Looking Back

Student Center anticipated in 1955

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The increasing shortage of space at the Institute was the subject of a meeting held last Monday between representatives of the student body and of the administration. Discussion at this meeting centered around plans to provide temporary additional space in Walker Memorial. It was pointed out that these would be merely interim measures, to last a few years until the Student Union Building is completed. So definitive plans were established, although many suggestions were forthcoming.

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(Following a bad blizzard, The Tech ran the following story. Ed.) With most of the students and professors left snow-bound at home by the Blizzard of 1950, the biggest blow since the hurricane of 1938, a small number of students, professors and secretaries went forth yesterday morning to brave the wiles of winter on skis to reach the Institute. Among those unfortunated professors were Norbert Wiener of the Mathematics Department and Isadore Abraham of the Chemistry department. Also one professor came to school on skis.

The storm was a blessing to the Institute skiers, for seemingly hundreds of them were slipping around all day yesterday and the night before last. Many used the Rogers Building and Walker Memorial steps as downhill ski runs. Some even thought of using the home as a ski jump.

No sooner had the storm started when the rivalry between the old and new dormitories came to life again. GaGs from each dormitory attacked the other alternately by snowball and water fights. One student improved and used a flame thrower consisting of an old fire extinguisher pump filled with gasoline.

Yesterday the snow fights continued as usual, for dorm windows resulted in a dozen broken windows.

The fraternities took advantage of the storm and hurry to make with dozens of snowmen and blizzard hats. Some of the storm and holiday in many dormitories, and some of the Faculty, to prove that by active means toward their unhappy victims for the 1's, F's and FS's incurred by the latter, have consented to meet the Junior Class tomorrow evening at the Union as if they had all made C's. . . . "I gave several F's," said Prof. Blandenstein, when asked to lay aside hard feeling and join the celebration, "but only to men of English or French descent. That is no reason why I should deprive the many worthy German Juni- ors of my society, as I shall be present. I insist, however, be asked to be excused from singing 'Tip- perary.'" The fact of Mr. Blandenstein's words must remain shrouded in mystery, as the only hint he would vouchsafe was, "I shall speak of it at the proper moment."

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In 1939 Christmas vacation was confined to Christmas day itself. Ed.) Just before the 25th of December a petition for two days extra vacation at Christmas was presented to the Faculty. The petition was signed by about two-thirds of the undergraduates, and it was generally felt that it would be granted; nevertheless it was refused, mainly on the ground that it did not represent the wishes of a decided majority of the students. (The interpretation was that those who hadn't signed the petition were adamantly against extra vacation days, and most of those who had signed actually weren't in favor of the proposal either. Oh well, Ed.)

NEW! All lifts now have mid-stations for your skiing pleasure.

2. With graduation drawing near I had much need to know—there was far too much to learn. You didn't also realize did you, that when you graduate your dad will not of your allowance?

5. You mean earn while learning? Right. And you can do it! Equitable. They'll pay 10% of your tuition toward meeting your graduation degree. At the same time, the work is challenging, the pay is good, and I hope you money up fast.

3. I must admit the thought did enter my mind. Has the thought ever entered your mind that you might get a job and make a career for yourself?

4. What about my thirst for knowledge? Just because you work doesn't mean you have to stop learning.

6. But what do I know about insurance? With your thirst for knowledge, I'm sure you'll be the star of any insurance program.