Search for summer jobs

By Elias Towe

The director of the Student Employment Office, Nelson Armstrong has urged MIT students to start hunting for summer jobs early.

Many college students hoping to get a summer job with the Federal Government in 1979 started looking in mid-November. Federal agencies hire well over 80,000 students every summer. Normally, however, the job market for the typical student is limited to about 10,000 positions. Students who wait until spring vacation to start the job hunt rarely get the May to September offerings.

The government announcement concerning summer employment is labelled No. 414. This announcement lists job possibilities, qualifications and tells where and how to apply for them. It also lists the deadlines for filling applications.

The announcement is available at Civil Service Commission Offices. The clerical jobs listed usually require a written test given during May and February. The technical and sub-professional ones do not require such a test.

When asked what the chances were for an MIT student in securing a job within a federal agency, Armstrong stated that "MIT students have a slightly better chance than the average student because of their technical backgrounds." He went on to say, however, that he would still encourage those aspiring to work for a federal agency to apply early enough because in the final analysis preference often "goes to those who apply early." Armstrong emphasized the need for students to go out during Christmas vacation to look for summer jobs. "I think people who wait until March are too late. It is prime time now," he said. Asked what advice he would give the MIT student on the job hunting issue, Armstrong said: "Start now, don't wait."

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Although the Chinese profess a goal of reaching equity with the world level of scientific development by the year 2000, Press expressed doubt that such a rapid recovery from the lost decades could be made. China has essentially lost a generation of scientists and technicians who are certainly necessary in any country which is attempting such phenomenal growth.

Although the Chinese would prefer to be self-sufficient, they realize that their present situation requires that they seek aid from other sources.

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