pesos—the Philippine Textile Mills, Inc.—has been organized.

Fibres from the coconut husk, an item heretofore having little commercial value, may soon be extensively used for coir fibre products. A new multi-million-dollar industry for utilizing this product will soon be in operation, using a new "dry process" of decorticating the fibre from the husks on a very economical basis.

Veneer from beautiful Philippine woods will soon be manufactured. A million-peso corporation, the Philippine Wood craft and Veneer Corp., has been organized to begin manufacture of this product in the near future. >>>

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Although most Philippine consulates throughout the country share top headlines in most Filipino American newspapers, the average reader usually does not know their purpose or objectives—except that consulates are one more branch of the government. The following information will give you a better idea of what your nearest consulate is doing and will do for you.

What are the four functions of a consulate?

ADMINISTRATIVE . . . Referring to issuance of passports or certificates of registration to Filipinos; issuance of visas to aliens proceeding to the Philippines; the documentation of merchandise for the Philippines; enforcement of sanitary rules and regulations of vessels proceeding to the Philippines; protection of the commercial interests of the Philippines in a given area (in this case, the Pacific Northwest).

NOTARIAL . . . Including the taking of acknowledgment and depositions; administering of oaths and affirmations; authentication of documents intended for use in the Philippines.

ASSISTANCE . . . Embracing services in behalf of seamen; representation of nationals in judicial or administrative proceedings including immigration problems, as well as representations with official or private entities in behalf of nationals having problems pending with them. A consular official may now solemnize a marriage between Philippine citizens. (Art. 75, new Civil Code of the Philippines.)

QUASI-DIPLOMATIC . . . Just what it implies. It is not specifically discharged by the Seattle consulate since there is the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Are there any other "miscellaneous" functions?

Yes. Other duties which make a consular official sort of a "utility man" are those which relate to meeting nationals at the port of entry; helping them get accommodations; visiting those confined in hospitals, penitentiaries and other penal institutions; assistance in connection with employment; and location of whereabouts either abroad or in the Philippines.

What is the jurisdiction of the Seattle consulate?

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and the Territory of Alaska.

Who are what on the Seattle staff?

Hortencio J. Brillantes, consul; Doroteo V. Vite, vice-consul; Conrado de Castro, administrative, finance and property officer; Jose Salazar, stenographer; Raymundo Guardiano, clerk-messenger.

How are they chosen?

The consul and the vice-consul are career officers, both having completed the prescribed training program for the Philippine Foreign Service. Both are appointed by the president of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the Philippine Congress. No consular official can be transferred from his post unless he shall have served for at least one year, but in no event shall he serve for more than four years in any post. (Philippine Foreign Service Act, June, 1952.)

The other members of the staff are appointed by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

How can I get in touch with the Seattle office?

The Philippine Consulate is at 1723 Smith Tower Building, Zone 4. Or dial SEneca 6268. ▶▶▶

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a christmas message

To my countrymen and friends in the
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It is with pleasure that I again extend to you the happiest and heartiest greetings of the season.

A year ago on December 6, I had the privilege to come to your midst and I made it known then that I came to serve and not to be served and that has been my guidepost and will continue to be so.

I salute you, my countrymen, and I vow again that I am not a master but simply a public servant.

I thank my friends for their heartfelt understanding and cooperation; they have enabled me to pursue my objectives with faith and devotion. To my critics, I have nothing but tolerance and friendship. I extend to each and everyone, this same hand, warm with sincerity, friendship and brotherly affections.

Let us, during the season, rededicate ourselves to the spirit of Christian charity and brotherhood, never oblivious that we are all of one family, and as such we should all strive to act and think as men of good will, so we can help promote peace within ourselves, among us, and with the rest of mankind.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Again, MABUHAY!

—Hortencio J. Brillantes
Consul, Republic of the Philippines
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