Admissions completed; fewer blacks, women

By Storm Keuffman

The Institute has apparently filled its admission quotas for the Class of 1976, according to Pete Richardson, the Associate Director of Admissions.

As of last week, approximately 2,050 high school seniors had accepted offers of admission. The final statistic are not yet known, but it is definitive that the number of women and foreign students will be down from the Class of 1975 levels.

Early last week, when replies came in of 1,100, men 105 women, and 43 foreign students (42 men) had accepted. Richardson noted that as of Monday the office had still not received replies from 112 students. Letters were sent out to remind those individuals that the final deadline for admission was last week, and that no reply would be considered during the period of admissions.

Of those on the waiting list about 40 were offered admission during the previous week, and that left 26 about whom decisions are still pending.

Richardson said that "we're pretty much in a holding pattern to do what we have to do." With the exception of the decline in foreign students, Richardson considered that the makeup of this year's applicants was identical to that of last year's.

The number of blacks was now. The yield of blacks was down, although the same number were admitted, and that, Richardson felt, could largely be attributed to the touch of colorblindness from a Radcliffe, Princeton, and Yale in the search for a racially-balanced group. Foreign student applications was proceeded to be a result of the Institute's initiation of an admissions for this group. Richardson was quite pleased with the overall picture, and he pointed out that in the past five years MIT has increased the size of its classes from 925 to 1025.

The admissions process is very complicated and time-consuming. The office uses the help of part of administrative and 24 clerical personnel from November 1st to April 31st. In addition, this year faculty participated in the selection process. This was not an attempt to ease the load on the office, but rather to give the faculty, who should have the best idea of what students gets along well at MIT, to aid in admitting the students who will find the Institute well suited to them. Richardson felt that the process had been quite successful and said "it is very important that the faculty be involved in what goes on in this office."

The faculty were involved in the process through eight teams of two faculty and one admissions staff. Each team handled 150 applications all the way from the initial reading to making the final decision. Each application was completely processed even the most qualified applicant probably the three hours. The total number were 3658, about half of which were handled by the teams. A total of 1760 were returned. The admissions office processes applications from blacks with a group of a special group of admissions officers and black members of the MIT community. The only other group that is handled separately is the group of foreign students. These foreign students applications was proceed to be a result of the Institute's initiation of an admissions for this group. Richardson was quite pleased.

Militarj group plans actions against MIT

By David Sears

The militant arm of MIT's anti-war student group Saturday night to continue local and national action against MIT war complicity. About 60 people, most of them participants in the previous night's occupation of ROTC building, voted for a sit-in outside President Wiesner's office on Wednesday and unspecified activities at the D-bas on Friday.

The militants' plans for the rest of the week also include a march on Tuesday at 1 am, to Harvard in support for student activities there, which will include a mock trial of President Wiesner. The Wednesday sit-in at Wiesner's office is to be preceded by a rally, tentatively set for noon. The pattern would thus be similar to last Friday's activities, when militants recruited about half of a noon rally on March on Wiesner's info., 3 office to post demands before the meeting, that called by the Strike Committee, and dates was expressed as to whether such support would be again forthcoming from less militant factions of the anti-war effort.

Debate at the meeting centered around the efficacy of various actions against the administration and MIT compli- city, with concerns expressed over the raising of student support and the practicality of various sorts of picketing, sit-ins, and occupations. The sentiment for the most part voiced satisfaction with the ROTC occupation.