By Greg Erwin Lenkse

The MIT Dining Service, still recovering from the recent cooks' strike, is now finding itself at odds with the Student Center Committee (SCC) over weekend use of Lobdell Dining Hall. The dining service currently uses Lobdell for the 1974-1975 meal-plan Commons, an arrangement which involves use of the large hall in the Student Center on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

The SCC objective to arrange commons usage in this way is committee chairman Patricia Wooton, is that such usage provides the possibility of SCC's other social activities on those evenings.

"Of the 74 planned weekends last year, Wooton explained, "over half of them had both the Sala (de Puerto Rico) and Lobdell common usage by one or some other group." The schedule was just as full this year," she continued, "We've simply had to cancel events." Wooton said that the incommensurability of the Lobdell 19-meal plan and SCC events was caused by two areas of conflict.

"With people eating dinner there (Lobdell) on those nights, the soonest that any event can start is around 10:00pm," she pointed out. "This is due to the fact that people generally aren't out of the hall before 8:30, after which time the place has to be cleaned up and organized for the next event."

"Secondly," Wooton added, "the cleaning up of the night events must be done on

Fed moves show hope for transit development

By Craig Bara

There will be continuing pressure in the future to expand old systems of mass transit and to construct new systems, according to Professor Leon B. Groisser, Director of the Rail Transportation Division of the Federal Mass Transportation Administration.

"The American public and political opinion in acting in favor of mass transit development, Gambacinni told an MIT seminar last Friday. Public transportation development in the past has been hindered by the "American concept of freedom of travel," imposition of procedural requirements by the U.S. Mass Transit Administration, and by unstable political leadership that prevented long term planning.

The Federal Mass Transit Assistance Act passed in 1970 now provides $1 billion per year in mass transit grant funds, Gambacinni said. Future programs are expected to boost total grants up to $3.50 billion per year.

Utilization rates of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) rail system have recently increased after having declined from from a 1972 peak of 113 million people per year to a low of 26 million people per year in 1966. Gambacinni attributed the increased use to public opposition to the construction of new city highways, the energy crisis and a national economy that can no longer afford wasteful use of parallel transportation modes.

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Blood donations dropping

In line with the trend of the last two years, the Technology Community Association is encountering difficulty finding blood donors for its 1974 Fall Blood Drive, now being held in the Student Center.

Appointments to donate have dropped for the second year in a row, and the blood drive organizers are finding they have to rely more on "walk in" donors to meet their goal.

MIT has been one of the largest donors of blood to the Red Cross since the annual drives started many years ago, but is now being rivaled in recent drives such as at Harvard University. The Institute still gathers enough blood during the four annual drives during the fall, during IAP, and in the spring — to retain free blood privileges for members of the Institute community, but donations are falling off.

Appointments scheduled in advance this year for the 10-day fall drive were down to 1015, the lowest in several years, according to

MIT's busing attitude caused by remoteness

By Jules Mollere

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