Second strike in week
Cooks' union votes to strike MIT
Walker only hall open; Commons gets priority

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Members of Cooks and Pastry Cooks Association Local 186, AFL-CIO, voted to strike MIT last night over a contract dispute dating back to June 30.

The strike closed all Institute dining facilities except Walker Memorial Dining Hall, which will be used to feed students who are enrolled on Commons meals plans.

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The MIT Faculty Club, located on the sixth floor of the Sloan Building, E53, will also remain open. The club usually serves faculty and staff who hold membership cards.

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MIT offered both unions "essentially the same agreement," according to Byers. That agreement included a 7½ per cent wage increase, a move for MIT to finance the workers' pension plan, and several changes in employee benefits and working conditions.

A third MIT union, the Research, Development and Technical Employees Union, has already signed its biennial contract with the Institute.

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No special preparations for the change in service at Walker were being made at press time, according to student employees there. "All we're doing is stocking up on ulcer and headache medicine," one said.

Sources of Food near MIT (Partial list)

Cambridge:
Coop Lobby Shop — supplies limited due to delivery difficulties
24-Hr Coffeehouse — supplies increased

Delivery to campus:
Gershman's Pizza (876-2882)
Dino's Pizza (266-6381)
Domino's Pizza (354-5750)

Cambridge restaurants and sub shops:
Boston Sandwich (Mass Ave & Vassar)
Campus House of Pizza (Mass Ave & Albany)
F&T Restaurant (Main & Carleton, near T)
Joyce Chen's Small Eating Place (Mass Ave)
Simeones (Brookline, near Central Sq)
Zorba's (Mass Ave, near Central Sq)
New Town Variety (Windsor near Main)
George & Nick's Steak House (Mass Ave, Central Sq)
Jack in the Box (Mass Ave, near Central Sq)
Brigham's (Mass Ave, near Central Sq)
Ken's Pub (Central Square)

Supermarkets:
Purity Supreme (Central Sq)
Stop & Shop (Mem Drive & River St Br. ridge)
Mahlowitz Market (Main & Windsor)

For other places to find sustenance, try the list of restaurants and supermarkets in HotOgAMIT.