Eng. employment declines

The unemployment rate for engineers last June and July was reported at 3 per cent, almost the rate of 1.6 per cent for the same individuals in the spring of 1970, according to a survey commissioned by the National Science Foundation. The survey, carried out by the Engineers Joint Council, was based on 59,200 replies.

The survey indicated that on the basis of previous studies in the 1971 unemployment rate for all engineers might have reached as high as 3.4 per cent. The national unemployment rate for all workers for the second quarter of 1971 averaged 5.8 per cent.

The latest survey showed that engineers with master's degrees had a 3.2 per cent unemployment rate while those with bachelor's degrees reported a 2.8 per cent rate. Engineers without doctorates had a 1.9 per cent rate.

The highest unemployment rate, 6.3 per cent, was found among engineers previously involved in space activities followed by those in defense work, with 4.8 per cent. Engineers who had been employed in public works showed the lowest unemployment rate, 1.3 per cent.

The survey reported that nearly two-fifths of the unemployed engineers had specialized in four fields: electronics, aerospace, manufacturing and systems engineering. Other fields with high unemployment rates were computer mathematics and product engineering.

Analyzing the age groups among the unemployed engineers, the survey found the lowest rate among those in their twenties, the highest among those under 24 followed by those 60 to 64 and then those 55 to 59. The states with the highest engineer unemployment rates were Washington and California, followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, Florida, New Jersey and New York.

Upsurge of interest sparks pre-law group

"(Continued from page 1) counseling opportunities, simply do not exist.

As present, there are some very promising indicators that the institute may be moving closer or is ready to move closer to the USLSP position. The summer project was highly successful, demonstrating that undergraduates are not automatically incompetent. Some faculty members seem ready to support the project. According to some USLSP spokesmen, it is more a matter of fighting an established tradition than anything else.

One step in this fight is the new office which will be headed by Susan Haig starting in the middle of October. The office will act to consolidate basic information—catalogues, reference books, etc. More importantly, it will act as a coordinating service—sending students interested in pre-professional counseling to people on the campus who can help them.

The USLSP is interested in any student at MIT who would like to learn more about his possibilities in this field.

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