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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE: SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL CAREERS

In September 1952, the first full-scale day school program opened for the Vocational-Technical Institute (VTI) housed at Southern Acres in Carterville. Fall, 1982 is the thirtieth anniversary of this landmark event. Since the administrations of both Southern Illinois University and the current School of Technical Careers (STC) has changed, now is an appropriate time to provide a historical perspective of where we have been and a future perspective of where we are going. We in STC feel it is just as important that we keep our past experiences in sight as it is to know where we are going. We feel the concept of the current School of Technical Careers is just as exciting and relevant today as was the concept of the Division of Technical and Adult Education in 1949 when it was conceived and implemented by SIUC President Delyte W. Morris and Dean Ernest J. Simon.

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On September 18, 1950, President Morris presented a report to the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, outlining the concept of the Vocation-Technical Institute. The purpose of the Institute was:

The primary objective of Vocational-Technical Institute is the development of occupational competencies of youth and adults in the field of business, trades and industries, agriculture and homemaking.

The Institute is to offer organized instruction both on and off the campus not presently available in the secondary schools and the four year college programs.