MIT's Writing Program: new courses and aims

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The above are samples of replies to a faculty questionnaire sent out in the fall by the Writing Program. The Program was established last summer by members of the Humanities Department to extend the scope of writing at MIT, responding to the overwhelming faculty response in favor of teaching writing skills to an increasing number of students and faculty, the Program has expanded to include new courses and aims.

Among the new offerings is a course in managerial writing, taught by Ken Sklar, a technical instructor in the program. The Sloan School undergraduate program employs a method previously applied only in creative writing courses. With this method, students are encouraged to evaluate each other's writing, in more traditional set-ups, only the professor evaluates the work of each student.

In courses such as "Scientific and Engineering Writing," which deals with lab reports, thesis, (Please turn to page 8)

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