Industry slumps leave graduate hiring unhurt

By David Jedlinsky

Last year's slowing of the computer industry left little effect on the numbers of interviews and job offers for MIT graduates, according to the Placement Office's annual report to the president.

On the contrary, a record number of companies requested the resume book, which lists about 1000 resumes of students looking for jobs, the report said.

Salary offers remained the same in most fields, the only indication of a recession. Graduates in architecture, however, received salary offers as high as $60,000 above those of last year.

There were 9012 interviews this year, down from a high of 15,040 in 1982. 431 companies conducted interviews, also down slightly from the record of 450 set in 1982, the report said.

Engineering students today have more diverse interests than those of a few years ago, the report said. Most are searching for a career that will satisfy these interests as well as the discipline in which they have majored.

"This is where the Placement Office comes in," said Robert R. Weatherall, director of Career Services and Professional Advising. "The choice of major by a student is not necessarily his choice of career."

The Placement Office counsels students to help them decide which career would suit them best. Weatherall explained. The office publishes various literature, such as the Careers Handbook, to aid students in making this decision.

Weatherall added that most engineers presently want to move up to higher level management positions, contrary to engineers of the past.

Cambridge bans testing of nerve gas

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bridge is somewhat uniquely suited to research on chemical warfare.

"We were disappointed," said Allan MacCormack, vice president for public relations at Little. "But we hope to be prepared for every possibility in the legal arena."

The firm's attorneys had argued that its research was protected by the supremacy clause in the U.S. Constitution, which gives national defense work immunity from local laws, according to the Aug. 2 Boston Globe.

The SJC decision stated, "Not every regulation which has some incidental effect on a defense program is invalid under the supremacy clause."

Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy commented in the Globe that the decision was "an important one in the protection of the rights of Massachusetts communities to reasonably inspect and implement regulations for the health and welfare of its inhabitants."

Chemistry professors lauded

By Mary Cundello

Klaus Bennecke, K. Barry Sharpless, and John E. Bercaw, three of the country's leading chemists, have been honored by the American Chemical Society (ACS) for their outstanding research.

Bennecke, who is chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at MIT, received the 1987 ACS Award in Pure Chemistry for his research in the area of synthesis. He is known for his work in the field of organic chemistry, particularly in the area of synthetic organic chemistry.

Sharpless, a professor of chemistry at Harvard University, received the 1987 ACS Award in Organic Chemistry for his work in the area of organic chemistry. He is known for his work in the field of organic chemistry, particularly in the area of synthetic organic chemistry.

Bercaw, a professor of chemistry at Stanford University, received the 1987 ACS Award in Physical Organic Chemistry for his work in the area of physical organic chemistry. He is known for his work in the field of physical organic chemistry, particularly in the area of synthetic organic chemistry.

All three professors have made significant contributions to their respective fields, and their work has been widely recognized by their peers. They are all respected leaders in the field of chemistry, and their work has had a significant impact on the field.

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