Maroon On Blue
by: Rubén F. Balane
(UP Law 1966)

Webster defines maroon as a color of a dark red hue. Blue is, well, it’s what you see when the sky is not grizzled by the habagat, or when the sea is not choked by trash.

The UP Maroons don’t win basketball championships (they haven’t won one in more than a quarter of a century) but they believe they have a law school to be mighty proud of. They have appropriated for their alma mater Holmes’ famous boast about teaching law in the grand manner. Of course, nothing in this world is universally accepted, not even the roundness of the planet. So the point may remain arguable, especially among non-maroons.

What is not arguable is that there is a heavy maroon presence on the blue turf of the Ateneo Law School. A scrutiny of the faculty list in the latest ALS catalogue reveals the names (by my count) of 15 UP law graduates. They teach a variety of subjects: Remedial Law, Torts, International Law, Succession, Persons, Labor, Media Law, Criminal Law, Tax, Civil Law Review, and so on.

There are aspects of the Ateneo law school culture initially unfamiliar to these maroons: the better attire of the students (the UP law students flaunt their deformed T-shirts, some and their threadbare faded and after class, proctored and such terms as free cut and to bar reviewees. of the “Rockwell” which make

recitation method Dillman as the Socratic celebrations for teachers get a respite from wars.

There are subtler, less there is a strong maroon the upside of question and to challenge auctoritate downside of which is sometimes a dash of that, manner, a touch of smug dish-rag shirt. An old Jesuit difference between the students

perceptible nuances, though: iconoclast echo in which is the tendency to coupled with a disdain for pronouncements, and the coarseness (and there is too), a certain petulance of haulture beneath that mentor once told me that the of the two leading schools in the US

was that those of one school acted as if they owned the place, while those of the other acted as if they didn’t care who owned the place. That may properly apply to UP and Ateneo law students but I’m not sure how to assign the categories.

When I started teaching at the Ateneo Law School in 1982 (having already taught for 12 years at UP) I was, to my knowledge, only one of two UP law alumni on the faculty. The other was Justice Pampio Diaz, former dean of the school (I think Fr. Art Ferrer, another maroon, was away in Cagayan de Oro, though he tells me he would teach here during the summers of those years).

There were some moments of discomfort, truth to tell, but my Ateneo background (grade school, high school, college) was a huge attenuating factor. Besides, I knew of several true-blue Ateneans who had gone to UP for law; some of them of eminent stature: Ambrosio Padilla, Soc Rodrigo, Deogracias Reyes, and that titan of civil law, JBL Reyes. Still, at various instances, I had to feel my way through. The only thing I was sure of was that my teaching standards in both schools had to be exactly the same. And so they were.

The other maroons started trickling in: Benjamin Festin, Antonio Bautista, Jun Salvador, Rolli Vinluan, Tony La Viña, Dangal de Leon, Doming Disini, Ed Robles, Reggie Quimbo, Coch Cohingyan, Mario Bautista, Rico Domingo, et al, and the list is still growing. So substantial have their numbers become that a wit started referring to them, good-naturedly, as the UP cabal.

Dean’s Corner
I wish to welcome you this second semester of SY2012-13 with some refreshing news on recent developments in our school programs.

“The Ateneo Law Student Study” (TALSS) with a team of psychologists from the Bulatao Center is now more than halfway through with the project. Its subject of inquiry goes into a broad range of indicative information on the profile of the Ateneo law students. This should go a long way in planning for more responsive and appropriate services for our students in the years to come. A presentation of the findings of TALSS will be made before the Annual Jesuit Legal Education and Leadership Seminar for students in March 2013 and during the Annual Faculty Development Seminar in May 2013.

Digitization of school records and files of all graduates of the Ateneo Law School is also in progress through the technical services of C.D. Asia and with the support of ALS Class ‘89, this year’s host for the Law Alumni Homecoming. The Administration welcomes the initiative of ALS Class ‘89 with deep gratitude and appreciation. It is indeed a reinforcing tool for this year’s homecoming theme, “What’s in a name?” Turn to page 2.
Maroon On Blue from page 1

It is interesting to note that the traffic has not gone in both directions. The movement has been towards the Ateneo. What is one to make of this? Miscegenation, whatever else one may think of it, at least enriches the gene pool.

Inbreeding, on the other hand, can produce snobbishness, and, well, just look at all those dynastic houses whose members intermarry.

The maroons may argue that this phenomenon is the best proof of the excellence of their alma mater but I prefer to look at it in another light. The true explanation is likely to be found in the Jesuit attitude towards education, formed since the earliest days of the Jesuit schools, hard upon the foundation of the Jesuits. Loyola's sons have always had an inclusive, open-minded, hospitable policy regarding their schools.

History tells us that from the very start, the Jesuit schools were open to all, regardless of faith and persuasion. By being open to all, their doors admitted the inflow of whatever wisdom others could bring. It was no wonder that when the Society was suppressed in the late 18th century, the Lutheran Frederick the Great of Prussia and the Orthodox Catherine the Great of Russia refused to expel the Jesuits, this not out of any great love for them but that their schools might remain open. The Jesuits, after all, had become known as the best educators in Europe.

Call it the result of a genetic (Jesuit) corporate make-up, but the Ateneo law school has, in many respects, been continually reinventing and renewing itself, as witness the development of electives, the opening of a graduate program, and other initiatives. The JD degree program, way back in 1991 was, of course, an initiative in which the Ateneo played a pioneering role.

It would be presumptuous – and false – to say that the maroons have had a large role in the Ateneo law school's growth process but it would be fair to state that they have been willing participants in it and have proven good team-players. The ferment of ideas is no doubt, enhanced by a variety of backgrounds, approaches, viewpoints, and experiences, a variety which the maroons have in good measure helped provide.

One last word on the title of this brief article, a title suggested by the Dean. Put maroon on blue and watch if it blends. If it doesn't, you get a blushed, maculate blue, an adulteration of pigment. But if it does blend, you get something close to purple, the costliest of all dyes, worthy of a Caesar. Then you're right on the money. That's the color of excellence, of royalty, and of law.

Ateneo Dean First to Lecture in Series on Liberty and Prosperity

On 19 September 2012, Dean Sedfrey Candelaria delivered a lecture entitled “Understanding the Institutional and Functional Role of the International Monetary Fund During Sovereign Debt Crisis Situations,” where he discussed the current sovereign debt crisis of several European nations and analyzed the role of the International Monetary Fund and other global developmental agencies in solving this crisis. The lecture was conducted at the Justitia Room, Ateneo Law School.

In attendance were former Chief Justice and Metrobank Foundation Governance Committee Chairman Hilario G. Davide, Jr., former Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban, as well as Metrobank Foundation, Inc. President Mr. Aniceto M. Sobrepena. The event was organized by a new student organization, the Ateneo Center for International Economic Law (ACIEL).

Dean Candelaria’s lecture was the first of a series of public lectures to be conducted by recipients of 10 Chief Justice Panganiban Professorial Chairs on Liberty and Prosperity, launched by the Foundation for Liberty and Prosperity (FLP), and supported by the Metrobank Foundation. At the end of the lecture, Dean Candelaria was awarded by Chief Justice Panganiban a check for One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00), a grant given to all the recipients of the Professorial Chair.

The lecture came only a day after the formal launch of the Chief Justice Panganiban Professorial Chairs on Liberty and Prosperity at the Metrobank Auditorium, Metrobank Plaza, Makati, on 18 September 2012. Guest of honor was Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes Sereno.

In her keynote address, Chief Justice Sereno said that, by sponsoring the professorial chair program, the FLP “aims to enhance the dialogue on the very complex relationship between an individual’s right to liberty and the concomitant value of prosperity under the rule of law.”

During the launch, the FLP honored its first seven chair holders: retired Supreme Court Justice Adolfo Azcuna (Chancellor, Philippine Judicial Academy), retired Justice Antonio Eduardo Nachura (Chair, Arellano Law Foundation), and law Deans Andres Bautista (Far Eastern University Institute of Law), Sedfrey Candelaria (Ateneo Law School), Danilo Concepcion (University of the Philippines College of Law), Jose Manuel Diokno (De La Salle College of Law) and Nilo Divina (University of Sto. Tomas Faculty of Civil Law). Three others from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will be named soon.

Speaking on behalf of the recipients, Ateneo Law Dean Candelaria explained that “the mandate given us to undertake original research and other means to disseminate the concept of liberty and prosperity requires legal creativity to sift through the wealth of experiences and concerns confronting the nation or the international community and, eventually, weave these facts together in preparation for a thorough analysis.” He added, “our hope that the lectures and activities in the subsequent months and years will create a ripple effect and promote a paradigm that will find its way to judicial service, continuing legal education, but more importantly, with the concomitant impact on the daily lives of our citizens.”
ADSA DOES ADSA
Atty. Giovanni F. Vallente, Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Discipline is the first word usually associated with the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. This is expected as the Associate Dean for Student Affairs (ADSA) is in-charge of handling disciplinary cases involving students. More specifically, the ADSA is in-charge of constituting and supervising disciplinary panels whenever the need arises.

Admissions is another word almost always mentioned in the same breath as the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. The ADSA is usually the most sought after person after the Admission Results is posted. This is because the ADSA also acts as the Director of Admissions. As Director of Admissions, the ADSA assists the Dean in the formulation of admission policies, implements the admission policies and sits as chairperson of the Admissions Committee.

Activities is yet another word linked with the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. This is understandable as the ADSA oversees the conduct of student activities. As such, the ADSA recommends the accreditation of student organizations, approves the activities of the student organizations and acts as an adviser to the Student Council.

Scholarships is the last word associated with the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. The reason for this is the ADSA supervises the student scholarship programs. He sits as member of the Committee that decides on the applications for scholarships.

So the tasks of the ADSA are not really very difficult to remember. These are Admissions, Discipline, Scholarships and Activities or ADSA for short.

Dean’s Corner from page 1

Internationalization of our curricular offerings both at the graduate and JD levels will be enhanced by our forthcoming partnership with the Faculty of Law of Kyushu University (Japan). During a recent visit of a team from Kyushu University in August facilitated by Fr. Joey Cruz, S.J. (VP for University and Global Relations), it was agreed in principle that the two universities, together with the National University of Singapore, University of Malaya and Chulalongkorn University, will engage in the development of joint courses, faculty and student exchange, and, possibly, conferment of Joint or double LLM degrees. There is a strong emphasis on the development of an ASEAN law program in relation to the Japanese legal system. Our International Master of Laws Program candidates could also explore spending part of their residency in the graduate program in Kyushu which will be credited accordingly in our LLM Degree.

Some re-programming and physical restructuring of offices will be done this coming SY2013-14. In order to rationalize supervision of theses and the conduct of researches, including development of course syllabi, the ALS Law Reform and Graduate Legal Studies Institute will be established under the administration of a Director and two Thesis Executive Committees. A portion of the west wing of the third floor will house the Institute beside the student-based organizations engaged in research and publication.

The Bar Review Program will be merged with the Office of the Associate Dean for Continuing Legal Education and Research. A Bar Review Executive Committee has been proposed to further develop the scope of the Bar Review Program and monitor the quality of lecture materials. The Supreme Court has set the Bar Examinations again in October this year. We shall therefore maintain our school schedule based on last year’s academic calendar.

I shall be convening departmental meetings this second semester in preparation for the implementation of these various initiatives. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all University Service Awardees from the Law School, both faculty and staff levels, for their dedication and selfless commitment.

It is also timely to recognize the law professors all around the country who have been installed by the Legal Education Board to the Hall of Fame for Law Professors led by our very own Dean Emeritus Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J., Justice Ricardo C. Puno, Sr. and Justice Lorenzo R. Relova, among others. The installation rites were held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines on November 19, 2012.

Our students have had their share of the limelight in the Asia Cup Moot Court Competition in Japan and the CVC Debates of ANC.

My personal gratitude extends to Ret. Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban for the generous grant of a Professorial Chair on Liberty and Prosperity on September 18, 2012 marked by an elaborate launch at the Metrobank Auditorium. A few other law deans also received the grant. As part of the obligation under the grant, I delivered a lecture on the role of the IMF in current debt crisis situations. Another activity under the grant will be conducted this second semester with the students.

Finally, the timely submission of grades have been lauded by our students. We are now issuing the Honor Cards to deserving students. I thank our faculty members for their prompt response.

Ateneans Nominated for CJ Post

Four legal luminaries from the Ateneo Law School were nominated for the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. They are:

Roberto A. Abad – Justice Abad finished his law degree in 1968 after obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree from MLQU. He was the Dean of UST Faculty of Law before his appointment as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Juan Andres D. Bautista – The youngest nominee for the CJ post, Dean Bautista studied in Ateneo from elementary to law school where he graduated valedictorian of his class in 1990. He is currently the Chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government and Dean of the FEU Institute of Law and the FEU-La Salle MBA-JD Program. He teaches Constitutional Law in Ateneo Law School.

Arturo D. Brion – Justice Brion graduated as class valedictorian in 1974 and topped the Bar Examinations in the same year. He holds the distinction of having served in all three branches of the government prior to his appointment as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 2008.

Cesar L. Villanueva – Dean Villanueva served as Dean of the Ateneo Law School from 2004 to 2011. He graduated cum laude and class valedictorian in 1981. He placed 2nd in the Bar Examinations in the same year and 6th in the CPA Board Examinations the following year. He is currently the Chairman of the Governance Commission for Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations. He teaches Corporate Law and Sales.

Although the top SC post was ultimately given to Justice Maria Lourdes A. Sereno – who, incidentally, is also an Atenean having obtained her AB Economics degree from the Ateneo de Manila University – all Atenean nominees succeeded in imparting their invaluable insights on judicial reform and were seriously considered by the JBC.
As early as 2003, the host class, Ateneo Law Batch ’88 has been enthusiastically discussing plans for the 2012 alumni homecoming. It may have seemed like a decade in the making, but Batch ’88 certainly was determined to make the 2012 homecoming not only truly memorable but also the most meaningful the Ateneo Law School has ever seen.

After several brainstorming sessions, Batch ’88 decided on a theme that would challenge all bearers of the good and proud Ateneo name and heritage to be truly men and women for others, to be “MAD”, to Make A Difference. To this end, Batch ’88 envisioned a series of fund-raising and socially-oriented events that would support the projects of WaterHope, a collaborative social enterprise which aims to provide clean drinking water, community development programs and livelihood opportunities to the poor as well as the scholarship programs of Ateneo Law School and Ateneo Law Alumni Association, Inc.

Dubbed Make a Difference or simply iMAD, the 2012 Ateneo Law Alumni Homecoming was formally launched on 17 February 2012 during the well-attended fellowship cocktails at the Manila Polo Club hosted by Batch ’88 for the honorees, the Platinum Class of 1942, Golden Jubilarian Class of 1962, Ruby Jubilarian Class of 1972 and Silver Jubilarian Class of 1987.

Kicking off the series of iMAD events, Ateneo Law ’88, Inc. with ALV Events International staged on 29 March 2012 at the Smart Araneta Coliseum the successful benefit concert, "MAD for Music" which featured Basil Valdez, Pops Fernandez, Billy Crawford, Nikki Gil, Geneva Cruz, Kris Lawrence, Rage Band, Spirit of ’67, Jeffrey Hidalgo, Isabella Gonzales and Ms. Kuh Ledesma with Grace Lee as host, and directed by Freddie Santos.

For the homecoming event on 20 July 2012, Batch ’88 engaged as event organizer, SceneShop, Inc. headed by Mio Infante with Director Chari Arispacochaga (of Atlantis Production’s Rock of Ages), scriptwriter Luna Inocian, AVP producer Peachy Salvador, AVP director Mo Zee and production manager Weng Lopez.

Held at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio Global City with over five hundred Atenean lawyers in attendance, the homecoming program hosted by Atty. Rod Nepomuceno (Class ’92) and Cathy Azanza-Dy was preceded by a thanksgiving mass officiated by Outstanding Alumnus awardee, Fr. Joaquin Bernas, SJ. The President of Batch ’88, Atty. Raul Gerodias delivered the welcome remarks and introduced the homecoming keynote speaker, ADMU President Fr. Jett Villarin, SJ. Special guest performers, the Philippines’ most award-winning soprano Rachelle Gerodias, stage actors Sheila Valderrama and Loy Martinez and Highway 54 band entertained the guests through the night. The sumptuous buffet was catered by the Red Chef.

Raffle prizes from PAL, AirPhil and SeaAir/Tiger Asia, Discovery Suites, Diamond Hotel and Time Depot, among others, were given away.

The spirit of iMAD was to bring the alumni community together, recognize the achievements of honorees, and extend assistance to Batch ’88’s beneficiaries. As both MAD or Music and the 2012 Alumni Homecoming proved to be tremendous successes, Batch ’88 hoped nothing less for the
final leg of the iMAD series of events, “MAD for Others” a Legal Mission and Read-Along held in partnership with Wholistic Transformation Resource Center (WTRC), Community Waterhope Foundation, Center for Community Transformation (CCT) and Gerodias Suchianco Estrella (GSE) Law Firm on 24 November 2012 in Barangay Bagong Silangan, Dili man, Quezon City. The activity officially opened with a solemn prayer and opening remarks from WTRC’s Rei Manahan. Afterwards, the teachers from CCT and read-along volunteers led the children in attendance to the daycare area of the venue, where they held the Read-Along program using various Filipino storybooks. Aside from this, the volunteers also conducted a brief Arts and Crafts activity where the children created their own Christmas cards, an entertaining show with guest clown-magicians, and a simple presentation of gifts for all who took part in the day’s activities.

Meanwhile, volunteer lawyers proceeded with their lectures on relevant legal issues, which included Rights of the Accused and Arrest Procedures by Atty. KQ Quimpo; Marriage and Children by Atty. Tony Ligon, Anna Angeles-Patajo and Rhea Mangubat; Wills and Succession by Atty. Paolo Rodriguez; Violence Against Women and Children by Atty. Nicka Hosaka; Overview of Registrations by Atty. Ryan Romero and Tin Ocampo-Tan; and Environmental Law by Atty. Jomi Legaspi.

After the conclusion of the legal presentation, the lawyer-volunteers held a series of “one-on-one” sessions in which each of them offered personal legal advice to those who approached them with various queries and issues. This was done simultaneously with a free eye check-up and blood pressure test, which was administered by CCT volunteer doctors and nurses. A simple Christmas party followed, in which volunteers and attendees each took turns with their own song and dance number presentations, which were often followed by brief acknowledgments of gratitude and encouragement from various persons in attendance.

The day ended with everyone sharing lively conversation over a hearty lunch, and the formal turn-over by Ateneo Law ‘88, Inc. of its donation to Waterhope. With everyone happy and exhausted from such an eventful day, Rei Manahan led the closing prayer and offered a few final words of gratitude as well. In the end, the Legal Mission left Barangay Bagong Silangan with a reason to celebrate, and its volunteers with a reason to be grateful.

For Batch ‘88, it was a wonderful opportunity and a great privilege to host the 2012 Alumni Homecoming. They had hoped not only to leave a lasting legacy in the Ateneo Law School, but more importantly, to truly make a difference in our community.
Blueplate for Better Learning Feeding Program – Year 2

Before the sun is up at about 5:30 am each school day, as the students start arriving at the Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School in Commonwealth, Quezon City, parent volunteers begin working on their tasks for the Blueplate Central kitchen located in the same school. The tasks include cooking 4 sacks of rice, boiling, deboning, and flaking about 80 kilos of chicken and preparing some 125 kilos of calabasa or sayote or sitaw. The parent volunteers cook the meals in huge calderos and then pack the meals in individual plastic containers by around 10:30 am ready to be served to the 4000 most malnourished students from Grades 1 to 4 who are the beneficiaries of the program. The students come from four elementary schools (ES) – MLQ Elementary School, Dona Juana ES, San Diego ES, Fairview ES and Mrs Carmela Oracion. For many of these children, this hot lunch meal is their only decent meal for the day. Without this feeding program, many of them just have rice and toyo, rice and catsup or cup noodles.

The Blueplate Feeding Program was initiated by the Ateneo de Manila Professional Schools (Law School, School of Government, School of Medicine and Public Health, and Graduate School of Business) as a grateful tribute to Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ when his term ended in March 2011.

The program is managed by the Ateneo Center for Educational Development, a center that was established to serve as the ADMUs arm in helping public schools develop. About 93% of Filipino school children are enrolled in public schools which face very challenging circumstances like lack of facilities and instructional materials and poor achievement results among the students caused by a number of factors, malnutrition being among the significant causes. This program was envisioned to be a concrete contribution of the APS to nation building, inspired by the words of the Nobel Prize winner economist Amartya Sen, “To build a nation, build a school house”.

The children’s favorites are chicken tinola, champorado with dili, calabasa and sayote guisado, and arrozcaldo. At the start of the feeding program in July, many of the students are unable to tolerate a full meal serving but by October the students begin to come back for second and third servings.

After 3 weeks in the program, the children start showing signs of improvement – their cheeks become fuller, they become more physically active, and their attendance and participation in class begin to improve. Dr. Alfred Bengzon, VP of the Ateneo Professional Schools, said that it does not take a neurologist or a doctor to see the impact of malnutrition on the development of a child’s brain. It is the deep hope of the Ateneo de Manila that through this feeding program, these poor and malnourished children can benefit fully from their daily classes, complete their education, and have a chance to a better future not only for themselves but for their families as well.

The Blueplate for Better Learning Program also hopes to offer a template for large-scale feeding which can be replicated in other places in the country. Right now, the Blueplate has already served as inspiration and template for other feeding programs – Bagong Silangan (240 children), Paranaque (175 children); Cainta (102 children) and Valenzuela City (6000 children). The Ateneo Law School, through the Human Rights Center, is in the process of working on an ordinance for Quezon City that can allow all malnourished children (and perhaps all public school children in the future) to enjoy hot and nutritious lunch meals every day so that they may be able to study well.

The newly-constructed Blueplate Kitchen was blessed last 25 August 2012 by ADMU President Fr. Jose Villarin, SJ and former ADMU President Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ. In his message to the assembly, Fr. Villarin reiterated that the Blueplate Program is a concrete contribution of the Ateneo de Manila to the slaying of the poverty monster with many hearts. The momentous occasion was attended by representatives from the APS led by Dr. Bengzon and Dean Sedfrey Candelaria, representatives from ACED led by Atty. Jimmy Hofilena and Mrs. Carmela Oracion, representatives from the Local Government of QC and QC Department of Education, parent volunteers, principals and teachers from the four schools, and student beneficiaries — a testimony of the desire to work together to facilitate a better future for the students, one plate at a time.

Those who wish to support the Blueplate feeding program may wish to contribute php 11.50 (cost of a meal per child per day) or php 1495.00 (cost of feeding a child for one school year). Those interested may get in touch with Mely Santos or Vhange Riosa at the Ateneo Human Rights Center at 899-7691 loc. 2109.

Law School Partners with School of Medicine for Legal-Medical Mission

By: Bang Dizon, ALS Student Council External Vice President

In line with the law school’s motto of honing legal professionals as men and women for others, the Ateneo Law Student Council, together with the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health (ASMPH), organized a legal-medical mission at the Medium Security Camp of the New Bilibid Prisons or the National Penitentiary. Around 70 law students volunteered for the event held on August 25, 2012.

The program started with a lecture by the members of the Ateneo Human Rights Center (AHRC), Council of Interns on the indeterminate sentence law and probation law. Atty. Ray Paolo Santiago, Executive Director of the AHRC, gave legal advice in response to queries from the inmates regarding their cases. After the open forum, the students were given time to interact with the inmates. The program concluded with a song and dance number from the College Guild, the performance organization of the Medium Security camp.

Alongside the legal mission, the ASMPH volunteers gave free medical consultation and medicines to the inmates. They were supervised by the ASMPH faculty.

A mass was celebrated by Father Eli Lumbo, S.J. of the Philippine Jesuit Prison Services (PJPS) to cap off the event.

The PJPS, an organization of Jesuit and lay prison volunteer workers, was established in 1994 and is based in the New Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa City. The PJPS assists in the rehabilitation of presently convicted inmates in the national penitentiary and the women’s correctional institution, parolees, pardonees, probationers, and those who have already served their sentences.

The National Penitentiary presently houses over 6,000 inmates in its Medium Security Camp.
On 19 December 2012, the ALS faculty and staff took a break from their hectic schedules to spend a few hours of fellowship in celebration of Christmas. The night was filled with fun and games, which was spiced with a bit of banter and wit from Atty. Toto Villareal who served as the emcee. The Ateneo Law School choir serenaded everyone with beautiful carols. Dean Sedfrey M. Candelaria and some of the faculty members, led by Atty. Mel and Ampy Sta. Maria, joined in to sing “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.” Not to be outdone, Atty. Jack Jimenez floored everybody with his impressive line up of Christmas songs sung in different languages in an effort to bag the prize for his group in one of the games. By the end of the evening everyone won a gift as is customary, making it indeed a merry Christmas for all!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ateneo Law School has pledged to raise **Php 1.5 Million by March 2013** as its contribution to Blueplate for Better Learning. The amount will feed about a thousand children for a school year in one of the four elementary schools adopted by the program. We have raised only a third of the amount so far. Please support Blueplate now!

**Donate**: Donate any amount to Blueplate. Please contact Mely Santos or Vangie Rios at 8997691 loc. 2109 to arrange for the collection of your donations.

**A Blue Plate for Blueplate**: Request for a "blue plate" at the cafeteria right before you order your meal. If you use a "blue plate", this means that you are willing to add Php 10.00 to the cost of your meal to support the program. Simply drop the Php 10.00 in the Blueplate drop box beside the cash register. Have your meal on a "blue plate" and feed a child!

---

**Happy Birthday to our faculty and staff!**

---

**MCLE LECTURE SERIES**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2013 (Saturday)**
- **8-10am** Persons and Family Relations
  - Atty. Melencio S. Sta. Maria
- **10am-12nn** Updates in Banking Law
  - Atty. Alexander Dy
- **1-3pm** Pre-Trial & Trial Skills on Criminal Cases
  - Justice Edilberto Sandoval
- **3-5pm** Modes of Discovery
  - Justice Magdangal M. De Leon
- **5-6pm** Writ of Kalikasan
  - Atty. Dean Antonio La Vina

**FEBRUARY 9, 2013 (Saturday)**
- **8-10am** Ethical Issues in the Practice of Law
  - Justice Hilarion Aquino
- **10am-12nn** Updates on Taxation
  - Justice Ernesto D. Acosta
- **1-3pm** Trial Notebook
  - Atty. Eugenio H. Villareal
- **3-5pm** Legal Ethics in Banking
  - Atty. Reynaldo Geronimo
- **5-6pm** Judicial Adjudicator
  - Judge Filomena Singh

**FEBRUARY 16, 2013 (Saturday)**
- **8-10am** Recent Jurisprudence in Legal Ethics
  - Justice Hector Hofhieñca
- **10am-12nn** Commercial Arbitration
  - Atty. Jorge Alfonsin Melo
- **1-3pm** Developments in Remedial Law
  - Atty. Tranquil S. Salvador III
- **3-5pm** Libel & Right of Reply
  - Atty. Eugenio H. Villareal
- **5-6pm** Public-Private Partnership
  - Atty. Alberto C. Agra

**FEBRUARY 23, 2013 (Saturday)**
- **8-10am** Updates in Criminal Procedure
  - Justice Dennis Villa-Ignacio
- **10am-12nn** Wills and Succession
  - Atty. Ruben F. Balane
- **1-3pm** Intl. Trade Law
  - Atty. JV Chan-Gonzaga
- **3-6pm** Enforcement of Arbitral Awards
  - Atty. Arthur P. Autea

PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST. LIMITED SLOTS ONLY!

**Registration Fee:** Daily Rate: PhP 3,000.00
- PhP 11,000.00 of Atty. MCLE Compliance Fee.

For Inquiries, please call:
- ATENE Napoleon Center for Continuing Legal Education & Research
- Atty. Raul Gerodias
- Ms. Bang Dizon
- Mrs. Carmela Oracion
- Contributions
- Anne Maureen M. Mangahas

**Office Hours:** M-F 11am to 7pm | Sat. 11-3pm only
- **Telephone No.**: 899-7691-96 loc. 2311 or Telefax: 899-7697
- E-mail: accle@aps.ateneo.edu