

May 15, 1995

Ms. Annie Entena
1350 Meridian Drive
Woodburn, OR 97071

Dear Ms. Entena:

As you may know, Mrs. Corazon Aquino has accepted the University of Oregon's invitation to receive an honorary doctorate and to deliver the commencement speech at our 1995 commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 11. This is a high honor for the university, and we are eagerly looking forward to Mrs. Aquino's presence on our campus. The UO's Office of the President and the Office of International Affairs are working together to organize Mrs. Aquino's visit, and I am both pleased and honored to have been asked to coordinate Mrs. Aquino's schedule and activities.

We are aware of the intense interest in Mrs. Aquino's visit among both the Filipino-American community and the public at large. We believe that her visit represents a unique and exciting opportunity for the university to build stronger ties with the Filipino-American community in Oregon. I therefore am sending this letter to association presidents in Oregon and other community contact persons in order to inform the community of our plans as they currently stand. Please feel free to share this letter with your constituents and with anyone who may be interested in Mrs. Aquino's visit.

I am working with Mrs. Aquino's daughter and personal secretary, Mrs. María Elena A. Cruz, to coordinate travel arrangements and the schedule of activities. Our schedule is beginning to take shape, though much work remains to be done. Mrs. Aquino will arrive in Eugene sometime on Friday, June 9, and has requested that no activities be planned for that day. She will spend the weekend in Eugene and will return to the Philippines immediately thereafter. There are certain official university functions throughout the weekend at which it is necessary for Mrs. Aquino to be present as the principal guest of honor; these include events on the evenings of June 10 and 11.

The commencement ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Hayward Field, located on campus at the corner of 15th Avenue and Agate Street. Please be advised that parking space in the immediate area will be limited. Tickets are **not** required for entrance to Hayward Field.

In the event of rain, however, the ceremony will be moved to MacArthur Court, on University Street between 15th and 18th Streets, where seating space for the general public will be limited. Tickets **are** required for entrance to MacArthur Court; these will

be made available to the general public, on a first-come first-served basis, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the MacArthur Court ticket booths on the University Street side of the building. UO officials will decide on Sunday at 6:00 a.m. whether it is necessary to move the ceremony to MacArthur Court. If the change in location is necessary, the switch will be announced on local radio and television stations and through a UO telephone hotline, 346-3216.

In order for the general public and especially for the Filipino-American community to have an opportunity to meet Mrs. Aquino during her brief visit, we have planned a public reception for June 11 following the commencement ceremony. The reception will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the covered tennis courts near Hayward Field; the entrance to the tennis courts is on 15th Avenue between Agate and University Streets. Again, parking space in the immediate area will be limited.

We hope that you and other members of the Filipino-American community will be able to attend this reception and to share our pleasure in Mrs. Aquino's presence.

Thank you very much for your interest. I am grateful for any assistance you can provide in helping to spread this information among the Filipino-American community.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Plass
Assistant Vice Provost for International

Affairs