

A&M Grads 'Holding Own' in Tight Job Market

A&M students appear to be holding their own in a tightening job market, according to Placement Director Robert C. Reese.

Recruiting in some fields is reflecting a softening in the economy, Reese agreed, but there are jobs available. Companies are more selective than in the past and students are interviewing more firms.

panies are making offers and open," Mrs. Ozment said. She expects the 60 undergraduates and 40 graduates to be hired by May or June. An additional 32 graduate students have already made commitments.

cal candidates are the hardest hit, experiencing a drop of 24 per cent over last March.

This substantial decrease is due in large part to reductions in activity in the aerospace industry, historically the employer group making the most offers. A year ago, the College Placement Council explained, there were 2,284 aerospace offers. This year the number is down to 962.

The decline in recruiting activity is even more apparent at the master's level. In three years the volume has decreased 40 per cent since March, 1967, and volume for the nine technical programs covered in the salary survey has declined 60 per cent in the same period.

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Texas A&M has 270 companies scheduled to recruit through the Placement Office during the spring semester, about the same number as last year.

Placement Office recruiters are mainly interested in science, engineering, business and liberal arts graduates, Reese said. The Colleges of Architecture, Education and Agriculture assist their graduates in finding employment.

Dr. Richard C. Potts, associate dean of agriculture, observed, "We have as much demand as in the past three years."

Dr. Potts said agriculture majors, at the present time, have few problems finding jobs in their fields.

Other major employer groups showing a decline in technical volume are chemicals, electrical machinery and electronics.

In terms of dollar value, averaging starting salaries at the bachelor's level continue to rise in the face of reduced employer activity. Offers to technical candidates have gone up 5.1 per cent since June—from \$819 to \$861.

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He said BBA accounting majors are in great demand and are receiving excellent starting salary offers. Advanced degrees in statistics are bringing top salaries, with January graduates averaging \$1,187 a month with MS degrees.

Salary offers compiled by the Placement Office in early January are a good indication of present salary trends. The major number of offers and average starting monthly salary are as follows:

The job market is tighter nationally. Compared to a year ago, the College Placement Council's salary survey reveals a drop in volume of 16 per cent at the bachelor's level, 26 per cent at the master's level and 14 per cent at the Ph.D. level.

Offers to non-technical students have risen 7.6 per cent for the comparable period, from \$711 to \$765.

In terms of dollar value of beginning salary offers, MBAs had been at the top in percentage increased the last several years, with gains of better than nine per cent a year. This year, however, the increase is only four per cent since June.

Aerospace engineering majors, who expected a tight market due to defense and space cutbacks, are receiving good offers from companies interested in mechanical engineers in the past, Reese reported.

Accounting, 14BBA, \$804; finance, 1BBA, \$700; management, 2BBA, \$750; marketing, 10 BBA, \$725; math, 2 BA, \$817; statistics, 2 MS, \$1,187; physics, 2 BS, \$848; geophysics, 1 MS, \$975; industrial technology, 15 BS, \$716; aerospace engineering, 1 BS, \$845; chemical engineering, 6 BS, \$893.

Also, civil engineering, 7 BS, \$850; electrical engineering, 1 MS and 3 BS, \$925 and \$910; industrial engineering, 1 BS, \$922; mechanical engineering, 43 BS, \$875, and petroleum engineering, 2 BS, \$910.

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Cutbacks in research released Ph.D.'s for university teaching, he observed, making the recently-acquired degree holders search hard for teaching positions.

Assistant Dean of Architecture James Foster advised building has declined in the Southwest, and Houston offices are releasing architects.

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Reese pointed out new engineers are finding it easier to find employment than experienced engineers released from high salary positions. The new engineer, Reese said, can be hired at less cost and not force a company to change its internal promotion policy.

Most architecture students must hit the pavement and sell themselves to a firm, Foster explained. At the present time there is little on-campus recruiting, however, plans are being developed to bring recruiters to the students.

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Campus Briefs

4 Exes Receive Decorations

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Math Prof to Present Grad Lecture Monday

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The presentation, entitled "Intrinsic Boundaries for Topological Spaces," will be held at 4 p.m. in Room 205 Academic.

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Dean of the Graduate College

The English Proficiency Examination required to be taken before the end of the Junior year by students majoring in History will be given on March 17 and 18, 1970, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Room 204 Nagle Hall. Students are to register for this examination at the office of the Department of History prior to 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 1970.

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H. L. Heaton, Dean

Admissions and Records 84738

The English Proficiency Exam is going to be offered for Economics majors who have completed sophomore English requirements on March 17, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in room 108 Nagle. Economics majors must pass this exam to be eligible for graduation. Please come by the Economics Department in room 115 Nagle by Friday, March 13, to sign up for the exam. 7948

The English Proficiency Examination required of junior and senior students majoring in Chemistry is scheduled for March 18, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. in room 231 of the Chemistry Building. Students should consult notices posted in the Chemistry Building before March 13, 1970 for details. 76111

Application forms for Spring Award Scholarships may be obtained from the Student Financial Aid Office, Room 303, YNCA Building during the period February 16th - March 31, 1970. All applications must be filed with the Student Financial Aid Office by not later than 5:00 p.m. April 1, 1970. Late applications will not be accepted. 70126

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McCrary to be Panelist At PR Conference

Dorsey McCrary, university development director, will be a panelist for a "New Ideas in Big Donor Clubs" program at the Southwest district meeting March 23-25 of the American College Public Relations Association in Hot Springs, Ark.

McCrary will describe A&M's new President's Endowed Scholarship Program.

Also attending the conference will be Lane Stephenson, associate director of university information.

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The A&M team composed of Robert Peavey and Scott Scherer took third place in the tournament. The team also won awards for excellence in speaking and debate.

Peavey won excellence awards in extemporaneous speaking and oratory.

He is captain of the team and president of the Texas A&M University Forensics Association. Scherer is treasurer for the association.

Team coach and sponsor is Robert Leitz, instructor in the English department.

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