

Inflation Affects Job Opportunities

Reflecting the general economy, the job market for two-year associate degree graduates reached a ten-year low this summer reveal figures based on the situation at the time of June Commencement.

Only 35 per cent of the associate degree graduates had secured positions at the time, stated H. Richard Hess, assistant director of the University Placement Service. He also reported that on-campus recruiting during the academic year had fallen 56 per cent. Hess emphasized that these employment figures may be higher now than they were in June.

One positive statistic, according to Hess, is a substantial increase in the number of students going on to further their education beyond the associate degree. This figure increased to 28 per cent last year.

Starting salaries for those who found jobs this year also suffered. The average starting salary this year was \$600 per month, while last year it was \$602. This figure is, however, \$30 higher than the 1969 average and nearly \$80 higher than five years ago.

Technical fields were among the hardest hit in employment

opportunity. Only 38 per cent of the drafting and design technology graduates and 31 per cent of the electrical and electronics technology graduates who were seeking employment were able to find positions by graduation.

These figures represent only a portion of the total number of graduates in the two majors. Thirty one per cent of the graduates in both of the fields continue their education and these students were not counted in the total number seeking employment.

Some of the associate degree fields with smaller numbers of graduates did much better on the job market. Of ten students who received degrees in materials technology, one continued his education, six found jobs, and only three were unemployed in June. Two out of three Mining Technology graduates found employment and 17 of 27 (63 per cent) of the Surveying Technology graduates are now working.

Hotel and Food Services, a rapidly growing field, was able to place 78 per cent of the graduates seeking employment. Agricultural Business placed 69 per cent of their graduates.

Aztec Two-Step Sings At Behrend

THE AZTEC TWO-STEP

The Aztec Two-Step, composed of Rex Fowler (guitar and vocals) and Neal Shulman (guitar and vocals), will be coming to Behrend on October 14, 15, and 16. Their performance will last from 9-11 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, and on Friday and Saturday it will run until midnight. All performances will be in the Picnic Grove. Admission will be 10 cents for those students with activity cards

and 50 cents for those students without cards.

The Aztec Two-Step was formed out of "desperation and boredom". Neal Shulman and Rex Fowler met at the Stone Phoenix Coffee House in Boston (the second Wednesday in March, 1971). After three days of rehearsal, the Two-Step did their first gig at the Nameless Coffee House in Cambridge. Thereafter, things happened fast and furiously for the two boys. After

just a few weeks, many auditions, gigs and rehearsals, the group landed its first "break": four days playing first act to Tim Hardin at the Unicorn Coffee House. The first night they were called back for an encore-this was a fair indication of what was to come for the rest of the week. The satisfaction of having done a good date brought them to New York.

Most of what they do is original material, soft and folksy, composed by either Rex or Neal. Their sound has been influenced by artists such as Bob Dylan, Donovan, and "almost all performers in a contemporary bag". The subjects of their songs are based on personal experiences, both emotional and intellectual.

Don Luce Takes Stand On Vietnam Policies

Don Luce, and agriculturalist and 12 year visitor in South Vietnam, gave an informal lecture in the Reed Union Building last Tuesday during Common Hour.

Luce emphasized the inhumane aspects of the war in South Vietnam, and touched on the topic of agriculture in Vietnam only once.

He said that the army has been using a combination of two defoliants-one for broadleaves and one for grass. The combination of the two different defoliants produces a very potent solution, which is presently destroying the

crops of many South Vietnam farmers. Luce believes this is one main reason that the many farmers and peasants in South Vietnam sympathize with the Viet Cong.

Another important problem, Luce pointed out is the continuing destruction of the family structure in the South Vietnamese villages. When a village is going to be bombed by U.S. planes, leaflets are dropped from a plane hours ahead of time warning everyone to evacuate. This explains the fact that one third of the South Vietnamese population are refugees.

Regarding the withdrawal of American personnel in South Vietnam, Luce commented that the sooner we get out, the better, and that a coalition government in South Vietnam (Socialist-Communist) would be the best solution.

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