Stouffers to cease MIT operations

(Continued from page 1) Flexible and innovative, Brammer commented on Helen Doroghy, Stouffers' head manager at MIT, "Helen has worked so hard, and done such a fine job." He continued by saying that "Stouffers personnel are all terrific... We have had good food and good service all along."

Stoddard pointed out that "it is not a question of Stouffers vetoing another contractor." A review was conducted four years ago comparing Stouffers to other contractors. Stouffers came out ahead—especially in menu planning, buying ability, and food quality.

The decision affects all of MIT's food service locations: Baker, MacGregor, Student Center, (Lobdell and Chimneys), Walker, MacGregor, Student Center. Since most of the employees in the system are MIT's, only a few will be leaving: Helen Doroghy, Head Manager; her assistant, Corol Jacoby; Suzanne Ring, Head Dietician at MacGregor; four Student Center dieticians—Sally Martin, Joan Butler, Betty Low, and Beth Robinson; and Frank W. Petrie, an assistant manager. The remainder of the managers and administrators at MIT's and will be staying.

Another impact of this change is that MIT will have to purchase some services, such as menu development, that Stouffers currently provides. MIT will also be looking for some new food suppliers, and may join a food co-op of area colleges.

Brammer plans a quick nation-wide search for a new manager of food service operations. Among the qualifications are creativity, new perspectives, and experience in university food services. He plans to advertise through trade organizations, trade journals, the personnel office, and by word-of-mouth.

Another impact will be a serious exploitation of possible changes, new options, and services conducted jointly by the Housing and Dining Office, the Dean's Office, the Rate Review Committee, and the Committee on Student Environment. Said Brammer, "I'm going to need a lot of help from everybody to work out new programs and food service options."

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When questioned about the possibility of student managers, Brammer did not think it would be practical, since students just don't have the time.

Other possible options include meal tickets that are usable in commons houses, changing the "unlimited seconds" policy on guest meals in commons houses, compulsory commons in some dorms, different hours, and a la carte service in the commons.

When questioned about the preference of MIT students over another contractor, "While looking for new ideas and new outlooks," Stoddard said, "MIT will keep its food quality high."

Decisions on these and other options will be one of the major tasks of this year's Rate Review Committee, which sets the housing and dining rates for next year. All the dorms, Housing and Dining, and the Dean's Office are represented.

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