



# The USC Technological Center . . .

## *A Boost to Economic Progress*

by ANACLETO G. GUANZON

THE USC TECHNOLOGICAL CENTER which is located about two kilometers north of the airfield in Lahug is nearing its completion. Father Van Engelen disclosed that by June 1965, the upper three years of Engineering will be moved to that beautiful 5-story building.

The new building for the College of Engineering and Architecture is built on a property of about one hundred hectares in Talamban with healthy surroundings which will enhance the process of learning. It is designed along modern lines; equipped with the latest machinery; provided with an air-conditioned auditorium which can accommodate 250 persons. It has a conference room for the staff, a study hall for the students, big offices, bigger classrooms and airy laboratories.

The USC Technological Center is not only located at a site considered ideal for school purposes but also it is right in line with the residential development of Cebu City.

Through the efforts of the SVD Fathers, the donation of the Chemical Pilot of San Carlos by the University of San Carlos by the West German Government to the Republic of the Philippines was made possible. Its installation is now finished and it is in full operation.

Its establishment is beneficial for the University in particular and to the country in general. It is a known fact that one of the major problems of this country today is its unsound economy. San

Carlos will share the arduous task of achieving economic stability.

The primary purpose of the pilot plant is to conduct research on the various uses of coconut, from the meat to the husk in order to further the growth of the copra industry of this country. Copra, as we know, is our chief product and it is the second biggest dollar-earning export abroad. Most Filipinos depend on copra for their livelihood, education for their children, and even comforts in life. Hence, the success of this research may spell progress to the industry.

The other grant from abroad that San Carlos received was for the College of Engineering which was administered by the organization called MISEREOR by the German Government, the purpose of which is to help projects anywhere in the world that can effectively contribute to the technical development of underdeveloped countries like the Philippines. The New USC Technological Center in Talamban is now the fruit of that grant.

The Technological Center is not only the work of one man for the policy of a university like San Carlos, is formulated by a group of men entrusted to do such function. While it is a fact that the president of a university makes the final decision on any of its project, it is also true that he is ably assisted by his cabinet men or depart-

ment heads.

Rev. Fr. Philip van Engelen, SVD, the regent of the College of Engineering and Architecture did his best in the fulfillment of this project. Being the department head of Engineering, he played an important role in its planning and implementation.

The construction of the Technological Center was planned by members of the USC faculty. Architects Santos Alfon, Cristobal Espina and with the structural supervision of Engineer Jose A. Rodrigo, the dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture.

Today, there is a national effort, both government and private, to industrialize the country but the implementation is rather slow due to the shortage of properly trained technicians and competent engineers. Our young engineering graduates often experience that their knowledge and training are insufficient and they are unable to cope with the practical problems in the field.

The new USC Technological Center will meet this challenge by introducing a program that will answer the call for engineers that the country so badly needs. More emphasis is placed on an efficient engineering education and proper use of time. Not only the government-prescribed courses will be offered but also additional ones which

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I guess that's all folks. By the way, focusing our sights on the "STAR" again, do you know how many Diehard cadets now carry on their shoulders the responsibility of winning or losing that coveted "STAR"? I bet you don't. Let me give you the figures.

Of the 1,024 cadets that enrolled this semester, 973 now remain in the ranks. The others were dropped. There 973 cadets are distributed as follows:

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| FIRST YEAR BASIC .....    | 558 cadets |
| SECOND YEAR BASIC .....   | 360 cadets |
| FIRST YEAR ADVANCE .....  | 11 cadets  |
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| FIRST YEAR BASIC .....  | 10 cadets |
| SECOND YEAR BASIC ..... | 11 cadets |

Will these 973 cadets have the guts enough to last through the year especially with the "whole day Sunday drill" being started? Will they get the STAR this year? These are the questions of the day. They shall be answered next semester.



The casualties? NO! These men are only resting after the tense, tiring night.

#### CORRECTION

In the article, "The Corps Sponsors", which appeared in this Section, Miss Lourdes Capangpangan was mentioned as the fraternity sweetheart of the Builders. She is the sweetheart of the Archimedes Fraternity and not the Builders Fraternity, according to Mr. Aurelio Fernandez, Jr. Archimedes Frat Grand Chancellor.—Ed.

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will be for the benefit of the students. Under this program, the student must spend eight hours daily at school or 44-45 working hours per week.

In line with the socio-economic program of the country the Technological Center will also establish a faculty housing project, modern dormitories, cafeteria, gym, audi-

torium and recreation facilities. New roads and parks will be built, making the subdivision into a real university town a few years from now. Although much remain to be done, the steps that San Carlos has advanced will eventually contribute to the economic progress not only of Cebu City but also of the entire country.

# INTRAMURALS ENDS WITH A THUNDERCLAP

by MANUEL RAKOS OCHOA

U.S.C.'s BIG THREE in intramural basketball gave heart-stopping performances in the hard court during the championship round that kept their fans on the edge of their seats, ogled-eyed and on their toes for several weeks. Accounting, Gamma & Sciences were involved in a closely-fought, neck-to-neck battle for the elusive crown that made the nation's Big Three (Crispa, Yco, Ysmael) appear mincemeat for a moment.

The Sciences five finally emerged victorious from the scuffle when they outslugged the hell-raising Accountants, 59-41 in the rubber match. With one minute and thirty seconds left of the regulation period and nursing a two-point cushion, coach Bobby Barria of Sciences ordered a time-killing freeze the ball that saw Accounting's hopes frittered away at every tick of the seconds' hand. It was a coaching duel from gun to gun between Jun Martinez of Accounting and Bobby Barria who both showed their skills in court generalship.

Both incidentally are varsity players.

Barria's magnificent 5—Alenten, Baguioro, Doblaz, Gil and Salatur was Sciences' formidable weapon.