MIT plans skill training for non-academics

By Ken Davis

MIT is implementing a program to upgrade the skills of clerical and other non-academic employees. Under the direction of the Training Section of the Office of Personnel Relations, the program will consist of classes in basic clerical skills, as well as others such as English as a second language.

"This program has two main purposes," said Robert J. Davis, Director of Personnel Relations. "They are to assist in the implementation of MIT's affirmative action plan, and to generally improve the skills of the institute's employees.

Under the plan, MIT seeks to hire people, mainly members of minority groups who are not at present qualified for jobs, and train them.

English as a second language will be particularly important to the affirmative action program. While most subjects offered will be directed at the clerical staff, this opportunity will also be offered to employees of the physical plant and the dining service.

Overcrowding stymies plans for exchange

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nick. This year, she continued, the assignment of Wellesley exchange students to McCormick would require some "shuffling around." The people who are now in doubles "aren't likely to want to be in triples.

In addition, Markham felt that putting Wellesley women in the coed dorms would result in additional friction because of women from MIT who feel they want to be in singles.

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