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Placement office find jobs

By Hal Bergen

Graduating seniors will soon find themselves in a challenging situation—the placement interview. Each senior will face a man who has come from almost anywhere in the country to look over the IIT crop. The senior will have about twenty minutes to make a favorable impression. During this time he is being compared to perhaps hundreds of other graduating engineers.

How does the IIT senior stack up? How well has the Techhawk prepared himself for these fateful few minutes? Each student must face this very personal problem for himself.

Job competition is keener by the month. Graduating classes are larger than ever before and job openings are becoming scarcer. Each individual has to look beyond the end of his slide rule if he is to find a place in industry.

Formal education itself is not the sole basis of an engineer's competence. Friends, faculty, professional societies and personal experiences are invaluable in rounding out the individual's perspective. But perhaps the most comprehensive source of information for the individual is located right on campus—the placement office.

Here is the most valuable single asset which one has available. Serving undergraduates, graduates and alumni, the placement office tenders assistance, limited only by the extent of the individual's co-operation. Computed at rates charged by present day employment agencies, this assistance would often be worth hundreds of dollars.

What can the senior do to facilitate the placement procedure in order to derive most benefit from it? Simply—co-operate. The placement office has an interview control procedure designed to give each graduate a fair share of the interviews available.

Early in the semester a sign-in book is established for each company which customarily interviews on the campus. Each graduating senior may then sign up for interviews with six companies of his choice. The placement office will thereupon arrange for company representatives to come here and interview those pre-registered.

What next can the graduate do in order to aid the placement office? He can bring in his interview applications neatly lettered and accompanied by a photograph. This should be done with an absolute minimum of delay.

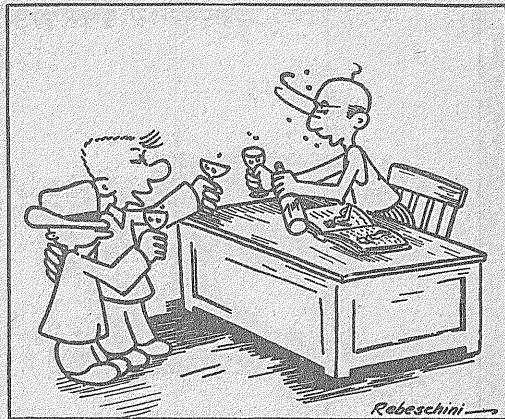
The senior must also be sure to get his personality rating forms into the hands of those faculty members whom he lists as references. Here again, time is of the essence. These forms do the senior no good until they are in the placement office confidential file.

The senior himself may arrange interviews with local firms if he so desires. These firms often do not come to the campus as do out-of-town firms. Furthermore, if these interviews do not lead to a job,

they offer experience which may well pay off in one of the precious on-campus interviews.

Above all, the graduating senior should keep himself informed of the employment picture. He should attend organized placement meetings for his own benefit. The key to successful placement is individual initiative.

NEXT WEEK: Interviews By Pre-Selection.



Robeschini

"You'll find I run a very informal class."

Man of the Week

Honoraries swamp Mock

Though he's not a very colorful character, Clifford Mock accomplishes much in his own quiet way. In the scant two years that he has been at Tech, he has compiled an enviable record unmatched by most students in twice the time.

Cliff graduated from Lindbloom high school and had exactly three days to report to the navy

V-12 unit at the University of South Carolina. There, he took courses which gave him two years of college credit; one of these courses was a survey course in mechanical engineering. The professor suggested that Cliff consider ME as a profession, but only induced Mock to hint that the prof was off his entropy.

The work at South Carolina led to a chance at Midshipmen's school and eventually to a commission as an ensign. Cliff got a taste of management during action as gunnery officer on the destroyer John W. Thomason.

Discharged from the navy, Mock started work as a proof reader at UARCO, Inc., manufacturers of business forms, and was lured to Illinois Tech night school through the advice of friends and a conspicuously placed advertising poster. Entering the day school in

February, 1948, he decided, surprisingly enough, to enroll in the management option of the mechanical engineering department, pointing toward a career in sales or management. This decision came after careful consultation with men in the business world.

While he has been in the day school, Cliff has found little time to devote to out-of-school activities. His on-campus efforts reached the crowning point when he was accepted by Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma, Sigma Iota Epsilon and Pi Delta Epsilon all in one semester. His election

to Pi Delta Epsilon came in recognition of the work that he has done for the Integral. He is now continuing his journalistic pursuits as editor of the forthcoming Student Directory.

Before losing himself in school-work, Cliff found time to build a fine collection of phonograph records, mostly classical, but now he confines his musical activity to playing a clarinet in the school band. He has also built ship models and takes pride in the four-foot replica of the destroyer on which he spent so much time in the navy.

An amateur gourmet, Cliff has eaten in many of the country's best culinary establishments. His list of hobbies is rounded out by a collection of knives which represent almost all of the 48 states and 15 foreign countries.

Mock has a pet philosophy about school. He believes that school-work is of little importance after graduation, and that success is not measured by a grade average, but by how well you get along with people and how well you can think.



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