A program might be put into effect which could go a great way in solving the present unemployment problem. Although millions have been given jobs on relief, there will come a time when the relief will be gone. While there is some way to create permanent extensions of fields of labor and creation of new fields, we shall see a nation in the same predicament as we were in the Great Depression.

Why President Roosevelt did not accept suggestions by his own Science Advisory Board to allot a small amount of the public works funds to the scientific industries, I do not know. Although the relief program put into effect by the present administration may have been adequate as a short term palliative, it is not of such a nature that it is long enough to continue the program of economic recovery.

OPEN FORUM

Office of the President
October 15, 1938

The Editor
The Tech
M. L. T.
Dear Sir:

I was very much pleased by the way in which The Tech handled the program which the Corporation approved on May 1st. I'm sure it will be even better next year. In particular your editorial comment in regard to the plan to create a new gymnasium is a constructive contribution to the study which I trust will lead to a wise decision as to which of these facilities should be built first.

There was just one statement in which The Tech and the Corporation are not in agreement. Under the "Architect's Conception of Enlarged Walker Memorial" and reference to the plans for this enlargement, it was stated "No reference was made to the possibility of creating a new swimming pool.

If this statement is true, it arises from the confusion over the cost of a swimming pool, which forced the omission of such material. I still believe it is still in the plans and that the statement should be corrected.

My thought has been that the informal committee of Honors, Worcester, East and West will examine the question of new auditoriums and campus facilities. My opinion is that the gymnasium is a more urgent need of the student body than the auditorium.

Therefore, I vote for a gymnasium.

Very truly yours,

Karl T. Compton

Editor's Note: The Tech regrets the error that was printed in the October 16 issue of the paper and it was discovered that the committee report was not to set aside any fake impression which may have arisen out of this error. Following is the portion of the committee's report which refers to the above letter:

Seven years ago the students' Institute Committee, in cooperation with the Alumni Advisory Council, formed a special committee of the Institute of the external problems of the Memorial Hall and the need for extension. The results have been published in a number of papers in the Technology Review in 1931. They called for additional office headquarters for student assistants, assembly rooms for classes and for dress assemblies, and the present building could be used more fully as originally intended for social gathering and recreation, a little additional office headquarters for student activities, and a good location are the greatest number of students is the question.

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