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AN OLD SCHOOL GROUP REDISCOVERS ITSELF OR, THE BARBARIANS ARE ALIVE AND WELL!

It has been said that whenever Filipinos gather, there are an equal number of organizations to be found. While this hyperbole may have its rationale -- witness all the various associations: hometown, religious, civic, political, etc. -- it doesn't seem to be true with UP engineers. Aside from the understandably cohesive Greek brotherhoods spanning a wide range of years, we "barbarians" of the mid '60s (up or down a year or two) really haven't gotten together as a group. Until lately, that is.

Perhaps we have been too shy, or anti-social, but whatever the case, that ain't true no more! See what America has done to us, after all these years!

Oh yes, there have been UP Alumni Association meetings here and there, and we attend it because of someone

we know, or because it's a fundraiser, and invariably, we see the function as a agglomeration of factions, which we really can't belong to, and feel at home with, until we find our *niche*.

This is what this *Newsletter* is all about. A *niche for UP Engineers* of circa '63-'65 plus or minus a few. Or for that matter, any one-time UP engineer who is rarin' to go with us, and be one of us! And mind you, we didn't say UP Alumni engineer exclusively. Some of the best guys we have in the group started as such but finished elsewhere in different courses and at other places. All that matters is that this is the group that: remembers the trials and travails of the math terrors at the AS department; sat together in Prof *Tec Hedriana's* classes; shared the field trips going up to *Ambuklao*; or manned the machinery and equipment during those hands-on experiments at

the college, or made merry at the *Engineering Smokers*.

This Newsletter is to be an informal, spontaneous, informative and hopefully hilarious vehicle to keep us UP Engineers and families in Southern California in touch with one another, and with other organized groups of our brother engineers. Through this medium, we shall sponsor and report get-togethers, host parties for long-lost classmates who are visiting, network amongst ourselves for interesting opportunities, and generally, make life more pleasant by keeping in touch. After all, a sage once said that as one grows older, he seeks out more of his kith and kin, his kind, in a sort of way which can only be described as the "herd instinct".





August 17, 1996 at a party honoring Tigi Barcelona. L to R sitting: Warly Villa, Tigi, Fred Montemayor, Rey Sanidad. Standing: Danny Gil, Tony Estrera, Luis Pascual, Rem Chica, Ike Descallar, Ben Eugenio, Nick Cabison, Pros Ordinario and Douglas Placer. Others who had left before this group photo were: Mario Manansala, Donnie Joaquin, Angel Santa Maria and Ernie Pangilinan. On succeeding pages are photos of some of these gentlemen from 32 years back. Try to match them, and see what time has done to some.