

Vocational-Technical Pioneer . . .

Tech Institute Helps State Take Giant Education Step

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Vocational - technical education made a giant leap forward in Tennessee when the Chattanooga State Technical Institute opened in new quarters with an enrollment of 1,000 students this fall, according to the Tennessee State Department of Education.

The institute has pioneered a two-year associate degree program in five engineering and science curriculums. The first graduates entered the technician's labor market in June of this year with salary inducements in the \$7,500 bracket.

The institute's faculty was recruited nationwide and can boast of a cumulative record of 200 years of academic preparation plus a collective experience in industry in excess of 300 years.

The student body has doubled each year until student enrollment overtaxed the school with the fall registration. Some 200 pre-tech students were turned away for lack of available space.

Chattanooga State Technical Institute's administration has actively courted the business and industrial community through a series of mutual co-op programs with TVA, Combustion Engineering Corp., and other similar firms. In addition, active advisory commit-

tees have been formed for all major technologies.

RECRUITING

Chattanooga State Tech began an intensive recruiting program in some 100 high schools in 1965. Hundreds of students were thus informed of the advantages associated with a quality-trained technician. An Alumni Association was formed to spearhead the school's image and spirit.

The success of Tennessee's first technical institute was transferred to The Technical Institute in Memphis by cadreing key faculty members to that school.

The Chattanooga Institute's fast growth and industries' response to its graduates portends good news for the upcoming institute programmed for Nashville.

Edgar H. Sessions, Chattanooga's director, made the following observation:

"When you have a quality faculty, a quality curricula, a quality facility, and quality students, you are on the track to a successful educational institution. Chattanooga's Technical Institute did not just happen. Its present success is the result of two years of hard work on the part of a team who could never accept a position of second best!"

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Wait Vote Sunday
On New Contract

Housing Board Given
for Leniency

By JOHN P. KELLY JR.
The Board of Education
has approved a new
contract for the
teachers union.
The contract will
provide for a
10% raise in
salaries and
improved
benefits.
The board will
vote on the
contract on
Sunday.