

Terrapi**NOISE!**

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**Happy Undas Day!**By Junelle Rivera,  
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**T**he White Lady, Aswang, Kapre, Kumakatok. It is that time of year again! Halloween, that is. In the Philippines, however, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are spelled differently, i.e. U-N-D-A-S!

**U-nite**

Although technically, November 2 is the day for the dead, Filipinos reunite with friends and family to commemorate their departed loved ones on November 1.

**N-ights at the Cemetery**

Cemeteries are usually lifeless (literally) and creepy even. Come October 31, people start to gather and camp on the graves of their

beloved. Some come to visit for hours; and some, to stay overnight. Believe it or not, the ambiance becomes festive. People would repaint the tombs, offer flowers and candles; and after saying a prayer, the rest of the day becomes a reunion among the living relatives.

**D-ares, games, and stories**

These are what kids normally do while their parents are sincerely praying for the souls of their relatives.

**A-ppael**

Because the Philippines is a predominantly Catholic country, Filipinos believe that their departed

loved ones are in purgatory – a state after death wherein souls are made pure through sufferings before they can enter heaven. That's why at least once a year, if not every day, we pray for their souls.

**S-ouls and Saints**

It is believed that after our loved ones are purified in purgatory, they enter heaven and thus become saints. They can then intercede for the living and pray for us.

So as you spend this time living it up with candy, friends, and the new freshman reps, try to take a little time out of your day to honor your dearly departed.

**Bon Voyage, Bonavente:****A Message from the Outgoing Freshman Rep** By Jorge Bonavente

It's that time of the year again, we're getting new freshman reps! Who'll be the next hype man and cheerleader for the new class of freshies?! I may have passed on the torch, but you guys know I'll always be around to get ridiculous with y'all! I never had the chance to enjoy what Eboard planned up for the general body, I always knew exactly what was going to happen! And so I'm really looking forward to seeing what our new officer team can put together. Here's some advice for the new reps: Don't forget that you're not just an officer that lets your class in on what's going on in FCA; you're also a friend. Don't let your position as an officer get in the way of the genuine relationships you can develop with your classmates. Once you can find that balance, you'll be on your way to truly representing the class of 2019.

**Upcoming Events****DAY OF THE DEAD**  
**Collab with CLSO**

Mon. 11/2, 5-7pm  
@ Terrapin Room B & C

**HOMECOMING**  
**TAILGATE MIXER**

Sat. 11/7, 10am  
@ UMD Lot 11b

**MICA Film Screening**

Mon. 11/9, 12:30-2pm  
@ Margaret Brent Room A

**Next GBM**

Thur. 11/12, 7pm  
@ Art-Soc 2309

**TURKEY BOWL**

Sat. 11/14, 8:30am  
@ George Mason University

**Filipino**  
**Superstitions**

In the spirit of Halloween and Undas, here are some spooky/death-related superstitions you may or may not have heard of:

1. When 3 people pose for a picture, the one in the middle will be the first to die.
2. A dead person who is buried with his shoes on will haunt his relatives and, during his arrival, his loud footsteps will be heard.
3. A beautiful flower or candle scent smelled in a home after a death of a beloved, means there's a spirit of the dead visiting who wants the relatives to know he/she's around.
4. If you dreamt of yourself dying, bite the trunk of the tree in your backyard so that bad omen would go to the tree instead of to you.



# Just Ask Josh!

Submit your own questions through Twitter using #JustAskJosh!

## Advice Column

### What is your favorite memory of Halloween?

My favorite memory of Halloween would be when I was 8, and I decided to go trick or treating multiple times. My neighborhood had their trick or treating maybe a day or two before Halloween, and my friend's neighborhood had their trick or treating on Halloween night. I went both nights, got enough candy to feel sick for the next three days. :)

### What is your favorite and least favorite candy?

My favorite candy would have to be Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. My least favorite candy would be Mounds. I don't really like coconut that much, especially in candy form.

### If you could spontaneously drive anywhere tonight for a fun adventure, where would it be? Be realistic.

I would drive straight to Kings Dominion. I hear they have some sort of Scare Fest during the Month of October, and that'd be really fun to experience.

### Any costumes that a person shouldn't wear this Halloween?

Anything that would make you cold

during night of.

### I need costume ideas. Any memorable costumes that you would like to share?

There have been so many costumes that I've worn that people still won't let down. My high school friends still remember that one time I was Mojo Jojo for Halloween. I was also known as "That Pikachu" guy my first year in FCA. But hey, it's not a bad thing to be known for.



## Creative Corner The Velvet Room

By Wambugu Kironji

It's dark. Completely pitch black. As though the world was covered in coal. So dark that I cannot make out anything. But off in the distance I see something white. Something glowing. Possibly an exit? Or a light? I unconsciously walk towards it.

A whisper: "I feel a lot of velvet coming from that direction. A lot of velvet mixed in with the black."

I can't make out the words. I get closer and closer.

The white noise returns: "so much velvet. I can feel the velvet. The velvet of the little man."

I can finally make out what the glow was. It was someone's teeth. A floating smile hanging awkwardly off of a pair of menacing eyes. \*Clang!\* The smile approaches me quickly, then before it can reach, it immediately returns to its starting position. \*Clang!\* It happens again. \*Clang!\* And a third time. The brilliant white splits as if two saws being pulled apart and opens a crevasse of black. "Hie, hie, hie, hie, hie."

### simplicity By Regina Ledesma

simplicity is superficiality stripped of its exterior. the individual elements are more beautiful than the aggregate. only when this realization occurs is wisdom apparent.

Wondering what ever happened to Andrew Hahm's "Sixth Sense"? Go to [fcaatumd.com/terrapinoise](http://fcaatumd.com/terrapinoise), where you can stay up to date with Serena's whereabouts and read the TerrapiNoise in COLOR!

Have your own piece of writing or artwork you would like to share in the TerrapiNoise? Send them to Junelle at [publication.editor@fcaatumd.com](mailto:publication.editor@fcaatumd.com)

## Member Spotlights!

Get to know your Eboard and General Body Members!

### Pamela Tarectecan D6 Representative

**Major:** Letters & Sciences but aspiring General Biology and Secondary Education

#### How would you describe your freshman rep experience?

The experience definitely changed me because I am definitely not the same person from high school. Before, I was quiet and had people come to me to be my friends. Now, I have been socially, professionally, emotionally, and even physically (freshman 15 is real) pushed to be more in a place I felt supported.

#### What is your biggest fear?

Finding out it was more than a fart.. joking. Kinda. But one of my biggest fears is people popping out of no where so if I turn on the lights in a dark room and there's a body in front of me or if I'm looking at

a windows and someone pops in and stares at me.

Maybe it's a fear of someone out to kill me. That would explain why I jump when someone stands behind me.

**If you were a ghost, where would you haunt?** Chuck-E Cheese. I don't know why, but I think it would be hilarious to possess the arcade games and machines. Imagine a haunted Chuck-E mouse. It might not be exactly pleasant for the children, but I think it would be funny. And plus, all the arcade games and pizza I want!



### Lorenz Cruz

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Economics w/ Rhetoric Minor

#### What made you want to start MezzoPinoy?

Music has always been a passion of mine. Joining FCA my freshman year, I eventually found out about all the people in the org who also shared a love for singing. It turns out, an FCA choir or singing group was always an idea that was spoken about, but never really came into fruition. With a little push from the Executive Board, Margaret Magnaye and I turned that idea into reality.

#### Who is your favorite musician and why?

John Mayer. My first guitar teacher was my dad and we would have so many nights where we would jam to Mayer's music. I have probably been to 6 concerts - 5 of which were with my dad watching Mayer.

#### What would be your strategy to survive a zombie apocalypse?

First off, if I were to be realistic, I would most likely die the moment the outbreak began. Survivors would find my zombified corpse in the middle of Sardi's, probably using the yellow sauce to eat my own hand or something... But if I did have a strategy, I would probably take my family and friends, hit up Home Depot for supplies and make-shift weapons, then take over a small grocery store until a governing body manages to clean up the mess.



**\*Note:  
NOT Lorenz**