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UERM Grads Score 83% in February Exams

Forty-three of the fifty-two candidates of the UERMMMC Class 1999 passed the newly computerized physician licensure examinations given by the Professional Regulation Commission of the Philippines in early February. They were among the seven hundred and fifty successful examinees out of 1,342 whose names were released by the commission on February 3, 2001.

The top ten-placers' names and grades, which ranged from 82.42% to 86.5% were published in major Philippine dailies without their respective schools of graduation. No UERM graduate was among them, the Dean's office reported.

The new physicians had their oath-taking on March 11, 2001 at the grand ballroom of the Manila Midtown Hotel, Ermita, Manila before the Board of Medical Examiners and the Professional Regulation Commission. UERM grads were given a testimonial dinner by the College at the Kamayan, EDSA on March 15.

As of press time, the medical school rankings had not yet been made available. The most recent ones were those following the August 2000 exams, which were based on the number of examinees. Only schools with one hundred or more candidates were ranked then. UERM, with a passing rate of 77%, placed 3rd behind UP and UST at the time.

Although the College's passing rate improved over last August's, comparative rates reported by Dean Lansang showed UERM slipping behind UP (95%), UST (88%), CIM (87%), and FEU (83.5%), beating *Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila* (80%), St. Luke's (77%), St. Louis, Baguio (70%), Fatima (65%), AUF (57%), De La Salle (51%), and MCU (43%). Unheralded Mindanao State and Xavier Universities, each with three examinees, scored 100%.

UERM last placed a topnotcher in the August 1999 board exams when Dr. Rex Santos, '98, bagged 6th place as the school garnered 93% passing. The last 100% passing was achieved in the 1996 exams by Class 1995.

Northeast Chapter Grosses \$11,000

The Northeast Chapter headed by new president Roy Baldomero held a successful fundraiser with a well-attended annual ball at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel, White Plains, New York on March 3, 2001.

The event pulled in 77% of gross receipts from attendees and individual donors, the remainder from corporate benefactors. Dr. Belen Frias, treasurer, said that the collection of receivables would put this year's take over last year's.

The mini-reunion consisted of cocktails, dinner-dance, after-dance *merienda*, and a morning-after brunch following a one-hour CME on asthma.

Guests included national alumni association and foundation officers who had earlier held their working meetings at the same venue.

The traditional roll call of classes was answered by batched 1961 to 1993. However,
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UERMMMCMAA, Inc. Ready for Cleveland

Preparations for the Cleveland reunion and convention dominated the executive council meeting on March 3 at the Renaissance Hotel Westchester in White Plains, NY.

The session presided over by Dr. Renato Querubin, president, heard reports from the Ohio alumni host committee which included for the first time in years an auxiliary arm.

The August 2-4 gathering to be held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel in downtown Cleveland will honor the silver (1976), pearl (1971), jade (1966), and, for the first time, ruby (1961) jubilarians.

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Northeast Chapter members and guests at the conclusion of the brief CME program on asthma the morning after their fundraiser dinner-dance at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel, White Plains, NY on March 3, 2001.

Manila Homecoming



Silver Jubilarian Class 1975 in their native attire at the EDSA Shangri-La reception.

58 Come Home

The 2000 alumni homecoming of the UERMMMCM College of Medicine was held in Manila on Dec. 13-17 at different venues featuring a busy schedule of convocation, scientific meetings, research forum, general alumni and silver jubilarian parties, grand fellowship night, and class excursion.

The festivities were done amidst a colorful and happy yuletide season in the country despite political turmoil and peso devaluation.

Fifty-eight of the silver jubilarian class of 1975, fifteen of whom from the U.S., were on hand for the occasion.

A mass at the Physiology Lecture room on Wednesday morning, Dec. 13th, kicked off the five-day celebration followed by a convocation honoring the jubilarians complete with caps, gowns, and hoods.

President Felipe Sese, Dean Lansang, and Philippine alumni president Henry Yanez presented the graduates with commemorative medallions. Dr. Joven Cuanang gave the inspirational talk while Dr. Tom Lumicao, class '75 president gave the response.

Memorial Lectures

Two memorial lectures were given on Dec. 13 to mark the alumni week. One was the 16th Dr. Jose Cuyekeng Memorial Lecture by Dr. Benjamin Rigor, immediate past president of the UERMMMCMCAA, Inc. The other was the 2nd Dr. Potenciano Baccay Memorial Lecture delivered by Dr. Enrique Ona.

In his talk entitled "Where Did the Dinosaurs Go: The Demise of the Academic Medical Centers in the USA," Rigor stressed the need for academic centers to adapt promptly to changing times while upholding

excellence and proficiency. He warned against complacency and urged everyone in the Center to make it "the best in the field of medicine."

For his part, renal transplant surgeon Dr. Ona reviewed the progress of kidney transplantation in the country from the establishment of the Kidney Center in 1974 to the first liver-kidney transplant operation in 1990.

He reported that 3,036 renal transplants have already been done, 84% of which involved living donors, 16% cadavers. The two-year survival rates have gone up to 94% in the former group, 72% for the latter.

He attributed this to the use of the anti-rejection drug Cyclosporine citing the example of the late Pres. Marcos whose second kidney transplant succeeded because of it.

CME Notes

A scientific symposium presented mostly by U.S.-based '75 alumni at the college auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13th, capped the first full day of homecoming. Topics covered were: **Fine Needle Biopsy** by Irene Ibanez-Manlapaz, **Interventional Radiology** by James Tagle, **Pain Management** by Carlos Santiago, III, **Clinical Monitoring in the OR & ICU** by Senen Siasoco, and **Acute Myocardial Infarction** by Alvin Cacho.

These were followed by an open forum moderated by Drs. Romy Ramos and Gloria Cristal-Luna, scientific committee chairs.

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Dateline Manila

College Expands Comprehensives - In a bid to enhance the performance of students under the new PBL curriculum, the College of Medicine administered for the second year in a row diagnostic comprehensive exams for first and second years. The original exit comprehensives continue to be a graduation requirement for junior interns. The first PBL class of 2002 takes its board exams in the summer of 2003.

First Clinical Skills Exams Held - The first practical exams in clinical skills for third year were held by all clinical departments last Friday, March 2nd at the Clinical Skills Laboratory. These included history-taking, physical examination, and performance of basic procedures on standardized patients by 239 students who were about to start junior internship on April 1st. Faculty, residents, and interns acted as patients. Failing students were given one week of remedial session at the lab supported by alumni donations.

UERMMMCM 5th Choice of Applicants - Dean Lansang in a letter to UERMMMCMCAA, Inc. officials in February revealed that applicant interviews have shown that UERM has become only the fifth choice of applicants among 27 medical schools in the country. Because of it, she observed that "UER students are now not as good as before," adding that the average NMAT scores for the first two new curriculum batches are 78.4 and 79.5%, respectively. Lower tuition, nicer classrooms, better location and infrastructure in other schools such as UP, UST, Pamantasan, St. Luke's, and FEU have snared many top pre-med graduates away from UERM.

PASCU Accreditation Looms - The College of Medicine is putting the finishing touches on its preparation for accreditation by PASCU this coming June. Dean Lansang has appealed for alumni assistance in meeting criteria deficiencies identified in the school's self-surveys conducted

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Northeast Chapter...

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the Silver Jubilarian class of 1976, the night's top honorees, was not represented.

During the program, Dr. Baldomero expressed appreciation and confidence in the unity and commitment of the leadership and core membership of the chapter. He lauded the hard work done by the organizing committee and the effort it made in reaching out to alumni and supporters in the area.

Dr. Renato Querubin, national president, in his address as guest speaker, commended the chapter for its support of the College of Medicine and challenged everyone to do the same. He also extended an invitation to all alumni to next August's national convention and reunion in Cleveland, Ohio.

In an acknowledgement mailed to donors, Baldomero pledged to donate the entire amount contributed individually to the College through the UERMMMCM Alumni Foundation USA, Inc.

The other newly installed officers of the chapter who will serve until 2003 are : Drs. Alexis Bobila, first vice-president; Elmer Gilo, second vice-president; Ruby Reyes, secretary; Amelita Aban-Antonio, assistant secretary; Belen Gilo, treasurer; Isabel Tolentino-Mirasol, assistant treasurer; Bernardo De La Merced, auditor; Duke Samonte, assistant auditor; Nora Mangunay and Fely Quines, PROs; Emilio Quines, immediate past president; and Nely Saturno-Recano, executive director.

Internist Wanted

Retiring '70 alumna seeking a young, single internist to take over a busy Dallas suburban practice.

UERMM Grad Preferred

Send resume or inquiry to the newsletter.



Ohio Organizing Committee: (left to right) front- Josefina Morona, Digna Moya, Thelma Ortega, Fely Bangayan, Esther Querubin and Aleli Quirino; back- Rommel Moya, Jess Valdez, Bert Bangayan, Nelin Retizos, Renato Querubin, Ben Ortega, Greg Quirino, and Bobby Morona.

UERMMMCMAAA, Inc. Ready ...

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Activities slated are sports (golf and tennis tournaments), continuing medical education including the Cuyegkeng Memorial Lecture, business meetings, socials (gala dinner and dance, dance competition, youth dance), and fundraisers (silent auction, Miss UERMMMCMAAA 2001 contests). Others such as dinner cruise, dockside entertainment, shopping, hall of fame, museum visits, etc. are optional. Individual batch parties are expected throughout the three-day event.

Invitation and information on airline, hotel, and optional event reservations as well as solicitations for souvenir program ads have already been mailed to members earlier this month.

For further details, please see announcements in this issue.

Other business tackled by the council meeting included constitutional amendments, membership drive, mailing list update, credit card acceptance, web site maintenance, and chapter and officers' reports.

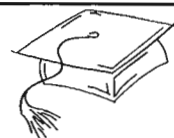
The Ohio alumni organizing committee is led by Dr. Bert Bangayan, '64, assisted by Dr. Ben Ortega, '63, welcome night and entertainment chairperson, Dr. Nelin Retizos, '64, gala night emcee, and Dr. Andy Yap, a UST graduate who will supervise all sports events. Other members are Drs. Greg Quirino, Jess Valdez, Bobby Morona, Josefina Sanchez-Morona, Cristina Alonzo, and Rommel and Digna Moya.



Organizing Committee At Work



UERM After 25 Years



Metamorphosis (UERM 2000)

Prologue

The hulking framework of the half-built LRT obscures the faded blue walls of the OI' Medical Center. It is not the only new thing on campus today. Many things have changed indeed since I've trod these hallowed halls a quarter of a century ago.

My editor, Dr. Sammy Piga has sent me to find out how the Medical Center is faring. My class of '75 is celebrating its 25th Jubilee, so we kill two birds with one stone.

Discourse 101

First stop, the Dean's office. Dra. Lansang is out, but her able College Secretary, Dra. Alfaretta Tan-Reyes is holding the fort and appears to be hep on all the latest goings-on.

You will not recognize the curriculum anymore. It has morphed into **Problem-based**. The boundaries between departments have eroded and the patient is now being scrutinized as a whole being, i.e., as an integrated system. All the old sections remain but now the instructors are expected to be well-versed not just in their specialty but in the entire medical spectrum.

Here's how the new set-up works: the freshmen analyze the normal person. Their first 3 1/2 weeks are devoted to an introduction to normalcy, followed by system by system study throughout the term while students are simultaneously finding out about the human life cycle, history of medicine, and perspectives in medicine. They also spend 3 hours a week on research methods.

The most innovative part of the new curriculum is simply called **Patient-Doctor (PD)**. PD labs are in the old preventive lecture rooms where examining tables separated by privacy curtains are found. There, students take turns role-playing as either physician or patient. I forgot to ask if they did pelvis or rectals on each other!

Sophomore year, now called Level II, focuses on the Ailing Person. The modules are similar to Level I except now they study each system's pathology. Meanwhile, an hour a week is devoted to medical ethics, a couple for community medicine, another 2 for research projects. There is a step-up to Patient-Doctor II, still 4 hours a week. Year 3 is a continuation of Level II which is various systems plus infectious diseases, children's diseases, legal medicine, and emergencies. There is Patient-Doctor III and

by Senen V. Siasoco, M.D., '75

an hour a week for selectives such as critical care, anesthesia/pain, nutrition, geriatrics, death and dying, genetics, molecular biology, rehab, alternative medicine, imaging, aesthetics, or EKG.

Practicum

Senior year or junior internship is still spent at the hospital and at clinical rotations at St. Elsewhere like, yes, the National Orthopedic and other government hospitals.

A system module handout given by Dra. Reyes states the goals, competencies, expectations, references as well as lists sample cases with such cute names as "Rough Edges" for pneumothorax, "Sleepless in Seattle" for asthma, "Canned Air" for RDS in newborn, "The Story of Ash" for TB in all its glory. The format is case/laboratory/correlate.

Evaluation criteria (tutorial grade 30%, long exam 25%, finals 30%, manual grade 5%, and practical 10%) are clearly listed.

The school is in its 3rd year of the new curriculum and the acid test comes when the first batch of kids under it takes the board exams in 2003.

I also visited the new Informatics Unit at the 2nd floor of the old dentistry building. There are 40 computers that can be used for free for the first 40 hours, then for a nominal fee after that. There is only one internet line for the whole lab so traffic can be painfully slow. There is a small multimedia library that appears to be well-used. The hospital and school have several computers that have yet to be networked.

The tuition is now roughly P40,000 per semester, which is mid-range for med schools and a bargain when compared with that of kindergarten's at Ateneo (can you believe P50,000 per child!). Foreign students are assessed a one-time premium of \$10,000 upon entrance.

I left the campus feeling exhilarated

and relieved that despite these changes, the tradition of excellence we had come to expect from UERMMMCM was still alive.

Clinics

This would be reinforced by my visit to the hospital. Medical Director Dr. Tito Tanseco, the same affable and dedicated person that I used to know and love said that the hospital would have been in the black were it not for the repairs on flood damages last year. The labor-management problems of the past have been resolved. He expects a positive balance sheet this year.

A tour of the facilities evoked a flood of memories that brought me near tears. The pay floors are self-sustaining but the charity wards are not. The Quarters are gone, Dr. Zaguirre's old domain moved up one floor, we now have a CT and new ultrasound in radiology, state-of-the-art dialysis machines in nephrology but non-functional monitors in Critical Care (old 2 Pay).

Dr. Oscar Resurreccion, Chief of Clinics reported that residency positions at the hospital remain competitive. Wages are still low but the prestige and high quality of training more than make up for it.

Research remains a priority as shown by the awards given to two attendings and two residents at the 3rd annual research forum.

Epilogue

As I made my way past the *tiangge* in the quadrangle, I noticed the white-shirted interns with their stethoscopes around their necks, absorbed in their discussion of the Case of the Day. Many things have changed but the mission remains. The *Hippocratic Oath* we swore to 25 years ago lives on in the students of today.

Dear friend Leo Lutero would be proud.

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Alumni After 25 Years



A Thank You from Florida

by Dr. Susan De Padua-Snodgrass

When one is young, education does not seem as significant nor as high a priority as our parents would have us see. Luckily for me, while the rebellious spirit was rearing up its head during my teenage years in Florida, what my parents termed as the strict "Filipino way" that we were being raised in was a strong deterrent.

Then, as God decided, we lost our father and my mother needed help in guiding us through our post-graduate studies. For that, she turned to our uncle, Dr. Cesar De Padua, then a professor of surgery at UERM. It was he who influenced her to send us to UERM after we completed college in the U.S. I had dreams of becoming a ballerina as I was offered a scholarship at the North Carolina School of Arts but my mother thought that such would be a difficult path to the future for me.

Now, I see how right my world has turned out for me and I owe a great part of that to UERM.

I am now a practicing board-certified diagnostic radiologist in Jacksonville, Florida. I am the Director of Imaging at the Women's Center as well as an Associate Professor of Radiology at Shands Hospital, University of Florida. A big step indeed from the immature and frightened young girl who entered the University of the East 25 years ago.

As I look back comparing the differences had I gone to medical school here instead of there, I can really appreciate my education there. For one, there was camaraderie among my classmates. When one felt overwhelmed by work and tests, depression or homesickness, fellow classmates rallied to encourage us.

Then, too, our professors, school officials, and staff reserved time for programs and enjoyable activities which helped smooth over those hard days of studying. They not only instructed us but they understood us when we faltered. They were so patient.

Often, these close relationships are sorely lacking in some schools here. As I teach and interact with medical residents, I have observed that there is no feeling of closeness among classmates and instructors nor a feeling of being part of a whole entity. Frequently, students feel that they are left to flounder trying to find their way.

I can truly say that the school days we shared were among the happiest of my life. When I returned to the U.S. after graduation, I realized how well I had been educated by UERM as I passed the licensure exam in the U.S. and, later, the board certification in radiology. I felt fully prepared to deal with my professional peers here.

Now, I am quietly living my dream - a wonderful fulfilling career, a home with my husband and son. I still dance ballet and occasionally keep in touch with great friends I made in the Philippines.

I look forward to the reunion in Cleveland in August when old friendships can be once again be renewed.

I thank my Alma Mater, my teachers, family, and, lastly, all my classmates with whom I bonded through laughter and tears during our schoolyears. Happy Silver Jubilee!!!

Looking Back From Illinois

by Dr. Norman Aliga

Twenty-five years, a third of a lifetime, is a time when we reached our prime, became old enough to be smart yet still young to be taken seriously. Of course, UERM has something to do with how we have fared.

Coming from different countries like Indonesia, Japan, India, Hongkong, U.S.A., and of course various regions of the Philippines, we shed off our narrow cliques, quickly woved together one of the most closely knit classes at the time, and developed international cooperation.

We were exposed to a wide spectrum of teaching styles, from lively to dead. We laughed at Dr. Panis' antics even as he demystified the human machinery. We knew early on who would be the future surgeons among us by the excitement, irritation, or disgust we displayed with our cadavers.

We admired the dedication of our basic science teachers like Dr. Nanding Sanchez who was not only a yoda of sorts but was truly one of us. Our clinical professors were as impressive. Dr. Mike Baccay's words of "Aliga, your history is trash . . . your physical is trash!" still keep me on my toes. Dr. Orejana inspired many of us to go to orthopedics. Dr. Cuanang was very effective in his eloquence while Dr. Joe Ramirez' sarcasm was an amusement and a stimulation on tedious afternoons.

UERM Hospital was a place for movie stars and basketball players. Consultants and patients were very nice and accomodating.

Basketball tournaments were always big at UERM not because of their glamour but because they served as rallying points for classes. We rooted for our team, yeah, we were champions in our sophomore year! Also, our class had the best participation in the lantern parade!

Our solidarity carried on to helping each other study and prepare for exams. Soon, our custom-made study guides("gimmicks") sprouted news, juicy *tsimis*, get-backs at bad guys above us in the totem pole, and digs on Marcos and the Dean. They evolved into the *Vox Seventisixorum*, an anonymous underground newspaper at a time when freedom of expression was curtailed under martial law. A breath of fresh air it was.

In the middle third of our lives, our pride in our Alma Mater is rekindled. It provided us with the milieu that tested and nurtured us. What we are now is because of UERM, not inspite of it. Like in families, growing up in UERM may have involved unpleasant experiences but it is the sweet memories that we savor.

Manila Homecoming...

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CME Notes Continued...

The next day's session of the scientific meeting dwelt on strategies on **Novel Therapeutics** by Dr. Susanne Kubota and wet clinics on **Hepatocellular Carcinoma** at the GIT Unit.

Attendance at both CME sessions similar to those of last year's was noted to be sparse.

Research Awards

The third research forum of the College of Medicine was held at the college auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000 in conjunction with the homecoming calendar.

Awards in the form of plaques and cash prizes were given to the winning papers after their presentation and an open forum moderated by Dr. Paul Sunga.

Receiving their prizes from Drs. Fernando Sanchez, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Head, Office of Research and Educational Development, Dean Lansang, Georgina Paredes, Head, Section of Research, ORED, were: clinical faculty members Drs. Edgar Felipe Leuenberger, ophthalmology (Retrobulbar Administration of Chlorpromazine for Pain Relief in Painful Absolute Glaucoma: An Uncontrolled Clinical Trial), and Norieta Balderrama, psychiatry (Profile of Minor Perpetrators of Sexual Abuse); resident physicians Drs. Antonio Bernardo Amisola, ENT (Accuracy of Pneumatic Otoscopy in Detecting Otitis Media With Effusion Using Tympanometry As Reference Standard) and Kyat Sidharta, anesthesia (An Experimental Study on *Oryza Sativa* Husks *Ipa* As An Insulator For Adult Patients For Surgery Under Spinal or Epidural Anesthesia).

GMA Graces Gala

The UERMMMCAA - Philippines celebrated its 29th annual reunion with a well-attended gala at the Isla Ballroom, EDSA Shangri-La Hotel on Friday night, Dec. 15, 2000.

The guest speaker was then Vice-President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who eloquently recalled funny anecdotes in her medical history and retraced her links to the university.

The 1975 silver jubilarians were the principal honorees. Others honored were classes '65, '70, '80, '85, '90, and '95.

After the traditional roll call of classes, the new alumni officers were sworn in by P.O. Domingo, UERMMMCA Chairman.

Distinguished alumni were also recognized. Given the Outstanding Leadership Award were: Drs. Romeo Divinagracia, '63, Leonardo Almeda, '67, and Abdias Aquino, '73. The Outstanding Medical Education Award went to Dr. Jaime Manila, '71. The highest honor, Most Outstanding Alumnus Award, was presented to Dr. Benjamin Rigor, '61, who was honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* by the University of the Philippines, Manila at its commencement exercises on April 20, 2001.

Dr. Divinagracia toasted the jubilarians after the emotional candle lighting and cake ceremonies. There was dancing, picture-taking, endless laughter, eating, and more dancing throughout the night.

The silver jubilarians extended their reunion for two more days in a class excursion to Tagaytay Highlands.

On a more serious note, they paused to remember eleven of their 159 classmates who have passed on.

They also decided to establish a medical scholarship fund for deserving children of their batch.

Already, they have donated \$1,832.31 to the UERMMMCA Alumni Foundation USA, Inc. c/o Dr. El Castro, in addition to a class member's earlier donation for resident and student research awards.

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in March and April. Accreditation qualifies U.S. foreign students for student loans. She expects incoming freshmen from the U.S. to avail of this new program in the first semester of the schoolyear 2001-2002.

Curriculum Workshop Held - Seventy faculty members including 6 students held a curriculum workshop for SY 2001-2002 on March 28-30 at Lake Caliraya, Laguna.

Chairman's Wife Dies - Mrs. P.O. Domingo, the UERMMMCA board chairman's wife, succumbed to a heart attack at the UERM Memorial Hospital early morning of February 22. She had suffered from diabetes and undergone hemodialysis for sometime. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Chairman and his family.

Dateline USA

'73 Halfway To Pledged Goal - Class '73 has collected about \$39,400 of the \$100,000 it pledged to the College of Medicine during its silver anniversary homecoming in Manila in 1998. Forty of the 75 North America-based class members signed up to donate \$500 each per year for five years. Most of the funds have been remitted by class treasurer Eric Pua to the UERMMMCA Alumni Foundation USA, Inc., which in turn recently allocated \$20,000 for the clinical skills laboratory. The class hopes to fulfill its commitment and more by 2003. To members who pledged, continue to send your payment to Dr. Quirino Pua, 2118 Wyeth Drive, Guntersville, Alabama 35976. Others who wish to contribute to this fund are very welcome to do the same. Please make your checks payable to UERMMMCA Alumni Foundation USA, Inc. - Class 1973 Fund. For inquiries, you can contact Dr. Pua at 256-582-7934, office fax 256-891-7461, or e-mail QZP@NETNAV.com.

Class '75 Plans Cruise - In the afterglow of homecoming, class 1975 decided to take to the seas in a European cruise in two years. Last year's silver jubilarians hope for an improvement in the Philippine economy to enable Philippine-based members to make the trip. The class plan on joining a tax-deductible medical seminar cruise. For particulars, classmates are encouraged to log on to uermmmedicine75@yahoo.com.

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Officers' Corner



Let Us Stay United

by Dr. Renato Querubin

Samuel Tilden said that "it is far more difficult to hold and maintain leadership than it is to attain it. Success is a ruthless competitor for it flatters and nourishes our weakness and lulls us into complacency. We bask in the sunshine of accomplishment and lose the spirit of humility which helps us visualize all factors which have contributed to our success. We are apt to forget that we are only one of a team that in unity there is strength and that we are strong only as long as each unit in our organization functions with precision."

I echo these words as I continue to work for the unity, solidarity and shared visions between our association's leadership and membership. Let us stick together as we preserve our identity as UERMMMC alumni. I have seen such unity of purpose in our past leaders who unselfishly built our association to what it is today. Their example and vision now guide us as we face challenges that are no less difficult than what they had to confront.

Once a year during summer, we gather together to savor the camaraderie of old and new friends, reminisce our student days, share our gratitude to the great institution that shaped our destiny, and formulate ideas on how we can help our Alma Mater.

I urge you then to come and attend the 13th annual convention and reunion which is a once a year fundraising event of the Alumni Association. It is through your tax-deductible fees for registration, CME, membership, advertisement, and others that we are able to raise money to fund, among others, support projects for the medical center.

Also, for the first time, we will celebrate the 40th year of graduation of the ruby jubilarian class of 1961. They are our role models who started the tradition of 100% passing rate in the Philippine medical board exams. Come and let us salute them on August 2 to 4 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel.

Finally, let me commend the UERMMMCMAAA Northeast Chapter for a successful fundraising affair last March 3rd. It was well-planned, well-executed, and well-attended. The program was superb. We all had a good time! There, we caught a glimpse of new, young and dynamic leaders on the rise. We have been reassured that the alumni association will go on even after we are gone.

URGENT REQUEST! Brochures for the 13th convention had been sent out but more than 100 have been returned by the post office for wrong addresses. If you know of any UERMMMC graduate in your area, please fax their names, addresses, phones, e-mails to me at 440-988-2837 or e-mail to reque@aol.com, Dr. Agnes Alikpala, Chairperson of the Membership Committee at ayalikpala@aol.com, or Dr. Roly Mendoza, Executive Director (*see roster*).

The Pioneer Class of 1961 A Brief History

by Dr. Roger Lucas

The class of 1961 started in 1956 with 169 freshmen divided into two sections for the entire year. The acting dean at the time was the late Dr. Jose Cuyegkeng. In the following year, it was drastically cut to 51 sophomores, the same number that graduated in 1961.

The College of Medicine was renamed as the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center on July 3, 1957 in honor of the President of the Philippines who died in a plane crash on March 17 that year.

Originally, there were only fifteen faculty members, none of whom are any longer associated with the college. In December, 1958, Dr. Juan Salcedo, Jr., former head of the United Nation's World Health Organization, became dean, vice Dr. Cuyegkeng.

Of the original 51 graduates, seven have passed away. Twenty-five are still in the United States, the whereabouts of 9 are unknown, the rest are either back in the Philippines or never left the country. One classmate is in Canada. Those in the United States are scattered from the West Coast to the East Coast. Many are already retired from practicing medicine.

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July 31, 2000 - February 28, 2001

I. Money Market (Past Treasurer Dr. Pua)

A. Beginning balance	24,464.01
B. Plus interest earned	269.49
C. Less transfer to checking	12,000.00
D. Ending balance	12,733.50

II. Checking Accounts

A. Compass Bank (Dr. Pua)	
1. Beginning balance	3,170.53
2. Plus interest earned	33.31
3. Plus transfer from MM	12,000.00

4. Less expenses	14,435.07
5. Ending balance	767.77

B. Crestar Bank (New Treas. Dr. Magpantay)

1. Beginning balance	841.18
2. Plus Las Vegas proceeds	53,451.82
3. Less Expenses	711.64
4. Ending balance	53,587.36
C. Checking Accounts Total	54,355.13

III. CD's (Suntrust #1 and #2 Dr. Magpantay)

A. Beginning balance	13,394.26
B. Ending balance	13,615.50

IV. Grand Total	80,704.13
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Southern California Medical Mission Team upon arrival at NAIA, Manila.

Southern California Chapter Holds First Medical Mission in Palawan

The UERMMCMAAA Southern California Chapter in collaboration with the Philippine Medical Association of Southern California conducted its first medical mission in Palawan on December 2-11, 2000. The fifty member group made up of 16 doctors, 15 nurses, 2 dentists, and 18 support staff provided free services to some 3,000 indigent patients in two locations within a busy five-day period.

Led by mission chairman Dr. Alex Abary, chapter president and concurrently PMASC president-elect, the team stayed three days at the Adventist Hospital in Puerto Princesa and another two days at the town of Quezon a four-hour drive away. A local anesthesiologist was hired for major operations.

Most of the cases seen were non-surgical (2,113). Surgeries involved 63 minor, 27 eye and cataracts, 11 thyroidectomies, 5 pelvic, one leg amputation, one testicular mass resection, and one gastrostomy tube placement. There were 77 dental extractions.

Other UERM alumni team members were Drs. Augusto Zablan, former chapter president, and Prode Pascual, a native of Palawan.

40th Graduation Held, Leynes-Le Tops Class

The UERMMMC College of Medicine held its 40th commencement exercises at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 17th at the hospital quadrangle.

The school awarded the degree of doctor of medicine to 249 successful candidates of class 2001 which will be remembered as the last one to finish under the traditional curriculum.

A baccalaureate mass and breakfast attended also by some parents was held for the new graduates the previous day.

Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan, U.P. '74, former secretary of health known in his younger days for his community work in doctorless areas such as Cordillera, Samar, Leyte, Tawi-Tawi and others, was the commencement speaker.

Californian Elizabeth Leynes-Le, who did a 4-month clinical rotation along with four classmates in Dallas last summer, was the class valedictorian. She is among the near-dozen U.S. residents to graduate from UERMMMC this year.

The young doctors begin their one year of post-graduate internship on June 1st before they qualify for the physician licensure exams in the Philippines in August 2002 or February 2003.

Those coming back to the U.S. must first pass steps 1 & 2 of the USMLE and the CSA (clinical skills assessment) which is an oral test before they can obtain an ECFMG certificate to be able to apply for residency training. After a year of post-graduate training, they become eligible to take the final USMLE step 3 that will qualify them for licensure in most states.

An Open Letter to the Dean

by Dr. El Castro

(Ed.'s Notes: Following has been edited from the original.)

I am glad you are addressing the issues of inappropriate punishment and unpleasant treatment of students. Perhaps, it might help if you use my son, El Castro, Jr.'s experience as an example.

In his 4th year at UERM, he was late two weeks going back because of family emergency. He was not allowed to start his clinical rotation until the next one six weeks later. Then he was asked to make up for time he had been promised credit by some residents for helping them prepare for their presentations. As a result, he missed few weeks of review classes for step 2 of USMLE here in New Jersey. Luckily, he passed the exam.

Because of these delays, he was not allowed to march during the 1997 graduation even after we had requested the then president to let him march but withhold his diploma until he met all clinical requirements.

Then nobody notified him that he would march in 1998 when his name was called. We learned about it only from my other son, Cesar, who was attending the ceremony that day. At that time, El Jr. was finishing his first year residency in New York City.

He had to fly back to Manila to get his transcript and diploma himself only to endure a runaround from the then chief of clinics for weeks. We were so desperate then but thanks for intervening, his ordeal was finally over.

"I will never set foot in this institution again!" he swore but Amor (my wife) calmed his bitterness. Now as he prepares for chief residency and specialty board, he wants to help UERM seniors do their internship at his hospital just as he does to med students from the American University of the Caribbean.

I hope that my son's story leads to an improved treatment of students and a culture of customer service at the Center.

I am sure that we can generate more goodwill and generous support from alumni donors if we address this issue.

The Alumni Foundation

A Firm Foundation The Link That We Miss

by Dr. C.J.R. Miranda, IV

As I sat through the meetings of the Alumni Association executive committee and the Alumni Foundation board of trustees which were held back to back in White Plains, New York recently, I could not help but feel that somehow we just rediscovered the "missing link" that makes the two groups compatible in aim and purpose.

It has been many years in the making and now, finally, comes the realization that one cannot truly be without the other if they intend to continue growing, improving, and maturing. Somehow, there has always been that sense that one group can almost be independent of each other and still fulfill each of its mission to the fullest.

There is a common link between us, and, unmistakably, it is our Alma Mater! It is not improbable that we might, on occasion, think that this is all in the past. Our link to her is all but forgotten. She does not matter to us anymore. Why, we didn't even get treated right when we were students then, so why should we bother now?

That may be a true statement, sadly. From what we hear, there still exists that colonialist ghost in the way some faculty deal with students. Nevertheless, if truth be said, we would not be in the professional positions we are now in had it not been for the best medical school on Aurora Boulevard.

We just need to let go of our anger and antagonism against our Alma Mater. She continues to maintain her standing among the top medical schools in the country. But it gets more difficult to keep it up, given the limited resources that she has. Be that as it may, alumni certainly do not want to feel like virtual "milking cows" for every need and want that comes to us as "wish lists," requests for travel grants, scholarships, and so on.

As the association and foundation find a common link, they can better consolidate their efforts for maximum benefit to the Medical Center, merging their resources for common specific goals and projects. This is the ideal and prudent way to go.

The foundation, under the direction of the board of trustees led by Chairman El Castro, has in the last four years honed in on a specific path designed to remain strong for fifteen years and beyond. The emphasis is on many small scale projects rather than one or two large ones that only benefit a few. Our projects have touched the lives of scores of faculty and students alike.

We urge you to support the fund-raising efforts of your chapters, classes, or groups that ultimately benefit our Alma Mater through the Alumni Foundation, your tax-free conduit. We welcome individual donations, small and large, bequests of real estate, life insurance proceeds, stocks and bonds or any other monetary instruments.

Let us not wait until we get too old and decrepit before sharing our blessings with others who struggle through medical school against the vicissitudes of life. Let us support our students and faculty for we can be proud only if we see them improve. Let us remember that it is in giving that we truly receive the blessings of life.

The link that we miss we now find in our Alma Mater! Let us strengthen her by helping both our Alumni Association and Alumni Foundation attain their goals for the benefit of THAT SAME LINK!

Foundation Evaluates Projects

In its mid-year meeting in New York on March 4, the UERMMMC Alumni Foundation USA, Inc. board of trustees reviewed its current projects and funding as it awaited completion of a survey conducted recently at the medical center involving students, faculty and clinical staff.

Drs. El Castro and Conrado Miranda, IV, chairman and president, respectively, reported that the first-ever multilateral evaluation when finally analyzed would help the foundation identify cost-effective projects and develop realistic criteria for future ones.

Both expressed the hope that the survey would promote awareness and adherence to quality control issues such as acknowledgement of donations, student (consumer) satisfaction, and appropriate use of funds, equipment, and materials.

Castro also appealed for a sustained financial assistance from the alumni association as he pointed out that no donation from the latter has been received by the foundation since 1998.

The chairman's report detailed the disbursement of about \$16,000 including the value of recycled equipment, goods, and materials sent to the Philippines since the Las Vegas Convention.

No new treasurer's report was made as Dr. Nely Recano was yet in Manila at the time.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 6, 2000:

1. Business Checking -	\$ 504.24
2. Money Market -	\$115,357.90
3. CD #1 -	\$ 17,646.18
4. CD #2 -	\$ 17,486.47
5. Chase Vista Fund -	\$114,608.35
TOTAL	\$265,603.14

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From Tagaytay

A blessed Christmas and gracefilled New Year. Thank you for remembering me. At least I can pray for whatever intentions I gathered from the newsletter.

I am now busy building the second floor of the Hermitage that will serve as prayer room of the "guest-prayers." I've saved about P100,000 to resume construction. *Tipid na tipid talaga* living only at P12,000 a month from referrals and honoraria (Pap's and lab fees) which I visit and do in the mornings. In the afternoons, I'm at the Hermitage . . .

My cousins are inviting me to visit them . . . and I intend to visit Carmelite monasteries in the USA before returning to visit "underground" Carmelites in Red China or pray there for sometime . . .

Sr. Nancy

(Ed.'s Note: Sr. Nancy is Dr. Salvacion Quiapo, '74, who is a trained pathologist who joined the Carmelite order at the Hermitage of St. Therese, Tagaytay City)

From Banaue

Try to get the local campus alumni at UERM to send you tidbits on what is happening there, uermmaa@i-next.net . . . We will for our part as off-campus alumni be helping you out for news and tidbits about our graduates who are in the provinces. Our class . . . will be more than willing . . .

Dr. Tony Ligot, '68

(Ed.'s Note: Dr. Ligot runs a hospital in Banaue and is more than happy to have UERMMMCM students and grads come visit and help him in his work.)

From Australia

Congratulations on finishing the maiden issue of the alumni newsletter . . . All the best for 2001!

Dr. Agnes Reynes-Williams, '73

From Wisconsin

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the newsletter. I am very delighted to read some news about the medical center and other alumni . . .

Dr. Ma. Elena Gragasin, '73

From Maryland

I received your letter requesting an update on the planned cruise of class '68. Unfortunately, the planning was neglected . . . there is not going to be a cruise. Maybe next year. Unfortunately too, there is a deeper reason for the change in plans . . . a very stupid reason of religious disagreement. We did not realize that we were evolving along separate spiritual channels, so we have born-again as well as never-dieds and fundamentalists of all stripes . . . But I have much hope for our class. It is very resilient and in the final analysis wise . . .

Dr. Roberto Castrence, '68

From Illinois

Today April 11th is exactly the 25th anniversary of our graduation. Let me congratulate my classmates on the success of our struggles. Let us not forget that happiness and success are not measured by how much money we make . . . To those close to me, you have enriched my life . . . to those with whom I have *atrazos*, forgive me. To my former teachers, thanks for your guidance. To UERM, thank you for nurturing me . . .

Dr. Norman Aliga, '76

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Editorial

Why Give to UERM?



There are many reasons for not giving to our Alma Mater but there are far more compelling ones for doing so.

First is that we are grateful for the education and training that we received from her. Most of us share this feeling especially after some years from graduation when life experiences have subjected us to the crucible of circumstances that call upon us to summon all the lessons we learned from her hallowed halls. Likewise, we are grateful for our special identity as her alumni which we proudly wear and reassures us that we belong to the same honorable professional family .

Second is that there is a need for our gift. Our Alma Mater struggles to fulfill its mission to advance the health of our homeland, in particular, and mankind in general. While some parameters weigh down her image, she has not lost its competitive spirit. She has embarked on a rebuilding program that is spearheaded by the faculty-intensive but student-focused PBL (problem-based learning) curriculum. Such far-reaching initiative not only requires but more so deserves enthusiastic and sustained support from us.

Third and most importantly, we are in a position to give. No matter what our situations are, we can give if we want to. Be it our time, our talent, our treasure. There are many areas where we can fit in our giving. Our alumni foundation faithfully shepherds all gifts that are received.

What separates a great institution from an average one is its alumni giving. The breadth of alumni generosity then is a measure of the height to which her alumni desire to uphold her. But more profoundly, the quality rather than quantity of giving speaks of the depth of its alumni loyalty and charity.

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A lot of my friends and classmates may be asking if their Lolo Totoy has gone to the deep end. Why is he so concerned with happenings in the Philippines, a country he has abandoned and whose future his actions and thoughts will hardly have any bearing? Why is he spending endless hours trying his best to inform his friends and classmates about home? Is he trying to show off? What is the matter with him?

As I am he, I confess that I myself do not know for sure. Perhaps the poem my close friend Oca Saddul sent me tells it best. It's by Sir Walter Scott and I quote: "breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself had said this is my own, my native land . . ."

I often wonder where it comes from but I have this almost organic sensation that I am and will always be a Filipino.

I am not being parochial. Quite the contrary, I am quite cosmopolitan in my ways. Maybe it's because of my parents, the way they brought me up, or because my best memories are those of my growing-up years in the Philippines. Maybe because of my wife Elsie or the very political place I chose to live in, Washington, D.C. area.

Maybe . . . well, maybe it does not really matter. It is a reality. Is this abnormal? How about the other expats who have totally distanced themselves from the Philippines? Are they normal? Is their response of benign neglect more "normal?"

I am not trying to say who is better. Who knows? I am merely doing a Hamlet, a monologue of sorts, talking to myself and to whoever that wants to listen and respond.

I want to tell you though that I have no regret or apology for the course I have taken nor do I feel I have a right to judge those who have taken a different route. To each his own, live or let live as others would put it. I do however feel that if I chose a way that was not authentic and did not come from the depths of my soul, I would be a very unhappy man. Right now, that is not the case.

I know I have not answered the question I posed at the start. I would probably not be able to explain in words. Perhaps because it is in a very different realm. Some will understand, most unfortunately will not. But then, that is actually not very important.



Calling All Classes 1976, 1971, 1966, and 1961 !

Don't miss this chance in a lifetime to celebrate with your classmates. Come to the Cleveland convention and reunion on August 2-4 and accept the honors of being our silver (25 years), pearl (30 years), jade (35 years), and, for the first time, ruby (40 years) jubilarians! See details in this issue and enclosed flyer for details. Make plans to register early.

Silver jubilarians can log on to www.uermclass76@yahoo.com or call Ed Banez (818-882-4767, e-mail ebanez6165@aol.com), Dave Austria (215-579-4407, e-mail dmaus4900@aol.com), Bee Ramos-De Asis (806-296-5194, e-mail brdeasis@aol.com), or Boy Abraham (e-mail doclabjr@pacificnet.net). By now you should have your yearbook photos and personal information sheets in. Mail your *pahabol* to Ed Banez at 8425 Yolanda Ave., North Ridge, CA 91324. Course other yearbook questions to Rod Nitollama (e-mail nitollama@globalink.net.ph).

Other jubilarians, please contact your individual class coordinators.

Homecoming Schedules

CLEVELAND, OHIO: August 2-4, 2001

- Day 1 (Thurs. Aug. 2nd) -
 Golf and tennis tournaments (9am-4pm)
 Registration (12-8pm)
 Welcome reception (6pm-12am)
- Day 2 (Fri. Aug. 3rd) -
 CME (8am-4pm)
 Cuyegkeng Memorial Lecture (12-1pm)
 Silent auction (8am-4pm)
 Silver jubilarian night and class parties
- Day 3 (Sat. Aug. 4th) -
 Silent auction (8am-4pm)
 Business meetings (8am-4pm)
 Gala night (6pm-1:30am)
 Youth dance (9pm-12am)

MANILA, PHILIPPINES: Dec. 12-16, 2001

- Day 1 (Wed. Dec. 12th) -
 Welcome reception/convocation (TBA)
 Class '76 jubilarian party (TBA)
- Day 2 (Thurs. Dec. 13th) -
 UERM alumni activities (TBA)
- Day 3 (Fri. Dec. 14th) -
 Alumni Fellowship Night (TBA)
- Day 4 and 5 (Sat. to Sun. Dec. 15th-16th)
 Class '76 Family Excursion (TBA)



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Convention Announcements

13th Annual Convention and Reunion Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio August 2-4, 2001

Schedule of Activities

Day 1, Thursday, August 2, 2001

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Golf Tournament, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, Brecksville, Ohio
Green Fee/Cart: \$110. Transportation & lunch provided.
Chairperson: Dr. Andy Yap
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 N Tennis Tournament, Peak Performance Center, Brecksville, Ohio
Tennis Fee: \$50/person. Transportation & lunch provided.
Chairperson: Mrs. Thelma Ortega
- 12:00 N - 8:00 PM Registration, Lobby of Ambassador Room
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Welcome Night Reception & Fellowship, Chairs: Drs. Ben Ortega & Nelin Retizos
- 8:00 PM - 12:00 MN Dancing & Singing Competitions (See application forms). Music by DJ On The Move, Attire: casual, Western outfit preferred.

Day 2, Friday, August 3, 2001

- Venue: Gold Room (all activities for the whole day, classroom table arrangement)
- 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration, Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 AM - 12:00 N Continuing Medical Education
- 12:00 N - 1:00 PM Dr. Jose Cuyegkeng Memorial Lecture (lunch provided)
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Continuing Medical Education
- 6:00 PM - 1:00 PM Silver Jubilarian Night (Dinner-Dance). Free night for all other attendees. Optional: Nautica Queen Dinner Cruise

Day 3, Saturday, August 4, 2001

- Venue: Gold Room
- 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration, Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM College of Medicine Report, Dean Esperanza Lansang
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Alumni Foundation Report, Dr. El Castro
- 10:00AM - 11:00AM UERMMMC President 's Report, Dr. Felipe Sese
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 N General Assembly
- 12:00 N - 1:00 PM Lunch Break
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Alumni Executive Council Meeting, Auxiliary Meeting
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Alumni Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 PM - 1:30 AM Gala Dinner-Dance Night
Dr. Nelin Retizos, Emcee
Music by Manila USA Band
- 6:00 PM - 12:00 MN Youth Dance

Overall Convention Chairman, Dr. Bert Bangayan, '64

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Convention Events Registration

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YEAR OF GRADUATION _____
ADDRESS _____
TEL. HOME _____
OFFICE _____
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FEES (Per Person)

Thursday, August 2

Golf Tournament \$110 () \$ _____
Tennis Tournament \$ 50 () \$ _____
Total \$ _____

For above sports registrations only, please make checks payable and send to:

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80 Fallen Oaks Lane
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Tel. (440) 988-2265, Fax (440) 988-2837

Friday, August 3

CME (with lunch) \$300 () \$ _____
Nautica Queen Dinner
& Cruise (optional):
Adult \$ 45 () \$ _____
Child \$ 22 () \$ _____

Saturday, August 4

Gala Dinner &
Dance \$ 90 () \$ _____
Youth Dance \$ 30 () \$ _____
Annual Dues \$ 50 () \$ _____
Or Lifetime
Membership \$500 () \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable and send to:

UERMMMC MAAA, Inc.
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Registration Deadline: July 16th

Cruise Reservations: Please call Mrs. Fely Bangayan, (440-526-9144, e-mail *nmbangayan@cs.com*).

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13TH ANNUAL REUNION AND CONVENTION
RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL
24 Public Square
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August 2-4, 2001

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MISS UERMMMMCMAAA 2001

The UERMMMMCMAAA, Inc. through its Auxiliary is searching for the first Miss UERMMMMCMAAA to be crowned during the Gala Night on August 4th at the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel.

Proceeds from this event will be channeled to the UERMMMMC Alumni Foundation USA, Inc. which is a 501C3 tax-exempt entity. The winner will be determined by the amount of funds raised by the candidate through (a) sale of ballots, (b) advertisements, and, (c) donations.

QUALIFICATIONS: (1) any daughter or nearest kin living in the same household of a UERMMMMC medical alumnus/alumna and (2) she must be 16-23 years old.

If interested, please fill out the following form:

NAME _____ Date of Birth _____
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Please mail the completed form to:

Fely D. Bangayan
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Brecksville, Ohio 44141

ENTRY FORMS

SHOWCASE OF TALENTS

Welcome Reception Night
Thursday, August 2, 2001

These contests are open to all alumni. Participants, please fill out the following entry form and send to Dr. Renato Querubin by mail, fax or e-mail (see other side of this page) no later than June 1, 2001. Prizes await the winners.

DANCE COMPETITION

Category _____ Name (s) _____
Single _____
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SINGING COMPETITION

Category _____ Name (s) _____
Solo _____
Duet _____
Trio _____
Quartet _____
Chorus _____

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
Thursday, August 2, 2001

Register early and submit your foursome. Pre-registration: \$110 (includes green fee, cart, transportation, lunch, and prizes). HOLE-IN-ONE: FORD EXPLORER.

Make check payable to UERMMMMC MAAA, Inc. and mail along with this form to Dr. Renato Querubin, 80 Fallen Oaks Lane, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

For more information, please contact Dr. Andy Yap, Golf Tournament Chairman., 10096 Fitzwater Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141, Tel No. (440)526-2547, Cellphone (216) 849-7245. NAMES OF FOURSOME:

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

HOTEL RESERVATION:

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel (216-696-5600 or 800-468-3571). Single/Double Occupancy: \$139; Deluxe Suite: \$350. Deadline for hotel reservation: July 1, 2001

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