UNIFIED TECHNOLOGY

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

If one looks at a drawing of the architect's conception of the "Technology of the Future," he has a wonderful and at times unbelievable picture of realization within any reasonable time. But each time a step is taken toward this aim, each time a building is constructed, our faith in the prospect of its not-too-distant realization becomes stronger.

So many are the facilities of the Institute's Boston property and the construction of a new school of Architecture in Cambridge were announced last fall: Although Dr. Compton stated at the time that it seemed desirable not to make an intensive campaign in the first year, it might be a good idea to try to secure enough for at least the building portion of the program in a short time so that all the new construction could be completed at the same period of time. But even without that, the moving of the Architecture Department across the river to join the rest of the Institute in Cambridge is a most important step forward in the progress of the Institute.

SUPREME COURT

WATERS POLITICAL SKIES

PRESIDENT Roosevelt may in the end do no more as far as building expansion is concerned, but he has certainly shown that the Court does not judge its cases from an abstruse stand-point, without reference to the sides that may be awaying the political seas. There may be some who will argue that the Court's recent reversal in defining the meaning of "interstate" was not influenced by the communist movement that has been raised about the "ingrafter conservatism" of most of the justices to use one of the milder terms, but it is difficult to see any basis for that view. One can hardly consider that in this case the change was caused by the reversal of only one justice, who, being more necessity, a few of the most of the others, would naturally be more easily influenced to change his position.

The Court's latest decisions prove again that the Constitution, far from being nearly fixed, is on the whole just what the Supreme Court says it is. Or in the case of a divided court, it is what one or two justices say it is. But the architects are no different from other people; they should do exactly what is desired to be done so, they can, and do, change the meaning of the Constitution. Perhaps this was the main reason for President Roosevelt's enlargement of the Court. If so, he has shown again his political ability. And he has taken some of the force out of his opponents' cribs, "Keep the Supreme Court out of politics." For the Supreme Court never was completely non-political. Petty politics may not effect the justices, but something big certainly does.

OPEN FORUM

Hour Quizzes

Editor's note: If every student knew that the quiz is ever at the ringing of the bell, the fifty-minute period would be performed in half that time. Students do not know, particularly because some quizzes actually do run over by ten or fifteen minutes. These conditions are not true of some examinations, but they are true of many others. The ease of the sophomore sitting in the second row during an 8:00 quiz who papers were marked from him so suddenly when the bell rang that he had to run after the proctor to give him the test sheet, is an example of the practices to which we objected. In that particular case, the delay was probably an insufficient number of proctors."

OPEN FORUM

Hour Quizzes

Editor, The Tech: Commenting on your editorial on "Hour Quizzes," I do not feel that the situation has been fairly considered. Here are the facts in a nutshell.

The hour quizzes are not as bad as is generally believed. Most of the students are not put off by the proctors. Some are even in favor of them. The students who are against them are those who have had them imposed on them for the past few years; now at last the architects are being removed from their isolation.

And so another step toward a "Greater Technology" is taken. Of course, this step will be incomplete until others are made. The move will intensify the need for addition to dormitories. Other facilities will probably be needed as well as the need for expansion of space in the older Institute buildings will be complete or final without considering building plans under the expansion program an-