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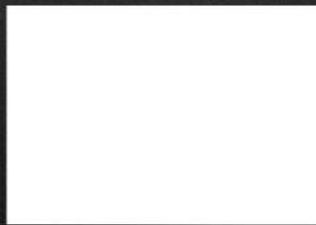
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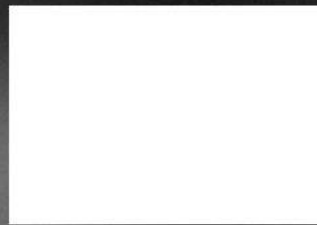
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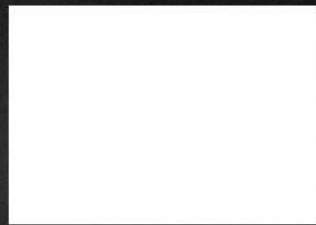
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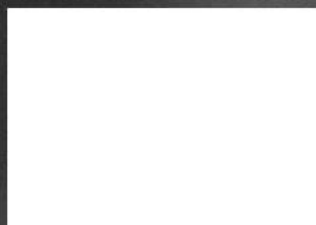
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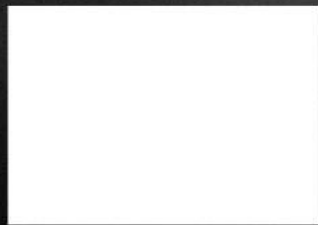
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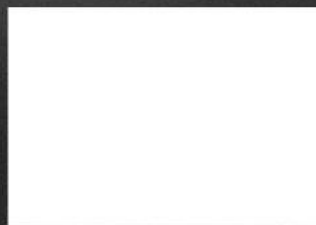
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The PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'd like to keep this part short and sweet. I only have 3 points to make.

First and foremost, congratulations to our Men's Basketball Team for going all the way and winning the UAAP Season 78 men's basketball tournament.

Truly, we had the BEST team this season, and not only because we won the championship. Rather, the underlying reason was that our team adopted the grit and mentality of marathoners: Given that the tournament was a long one, the team would focus on winning it one game at a time. Moreover, it was going to do it with team play and the individual sacrifices even of the star players. In other words, the team completely bought into Coach Nash's system.

So to the FEU MBT, on behalf of the FEU Community, I thank you for ending our championship drought in men's basketball—the most important tournament in the UAAP—and for bringing back the glory to FEU. But before you rest on your laurels, remember that the last time we won the UAAP men's basketball tournament, we kept the championship for 3 years, from 2003 to 2005! So you still have your work cut out for you!(Coach Nash, will you guarantee back to back to back championship?

Second, congratulations as well to the FEU Community who stood by our team through thick and thin. The UAAP men's basketball championship is as much ours as it is the MBT's. Thank you to the students who lined up outside our campus gates in the wee hours so they could buy tickets to the games. Thank you to the students who prepared 10,000 bandanas that we could wave to cheer for our team in the final game of the championship series. Thank you to all--students, faculty and staff, and alumni—who cheered themselves hoarse to gird up the spirit of our team during clutch moments of the games.

Third and final point, winning the UAAP men's basketball tournament for me is yet another sign that we are FEU Ascendant. We are getting better in everything—from sports to academics, and hopefully soon even in research and powering the development of our beloved country, the Philippines.

Go Tamaraws! Far Eastern Onward!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael M. Alba". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Michael M. Alba
President

The CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear FEU Community

Last night, Dec 2, we made a major step towards our FEU 2020 Strategic Plan by winning our 20th UAAP Basketball Men's Championship in 2015!

We had a great team with great character and a never say die spirit particularly in the last 5 minutes of a 67-62 thriller. Our kudos to Coach Nash Racela and his coaching staff, and to Mac Belo, Mike Tolomia, Roger Pogoy, Russel Escoto, Achie Inigo, Prince Orizu, Francis Tamsi, Ron Dennison, Raymar Jose, and the rest of the FEU players. We thank Anton Montinola, Mark Molina, and Ed Garcia for their able support and assistance in molding the Season 78 Tamaraws into a cohesive and team oriented, hungry, "Be Brave" championship squad. Fittingly, this is also our first men's basketball championship since the Arwind Santos led three peat that peaked in 2005.

Most of all, we thank the entire Tamaraw Community for their #HulingSigawTamaraw fighting spirit. From the students to the faculty to the employees to the alumni to the sponsors and to the FEU fans, we thank you for all your individual and collective initiatives that contributed to one giant community oriented Support effort. Apparently, #HulingSigawTamaraw and #GoUSTe trended worldwide last night as two great teams played their hearts out at the Mall of Asia (MOA) Arena.

Everyone helped- and we were appropriately rewarded with a character building win and a whole FEU community that jelled into a cheering, fighting, and winning Team.

Mabuhay ang FEU ! Mission accomplished! We are one! Be Brave!

Aurelio "Gigi" Montinola
Chair, Board of Trustees
December 3, 2015

THE NEW TAM LEGENDS

BY MARK P. MOLINA

During the 75th Founding Anniversary of Far Eastern University, the book *Sports @ FEU* was published to illustrate the university's rich tradition in sports. Olympians like Anthony Villanueva, Lydia De Vega, Elma Muros and Arturo Valenzona were honored together with PBA superstars like Johnny Abarrientos and Arwind Santos.



Athletic achievements in the UAAP were also highlighted. FEU had the most basketball, volleyball, softball and track and field titles in the UAAP and a long line of heroes were produced by the school's sports program.

More than ten years after the book's launch, new champions have emerged and hopefully this article can serve as an inspiration to our future Tamaraws as we present the best and the brightest of FEU's recent sporting history.



RACHEL ANN DAQUIS - Volleyball

Nobody can come close to the impact of Rachel Ann Daquis, not just to FEU but to the sport of volleyball in the Philippines. Back in 2005 when Rachel was a freshman, the UAAP volleyball finals was held at 8AM at the UP Gym with at most 100 people in attendance. Today volleyball games are held at 15,000 seat arenas and televised on high definition to the whole world.

This surge in the game's popularity can be attributed mainly to Daquis. Her strong attacks and toughness combined with her supermodel looks took the whole UAAP by storm. Suddenly, volleyball became a huge draw and FEU had the biggest superstar. 2009 would see the queen's crowning as Rachel, together with Wendy Semana and Maica Morada led the Lady Tamaraws to their record 29th UAAP women's volleyball title.



PAOLO BUGAS - Football

Back in 2007 through its high school in Diliman, FEU started a juniors football program. One of the first to join was a diminutive kid from Nabunturan, Compostela Valley in Mindanao. He was not even 5 feet tall and maybe weighed 100 pounds at best. All he had was a dream to become a football player and a big heart.

With Paolo leading the charge, the Baby Tams won the first of a still current sixth straight UAAP juniors football title in 2010. The following year as a high school senior, Bugas together with his mates would go on an unprecedented undefeated season as the Baby Tams won the RIFA, UAAP and Palarong Pambansa titles.

With the entire team moving over to the Manila campus for college, FEU did the unthinkable by winning the UAAP men's, women's and juniors championship for two straight years and Bugas would be honored as the league's MVP. Paolo also became the only collegiate player to play for the Philippine Azkals in international competition as he added a national team cap to his growing collection of accolades.



CHRISTOPHER ULBOC - Track and Field

Christopher Ulbo wanted to quit running after a frustrating year at FEU. He started trying new sports to keep his athletic scholarship. Fortunately for the school and the country, he never gave up. With a renewed sense of purpose, Ulbo shattered the UAAP record in the 3000 meter steeplechase and became UAAP MVP in 2012 as the Tamaraws won their 2nd of a still ongoing sixth straight crown.

These achievements were not unnoticed as soon the fleet-footed, Ulbo would be tapped to represent the Philippines in international games. On a clear and cool night at the Singapore National Stadium, Christopher, Ulbo weaved his magic as he came from behind in the final lap to win the Gold Medal in the 2015 South East Asian Games. This was his second straight SEA Games steeplechase gold as he established himself as one of the country's rising stars in athletics.



JANELLE MAY FRAYNA - Chess

Janelle Frayna is used to competing with the boys. With no girls competition in UAAP High School Chess, Janelle competed against the males and won two championships for FEU Diliman. Later on as a 19 year old college sophomore, Janelle became the first woman chess player to defeat a male Grandmaster as she bested GMs Joey Antonio and Richard Bitoon in the Battle of Grandmasters tournament in 2014.

Frayna also led the Lady Tamaraws to FEU's first ever UAAP women's chess crown in 2015 as she was adjudged as the tournament's MVP. With vast experience competing in major international competitions like the Olympiad, Janelle has won two Grandmaster norms. This is just one norm away to becoming the country's first Woman Grandmaster.



RAY MARK BELO - Basketball

Is Mac Belo FEU's biggest sporting hero of the past 10 years? Let's ask and find out.

Does he deliver in the clutch? Yes, he made not just one but two game-winning buzzer beaters in the 2014 Final Four against La Salle and the 2015 Final Four against Ateneo.

Does he have national team experience? Yes, he won two South East Asian Games and two SEABA gold medals.

Does he get recognition outside of the UAAP? Yes, he was awarded by the Philippine Sportswriters Association with the Amateur Basketball Player of the Year Award and the National Collegiate Player of the Year by the Philippine Collegiate Champion's League.

Does he have a UAAP Championship? Yes, he was the Finals MVP when FEU won its UAAP record 20th men's basketball title in 2015.

You be the judge.

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ALL GOLD FOR ALL GAMES

by Jose Cabaltera



Past UAAP season's presented a peculiar conundrum: the challenge to unite the FEU crowd behind one color. In an arena where archers are always green and bulldogs always blue, our green and gold proved equally popular. The challenge was further complicated with the TAMS Bookstore's dedication to keeping its shelves ever-interesting and fresh by producing a multitude of designs employing colors atypical for school spirit especially in grey, black and white.

I recall one specific game in 2014 at the Araneta Coliseum that left me with a particularly bitter taste of envy. The FEU Men's Senior Basketball team competed against Ateneo's Blue Eagles. It was a trying game for our side as the opposing team's sixth man chanted in deafening unison while the expansive blue clad crowd drowned our fans with disillusionment and intimidation who couldn't even muster a united color bloc. The FEU crowd was an unfortunate kaleidoscope.

With this current season, we attacked the situation with a plan. FEU will own the gold. Even against UST, against whom FEU traditionally wore green, FEU will insist and own the gold.

The campaign was established: ALL GOLD FOR ALL GAMES – a simple poignant message that hit social media and stuck. Banners were hung in each campus bookstore declaring this season's golden rule. Furthermore, to assure compliance, the TAMS Bookstores forced the issue by removing green tees from the sales floor – not prohibiting their sale, merely coercing the community to buy gold tees because that was all the customers saw. It was an added bonus that the Cheerdance Competition's choice of color fell in line with the All Gold for All Games campaign.

We all witnessed the result in the stands: a gilded compact mass stretching 360 around MOA. There was no discernment between our side and USTs outside the celebratory cries that echoed as each team scored. During the final game, FEUSCO distributed countless hand-cut pieces of neon green fabric that undulated across our side of the golden sea from courtside to the rafters. Countless FEU smart phone touch screens glowed green during the final minutes of the game with cosmic verisimilitude and in the collective knowledge that this was our time, at long last, once again.

TAMS 2020

The success of our unity was not in vain. The TAMS Bookstore had decided in August to donate Php 20 of each shirt sale to TAMS 2020, the university's initiative in collaboration with the World Wildlife Foundation to double the tamaraw population, presently hovering under 400 animals, and save our mascot from extinction.

Sales began slowly in August with the Pep Rally that started the new UAAP season. By the end of the Men's Senior Basketball team's first round, the TAMS Bookstore had raised a measly Php 8,400. However, the second round proved more fortuitous as school spirit escalated and the TAMS Bookstore counted over 2,000 spirit shirts sold in its stores system wide, more than quadrupling its TAMS 2020 donation to just under 44,000 pesos.

When FEU secured the UAAP's most coveted prize, the Senior Men's Basketball championship title, the TAMS Bookstore's suppliers, anticipating our victory, produced tees celebrating our success blindingly quick with fresh designs arriving the very next morning. From that date, December 2, until our campuses closed for the holidays 16 days later, the TAMS Bookstore's donation amounted to an incredible 106,000 pesos, with a total donation amounting to 160,660 pesos.



The amount raised was done so without extensive marketing or any collaboration with FEU t-shirt vendors outside our campus grounds. This 2015 campaign set the benchmark for next year's UAAP campaign where we will create more noise for the TAMS 2020 initiative while uniting the TAMS Bookstore with its off-campus competition into one community with a single purpose: to prevent the tamaraw from disappearing from this Earth forever.

WORD PLAY

by Gianna R. Montinola

Tension...anxiety...jubilation...sorrow...happiness...
disappointment...frustration...hope....relief.

All part and parcel of the FEU TAMARAWS Men's Basketball journey. And what a journey it has been!

We made it to the finals yet again, frightened to hope for too much. We had been waiting in the wings all these past 10 years.

But this year was different. Our BE BRAVE 16 Men's Basketball team made it to the finals and game 1 was convincingly ours.

Nevertheless, the UST Growling Tigers weren't going to give up that easily.

It was a competitive yet friendly almost seamless sea of gold and yellow for Game 2 at the Araneta Coliseum. Both schools, after all, were neighbors in the University belt, and fellow teams in the UAAP since the beginning of time. Amidst the roaring, screaming, clapping, hooting and cajoling, the placards, posters and banners on both sides told yet another story.

On the FEU side, were the very prominent:



#BE BRAVE

The dying last words of the founder Nicanor Reyes to his daughter, which the athletic teams adopted as part of their mantra



#LEAD THE CHARGE

The tamaraw charge, of course



NGAYON ANG TAMANG PANAHOON

10 years has been too long a wait



NO MORE CHANCE

we were sick and tired of 1 more chance



THIS IS OUR TIME!

yes, we have waited too long



TODAY IS OUR DAY!

hope springs eternal!

But as our lead dwindled, and Kevin Ferrer pumped in 6 straight triple shots in 1 quarter, the future suddenly looked bleak.

A jubilant UST crowd responded, their banners screaming:



NOT TODAY!



LIKE POPOY AND BASHA, A SECOND CHANCE!

(The popular movie of John Loyd Cruz and Bea Alonso, which coincidentally was filmed in the UST campus)

Game 2 was theirs.

Game 3 at the Mall of Asia was our do-or-die moment. It was anybody's ballgame, close, nerve wracking and a roller coaster ride. And the banter between signs continued.

On the FEU side:



SA INYO NA SI POPOY, AMIN SI POGOY

(referring of course to Roger Pogoy, one of our stars)

And getting personal, the FEU crowd further boasted:



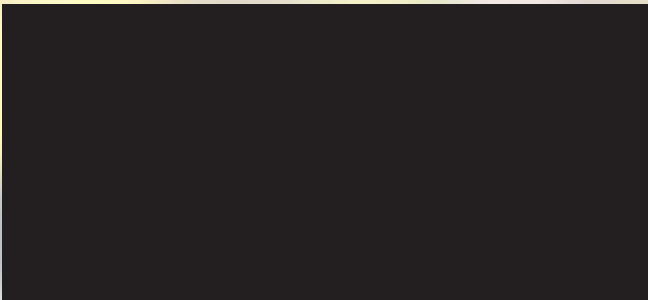
KUNG UST SI HAYDEN KHO, FEU NAMAN SI BELO

(a play on our star and team captain Mac Belo and popular makeover Doctor Vicky Belo).

A hope and a prayer for a championship was evident:



S'AMIN ANG TroPIYU!



KAMI LANG, KAMI NA LANG ULIT

(referring, of course, to our 19 UAAP basketball championships, the winningest team in the UAAP)



NAKIKITA KO NA ANG PANALO!

But UST was not about to give up. Clamoring for a repeat performance they pronounced:



NANINIWALA AKO SA "FERRER"ver!

And:



BRING BACK THE CROWN TO ESPAÑA!

Fortunately for us, it was not to be UST's day. In a very closely fought game, FEU inched its way, slowly but surely past the finish line, successfully preventing Ferrer from exploding yet again. The triumphant FEU TAMARAWS nailed their 20th UAAP championship in 2015.

And the crowd of PiYu fans had to have the last say:



NOT ALL SECOND CHANCES HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS!



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CAPTAIN MAC

HONORED AS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

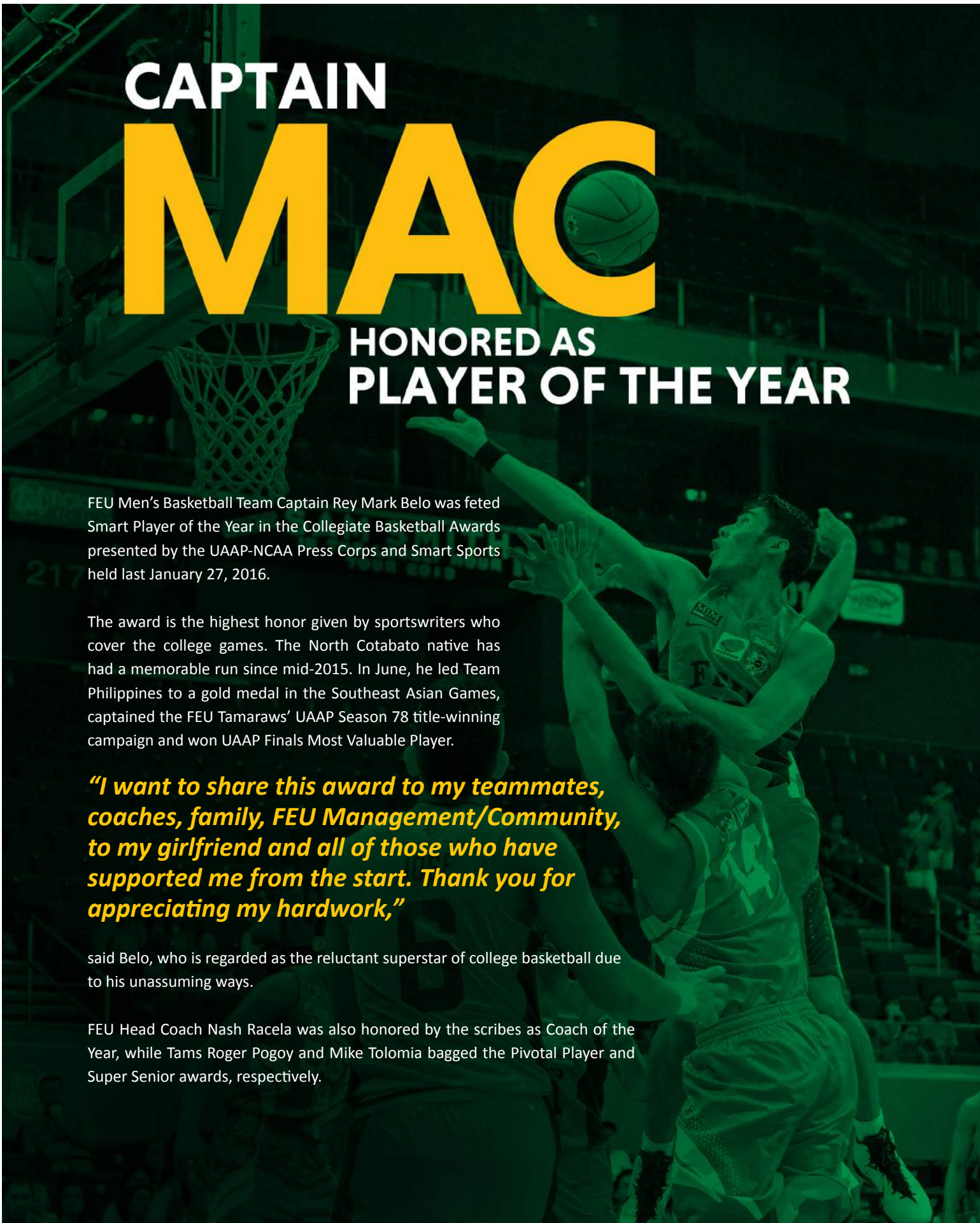
FEU Men's Basketball Team Captain Rey Mark Belo was feted Smart Player of the Year in the Collegiate Basketball Awards presented by the UAAP-NCAA Press Corps and Smart Sports held last January 27, 2016.

The award is the highest honor given by sportswriters who cover the college games. The North Cotabato native has had a memorable run since mid-2015. In June, he led Team Philippines to a gold medal in the Southeast Asian Games, captained the FEU Tamaraws' UAAP Season 78 title-winning campaign and won UAAP Finals Most Valuable Player.

"I want to share this award to my teammates, coaches, family, FEU Management/Community, to my girlfriend and all of those who have supported me from the start. Thank you for appreciating my hardwork,"

said Belo, who is regarded as the reluctant superstar of college basketball due to his unassuming ways.

FEU Head Coach Nash Racela was also honored by the scribes as Coach of the Year, while Tams Roger Pogoy and Mike Tolomia bagged the Pivotal Player and Super Senior awards, respectively.







TAMBULI UAAP SPECIAL

THE REDEEMING MOMENT

BY JOSHUA LOUIS BUENAVENTURA, UAAP MEDIA COORDINATOR

As the clock wound down the final moments of the UAAP Season 78 Men's Basketball season, there was complete and absolute joy among the FEU bench and side of the MOA Arena. Everybody started jumping, whooping, shouting, whatever it was they could do to let the emotions out. But there was one significant moment that really struck with me as the buzzer sounded.

All the FEU players started running towards Coach Nash Racela and hugged him in one of the wildest and tightest group hugs you will ever see in basketball. They mobbed him, as all the confetti ran down over the court, without giving a damn as to who was beside them or what was happening around them. There was truly a legit circle of trust, an unbreakable bond between him and those 15 guys on the roster. It was pure elation, joy, and fulfillment after having conquered their worst nightmare. Finally, the FEU Tamaraws have exorcised the demons of seasons past.

Coach Nash got the victory parade that served as a late birthday present. Roger Pogoy hugged his assistant coach, the great Johnny Abarrientos as the Cebuano drowned all his tears out. The recruits from down south Monbert Arong and Ron Dennison hugged each other. Mike Tolomia climbed on top of the giant Prince Orizu to tear down the nets. Athletic director Mike Molina hugged assistant coach Ryan Betia. All their scouting and recruitment from all over finally paid off. The famous Anton Montinola displayed a smile that I've never seen him flash before in all my years of watching the UAAP. Sir Christian Evasco's eyes turned red as tears fell down his cheeks and onto his signature green and gold jacket that he always has on. Even their courtside reporter Ganiel Krishnan was shaking as she tried to hold back tears of joy, albeit while still looking as stunning as ever.

But the most memorable moment had to be Mac Belo hugging his mom who came all the way from their hometown. As he held her in his arms as she cried, it was just a perfect sight. A mother hugging his son after achieving his dream. Made me quite teary eyed too.

It was very bold of Mac to say that it was okay if he didn't make it to the PBA as long as he won a UAAP championship. That itself is the only testament you need to summarize how the past UAAP basketball season just unfolded. For the league's #1 team's best player to say that, it said a lot about their unselfishness and maturity. It symbolized their growth, their unity, and desire to aim for what is the greater good.

I've always wanted to experience what it felt like to win a basketball tournament or league such as this. It's always been one of my dreams as a kid. Whether it be coach, manager, statistician or whatever. Seeing how this year's crop of Tamaraws achieved their goal is probably the closest I've gotten to it.



TAMBULI UAAP SPECIAL: GREEN AND GOLD GLORY: DISSECTING FEU'S FOOTBALL DOMINANCE

by Bob Guerrero (Originally published in Rappler.com on March 09, 2015)

FEU won the men's seniors and women's UAAP Season 77 football titles on Sunday, with the men defeating DLSU 3-2 in extra time hours after the Lady Tams overcame UP 2-1. The high school team of Far Eastern also won the juniors title last week, a fifth in a row. That means FEU has the treble, a clean sweep of all three UAAP football crowns, for the second year in a row, an incredible achievement in these very tough competitions.

The men's final had everything we expect from a cup final. But an hour into the contest, with the score deadlocked 0-0, it seemed like both teams went into battle with empty quivers. DLSU coach Hans Smit's curious decision to field Yoshiharu Koizumi, usually a deep-lying playmaker, at target forward was a bit odd, and it did not prosper. But the La Sallian defense thwarted every Tamaraw attempt.

And then, a frenzy of goals ensued, with DLSU leading twice and FEU storming back to tie 1-1 and 2-2 to send the game into extra time. There was controversy too as referee Rey Ritaga failed to give FEU a penalty late. In the extension he sent Arnel Amita and Nicholas Ferrer off. But FEU found an extra gear in the end of regulation and in extra time to send DLSU crashing to their first loss of the season with Paolo Bugas' deflected winner.

The Tams showed tremendous character and mental toughness in coming from behind. The game was a microcosm of a rollercoaster Season 77 where they struggled at times, losing to NU and dropping points to UP. But in the game, as in the season, they finished strong.

My Man of the Match was Eric Giganto, who scored on the night and also dished off to Jhan Jhan Melliza on his goal after expertly handling a long pass. In previous years all the talk with FEU has been about Paolo





Bugas, Melliza, and Amita. Giganto proves that he is their equal at the very least.

Giganto finishes the season with seventeen strikes, more than any other, but because he got suspended in this season, was ineligible to get the Golden Boot award, which went to UP's Jinggoy Valmayor.

FEU are reaping the rewards of building a program the right way. There is really nothing particularly trailblazing or innovative about how FEU became the 400-pound gorilla of Pinoy youth football. They simply decided to recruit high school kids to get them playing and growing up side-by-side as they segued to the collegiate game. Add a world-class mentor with Kim Chul Su, have them train on a proper pitch, and FEU just had to wait for it all to come together.

FEU just may be the closest thing the Philippines has to a football academy, where promising young kids study while



honoring their craft in a very serious environment. The product is a juggernaut that will surely help bolster the national team for years to come.

Imagine if we had three, four, or even five of these kinds of programs all over the country? Wishful thinking maybe, but that could definitely make us even more competitive regionally without relying as much on overseas-born players.

And for the ladies? Alumnus Let Dimzon, who helped coach the Lady Tams into a three-peat powerhouse under the watchful eye of Master Kim. Dimzon must have a top-drawer football mind, since she topped an international coaching course in Germany last year which had male and female coaches from all over the world.

But the real sensei of FEU is Kim. His English is halting at best, but he must know how to wring every ounce of quality from a promising kid. Vince Santos, FEU football head, said that Kim insists that every FEU player master a set of twenty "foundation skills." But his playbook goes a lot, lot deeper than the basics.

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