MIT's Rowe leads jobs group

By Agnes Huang

"If we build correctly," stressed Special Assistant to the President and Chancellor for Women and Work, Mary Rowe, "nobody loses."

Rowe was appointed by Governor Edward King to the directorship of the State Employment Training Council in February. "We want to make it [Massachusetts] the best state for technical job opportunities. Sex and skin color should make no difference."

According to Rowe, the main function of this Comprehensive Educational Training Act (CETA)-affiliated council is to match people, skills and prospective employers. "We have to fit together the employers, the employees, and the skills of the employees."

Rowe has been on the State Employment Training Council (SETC) since its beginnings in the mid-1970's. The chairman's position was formerly occupied by state employees until it was decided to pass the chair to more "impartial" people. According to the new chairman, King appointed her to the position based on three criteria: long experience with the council, her employment by a high-technology institute (high technology fancies were worried about getting enough trained people), and the need for trained engineers and scientists who are women and members of minority groups.

Rowe feels that her appointment to the chairmanship of the council will be a great asset to her job as special assistant at MIT. "It lets me help MIT in letting students know where jobs are in Massachusetts. It also lets MIT employers know that we are. In effect," added Rowe, "it lets me keep in touch with the real world so I can advise MIT not only produces trained people but it also employs trained people," said the special assistant. "Therefore, it is our job to make sure that everyone who has the ability to come to MIT should have access to the training and required to get them here. This applies especially to women and minorities. For example, only five percent of the technically trained people in Massachusetts are female. Even less are minority."

Training students at the junior and senior high school level is Rowe's pet project. "It's important to want to change fear into interest," said Rowe. "Most students around the sixth and seventh grades are not scared of math yet. My pet idea is to get Catholic Ray Type (CRT) computer equipment into all junior and senior high schools. We can teach the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders play computer games. This way, we can raise computer-literate citizens."

Rowe's plan includes the implementation of job and training information as well as computer math-type games into the school curricula. The computers could possibly be provided by technical businesses.

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Indian students who feel even an all-female dormitory is pushing it, that due to Bexley's architecture, an entry would be okay.

Sherwood disagreed, saying he doubted even an all-female Bexley entry would be an acceptable solution. "The rabbi's talk to feel that would still be considered" he said.

As a result, there will be no single-sex living group where freshmen who cook as a group for medical or religious reasons. I would like to emphasize that we will be considering coed living."

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Now, apparently there is a single-sex cooking group on the third floor of Desmond House. However, sources informed The Tech that residents voted last week 40-2 in favor of completely integrating Desmond House.

Under the Desmond proposal, members of either set could live anywhere in Desmond House, except for the back of the third and fourth floors, which would remain reserved for men and, respectively, Desmond House President William Jeffrey '82 says "the proposal should be in the Dean's office today."

"The Tech has also admitted that Random Hall is also submitting a proposal to the Dean's office Monday. According to Random room assignment chairman Kenneth '82, there are three proposals. Each Random Room is now divided into two sections, each of which consists of two suites. The three options include making either a suite or section available and integrating the whole dorm. Interest still exists in Bexley going coed by suite sometime in the future.

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A "Nasco Garden" was set up in Kirkland Court yesterday for May Day. (Photo by Kevin Osborn)

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