



APPENDIX 1.5

“NINE-HOLE GOLF COURSE IS NEW ATTRACTION ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS,” *DILIMAN STAR*, 25 OCTOBER 1952

Marcos maintained ties with the University of the Philippines even when he was still in Congress. He was once president of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, a position that has usually been held by Upsilon Sigma Phi fraternity brothers such as Marcos. Other Upsilonians include UP Board of Regents member Magdaleno Albarracin and UP President Alfredo Pascual.

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Prof. Nicolas Zafra, Prof. Ramon Tapales, Dr. Paterno Santos, Prof. Candido Bartolome, Col. Joaquin Hidalgo, and Mr. F. Aquino as members.

The club operates on a monthly overhead expense of P1,200. Covered by this expense is the maintenance of the whole golf course, as well as the operation of a club house.

The management charges a green fee of P1.00 for every player, excluding caddie fees which is eighty centavos per hour on week days and P1.00 on Sundays and holidays. Students of the U. P. enjoy a 50% discount on club fees, while alumni of the University are given 75% off.

Since the start of the rainy season the club has not been making much, according to the management. "However, it succeeds in breaking even," according to Mr. Bernabe Dizon, assistant manager of the club.

The golf course justifies its existence in the University by providing it with a clean and beautiful campus, for which it would have had to spend a lot otherwise.

Only the Oblation stands to lose in this arrangement, considering the amount of attention the nine greens dotting the sprawling U. P. campus have been getting lately.

78 Foreign Medical Men

Seventy-eight doctors and interns from 31 countries are serving on the staffs of 15 hospitals in the Washington, D. C. area. After studying American medical practices for periods ranging from one to three years, they will return to their homelands to follow the medical profession.

Figure 1. An article from *Diliman Star* (25 October 1952).

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