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MISSOULA--

Industrial recruiting of nontechnical degree candidates at the University of Montana remains at the same high level as last year, largely because of offers in the accounting field, according to Charles E. Hood, director of the UM Graduate Placement Center.

"The number of offers to nontechnical degree candidates at UM has gone up 2.8 per cent compared with last March, and that figure has been bolstered by an increase in offers to students majoring in accounting," said Hood.

Most of the degree candidates whose names are registered in the Industrial Division of the UM Graduate Placement Center are in the nontechnical area, which includes accounting, general business (including management), marketing and distribution, and humanities and social science, Hood said.

The technical areas include engineering, physics, chemistry and mathematics.

Hood said accounting majors at UM have received 9 per cent more offers so far this year than in a similar period last year, with 80 per cent of the offers coming from public accounting firms. He said the volume of offers to graduating accounting majors at UM has risen 56 per cent since March 1967.

Accounting salaries have increased about 9 per cent annually in the last three years, from $761 to $826 per month, according to Hood.