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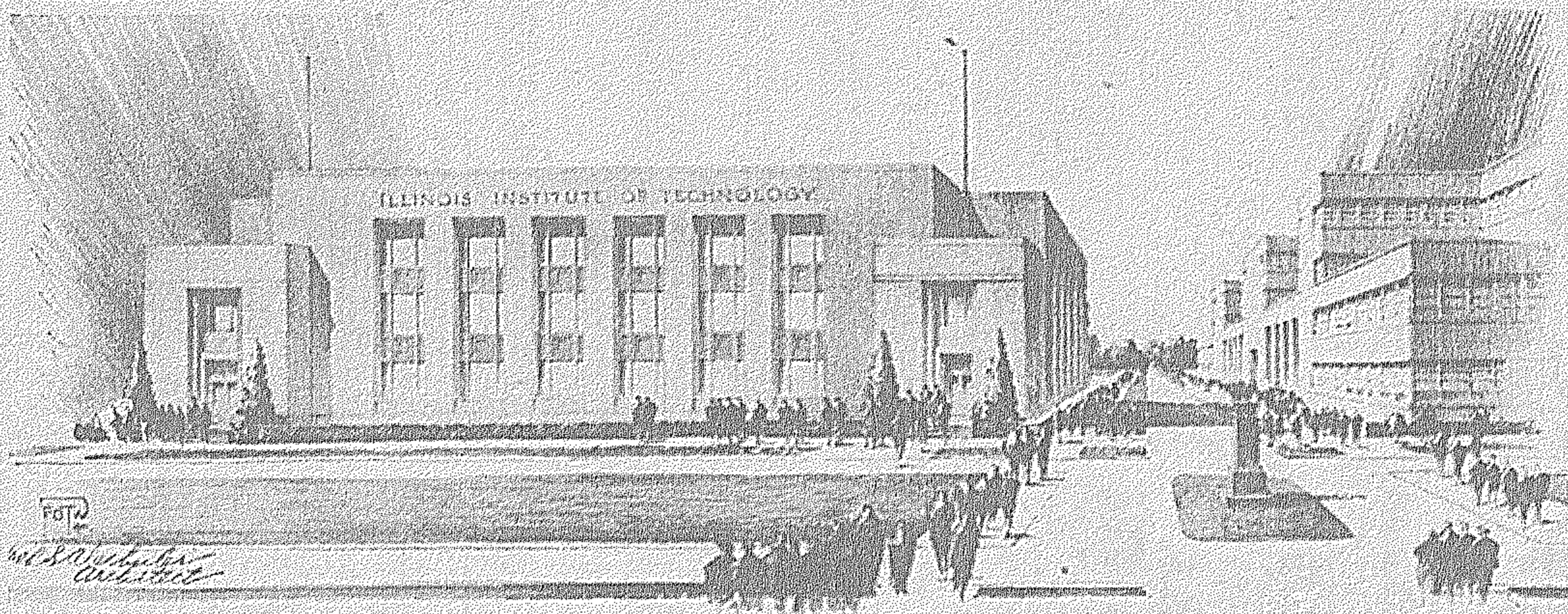
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HUGE BUILDING PLAN FOR I.I.T.!

FIRST UNIT—LIBRARY, ADMINISTRATION



The first building to be constructed under the \$3,000,000 plan which was announced yesterday will contain a vastly enlarged library, many classrooms, and the administrative offices of the Institute. At an estimated cost of \$700,000, this three-story building will provide 100,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Institute officials plan to have this building ready for occupancy by September, 1942. This view shows the library building facing south on 33rd street at Dearborn. At the right, along Dearborn street, the front of the projected engineering and science building can be seen.

Long Awaited "Technology Center" to Enclose Four Blocks on the South Side; First Unit to be Built Soon; All Modern Facilities to be Featured

Illinois Institute To Erect "Campus Of Future" At Armour

Chicago, Jan. 14 (Special)—A brilliant era in the destiny of Illinois Institute of Technology stands now, at last, vividly in the horizon. Hundreds of rumors regarding the campus consolidation of the two recently merged schools, Lewis and Armour Institutes, are now no longer rumors, for the present location of Armour College, greatly enlarged, is to be the site of a vast new campus, entailing the most modern design.

Not a dream, but an actual fact, planned secretly for almost two years by an energetic board of directors, composed of eminent industrialists and engineers, the property extending from State St. to the tracks, and 32nd to 34th St. is now in possession of the Institute. Buildings, the cost of which is expected to total upwards of \$3,000,000, are now on architects' drafting boards and awaiting completion of the necessary financing.

"Most Suitable Location"

Selection of the south side school's property as a permanent location became an almost foregone conclusion after an extensive search by the school authorities for suitable and obtainable land according to Pres. Heald. Such land being very scarce, a large fortune is required for its purchase alone. The fact that certain lands are desired by the Institute for a new campus, when it becomes known, immediately causes prices to skyrocket far above their normal and sensible level. In addition, the problem of moving a large technological institution more than a very short distance is a tremendous one. The convenience of the chosen site and the relative ease of acquiring additional surrounding territory were

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Campus To Offer Modern Facilities To Liberal Arts

Chicago, Jan. 14 (Special)—Recognition of the fact that it is urgent that all students of IIT be on one campus is shown in the plans for the new buildings and surroundings. The first building of this project, one of the largest in the plan, will be built at the present site of Ogden Field and will house the library and the non-lab courses as well as the administrative offices.

Combination of the two libraries will place nearly 100,000 volumes at the convenience of the students. This library and various other additions and improvements in curricula may make possible graduate work in liberal arts within a reasonable length of time. It is now possible for science graduates to specialize in their subject and earn the degree of master of science.

"University" Not Intended

"Technology Center" does not aspire to be a university. Rather the desire is to do a job which is unexcelled in particular fields. L.A. students need not shudder at attending an Institute of Technology nor fear that liberal arts will be eliminated. The reasons for this are two-fold: First, general education is an absolutely necessary preliminary to specialized education, and secondly, in a broad sense the term technology can apply to many liberal arts courses which are offered.

In studying the project it was recognized that the surrounding community had deteriorated and that coeds might not choose to attend a school located in such a district. This difficulty will be overcome by the fact that the campus will extend to and possibly include the "L" station.

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Enrollment Will Be Increased; Propose No Course Changes

Chicago, Jan. 14 (Special)—Simultaneous with the announcement of a new Illinois Institute of Technology campus was the program to increase enrollment to over 8000 students and to expand greatly present curriculum facilities at existing campuses. President Heald revealed last night. The present purpose of Illinois Institute, a technical center of engineering and architecture flanked by a school of Arts and Sciences, will be carried through in expanded form sustained by the maintenance of the same existing high standards.

Boosted substantially will be the day school enrollment to a figure

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Educational Plant To Be Built On South Side Campus; Cost To Be Three Million Dollars

Chicago, Jan. 14 (Special to the Technology News)—A long range plan for the future of Illinois Institute of Technology—a plan that will have tremendous effect on functional education in Illinois—was made public for the first time yesterday noon at a luncheon held at the Chicago Club. The project, which was presented to over 100 prominent Chicago industrialists, calls for a vast building program on land which has been acquired around the present Armour campus. For the first time in its history, Illinois Institute—formerly Armour and Lewis Institutes—will have an integrated campus and equipment comparable to its world reputed teaching staff.

Five on Steering Committee

Simultaneously with the announcement of the appointment of Mr. Wilfred Sykes, prominent Chicago industrialist and member of the Board of Directors of Inland Steel Company, as chairman of the committee to guide the new expansion program, came the naming of four equally outstanding men as serving with him on the steering committee. These men are Sydney G. McAllister, President of International Harvester Company; Charles B. Nolte, President of Crane Company; Charles S. Davis, President of Borg-Warner Corporation; and James D. Cunningham, President

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Cunningham Presides

James D. Cunningham, President of Republic Flow Meters Corporation and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Institute of Technology opened the meeting at the Chicago Club yesterday by presenting a program of three divisions to the 100 prominent Chicagoans. He pointed out that the meeting would concern itself first with what had been done, what was being done in securing new facilities for IIT, and what the future held for the project.

Sykes Is Committee Chairman

After these introductory remarks, Mr. Cunningham introduced as Chairman of the Steering Committee, Mr. Wilfred Sykes, a director of Inland Steel Corporation and a member of the IIT

Student Union, Field House To Foster Activities

Chicago, Jan. 14 (Special)—For many years "Uncle John" Schommer has "hinted" that he would like a field house for his athletic program. With the announcement of the "plan" for the development of Illinois Institute of Technology comes word that Mr. Schommer's "hints" have been taken seriously.

A sizeable field house, capable of handling both men and women

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Wilfred Sykes

RESEARCH BUILDING COMPLETED



Started in October, 1940, this building is now the scene of throbbing experimental Diesels and feverish activity. Designed by far-seeing architect Alschuler to harmonize with buildings yet to be constructed, this structure, after further additions have been completed, will offer complete mechanical engineering laboratory facilities.

Board of Trustees. Mr. Sykes recounted in detail the work of his committee in developing plans, purchasing land, and obtaining the cooperation of prominent Chicagoans. His explanations as to the extent of the project, which covers over 25 acres of land around the present Armour College campus on Chicago's south side, were amplified by brochures distributed to his listeners.

President Henry T. Heald of Illinois Institute of Technology, presented as the next speaker, told of the improvements which have taken place in the educational

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More pictures of the Illinois Tech TECHNOLOGY CENTER development made public yesterday may be found on pages seven and eight of this issue.