

1974 Awards Convocation held

The following people received awards at MIT's Awards Convocation in Kresge Little Theatre last Thursday:

The William L. Stewart, Jr. Awards
 Okon Mfon Amana, G
 David Mark Bernstein '74
 Eric Lee Bogatin '76
 Val Matthew Heinz, Jr. '75
 Charles Robert Kenley '75
 Michael Gregory Kozinetz II '75
 James Albert Moody '75

Paul Andrew Pangaro '74
 Theodore Shifrin '74
 Patricia Ruth Callahan '75 and
 Robert Eugene Ice '75
 Robert Lee Hunter, G and Steve
 R. Taylor '73
 Certificate of Appreciation
 Robert Dennis McCadden

The Class of 1948 Award
 William David Young '74

The Admiral Edward L. Cochrane Award
 Edward Joseph Hanley, Jr. '74

The Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal
 Lawrence David Bell '74

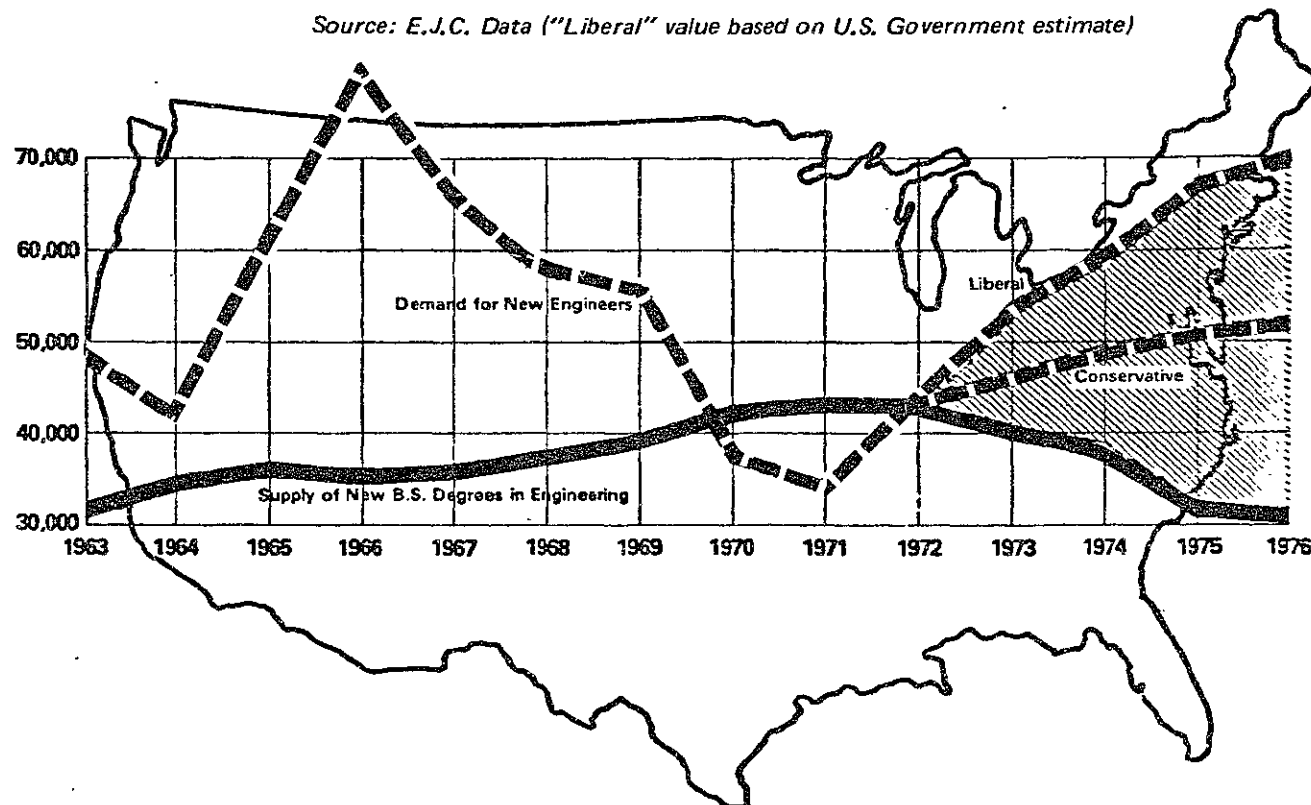
MITAA Pewter Bowl Award
 Shelley Faith Bernstein '74

Varsity Club Award
 Johan Georg Akerman '77

Special Achievement Award - Athletics
 John Russell Kirkland '74
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'71 slump cut enrollments

Source: E.J.C. Data ("Liberal" value based on U.S. Government estimate)



U.S. Engineering Manpower Supply and Demand

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 We've found here that parents are far more worried about it than students."

The sharp decrease in employment of engineers was well-publicized, another factor that influenced enrollments. "It was one of the first times since the Depression that a large group of professional people was thrown out of work, *en masse*," Bruce said. "Naturally, it got a lot of attention." People don't think that professionals have employment problems."

"I suspect that a lot of the people layed off in the '71 crunch were people who were not productively employed, and these were the people who found it hardest to get new jobs," Bruce continued. He added that he had not seen too many articles on the rising demand for engineers.

Internal trends

Bruce said that he was mainly interested in local, internal trends in engineering education at MIT. The growing number of students who are using engineering as a stepping-stone to another profession, for example, was a development that "will have a large effect on the engineering profession."

"The applicant pool at MIT is changing, with more and more students coming here to get a sound technical background before entering some profession," Bruce said. Some MIT faculty have resisted this change, he added, noting that "they feel that we shouldn't 'waste' a spot on a person who is ultimately going on for a medical degree, and should use our resources to train professional engineers. They're worried about the impact on their own discipline."

Professor Wilbur Davenport, new Head of the Electrical Engineering Department, said that he had noted a trend of students "going into things other than EE or engineering." "I think EE is second in the Institute in medical school applications," Davenport said. "This department has always had a history of graduates going into other technical fields. Now they're also going into non-technical fields."

MIT atypical
 Davenport said that he doubted that the trends at MIT are the same as those across the country. "MIT is a special place," he said. He pointed out that students at many engineering schools must "enter" engineering during the freshman year, and that it is difficult to get into - or out of - engineering as an upperclassman. "I

have a feeling that this impacts very heavily on students here," he said. "Many of them don't even realize how different the situation is here from the rest of the country." Many EE majors "considered physics, math, and EE at the same time before deciding on EE," Davenport said.

Engineering at MIT is almost certainly at the top tier of school's across the nation. As Bruce said, "No one's come up to me and said, 'Our enrollment is holding up better than yours.' We're darn close to the top."

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