$6500 stolen from safe

By Ken Davis

The Dining Service office safe is the Student Center was robbed of approximately $6500 early Sunday morning.

The robbery, which took place sometime between 2 and 6:30 am, was the second time the office has been victimized within a year.

Although the Dining Service office was locked up, the door of the safe appeared to have been tampered with. The thief was apparently someone who had both a key to the office and knowledge of the combination to the safe.

Salvatore Lauricella, Manager of the Student Center Dining Service, refused to comment on whether or not the theft was an "inside job." "The Institute is well known for losing keys," he said.

The Campus Patrol, under the direction of Lieutenant Richard G. Driscoll, is investigating this as well as other possibilities.

This is the second time in nine months that sizable sums of money have been stolen from the Dining Service office. Last December, over $4600 was taken. At that time the safe was open. As a secretary was counting the money, someone knocked on the door. When she opened it, a man entered, grabbed the money off a desk-top, and ran. He was never apprehended.

Captain James Olivieri of the Campus Patrol said that attempts would be made to tighten up the cash-handling procedures of the Dining Service office. The losses in both cases were covered by an MIT comprehensive bond insurance plan.

By Lee Giguere

Unusual one-shot problems plagued this fall's registration, presenting many students with long waits when they approached the Armony on Monday morning.

MIT's new financial registration procedures (requiring that the first payment be made by August 10 rather than a week or so before registration) caused, however, "no unusual difficulties" according to Associate Comptroller Philip J. Keohan.

Keohan explained that his office held back about 700 sets of roll cards -- a number roughly equal to that of previous years, that he was happy with, and that the non-payment of prior balances and for failure to pay in full the financial aid terms. He noted, however, that no fines for late payment were levied.

Associate Registrar Ronald F. Smith pointed out that much of the stagnation was caused by the arrival of most of the freshmen class early in the morning. Smith felt that this was "probably because it was a nice day."

Another snag in the process was the distribution of new ID cards to all students who did not receive new ones last year, according to Phi Omega President Len Tower '73 representing the student body. The distribution of the cards were not made until about 6:30 Monday morning, requiring that APO volunteers be pulled off other jobs.

Difficulties in the photo line were attributed by Smith to the appearance of people who should have had ID pictures the last four years but had failed to do so.

Upperclass schedule changes, students noted, were lighter than in previous years -- only 1000 as opposed to the usual 2500. The schedule change desk was busy all day, he observed, without the usual crush, even though nine and eleven. Smith also commented that the attendance at the registration desk was up.

He noted that the plan of holding up sets had been expected because of the new fee payment schedule, although there were a lot of questions about where roll cards would be available.

Add to the mix the fact that there was a further decrease in the number of students who had not received an ID card by the end of last year and all who had opted for cash payment were levied.

MIT's first $5000 Killian Award was recently presented to Prof. Herman Scheraga, head of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science. The award, established last spring by the faculty as a permanent tribute to the tenth president of the Institute and former chair of the MIT Corporation, was presented to Scheraga for his contributions "to our understanding of numerous aspects of human nutrition."