

INSTITUTE OF DESIGN officials Serge Chermayeff, Institute director, and Otto Kolb, Product Design head, tell a reporter (hand visible) about the merger with Illinois Tech.

## Expect OK of merger with design school

By Bert Cohn

A progressive school of design, with a well founded reputation, a distinguished staff, and a full time student enrollment of 400 will become a separate department at Illinois Tech if details of the merger worked out with the Institute of Design are accepted by the boards of both schools. Ratification of the plan is expected soon.

The Institute of Design, now occupying a three story brownstone building purchased from the Chicago Historical Society in 1946, will eventually be located in Technology Center, but for the present will continue to operate at its Dearborn and Ontario street location.

The purpose of the merger, as outlined by President Chermayeff of the Institute of Design and President Heald, is to establish a school and research center in which the designer, scientist, and engineer may act collaboratively with industry in the design of housing elements and equipment and in the improvement of visual aids in communication.

Through its foundation courses the undergraduate school of design expects to provide the student with the necessary language, philosophy, method, and experience to develop an integrated designer capable of meeting the needs of an industrial economy.

Although the merger will unite the two schools officially for accrediting and other purposes, the Institute of Design will probably maintain its distinct and separate status until it is relocated.

The aims, teaching methods, and curriculum of the Institute are (see MERGER on page 2)

## ASCE to present steel executive at school meet

ASCE's student chapter revealed plans to bring Wilfred A. Sykes, Inland Steel executive, to speak to Illinois Tech students at an all-school assembly Thursday, December 1.

According to Ernie Nordquist, chapter president, Mr. Sykes will speak on "New Engineering Problems in the Steel Industry."

Mr. Sykes draws on a wide background in the fields of industry and government and has made outstanding contributions in these fields. He pioneered the use of electrical equipment in South African gold mines and American Steel mills and has designed equipment for the U. S. Navy.

In addition, Sykes has contributed much to the development of Illinois Institute of Technology and the Glenwood Manual Training School. At present, he is the President of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, an active civic organization.

## Preregistration underway

Pre-registration for all undergraduate students who intend to attend IIT during the spring 1950 semester has been in progress all this week. Final date for pre-registration is Friday, December 2.

It is to the advantage of all students to pre-register. Only courses with sufficient tentative enrollment will be offered, and if the student fails to express his desire to take a course, the blame lies in himself if this course is not offered.

A pre-registration bulletin may be acquired in front of the registrar's office, 103M. Step (1) in this bulletin should read: "Obtain a pre-registration card from your major department." Another change in the procedure has been made

this semester. Both first and second semester freshmen must consult their faculty advisor rather than their counsellor.

Management option students must have all management electives endorsed by Pearce Davis, head of the Business and Economics and Industrial Engineering departments, 112B.

Students who find it necessary to enroll in more than one evening course should list these courses at the bottom of the registration card and identify them as evening courses.

Effective September 3, 1950, all candidates for a degree must complete their last 30 hours of credit at IIT. This rule has been made so that IIT faculty can supervise the last thirty semester hours of instruction.

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## Top cager of '48 to be honored as Tech celebrates Homecoming

By Joe Bass

The outstanding player of last year's Illinois Tech basketball team will be awarded a trophy during the half-time intermission of the Homecoming basketball game with Lake Forest college, in the Tech gym, December 2. This new award, first permanently established athletic recognition at Illinois Tech, is the latest addition to the Homecoming basketball-dance arrangements planned by the junior class sponsors of the twin affairs.

Squad men from last year will select the top performer on the 1948 quintet as recipient of the first award in this new series. The winner will receive a large-size trophy for permanent possession. A plaque recording the outstanding player award winner each year will be kept as a part of the athletic tradition of Illinois Tech. Plaque and trophy will be on exhibit several days before the game.

The entire Homecoming affair, game and dance, promises to be highly interesting. Behind it lies a movement to stimulate school spirit to a high pitch with the basketball season and mid-winter social calendar hovering in sight. Homecoming will be the kickoff for both mid-winter athletic and social activity.

The Lake Forest tilt at 7:30, opening game of the season for the promising Techawks, has the lead off spot on the Homecoming Program. As an added attraction a five-piece band recruited by John Lynner, will provide music in the gym.

The Homecoming Hop will follow immediately after the game in

the North Student union. Al Freels' orchestra will supply the dancing refrains. Union lounge and cafeteria will be open for rest and refreshment.

"We guarantee that Homecoming

will set the pace for subsequent school dances, and at a reasonable price, too," Sherman Roberts, junior class president, stated. Tickets are \$1 for couples, 60 cents for stags.



A HOMEcoming POSTER gets Alan Plait's finishing touches as kibitzers (left to right) Helen Tichy, Helen Syprzak and Zora Mikek look on.

## ARF takes over truck terminal

Huber and Huber's terminal point at 33rd and Wabash avenue has been vacated in preparation for use by the Armour Research Foundation. L. C. Wilson, terminal manager, stated Monday that the docks and offices have been cleared and material sent to the company's new shipping station at 5380 S. Pulaski Road. Moving was completed Wednesday.

Julius Schlichting, assistant to the business manager of ARF, revealed that definite plans for the future use of the building have not yet been decided. In the interim, the terminal point will be used for certain administrative offices and for storage of materials. Conversion of offices will begin as soon as is practicable.

The dock comprises nearly 16,000 square feet of space. There are about a dozen offices on the first floor, and the dormitories on the second floor will be converted for office usage later on. In the basement is situated a restaurant and a large lunch room. There are no plans for this section of the building at this time.

## Dancers to gather Autumn Leaves falling Wednesday

The stage is set for a pleasant evening Wednesday at the soph's annual Autumn Leaves informal dance. This event promises to be even better than last year's affair. The Casino Room of the Congress Hotel has two advantages: Soft varicolor lighting effects make this one of the nicest ballrooms in Chicago, and its loop location makes it easily accessible to all.

Eddie Mason will be maestro of the evening with pretty Barbara Doran featured as vocalist. Intermission will give weary couples the pleasure of hearing Bob Boss' exciting harmonica renditions.

Norman Katz, president of the sponsoring class, announced that ticket sales started out slowly, but now, only a few good reservations are left. Music will begin promptly at 9 p.m. and dancing will continue until midnight.

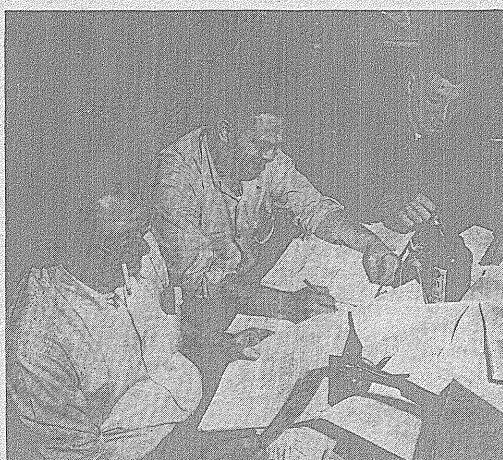
The evening should be unhampered by homework problems. Dick Murphy, class vice-president, reminds that Thursday is a day to sit at the table and be thankful that you can eat turkey. He says, "Don't miss this opportunity to start out the Thanksgiving holiday in a very pleasant way. Call up your favorite lassie and take in this feature event of the year."

## Zest magazine extends deadline for contributions

The deadline date for Zest manuscripts has been extended to December 5. Zest's copy file is rapidly being filled with manuscripts for the student magazine.

Variety seems to be the essence of this year's entries. Several new ideas in short story material have been promised to co-editors Hal Leler and Alan Plait. Material ranges from humorous poems to mystery stories to deep epics.

Students are to enclose their name, address and telephone number with their manuscripts. All works are to be left with the secretary in the LLP department office.



THE NEW STUDENT DIRECTORY "goes to bed" as Mel Friedlander, (left) Cliff Mock and Ray Kiltzke assemble the book to be sold on Tuesday, November 29.