Students lining up for their Commons meals in Walker Memorial had to wait longer than they expected Wednesday, the first day of the strike by Dining Service cooks. Walker was the only dining hall on campus open.

MIT cites 'threats, vandalism' as strike starts second week

By Mike McNamee

MIT officials charged striking employees with "acts of vandalism and threats of violence" yesterday in what appears to be an answer to earlier union charges against the administration. The charge, made by Robert Davis, director of Personnel Relations, was cited in a special Institute Report distributed by the administration yesterday, as the strike against Service, Maintenance, and Employees International Union Local 254 entered its second week.

Davis reportedly "had con-" vented to (Federal Mediator Daniel F.) Hurley the Institute's deep concern over the acts of vandalism and threats of violence which have occurred during the strike." Davis' com- ments, as reported in the Institu- tional Report, were in reply to a request by Hurley last week that MIT meet with the strikers at 3:30pm yesterday afternoon. Hurley is chair of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Davis said that he doubted a "constructive meeting could be held in this atmosphere."

In a statement by the Tech, however, has uncovered no spe- cific acts of vandalism. Only "incidents of toilet-paper throwing, have been so far reported, the Tech said. Davis said that the only specific acts of vandalism that had occurred were "incidents of toilet-paper throwing. We have those every year at one time or another," he said.

The captain pointed out that he might not have been fully informed of any incidents. "If the administration knows some- thing about this, they might be right, but we don't know," Driscoll added that he did not want to understand the administra- tion, and said he was "put on the spot."

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Fund-raising plans for financ- ing a $500,000 grant from the Sloan Foundation for creating an educational television network on the MIT campus. The grant will fund setting up a cable spine with its hub at the CAES headquarters in Building 7, and will also be used to sponsor a number of pilot pro- grams in use of television in MIT classrooms.

The grant will probably be administered by management personnel who wish to vote in this state. "There has been nothing to our knowledge of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Davis said that he doubted a "constructive meeting could be held in this atmosphere."

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