Survey shows 44% of freshmen choose EECS

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Forty-four percent of freshmen surveyed indicated they will "definitely" or "probably" enter the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Course VI) next year.

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more job-related stress than the men. In both the two and five year surveys, according to Wallace, "Falling on your face is part of the climb to success, but too many women are fearful of making mistakes," said Elizabeth Drake, head of the chemical engineering department at Northeastern University.

When asked how a woman could best cope in today's business world, Wallace responded, "You really need a sense of humor." Weaver added, "The conscious manager could become the_escape from outside the corporate world, Noble said, "Failure on your face is part of the climb to success, but too many women are fearful of making mistakes," added Elizabeth Drake, head of the chemical engineering department at Northeastern University.

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David Noble, associate professor of the history of technology, took issue with the validity of the discussion. "MIT and other universities are 'permeated with corporate funding,'" he said.

Noble cited President Paul E. Gray '54, President Emeritus Jerome B. Winnower, Chairman Howard L. Johnson, and fellow panel members Rosenbluth and Hollomon, among others, as holding or having held corporate directorships. "When this occurs in government," Noble said, "It's called conflict of interest."

The survey, conducted by student members of the department's Undergraduate Educational Policy Committee, elicited 463 responses, representing slightly over 42 percent of the freshman class. The group distributed their questionnaire in all Physics II classes; freshmen in the Experimental Study Group and those not taking Physics II were not surveyed.

Slightly over half of those responding, 51 percent, said they will take a computer class for non-majors offered by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Over 75 percent of those "possibly" or not planning to major in Course VI indicated their interest in such a subject. Only 19.7 percent "probably" majoring in Course VI indicated their interest in the same class.

Those planning to take the class for non-majors expressed varied reasons for their interest. Most said computer programming experience is necessary in today's world, others said Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (6.001) is too intense and time-consuming for non-majors; and many said they wanted to know about computers, but not become Course VI majors.

Seventeen percent of those responding said they were forced out of 6,000 earlier this term. Thirty percent said they will take the course in the future.

Many students said MIT needs to expand its computer facilities. "Computers arouse a strong curiosity among most students because of their applicability to most areas of analysis," one respondent wrote. "It is ludicrous to think that we will continue to pay such large sums of money to come to MIT only to be told we cannot study what is relevant."

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