Last Minute Victory

Cagers Just Nip Union

By Edward M. Schneider '62

The MIT varsity basketball team went last night's encoun-
ter with Lowell Tech in high spirits, thanks to a thrilling come-from-behind victory, 68-67, over Union College on Tuesday.

Tech, as has been the case in the last seven games, was ahead at the half; this time, 37-34, thanks to the twenty-one point output of center Dave Koch '62. However, Union showed signs, toward the end of the half, of breaking through MIT's zone defense.

Press Hampers Tech

Sure enough, cornerman Len Jones and Dave Santos of Union, began to score on easy layups in the opening minutes of the second half. Shiny shooting by Koch, Chuck Gamble '62, Tom Burns '62, and Jeff Fursit '63, kept the Engineers in the ball game. However, with about eight minutes left, at 53-53, the Union full-court press, which had made MIT take a bit clumsy in the previous minutes, really took effect.

The Engineers weren't stopping here. MIT got the ball, Robinson popped in another push shot, and it was 57-57. Minutes later, Gamble stole the ball and was fouled. He converted both attempts, and Tech was on top 68-65 with only 52 seconds remaining. Koch scored two more, with two quick, short jump shots. It was 65-64 Union with two minutes remaining.

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Democrats Use Brains

New Machine Predicts Election

A hitherto secret computing machine—one which can estimate human behavior—was used by Kennedy strategists in the recent election, it was revealed recently.

Built at a cost of $65,000 for the Democratic Party, the machine was able to tell Kennedy, as long ago as last August, what his stand should be on the religious issue, foreign affairs, and the upcoming TV debates, it was able to give the Democratic candidate his "image" in the voters' minds.

An article by Thomas B. Morgan, in the January issue of Harper's Magazine, discloses that the Simulmatics Corporation of New York City and Cambridge developed for the Democrats a mathematical "model" of the U.S. electorate.

This machine fused "the memory, speed and accuracy" of electronic computers with over 6,000,000 pieces of information obtained in more than ten years of public opinion polls and other studies. It consisted of more than 100,000 interviews divided into 495 voter-types together with demographic and political facts on each group. Consolidated and transferred to a memory tape, the material in the computer could be scanned in about forty minutes.

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is one. The indifference commonly displayed toward student politics is another.

Why are MIT students interested in national but not student politics? At first glance the answer would seem to lie in the fact that the former involves clashes between groups, and clashes of ideas, while the latter involves neither. We would add, however, that a genuine interest in political affairs also must be accompanied by some feeling of responsibility or personal involvement. This feeling should extend to the political scene, however far removed it may seem. One cannot expect to be a citizen of a nation without first being a citizen of a community. If student politics at MIT lack color, ideas, and real conflict it is because the very ones who deride them, refuse to be involved.

If an increasing interest among undergraduates in politics and government on the national level is noted, this is encouraging. Accompanied by widespread disenchant in student politics, it is somewhat anomalous. We ask you to consider the anomaly.

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Nearly a year ago we opened Volume Eighty of The Tech by stating that our desire was to discuss the major issues that beset MIT. Since then our considerations have ranged far and wide. "Space junk" in building seven, research vs. teaching, MIT architecture, the needs in the Library, intramural athletics, Rush Week, the time necessary to procure a hamburger in Pritchett — all these and more have passed in review.

On some of our comments have stood alone; on others we have been joined or attacked by various members of the community. Suddenly we find ourselves with just one last set of makeup sheets to lay out; only twenty more columns inches in which to express our editorial views.

The feeling of nostalgia is strong, but hardly unconquerable. Volume Eighty-one is already taking shape; officers and editors are soon to be elected. We are sure that the next year of publishing will see major changes in the paper just as has the past one.

We wish the Board of Volume Eighty-one all success. The Board of Volume Eighty deeply appreciates the support and criticism which has come its way from so many different quarters. Given this essential element, we are confident that the new Board will meet its goals with something to spare.

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Icemen Down WPI And Amherst

MIT's varsity hockey team, with two straight victories in its
sticks, faces the University of Pennsylvania tonight on the Briggs
Field Rink at 7 p.m. The Techmen captured an impressive 7-2
victory over Amherst Wednesday after blanking a hapless Worces-
ter Polytechnic squad last Saturday, 11-0.

Mike Denny '63, currently the hottest Tech scorer, garnered
a hat trick against Amherst and four goals in the WPI rout.

The Amherst game was all even until the second period, when
the Techmen erupted for four goals in the final five minutes. The
Techmen, who had scored five goals in the Midwest tourney,
ended their opening weekend with a 1-1 tie against Illinois.

Saliba and Bill Vachon '63 each scored twice in the Satur-
day frolic. Contributing a goal each were Levy, John Rupert '62 and Tony Walzel '63.

Expectation High

MIT is in good position for its fourth victory tonight since Penn-
sylvania was recently one of Amherst's victims. Penn is fairly
new to college hockey ranks, having initiated the sport to
compete with an intra-Ivy League competition in all sports pact.

After the intermission the ice-
men will be at home five times
and on the road once. UMass,
Wesleyan and WPI will be fac-
ing the Techmen for the second
time. Bowdoin and Connecticut
end the regular season, to be fol-
lowed by the annual alumni
classic.

Swimmers Defeat Coast Guard And Wesleyan

Four Records Fall

Stein, Cooke Steal

Sparked by Dave Stein, the varsity swimmers downed the Coast Guard Academy Wednesday in successive meets last week.

In winning a 58-37 score against the Coast Guard, Techmen broke four school records; Stein, be-
or of the old record in the 5
yard freestyle, not only br-
riced his triumphs coming in the
dividual medley competition.

In the diving, Stein made the swim-

men's scores include.

Four away meets are schec-
ed next month, with one home
encounter against Adelphi on th-
18th. The New England champs
will be held at Cor
How They Did

Basketball
Coast Guard 60 MIT 52
Williams 8 MIT 1

Squash
Amherst 9 MIT 0

Swimming
MIT 58 Coast Guard 37
Coast Guard 1371 MIT 132.

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Coast Guard 1371 MIT 182.

Northeastern 73, Tufts 44%
Hockey
MIT 11 WPI 0
MIT 7 Amherst
Shooting Ranges—MIT Eyesores

As the Second Century Fund continues to grow and Institute expansion plans are released, one project is notably missing: the construction of modern target shooting facilities.

To be sure, the rifle range is not generally seen by visitors to MIT, but its status as the campus eyesore cannot be denied. And the pistol range, which, in serving both students and faculty occupies less space than the Ping Pong Club headquarters, can hardly be termed an asset.

In a recent two year period 600 incoming freshmen expressed an interest in organized shooting. Yet there are only 60 under graduates presently associated with the rifle and pistol programs. This drastic reduction can be directly attributed to the lack of adequate practice facilities. The rifle range boasts five firing points, the pistol range four. At other colleges 24 points are not unknown.

The amazing fact remains that MIT’s varsity teams have done well in both sports. Last year the rifle team captain, Bill Leffler, was eighth in the National Rifle Association Intercollegiate Individual Championships, which drew 1390 competitors. This year the rifle team is undefeated and the pistol team has drawn the sincere praise of the Coast Guard coach. We can only imagine how well these men would perform, given decent facilities.

Boston is a stronghold of the nation’s shooting enthusiasts. The MIT Faculty team ranks its division in the Greater Boston Pistol League, the nation’s largest. The MIT undergraduate team would perform, given decent facilities.

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