By Jules Malherbe

Student demands for term-time work is increasing this year, but financial aid officials say the job market will be able to handle the demand.

Larry Maguire, head of the MIT Student Employment Office, attributed the increase in student job needs to a tightening economy and to increased use of his office by students.

Maguire cited the filing of 790 new jobs in the past months as an indication that, "Employers are beginning to see students in general, and particularly MIT students, as a really good deal.

Recruitment successful; advisor shortage averted

By Mike McNamee

A threatened shortage of advisors for the incoming freshman class was averted by a last-minute rush of faculty signing up for the program last spring.

For the first time in several years, enough advisors were available to handle the load of new students at the Institute, according to Peter Buttner, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and head of the Freshman Advisory Council.

"We had to give some advisors more advisees than they wanted to have," Buttner said. "But all the advisors preferred to have more advisees than they preferred to have and the maximum number of students he could take. Although the FAC tries to assign each advisor his preferred number of students he would prefer to have and the maximum number of students he could take."

"Imagine if we can get a student with a certain background and certain lines, and match him up with an employer who wants exactly that," Maguire continued. "The student goes away happy because he got what he wants and the employer finds that he has just what he needs. Pretty soon the word gets around and we have three new openings."

Buttner explained that preparing for this new system has taken a good portion of the office's time during the last six months.

Another thing that Maguire mentioned as being done during summer was the sending out of 1500 employment surveys to students. Maguire said that he didn't know what the results of that survey would be but that it was currently being studied by his staff.

The Student Employment Office was established last year in an effort to match more students with jobs suitable for their skills. Formerly, jobs had just been listed in the Student Financial Aid office.

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