Union to vote on contract

By Diane ben-Aaron
MIT Dining Service employees represented by Local 26 of the Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Employees and Bartenders Union will soon meet to vote on a two-year contract offered them by the Institute, according to Dr. William Bozzotto, president and business manager of the union. About 85 MIT employees are members of his union, Bozzotto said, and a vote has been delayed by difficulty in scheduling a meeting at which to cast ballots.

"On September 16, we reached an agreement between Local 26 and MIT to submit our final offer for a vote," said James J. Culliton, assistant to the vice-president and director of personnel for MIT. Culliton said he expected a vote "sometime next week."

The final offer is very different from the original offer [MIT] made," Bozzotto said. He identified pay raises and medical-insurance packages as the main issues on which the two sides fail to agree. "The question is whether the difference is enough to strike over," he said.

"We have feelers out to the maintenance workers' union to see if they'll support us if we strike," Bozzotto explained. "But there's no way to know whether they really will or not until it happens." Bozzotto said the union hopes for community and student support if it strikes.

The union's previous contract expired July 1, but has been extended from meeting to meeting for the duration of the negotiations. "For any contract we agreed on, the wage increase would be retroactive to July 1," said Bozzotto.

Local 254 of the Service Employees Union will vote "sometime next week," said Culliton.

Computer facilities expand

(Continued from page 1) Technicians from losing equipment," and the clusters will probably be open all hours, Bruce explained. A group of faculty members may take two or three terminals for use in an office, he said, but they would assume financial responsibility for the equipment should it be damaged or lost. Terminals will not yet be placed in individual offices. Bruce said, to allow maximum access by members of the MIT community. The Digital terminals are restricted to within a fixed distance from a main computer IBM's are not.

"We want to ensure that these resources are here for faculty and students in general," Wilson said. Wilson said he would prepare a document on the status of the project for distribution to faculty members within the next three weeks. The faculty should discuss the report at a later meeting, he said.

Project Athena will include introductory computer subjects for faculty members during January, and seminars during the term.

"Computers with graphics are a medium" for learning, Wilson said. They can be used to "teach concepts, develop intuition, and to teach design."

Professors of political science, Wilson said, had suggested using computers for modeling interactions of two or three political systems. The economics department said economic models will allow students to gain "an understanding...that goes beyond equations."

The biology department has suggested using graphics for study of protein molecules, Wilson continued, and professors of materials science expressed interest in studying the behavior of crystals by computer.

Such new teaching methods would go "far beyond the sphere

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