

Combined charity drive ends today

The first combined charity drive at Illinois Tech was launched Tuesday at an all-school assembly in the North Student Union auditorium.

The King Cole Trio, opening the charity drive before a short-of-capacity crowd, came thru with an inimitable performance. They presented many of their trademark selections such as "Embraceable You," "Little Girl," "Flo and Joe," and "Paper Moon" during the course of their half-hour appearance.

George Bowman, president of ITSA, and Don Goldsmith, chairman of the assembly, outlined the purposes of the assembly and the reasons for the concerted fund raising drive.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, distributed pledge cards to the audience. These cards may be returned to booths in the North and South Student Unions by 5 p.m. today.

"With only \$200 in cash and pledges returned thus far, we are still short of the minimum goal of \$1 per student," Goldsmith stated. "We are hoping that late responses will swell this total."

Pledge cards may still be obtained at the booths and pledged money conveniently paid at the

bursar's office in Main. To avoid unnecessary inconvenience to the bursar, these returns should be paid promptly.

New building honors first Tech president

The memory of the late Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, educator, minister, and first president of the Institute, will be perpetuated in the new 10-story apartment building now nearing completion on Michigan avenue.

Dr. Henry T. Held, president of Illinois Tech, today announced the board of trustees' decision to name the new student and staff housing unit Gunsaulus hall.

Dr. Gunsaulus, revered Chicago civic leader, was president of Armour Institute of Technology for 29 years, from the college's establishment in 1892 until his death in 1921 at the age of 65.



JUNIOR WEEK-OPEN HOUSE Chairman Jack Davoust (left) makes last-minute preparations for the big weekend with his two right-hand men, Lee Jacobson and Bill Comis. Preparations have been made to handle a bigger turnout than last year's, when 25,000 visitors were attracted to the campus to establish a record high.

Gunsaulus' persuasive and moving speaker, whether in the pulpit or in performances as a public on the lecture platform, are legendary at Illinois Tech.

Technology News' top jobs available

The positions of editor-in-chief and business manager of Technology News during the coming school year are to be filled within the month, announced Leonard Speicher, secretary of the Publications board, Wednesday.

Applications for the jobs, which will be of a one year tenure, may be addressed to the dean of students' office.

They should include the applicant's year in school, journalistic or business experience, and any other pertinent information.

All candidates will be personally interviewed by the board before final selection is made. The jobs offer complete responsibility for the publication of Technology News, including appointment of staff members and determination of all policy.

Deadline for all applications has been set at May 11.

Start construction of railroad building

Construction was started this week on the new Association of American Railroads research laboratory on the campus, following award of the contract to Federal Constructors, Incorporated.

Completion of the building, which will serve as headquarters for the research and testing staffs of the mechanical and engineering divisions and the container bureau of AAR, is scheduled for the middle of November.

It will be located near the northwest corner of the projected 110-acre campus development. It will run north and south along Federal street between 31st and 32nd streets. An impact test track will be built along the New York Central tracks west of the building.

Dimensions of the structure will be 218 ft. by 50 ft., with two stories and a full basement. Total cost, including utility lines, landscaping, tracks, and equipment, will be \$600,000.

Its general design is in the modern functional style of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, head of Illinois Tech's architecture department and designer of the new brick and glass buildings already constructed on the campus.

• SCHOMMER

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world's indoor high-jump record, 5 feet, 11 inches.

He performed equally well at the University of Chicago in four major sports: football, basketball, baseball, and track—garnering 12 letters and recognition as All-western and All-American end in football, three-time All-American center in basketball, and member of the Olympic track team. In the spring of 1943 the Helms Foundation of Los Angeles placed Schommer on the all-time All-American basketball team.

Schommer's undergraduate days coincided with the "golden era of sports" at the University of Chicago. He played on three championship basketball teams, captaining the 1908 intercollegiate basketball champions, two championship football squads, and one title-winning track team. He led the Western conference in hitting in 1909 with a .475 average.

Schommer came to Illinois Tech in 1911 to take a degree in chemical engineering. He remained active until recently in the academic field as consultant and professor of industrial chemistry, but has been forced by the press of other duties to give these up.

He has been active in the Alumni association, serving as president of that organization for 11 years. In 1932 he received the first Alumni Key awarded for distinguished service and in 1940 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the Alumni association.

His most ambitious project, outstripping even the Illinois Tech relays, is addition of a fieldhouse to the athletic facilities. After his retirement he will continue to devote time and energy to this and other projects in the Illinois Tech building program.

An ardent believer in the usefulness of an engineering education, Schommer has successfully convinced industry of the need of men with training. Writing of the special qualifications of men with an engineering background, he stated in 1939, "... our world of today is full of change, and industry and commerce are in the very center of [these] changes. Consequently, men are needed in industry who can answer the 'WHY'S' which are thrust forward daily. And only persons trained to think in terms of men and materials and forces can find the answers to the shifting 'WHY'S.'"

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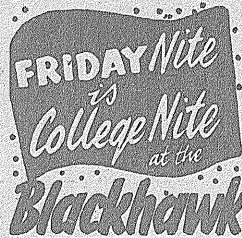


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