Dining non-MIT students

Part-time jobs in the Dining Service are generally assumed to be the exclusive province of MIT students, often to the exclusion of the people who have no affiliation whatever with the Institute, The Tech has learned.

As many as 20 percent of the part-time employees at Loblolly Dining Hall and Twenty Chimneys in the Student Center are not MIT affiliated. Non-MIT people are also hired at other dining halls, but not to the extent of the Student Center.

Dining Service officials, when asked about the high percentage of non-MIT-affiliated employees, said that the service has a "strict policy" favoring MIT students for part-time jobs, but that scheduling difficulties often make it difficult to hire MIT students for the times they are needed.

NOTES

- Registration for Second Quarter Physical Education classes will be held in the lobby of duPont Thursday, October 31 from 1-4 and 2-6 and on Friday, November 1 from 1-4.

- The Activities Development Board is presently receiving applications for capital equipment funding for student and community activities until October 31. Applications may be secured from Dean Holden's office in Room 7-710.

- As an informal gathering, billed as a "Family Affair," for all minority students, faculty, and staff will be held on Friday, November 8, 1974, 6-9:00pm in the West Lounge of the Student Center. The gathering will offer an opportunity for students to meet and staff to Mrs. Cleovosa Turner, Acting Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Music will be provided by "the Ghosts" along with refreshments.

- Fanch von Duncker, author of the best-selling "Charmer of the Gods," will be giving a lecture and slide presentation at Harvard Sanders Theatre, Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8pm. For ticket information call 492-2900.

- The Wind Ensemble of the Boston Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at Wellesley College on Monday, November 4 at 8pm in Alice Lee Hall on campus. The program will include Kammer Musik by Paul Hindemith, "La Cheminee du Roi Rene" by Darius Milhaud, and Quintet by Anton Reicha. Sponsored by the Rebecca Bacharach Treves Foundation, the concert is open to the public without charge.

- Susan Groag Bell will present a slide lecture on the world of women in 15th century Europe with emphasis on Christine de Pizan (1364-1430), one of the earliest women authors, at Wellesley College, Thursday, October 31, at 7:30pm in Room 105 Pendleton Hall West. Sponsored by the History Department, the event is open to the public without charge. Mrs. Bell, author of "Women from the Greeks to the French Revolution," became the first woman in the history of women in western society at the University of Santa Clara, the University of California Extension at Berkeley, and at Canada College, Redwood City, California. She is presenting a paper at the Balkans Conference being held this week at Radcliffe College.

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"It's an insolvable problem," said Arthur Beals, Associate Director of Housing and Dining Services. "We would like to give all the jobs to MIT students, but often we simply can't."

Scheduling of MIT classes, many of which are clustered around the midday hours -- 11am to 2pm -- interferes with hiring of MIT students for dining duty, Beals explained, "We do most of our business -- all carte bises, banquet business, and other services at noon-time, and we simply can't get students then."

Beals said that the Dining Service was making "every effort" to get MIT students to work in the service. "We try to keep our sign-ups as open as possible, and to encourage MIT students to come and work for us," Beals said, citing postings in dormitories, mailbox stuffings, and letters sent to freshmen as examples of recruiting efforts.

John T. McNeill, Manager of the Student Center Dining Service, told The Tech that most of the non-MIT-affiliated employees came from junior colleges and small schools in Boston. McNeill said that he usually contacts the placement and student financial aid offices at a number of schools when he believes he will have opening in the Dining Service, and notices are posted there.

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