Stop & Shop bus is working well

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In its first three weeks of operation, the MIT bus service to and from Stop & Shop has been financially successful, according to its coordinator.

Clyde Flanders, one of the coordinators, said that it is "breaking even on the books" over the last three weeks. "We stated that "we're mak ing the best of an awkward situation," he said.

Dormon said that the 750 bus stops at the door of Stop & Shop and about 400 students have been using the service each day.

The peak hours are from 2pm to 4pm, when 70 students have been using the bus each hour. During the previous flood, the bus ran from 9am to 12pm, averaged 30 students. During the rest of the morning and the last hour of the service ridership was lower.

Dormon said that the number of students has been more popular with residents of McCormick Hall. Many students have also been sold at all of the West Campus houses (except New House, for which figures were not available). Few tickets have been sold at Senior House. Tickets are still being sold in building 19.

Bernard Goldstein, the manager of Stop & Shop, said that it was difficult to pinpoint the cause of the bus service on profits, but he believes that "it has been a success.""We're not losing money," he said.

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Linn said that the service has been popular with students. "They're pretty good... never gave me trouble." He summed up the service as "all right."