Blacks counsel hard work

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show how once he had hired a woman for a position on his staff and his supervisor had advised this move, but a higher-up in the organization decided to approve this action, technically firing her. "Of course, we paid no attention to him, but this is the type of things we’re in all the time.

On a subject of minority hiring, Pinckney, an employee of the Draper Labs, said "employees in the engineering fields are going to hire you if and only if, 1) you can produce what they need and he can’t do it himself, and 2) you can produce a profit for him. Make it a practice to determine discrimination from race, especially before you start screaming about it."

Before the end of the discussion, the alumni had made quite a few suggestions to the students at MIT, especially the Black students.

Blackwell: No matter what you do, if you want to get into the engineering field get an advanced degree (M.S. or Ph.D). In 1947 there were too many engineers and then in 1950 there weren’t enough and the time is upon us when more engineers are needed.

Pinckney: As an upcoming engineer, being Black should not be your first concern. It doesn’t matter what your color is or what race you are—companies pay more attention to what you can do.

Hardy: As students spend...