MIT seizes labor survey

By Ronald W. Norman

The Institute stopped delivery of over 1,000 questionnaires dealing with the granting of privileges to support staff members in the MIT labor policy which were being sent to members of the support staff by the Interdepartmental Mail.

The questionnaire asked recipients if "MIT support staff would benefit, as a group, from affiliation with a union such as exists at Boston University, and if the respondents "would be receptive to learning more about how unions affect wildlife workers?"

The questionnaire was distributed through the President's Employee's Morale Improvement Team. MIT does not recognize the group, according to James J. Culliton, dean of personnel.

From Andover Chisholm, a senior secretary in the Department of Chemical Engineering, who is a representative of EMIT, said the group's effort "is not an intent to organize a union drive."

Tech Talk on Dec. 14 included a statement by Collin, explaining that the faculty did not sponsor the questionnaire which dealt with "...a variety of work related issues, including interest in receiving union material," and Institute officials "had no prior knowledge of it."

In an attempt to print Chisholm's reply to Collin's statement, because Tech Talk is a publication of the Interdepartmental Mail and is not to be used for outside distribution, said M. Byers, director of the MIT News Office.

Tech Talk also refused to print results of the survey, Byers added.

The Institute's interdepartmental Mail Service, a part of the Physical Plant Services, did not deliver the questionnaires because the service was instructed to do so by "Instituto officials," said Collin.

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MIT's varsity College Bowl team organized the contest. The Science Fiction Society team will not compete in any further contests as a result of winning the IAP trampoline tournament.

Mystery Hunt

The team of Michael D. O'Keefe '85, Gregory M. Wajszc '85, Bradford J. Wargelin '85, Khouda M. Wilson '86 and William M. Hobbs '86 won the IAP Mystery hunt by finding a French 10 centimes piece taped under a piece of paper on the IAP Announcement Board.

The first clues were issued at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, and the winners took over 57 hours to do the coin, naming sources ranging from Boston University Libraries to the National Bureau of Standards. Four other groups were looking Lobby 7 at the conclusion of the contest.

The questions required the winners to locate a large number of obscure objects, ranging from the length in meters of the nearest Enigma machine (it is in Barker Engineering Library) and the latitude of Rome (Regio Protonervi) to a surface feature of Mars. This year's Mystery Hunt was organized by Jean-Joseph Coté '84 and was modelled on previous mystery hunts planned by former graduate student Brad Schaefer. Coté was a member of the team that won the 1983 Mystery Hunt.

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