Commons blocks Lobdell use

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plan, people are getting in there later, if at all, and are paying more for it,” she asserted, “so much more that the annual additional cost would be about $4,000. If Commons and SCC ever want to change the place, the money has to come from somewhere.”

According to Wooton and other committee members, the overall problem was aggravated by the fact that they did not know that the dining service planned to use Lobdell for its new meal plan.

“They didn’t tell us,” she said. “They didn’t ask us. The first we knew of this was at the beginning of September, and it came as somewhat of a shock.”

Wooton pointed out, however, that the cooks’ strike did help to alleviate the problem to some extent.

“The strike came at the right time for us,” she stated. “With all Commons in Walker, we could still have some events in Lobdell. With the cooks back to work we really can’t have any.”

Assistant Dining Service Director Arthur Beals said no firm commitment had been made yet, but that alternatives to the present situation had been advanced.

“I really think that there are no obvious solutions,” Beals said. “There have been some proposals put on the table, but nothing very definitive.”

Wooton, on the other hand, said that it had been proposed that the weekend Commons plan be moved to Baker, MacGregor, Walker, or even to Twenty Chimmneys.

“Baker is our first choice,” she said, “but the house administration seems pretty cool to the idea. Right now, we’re also checking into the possibility of using MacGregor.”

The Dining Service and the SCC have already met twice to discuss the issue, and will meet again today. Although plans for accommodation are possible, Wooton considers them unlikely.

“I really don’t think there can be any solution,” she said, “until the committee sees weekend Commons out of Lobdell.”

Affirmative Action

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ser stated. “They’d like us to change the Affirmative Action plan to bring in professional women.” He cited budgetary and pool size problems as limitations and added, “We’re not doing as well as we’d like to.”

The largest MIT department, The Department of Electrical Engineering, is having some success in hiring women, according to Professor David Epstein, one of the EE Department’s Equal Employment Representatives. There are presently three EE women professors, one less than the July 1975 goal, and a black faculty member was just obtained, reaching another goal.

Epstein noted that Professor of Electrical Engineering Mildred S. Dressenhaus has been invaluable in contacting and attracting women to the department.

Among the problems mentioned most often in fulfilling the Institute’s objectives is that members do not accurately indicate the amount of effort used to locate prospective employees who turned down offers. In an effort to increase the long-range employment pool, most departments are now making an effort to attract more minority and women students and sub-faculty academic employees.

Garrison, commenting on the present plan, said it is “well written” but its “success is dependent upon the contribution of the local Institute community.” She expressed satisfaction for the overall effort, attributing much of the success to the February 1974 reorganization of the Personnel Department. As Mathematics Chairman Hoffmann put it, “We’ve got it in the right seat.”

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