8-1-1988

UD Professor Receives Bird's Eye View of Democracy in the Philippines, "Gender Gap" Doesn't Surprise UD Professor, Women's Vision Needed in Upcoming National Election

Follow this and additional works at: https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls

Recommended Citation
https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls/4997

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing and Communications at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in News Releases by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlangen1@udayton.edu.
UD PROFESSOR RECEIVES BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF DEMOCRACY IN THE PHILIPPINES

The re-democratization of the Philippines under the Corazon Aquino government can be described as "old wine in a new bottle," according to Antonio E. Lapitan, a UD political science professor who recently returned from a six-month visiting professorship in the Philippines. In 1986, the Philippines re-established a democratic system after the fall of the Marcos regime.

Unless the Aquino government takes steps to strengthen the socio-economic basis of democracy in the country, he maintains, the government may not last. "The very unequal distribution of wealth in the country continues to influence the election process and, therefore, the selection of people who make public policies in the Philippines," said Lapitan, who had the opportunity to observe the recent election of provincial and local officials in the country.

Lapitan's recent trip to the Philippines was financed through a $10,000 Rotary Grant for University Teachers--one of only 15 grants given in the world by the Rotary Foundation. A Madison Twp. resident, Lapitan hopes to set up a faculty exchange program between UD and Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City. For media interviews, contact Antonio Lapitan at (513) 229-4326.

"GENDER GAP" DOESN'T SURPRISE UD PROFESSOR, WOMEN'S VISION NEEDED IN UPCOMING NATIONAL ELECTION

One highly publicized issue in the upcoming presidential election is the so-called "gender gap."

That gap doesn't surprise Patricia A. Johnson, director of the Women Studies Program at UD and co-editor of a new book, With Both Eyes Open: Seeing Beyond Gender. Part of it can be attributed to women's perceived lack of involvement in politics. "College classes asked to list the names of women, other than entertainers and athletes or presidents' wives, who have done significant work and helped to make history can seldom come up with even five names," Johnson and co-editor Janet Kalven wrote in the book's opening chapter.

"As Gerda Lerner points out in The Creation of Patriarchy, women constitute half the human race and have been active at all times and places, helping to build society and keep it going. Women are not absent from history; they have been rendered invisible in the written record."

A resident of the city of Dayton, Johnson gathered the essays for the book from presentations of papers at a 1986 UD lecture series. For media interviews, contact Pat Johnson at (513) 229-4285.

FOR ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING INTERVIEWS, CONTACT EITHER TERI RIZVI OR PAM HUBER AT (513) 229-3241.

The University of Dayton

For further information or assistance in scheduling interviews, contact Public Relations and University Communications, 229-3241.