THE FOUR-YEAR-OLD barracks which will be replaced by the new residence hall are shown in this night scene. The residence hall will occupy the area at the right of the picture.

CROWDED STUDYING and sleeping quarters are a disadvantage to barracks students. John Lange and Ray Charlton are typical of those who will appreciate the larger rooms of the new dormitory.

Condition Of Aging Barracks Shows Need For Residence Hall

By Tom McKeown

The days of the freshman barracks are numbered

Soon to be replaced by a modern four-story residence hall financed by the Alumni Building Fund Drive, the five temporary army barracks, erected in 1946 to provide desperately needed space for post-war GI’s, are slowly but surely falling apart.

When the temporary buildings were set up after the war, they were expected to last for five years. Normal wear and tear have taken their toll, and the buildings are not expected to be serviceable for more than another year.

Although the barracks are comfortably warm, maintenance and repair costs in recent years have steadily mounted. Each year walls have to be patched and windows replaced. The board walks between buildings have required constant repair.

Most Johnny’s in school have spent at least a few months in the barracks and are familiar with their disadvantages—the porous walls, the undependable hot-water heaters, the ice-jammed doors, and the lack of privacy in the six-man apartments and twelve-man bathrooms.

The inconveniences both to students and the administration have mounted with each succeeding class of freshmen. Alcuin Hall will be a welcome replacement, and when the new building is ready in 1951 there won’t be any complaints from the students who now call the barracks home.

MAINTENANCE COSTS are high as the composition walls of the buildings must be frequently replaced. Although the barracks provide comfortable living quarters, it will not be practical to use them much longer.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Rev. Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, conducted a retreat for the junior and senior women of Rosary College at River Forest, Illinois, on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 1 and 2.

Rev. Frs. Matthew Kiess, OSB, Adelard Thuente, OSB, and Walbert Kainowski, OSB, attended the Farm and Home Convention held at the University Farm of the University of Minnesota at St. Paul on Feb. 2.

George Borgerding, active student businessman, was elected secretary of the Monogram Club to replace Dick Schmitz, who graduated at the semester.