No MIT reservists in the Persian Gulf

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The Persian Gulf crisis has so far had a limited impact on members of the MIT community in the reserves. No faculty or staff reservists have been called to duty, according to Joan P. Rice, director of personnel, and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps has not undergone any significant changes in response to the crisis.

The only noticeable effect of the gulf crisis on the ROTC program has been a shift in funds from ROTC to regular military units, according to Cmdr. John B. Whelan of Navy ROTC.

The personnel office did not have statistics on the number of reservists who might be called to serve in the Middle East. The exact number of faculty and staff reservists in the reserve forces is unknown, Rice said.

"We have no way of finding out who may be concerned," Rice said. "MIT doesn't keep any records of reservists. She has not received any requests for reserves of any kind from the current crisis.

"The number and status of MIT ROTC graduates who may be in the Persian Gulf was not available from the ROTC branches on campus. Current students in ROTC are not placed in the Gulf.

Rice said she is not anticipating any large number of personnel to depart for the Middle East, a situation that would result in a shortfall of police on campus by temporary appointments of faculty members and staff shifts within departments.

"The number body will not even notice the difference if any at all," Rice said.

"We are really setting up a system of crime prevention coordinators in the academic departments, Glavin said. "The main purpose of the coordinators is to get more information to the community.

"The number planning something like this for some time, and the new federal legislation just go out on the ground," Glavin said, referring to a recently passed bill requiring universities to distribute crime information.

"All the program works well," Glavin said. "We would think about extending it to the dormitories."