The Problem: Lobdell is scheduled for a variety of events during the academic year (35 out of a possible 76 weekend days). On weekends, Lobdell includes the use of Lobdell as "backup" for the Sala and Kresge Auditorium. In addition, Lobdell is one of the two facilities in the Institute that is large enough to hold Institute-wide social events, and that has the support facilities and manpower required for its use by Student groups. (The other room is the Sala). At present, the Sala is reserved for the Midnite Movie Series starting at 11:00am on Fridays, thus precluding the use of the Sala for social events or programming on this night. This causes no problem if Lobdell can be scheduled instead. In addition, the Sala is scheduled on a variety of Saturdays and Fridays for large banquets, conferences and other events. Again, this is all acceptable (or at least tolerable) with Lobdell as a backup. Lobdell, however, cannot be used for programming if there is weekend use as a dining hall. The main problem is not so much the social time (although that does cause serious inconvenience, it can at least be gotten around by clearing most of the room and getting the cleanup problem afterwards. In order to have the room in shape for the next day's breakfast, the cleanup must 1) begin early and 2) there will be overtime cleaning.

The Alternatives:

1) Use Twenty Chimneys as the weekend dining hall instead of Lobdell, if the serving capacity is great enough.
2) Use Walker, instead of Lobdell.
3) Use Baker or MacGregor, instead of Lobdell.
4) Cancel the 19 meal plan.
5) Have Dining Service absorb the cost of cleanup overtime charges for Lobdell functions (estimates $4000).

The first of these keeps open a student center facility which serves beer and is favorably located for general support of student center programs, as is Lobdell. The second keeps open a large dining hall, also serving beer, which is not as well located, but probably more capable of handling the commons option. Most importantly, neither of these rooms are used for anything other than acceptable social events.

The third option solves the problem for student center scheduling, but may create a few for Baker or MacGregor. Then again, it may help solve social activity in the dining area by providing house meals for residents both on and off the 19 meal plan. In addition, these facilities do not create the problem associated with non-union people cleaning up and moving furniture.

The fourth alternative is obvious. Those students on the 19 meal plan get hurt, but this is a smaller number and to a far less degree than the numbers hurt by the cancellation of social events.

The last option is the only one that maintains the status quo, but requires the most money, about $4000, (40 times normal overtime at about $100 each). No matter who pays the money, it is a waste, causes inconvenience regardless, and is a rather poor solution to the problem. Even with this, a who pays the money, it is a waste, causes inconvenience regardless, and is a rather poor solution to the problem. Even with this, a

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