Design of Plastic Schools Advanced
Prof. Goody Builds Model

MIT's Department of Architecture has designed a new type of structure which may go far in solving the acute present shortage of classrooms. A project staff headed by Assistant Professor Marvin E. Goody has designed a model school building made entirely of plastic.

This new building has the advantage over other types in that it can be expanded, converted to new uses and even moved to a new site. The inner unit of the building is a plastic sandwich panel eight feet square and weighing 200 pounds.

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The reason for selecting a school as the study unit was because of this nation's need to provide a large number of classrooms at a minimum cost, without sacrificing quality. There is a model of one possible elementary school on the scale of one inch to the foot (including inside furniture) in Prof. Goody's office 730-B.

Stratton Takes Office; Colleges Send Kudos

Rise the last twelve days of the New Year were still in swing, grand weekend commencements with flag goals being set by all corners of the world. The old Alma Mater exulted in Triumph from as far back as 1941. Various hotels in and around Harvard were bustle with the visiting classes which adopted them as havens. The activities which the dance-organized were many and varied, including a new race in which "30" was of 24 and 30 secured for a win.

Monday, December 14, dedicated to the effort of the university department, more with a sense of duties which completely consumed any outdoor activities. The promise of grades who were to assemble for the official inauguration of Dr. Julius A. Stratton in the spirit of the newly constructed amphitheater known as the great court, given in the safety of meetings. The installation was unbelievable for beauty and agitation. At Kresge aud., a limited seating capacity, which led some to witness the ceremony of ceremony were turned out and asked to listen to the event in the street.

The Pick of the Pastors, Wherry, accepted an invitation of other assembling. On hand to praise and greet them were: Dr. Claude Sargent of the Swiss Institute of Technology, President Pusey of Harvard University, and president Groedl of the University of Washington. Also present was president Stratton's predecessor, Dr. James Killian.

Dr. Killian, representing the M.I.T. community, praised Dr. Stratton: "We honor him for what he is and what he does; we salute him as a steward of the University of Washington." President Stratton presented the new president with a copy of the Charter of the Institute of the city. President Pusey of Harvard University, and president Groedl of the University of Washington.

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