Union threatens
Food Service strike

By Barry S. Sornam

A strike threatened by MIT Food Service employees seems to have broken down in contract negotiations last Thursday, according to Dominic Zuso, President and Business Manager of Local 26 of the Hotel, Restaurant, Institutional Employees and Bartenders Union AFL-CIO.

"As far as we are concerned, it looks like there will be a job action," commented Zuso, leader of the union's negotiating committee, who walked out of talks last week. The union's previous contract had expired on June 30. "Our Executive Board voted that if there was no contract by August 16, then we would call for a strike," Zuso said. His added that because no further negotiating sessions have been scheduled, "We might have some kind of job action before the 16th." Zuso's top negotiator, James J. Callison, Assistant to the Vice-President and Director of Personnel, said that Zuso was a "head of the process to use. "They have come forward with a series of demands, we have construction on the new dormitory at 500 Memorial Drive. (Photo by Kevin Vincent)

Strike ends; dorm should open

By Kenneth Snow

The Carpeten's Union ratified their new contact last night, ending a walkout that began on June 16 when their former contract expired. The walkout had threatened the scheduled opening of the new west campus dormitory at 500 Memorial Drive.

Gete Brammer, Director of Living and Food Services, explained that Turner Construction Company had told MIT that the strike would have to end by August 1 in order to have the dormitory ready for occupancy for the fall term. Presently, about two weeks of work remain until the top two floors of the four floor dormitory will be completed. Another floor would be ready by the end of the month and the final floor should be ready in early September.

The contract, approved by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Eastern Area, provides for a $5.60 hourly increase for carpenters in the rest of the eastern area. Previously, carpenters were earning $14.36 an hour.

The walkout began when the Association of Contractors offered a $4.00 hourly wage hike while union negotiators asked for an additional $7.18 an hour. While union rooms may be finished by the beginning of the term, the entire building may not be completed by then. Construction may still be continuing on any of the common areas. For MIT to have students occupy the building while construction continues, permission of the Cambridge Building Inspector is needed. According to Brammer, "the Inspector was in the building..." (Please turn to page 12)

New GSL rules unclear

By Jerri-Lynn Scaffold

While proposed changes in the Federally funded Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) program will probably not affect financial plans for the 1981-2 academic year for students who have already filed loan applications, funding cuts could affect those students who have not yet filled applications, as well as students who apply for loans during the following academic year.

Commenting on the changes in the GSL program, Director Student Financial Aid Leonard Gallagher said, "We may not have a program for the 1981-2 academic year, and we will see that any student is able to pull together a package which will enable him to study at the Institute."

The position GSL's will take in future MIT aid packages, or how eligibility will be determined for future loans, is as yet unclear. Confusion also exists as to whether these changes will have any effect on loans taken before the September 30 close of the 1981 fiscal year. William Sanna, a staff member for the Senate Liberal and Human Resources Committee, said that the new regulations will become effective ten days after President Ronald Reagan signs the new bill into law.

Before Presidential action can be taken, the House and Senate must approve the bill. If the Congress and the President approve the bill soon, the date of applicability might conceivably affect applications intended for the current academic year. Sanna asserted, "The intent is that it won't," but he did not dismiss the possibility that this year's loans could be affected. Gallagher said that he thought that the effective date for the new regulations would be ten days after Reagan signs the bill into law.

David Stockman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), wrote a letter on June 29 to 95 Congressmen concerned about the impact of reductions in GSL's to students. According to James Dorsey, a member of Congressman Barney Frank's staff, the letter stated that "the Gramm-Latta amendment should alleviate some of the confusion." (Please turn to page 11)

Conference commends agree on student loan guidelines

By Jerri-Lynn Scaffold

After a five hour discussion last Thursday, a conference committee comprised of members of the House Education and Labor Committee and the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee agreed to changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) program, according to William Sanna, a staff member of the Senate Committee.

The conference committee's compromise "got sort of complicated," said Sanna, "I'm not sure that people really understood it but that's what they voted on."

Revisions to the GSL program would not affect the eligibility of students whose parents' gross income is less than $30,000. Those students whose parents' gross income exceeds $30,000 will be subjected to a financial aid analysis which, according to Sanna, "will be done through the [educational] institution." Director of Student Financial Aid Leonard Gallagher (Please turn to page 11)

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The Conference commended the agreement on student loan guidelines. (Please turn to page 11)

Dr. Thomas Jones

Dr. Thomas F. Jones, Jr., MIT Vice-President for Research since July 1975, died July 14 after a long illness.

Dr. Jones had been term-inated, and died at the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute. He was 65 years old. A memorial service will be held at MIT in the fall.

Dr. Jones served for six years as an instructor and later as an associate professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering between 1947 and 1958. He left MIT to become head of the School of Engineering at Purdue University, and then presi- dent of the University of South Carolina. In 1975 he was appointed Vice-President for Research at MIT, and in 1977 was named professor of the School of Engineering.