Current Student CenterLatest Of Many Proposals

"If At First You Don't Succeed ...

... You Ain't Tried Yet"

The Walker Memorial Foundation, operating in the wake of the late Dean Everett More Baker, which first emphasized need for a student center, choosing a study of this problem as its annual project. A group of students undertaking investigating activities for estimates of how much space students need; the estimates is made, Hsu Wen Shih '53, in his bachelor's thesis, professor of architecture, had assumed all along that eventually the Student Center would be torn down to make room for the Student Center. Our pace had accelerated to the point that we would have accomplished this result on our own on roughly the same time schedule. If anything, the fire has caused us to examine the problems, the most serious of which is the loss to the MIT community of the services formerly provided. We can see no way of re-establishing these services before the completion of the Center."

At last! Nevertheless, it was shortly announced that Edward J. Condon, professor of architecture, had been appointed architect for the Center. Preliminary hearings had been held in conferences with student leaders, commercial representatives, and others concerned. By spring of 1932 tentative plans had been set forth, and a preliminary model constructed. Since last spring there has been an endless succession of conferences and counter-conferences, suggestions, changes, improvements, and restorations. But through all it all there has taken shape a building which, although not very full, will fill the purpose which has been set for it. If there will probably be several delays due to lack of funds, the inevitable conclusion of the Student Center is now a reality.

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