Looking Back

Sports dead as Cornell picks crew

By Bob HovEit

75 Years Ago--

On May 1, 1890, the following two articles appeared in The Tech:

Athletics have been abolished from the Cornell campus, much to the regret of the students. The Cornell crew has finally been selected, and Courtney says that they will equal last year's crew.

Since "the Chapel" has been closed to minors there is scarcely a Freshman under twenty-one years of age.

50 Years Ago--

University of Illinois scientists are searching for the "invisible sleep microbe," to explain the lassitude of students in class-rooms. When it is found they plan to inoculate the students against this very prevalent "disease." The Columbia Spectator suggests that greater success might be obtained if search were made in the subject matter of the lecturers.

25 Years Ago--

In the April 29, 1939 issue of The Tech the following article appeared:

The Tech's Platform

1. Three more domes on the Institute.
2. MIT subway system, covering main building, fraternities and dormitories.
4. More and better cooks.
5. Drain the Charles River Basin.
6. Paint the town red.
7. Put my roommate to bed.

Why Are We at Tech?

Are we here to study? No! A thousand times NO! Do we learn life from textbooks? Again NO! We learn life from our social contacts and from our activities. We are here to learn how to enjoy ourselves.

Tech would be a hell of a lot of fun without classes! Yeah Man! What this school needs is lots of no-classes! How can we develop ourselves when we have to sit for hours and listen to facts? When we actually have to spend hours with a slide-rule? Hours we should be using to expand our personalities and in making social contacts!

This Policy Is Short-Sighted! It cramps our time, and makes us worry. And they have the nerve, the unmitigated gall, to charge us money for ruining our fun!

Fellow Students! We Must Rise! Are we to stand for this imposition? We are NOT! United we can overthrow our oppressors! Now is the time to act!

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