Where did 'lunch one hour unless conflict' go?

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money. Probably too much. Committees will probably need to be made from the outside. That's why Dining Service needs a broader user base. Thus mandatory committees.

But can't Dining Service make those improvements and attract new students? After all, it's not running too well, the HPS can afford a one-shot subsidy.

There is no offering we can find in a stable system to draw new people into the program. The out-of-pocket costs of cooking will always be cheaper," according to Mr. Branner. Well then, that is all it all.

Dining Services needs more customers to keep them on its own. So, by restructuring a dining program, it hopes to gain a sort of legitimacy in the system, at some cost to some students.

The advantages of a dining program, combined with the residence program, are going to have to be rather strong. A look at that next time.

On the subject of food, I just noticed this year that the Registrar has stopped writing "lunch one hour unless unavoidable conflict" on class schedule cards. Now, while it's probably true that we know enough to eat lunch without having it scheduled for us, and it's also true, as someone pointed out to me, that the Registrar never scheduled us for sleep, breakfast, or other aspects of our "personal life," I still felt a pang of regret. That impersonal little line always did, if nothing else, let me feel that MIT at least cared whether I ate properly. It was like a giant motherly computer reminding me to "correctly," unless I conflated unavoidably.

Besides, it always looked cute on otherwise blank schedule cards.

Speaking of the Registrar, I heard a few real horror stories about this year's registration. It seems that a number of students who registered for required labs were overcrowded out of classes left and right, but can't assure that their schedule is firm by the end of registration day. Evidently this is no longer the case at MIT.

Departments generally have some indication, based on preregistrations, which classes will be oversubscribed. The Registrar does not currently have any method to limit the number of students enrolled in a course on registration day.

Obviously, either the department or the Registrar must revise their procedures somewhat so that when students take schedules away on registration day, they don't have it all crumble a day later. Even a note on schedule cards warning us the class is oversubscribed would help. Our "blind faith" in the sanity of registration seems at an end.

More disturbing, though, is the fact that required labs here are so overcrowded. The student population of MIT will be increasing by up to 200 after the construction of the Next House (or whatever it's called), I suggest that the administration look very closely at the academic facilities of this Institute and be sure they are adequate to support an entering class of 1100. It would be a shame if we spent all our funds for expansion further and further from Mass. Ave, while the core facilities of MIT were left unattended.

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