Weatherall seises fall

By Sam Cable

Although most college graduates, especially those with degrees in engineering and other technical fields, can expect an increase in employment opportunities this year, according to a report issued in October by the College Placement Council, Robert K. Weatherall, Director of the Career Planning and Placement Office at MIT, said he feels this year will be slow for MIT graduates.

Fears of a possible recession are causing firms to make "slightly fewer offers" this year, he said.

He observed, however, that MIT students have been "sought after hungrily" for many years and even during the recession year of 1975, MIT students "didn't feel the pinch too badly."

Weatherall indicated that he was optimistic about the employment outlook. "I'm bullish, except for a small anxiety about this year," he said.

According to the College Placement Council, sixty percent of the companies surveyed were producing improved economic conditions for the first half of 1982.

Weatherall said that most graduates with scientific degrees will go to graduate school. He noted that all companies are especially interested in students with degrees in geology and geophysics.

He indicated that most students do not seem to realize many companies' desires for graduate degrees in engineering. "If anything, there has been a drop in the number of graduate degrees," he said.

Emplors plan to hire twelve percent more graduates with bachelor's degrees in engineering next year, as well as twenty-three percent more graduates with degrees in the sciences, and five percent more with degrees in liberal arts.

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