

Here's The Start Toward That \$20,000 Job You Want

By Don Goldenwith

Would you like a job where you can start as vice-president at \$20,000 a year, and work your way up? Well, don't come to the Placement office—they have only good, steady jobs for good, steady men.

The first step in getting the job of your dreams is to go to the Placement office at 10 West Thirty-third street and fill out a placement record. This record serves as a source of personal information both for the prospective employer and the Placement office. It records such pertinent facts as your name, address, physical characteristics, religious preference, high school record, and your record at IIT which includes the following: scholastic average, rank in department, academic and athletic honors, extra-curricular activities, industrial experience, general field of work preferred, and military service record.

National Firms Represented

The next step in your pursuit of happiness is arranging interviews with prospective employers. A large number of firms, of all sizes, are solicited to send representatives to IIT at appointed times for the purpose of interviewing prospective employees. Last semester approximately 100 firms of national reputation, including the leaders in the automotive, oil, rubber, public utility, electrical appliance and chem-

ical industries, held interviews here.

The time of each interview is posted on the bulletin board in the North Union, and anyone interested can make an appointment for a private interview at the placement office. John Schommer, placement director, stated that these interviews can "make or break" the applicant, because most employers weigh the factors of personality and personal appearance heavily, in addition to scholastic record and extra-curricular activities. Since the great need in industry is, as always, leadership, the man with the friendly, positive personality and qualities of leadership is the most in demand by employers.

Record Improves Yearly

The record of the Placement department in helping graduates to obtain positions has improved yearly. Of 266 graduates last June, 113 reported that they had received employment through the Placement office. Of the remainder, it is estimated that approximately 100 also were employed through the office's efforts, but did not report this fact. A few others were hired through their own efforts.

Not only does Placement find jobs for graduating seniors, but it also makes its services available to alumni, night school students, and day school undergraduates who want part-time or summer work. Positions have been found for hundreds of alumni who were dissatisfied with their present positions for reasons ranging from a desire for higher salaries to an urge to reside in a more pleasant climate. Night school students can arrange for daytime jobs. And many day-school students are led to jobs during both the summer and the school year.

This is the first of a series of two articles on the Placement Office.



RICHARD E. KOOTZ, Engineering Division, National Standards Co., Niles, Mich. listens as John Schommer expounds ideas on placement.

AIEE Announces Paper Competition; Illinois Tech Winner To Receive Trip

A paper contest for members of the AIEE student chapter was announced by John B. Stover at their meeting Thursday.

Papers are to be prepared by March 17, at which time each contestant will present his work before a group of senior judges. "The subjects need not be items of original research," said Stover, "but may be on subjects which the contestant has read about or studied." First prize for the best paper from this campus will be fifteen dollars, and a second prize of ten dollars will be given.

The Illinois Tech campus winner will be given a trip to Des Moines about April 2, where he will enter his paper in the Midwest section contest, along with entries from other engineering colleges and universities.

All those who intend to enter a paper in the contest should sign up on the sheet in the electrical engineering office, 302 Physics, by Wednesday. The presentation is to be held on March 17 at 6:45 p.m., in

Friedrich Tells Of Communists

A capacity crowd heard Carl J. Friedrich, professor of government at Harvard university, lecture on problems of European reconstruction Friday.

Professor Friedrich, who has recently served as adviser to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, began his talk with the remark, "I do not feel bound by the official positions I have held. The views which I will present are my own sincere feelings."

Professor Friedrich outlined the typical Communist seizure of power as first, obtaining an agreement for "coalition" government; and second, placing party members in the key positions of administration.

"A distorted picture of the situation is prevalent in the United States, and especially in the Chicago area," Professor Friedrich stated. "The rise of Communism is aided by its popular native appeal, a reflection of Europe's continual problem in the economic support of its people."

Turning to the European Reconstruction Program, Professor Friedrich attacked the theory that ERP is a tool of American "imperialists."

"The efforts of the United States in European reconstruction must be persistent, and backed by Congress and the American people," Professor Friedrich stated. "We cannot get peace unless we build it. We will not escape the responsibility of another war."

Rifle Club Schedules First Matches Of Year

New officers were recently elected at the last meeting of the Rifle club. They are Henry Henrikson, manager; and Leonard Drulan, secretary-treasurer.

Two rifle tournaments were scheduled, one with the University of Cincinnati during the second week of March, and one with the NROTC team shortly after. These will be the first matches held by the club in over a year due to the lack of membership in the National Rifle association.

The club has recently re-entered the NRA, however, and medals will soon be ordered for the better marksmen in the club.

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