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GA forms task force to review government

Acting in response to the recent "No UAP" turnout and general agreement about the failure of present student government, the General Assembly established Tuesday night a task force to examine student government, its reasons for existing, and alternate possible structures. Other business included Executive Committee elections and reports of student-faculty committees. The meeting was one of the best-attended of the year.

When it came time for discussion on the present form of the GA, remarks were many and varied, but all centered around two topics: 1) why doesn't the GA work, and 2) what can be done to make it work. UAP Bob Schulte caught the gist of the discussion on the shortcomings of the GA when he remarked, "You can't interest students when you deal with things that don't affect them." Schulte continued, "The GA should deal with close problems, commons

and education, for example, instead of chasing world issues or passing random motions which we have no way of implementing."

'Communication link'

Student government needs a general governing body, indicated a large majority of those present when a straw vote was taken. Nancy Wheatley '70 char-

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CJAC queries Wiesner

By Lee Giguere

The administrative structure of MIT captured the attention of the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee Wednesday night when it queried President-elect Jerome Wiesner.

CJAC's members ordered their questioning around such topics as tenure policy and decisions, the office and duties of the provost and the vice-presidents, and the roles of the president and chancellor. Wiesner's remarks varied from descriptions of the current situation to consideration of the structure of his own administration.

Wiesner explained that he and Chancellor-elect Paul Gray "don't know" how they will divide their responsibilities. He felt that there would be a "natural sorting-out" of their roles once they entered office. He stressed, however, that he wants "to structure activities so that we maintain a personal involvement" in academic affairs. He noted, though, that he expected to be more involved in relations with government agencies and with alumni than Gray. He maintained that the continuation of the office of Provost was still an open question.



President-elect Jerome Wiesner (left) answers questions regarding administrative roles for CJAC.
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The acquisition of funds for new projects, he said, would be an important goal in the future, upon which the "health of MIT" will depend. Wiesner commented that "fund raising is a linear system": the more you put in, the more you get out. He later said that "the future of the Institute depends on getting into the right new areas." The "old

ones," he added, "will take care of themselves."

Concerning tenure appointments, Wiesner cautioned against the possibility of establishing a separate faculty appointed on the basis of teaching merit. Wiesner argued that there can be no dichotomy between good teaching and research, saying "it's not that simple." In graduate education, he noted that the two are closely connected.

The President-elect admitted that undergraduate teaching hasn't received enough concern. One reason, he said, is that "teaching is hard to measure." There is a gap, he continued, in communication about teaching quality. Wiesner stated that MIT should have people interested in teaching and ways of improving it; however, he reiterated his warning that the "worst thing" MIT could do would be to set up a "cadre" of teachers.

Wiesner felt that MIT's committee structure "is not that complicated." Largely composed of committees to handle special problems, it provides a way for the faculty to deal with problems.

Interest in Commission sags

By Alex Makowski

Community interest in *Creative Renewal in a Time of Crisis*, the report of the MIT Commission on Education, is sagging, and implementation of two of its three major proposals seems extremely unlikely in the short run and doubtful over the course of the next year or two.

To investigate the current status of the Commission report,

The Tech contacted many segments of the MIT community: students, faculty, Corporation members, and alumni. From both students and alumni came reports of major dissatisfaction with the Commission document. Corporation Secretary Vincent Fulmer said the Corporation feeling "mirrored the campus response: mixed, very mixed." Specifically, the First Divi-

sion and Institute Council recommendations are in trouble. Only the suggestions for CEP reorganization are likely to be acted on by fall next year.

The First Division proposal has come under fire from both faculty and students. Dean Robert Alberty from the School of Science told *The Tech* that the Science Council, the collection of science department chairmen and physics assistant chairman Anthony French, was opposed to the idea, while the science faculty that teach freshman courses are generally "not

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Luce defends libertarianism

Right-wing libertarian Phillip Abbot Luce spoke to a gathering of about 30 people in 26-100 Tuesday night on the topic of current activities in libertarianism.

The topic for the evening had been "The New Left," but upon reflecting on the small size of his audience and its clearly pro-libertarian character, Luce switched topics, gave a relatively brief lecture, and then threw the meeting open to questions.

Luce is characterized by some as an "anarcho-capitalist," i.e., an individual who believes in little or no government regulation, and who would seek his own way in a completely non-socialistic, tax-free world. He is against compulsion of any sort, and says that the libertarian philosophy is that "you as an individual are free to do anything you want to do so long as it does not infringe on the property rights of anybody else." Under the concept of "property" Luce includes a person's self or own body.

Attempting to live the life he preaches, Luce says, for example, that he pays no income taxes. He gets around paying taxes by being a legally-ordained minister in California, who runs a church school into which all his income is funneled, and from which funds are drawn to pay all his expenses. He also does not



Phillip Abbot Luce, right-wing libertarian, speaks in Kresge Auditorium. Luce expounded his philosophy and answered questions from the audience of about 30 people.

Photo by Sheldon Lowenthal

believe in the government's right to certify or register anyone. His child has no birth certificate, and will not be registered for the draft when he turns 18. Neither does he think teachers should be certified.

A characteristic insight into Luce can be gained through his rationale for opposing the legalization of marijuana. It is not that he opposes use of the drug. On the contrary, he fears that government legalization will lead to government regulation, and will interfere with the operation of a free market; namely, the

existing black market in drugs.

Luce also indicated his support for the "voucher plan" to generate competition among schools and school systems. Under the plan, each student in grades 1-12 would be given a voucher for an amount equal to the cost of educating him for a school year. He would then be free to use that voucher for educational purposes at any school of his choice, public or otherwise, thus making education improve by competition. Poor schools would attract fewer students.

1600 admitted to '75 number of women up

By Harvey Baker

Over 1600 letters of acceptance have gone out to prospective members of the Class of '75. About 4000 students applied for admission, a drop of nearly 20% from a year ago.

Peter Richardson, Associate Director of Admissions, told *The Tech* in an interview that MIT hoped 875 men and 120 women would enroll. This would be an increase in the number of women admitted, without cutting down the number of men. A similar increase of an additional 25% in the number of women is slated for next year. Women are now being admitted on an equal basis with men.

The decrease in the number of applicants forced the Admissions Office to lower its standards somewhat this year. Said Richardson, "We admitted some guys this year that had they applied last year wouldn't have gotten in." When asked if this lowering of standards would be detrimental to MIT academically or extracurricularly, Richardson replied that it was too early to say, but that he doubted the

impact would be that significant. William Hecht, Director of the Educational Council added, "This class has as much or more potential as any class has had." Both noted that the decrease in the number of applications was a nation-wide phenomenon.

There will be fewer black students in the Class of '75 than in this year's freshman class. This is due to a sharp decrease in the number of applications. Presently the decrease is about 30%, but a number of others are taking March college board exams, so additional black students will be enrolling later than usual. Richardson stressed that MIT exerted "strenuous efforts" to attract blacks to apply. These efforts included recruiting, advertisements in *Ebony*, and the forwarding of preliminary applications to all National Achievement Scholars.

A significant shift in geographical distribution appears likely to be the case also. From the pool of students accepted, 52% were from the Northeast this year, as opposed to only 45% last year.

Serving the public?

Selling the Pentagon

By Alex Makowski

"The attitude that they (the Pentagon public relations staff) developed allowed Vietnam to happen... if we allow this to continue we could have another Vietnam."

This chilling conclusion of a former army public relations officer was one of the highlights of the recent CBS Special "The Selling of the Pentagon." The TV documentary was a look at the Department of Defense (DOD) apparatus for fostering good relations with the American public.

Originally the documentary was shown a month ago to an audience numbering at an estimated 9,000,000. Since then the program has come under attack by several prominent government figures, most notably Vice President Spiro Agnew. CBS reaired the program Tuesday night, following it this time with taped excerpts of attacks by these same government figures and rebuttal by CBS chief executive Richard Salant.

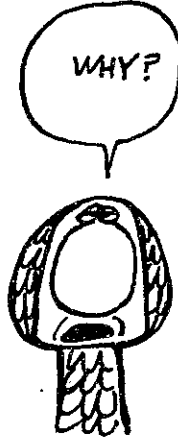
Narrated by Roger Mudd, the program was ten months in the making. At the outset, Mudd explained that nothing in the program was classified: "we are presenting only what is done for the public, in public."

The essential CBS point was that taxpayers' money was being used, not to inform, but to convince and persuade the public. The film described Pentagon Public Relations efforts as "a runaway bureaucracy that frustrates all efforts to control it," citing a Nixon memo barring wasteful PR efforts that has done little to stem the tide of material going out to the American people.

Mudd explained that the Pentagon relies on three channels to reach the American public: 1) direct contact, 2) press releases and films, and 3) the regular news media.

The direct contact takes on a variety of forms. Many major army bases, for example, annually sponsor Armed Forces Day displays of military equipment. CBS ran footage of an armyman from Fort Jackson,

North Carolina describing to a group of families the kill zone of a small artillery piece and small children playing games with the tanks and material once the demonstration was over. Similar attempts to reach children include demonstrations by elite Green Berets in the unlikely setting of an elementary school playground: the soldiers were displaying killing techniques used in hand-to-hand combat.



Reaching the masses also involves displays in shopping malls that stress a recurrent theme of power and military might. Another technique is a clutch of "touring colonels" that travel around the country to speak at meetings. Funded by the DOD, these officers stress such messages as the "blood-bath" doctrine (a communist victory would mean death for many South Vietnamese) and warn that the communists "think we're going to give up and pull out before the job is done."

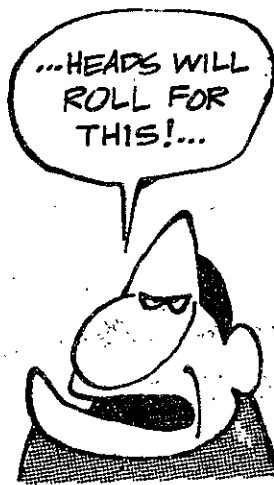
A last method to reach key segments of the population hinges on inviting "prominent taxpayers" - industrialists, bankers, college administrators, and the like - to special demonstrations. The VIP treatment may include briefings by officers, the opportunity to hobnob and pose for pictures with generals, staged battles between infantry battalions, and even the opportunity to fire mortars and recoilless rifles. Comments from the guests (to the occasional roar of a background ordnance explosion) included, "I'm very grateful for the privilege of seeing how the defense of our country is organized," "the message is you can be proud of the

man in service," "this showed that a lot of the Fulbright and Proxmire statements are baseless," and "you won't find any George Romney statements about being brainwashed." What about the thrill of handling army weapons? "There's no substitute for hands-on experience."

Moving to the films and press releases, CBS asserted that many of the early 1960's DOD films still circulated in the 1970's demonstrate an obsession with monolithic, threatening communism. Bearing titles like "Red Nightmare" and "Road to the Wall," the movies picture China, for example, as bent on a plan to "divide and encircle; conquer and enslave" the world, and one film warns of a planned domination of the planets and the universe as well. The films are shown across the country to such groups as civic organizations and elementary schools.

Of the many ways the DOD has to get its message across to the public, CBS reserved the label "most effective" for the Pentagon use of the regular news media. As an example of the problem, they asked a Washington Post military expert who should be more proud of media coverage of the Pentagon, the press or the DOD. "The Pentagon," he replied.

Occasionally the press can be "an unwitting party to its own deception." A PR officer described a network documentary he cooperated with in Danang. The army selected the most articulate pilots available and briefed them carefully beforehand: "we didn't want any divergent views." How was the documentary? "As good as if we had done it ourselves." Which was the network? "CBS."



And a regular feature of operations with the press are daily briefings, known among Saigon correspondents as the "Five O'clock Follies." The typical language includes "we are conducting a limited duration protective reaction air strike," "selective ordinance" (translate: napalm), "defoliation" ("nothing will grow there," in Mudd's words), and the ever-ready "no comment."

"Is the right of the public to know," Mudd wondered at the close, "being served or thwarted?" The CBS documentary's message was clear: "thwarted."

Letters to The Tech

To the Editor:

The proposed Center for International Studies - SDS debate on "The Role of Social Science Research in the United States" had foundered on the question of time. SDS refused to debate at 4 pm. Their insistence of an evening time seemed increasingly to me to indicate that they envisioned a political rally, and not merely a thorough discussion of the serious and important issues involved. They clearly wanted an event, but I came to feel that the event they wanted was not (or not merely)

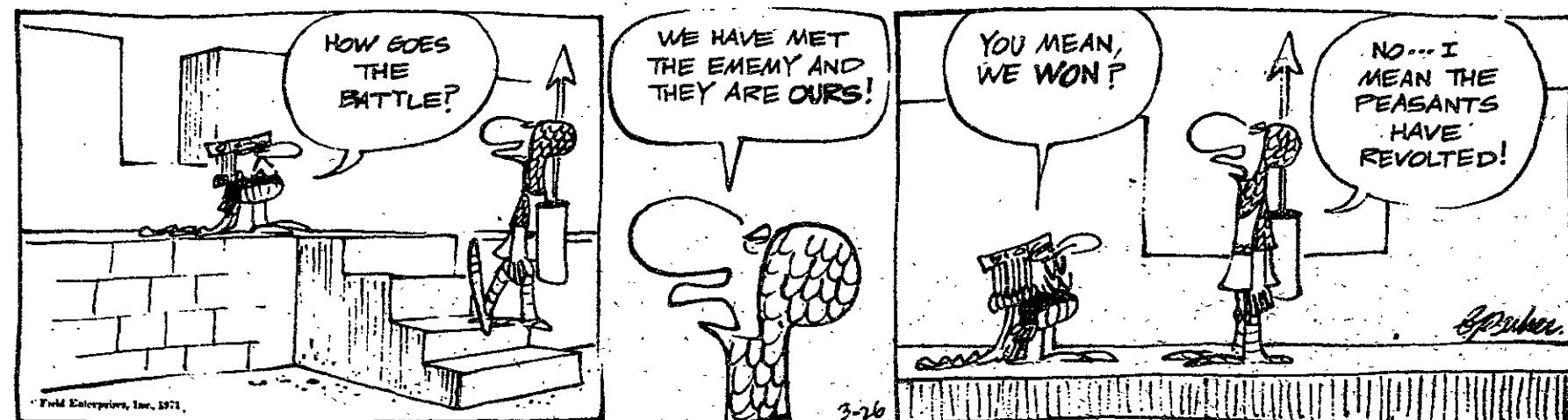
a debate. I therefore refused an evening time.

Unless SDS changes its decision within the next few weeks, the Center proposes, as a substitute, to hold a forum at 4 pm a little later in the spring, at which we will discuss the nature and purposes of social science research as illustrated in the work of the Center, and will welcome questions, including ones that may be prefaced by accusatory speeches.

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depended on his holding his losses in trump to one trick. He also saw that he could accomplish his task only if West held three hearts to the king and East held three hearts to the jack.

Declarer therefore took the subsequent diamond lead in his hand, led a low heart to the queen, and breathed a sigh of relief when it held the trick. He then finessed the ten of hearts and was pleased to see the king take the trick. The queen of clubs was led and taken by the ace in the closed hand.

When the ace of hearts pulled the remaining trumps declarer was ecstatic. He led a diamond to the board, played the queen of spades, and discarded a club after East had covered with the king. He discarded another club on East's lead of a spade, and the rest was easy.

You may have noticed that any opening lead besides the ace of spades (or a low club) would have set the contract. However, this illustrates an important point: aggressive bidding will often place the burden of perfect defense on the opponents. A mistake will usually follow, permitting an alert declarer to pocket the rewards of well-reasoned gambling.

The key weapon in a bridge player's arsenal is his mind. If he wants to play well it is his duty to make use of all available information as efficiently as possible.

When North opened a weak no trump (13-16 points) and East overcalled, South counted points and realized that his partnership had enough points for game. He also inferred that there had to be a fit somewhere; he held three four-card suits, North had shown a balanced hand, and East's bid of two spades implied that North might be short in spades (and therefore long elsewhere).

The above reasoning explains South's bidding, all made without so much as a murmur of assent from his partner.

When dummy was laid out after West led the ace of spades declarer saw that the contract

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 authorized a major program, "We know that there are problems to be solved, but we need ideas and recommendations on how to deal with them. We must establish a communication link between us and the students." The discussion closed with the establishment of the task force; the motion to do so passed unanimously.

Earlier in the meeting, a motion passed to enlarge the Executive Committee of the GA to eight members. Elected as at-large members to Execomm were Larri Dagate, Bob Longhair, Curtis Reeves, Tony Shields, and Derrick Vlad. After the meeting all five met with Schulte and UAVP John Krzy-

wicky to discuss the role of the Executive Committee during the revamping of the GA. It was decided that Execomm would act as overseer of the process. Schulte stated that he intends for each Execomm member to represent the GA and the student body; he hoped to have "eight little UAP's" instead of just one.

Other business of the meeting were reports by students sitting on student-faculty committees. Students were reminded that the Nominations Committee will be seeking a large number of replacements for these committees for next year. After announcements, the meeting adjourned, the next meeting to be called in three weeks.

Interest in Commission sags

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 interested" in the proposal. Student CEP member George Flint '74 elaborated on the faculty opposition: many professors felt the Division a "big administrative structure" that would "undermine the departments." Flint, however, did report considerable support from faculty "wrapped up" in educational studies. As for students, Bill Orchard '74, who sits on the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) subcommittee that evaluated the report labeled the suggestion "too administrative."

The Institute Council proposal, on the other hand, is floundering not so much from opposition as lack of interest. Alberty noted that he "doesn't hear a lot of talk" about the proposal from the faculty and administration he deals with. Flint confirmed Alberty's assessment; "if someone doesn't push it strongly, it won't get off the ground." The SCEP subcommittee report doesn't even deal with this governance proposal. Only CJAC, it seems, has seriously considered the Institute Council.

The CEP itself has spent a lot of time on the third major proposal, CEP reorganization. A two-year experiment may be submitted for faculty approval by the early weeks of the fall

term.
Entire report
 Besides these specific ideas, *The Tech* investigated whether any committees were still engaged in studies of the entire report. After an initial period of reviewing all sections of the document, the CEP has decided to leave to the soon-to-be-appointed task forces the job of carrying through studies in areas suggested by the report. Alumni interest, with the exception of a few metropolitan clubs, has slacked off considerably from the first flush of enthusiasm when the document was released. G. Peter Grant, Director for Alumni Clubs, told *The Tech* that many MIT graduates, accustomed to dealing with dollars and cents proposals for the Institute's future, found the report, "not what they expected... there was no real interest in the report which the Commission presented."

The SCEP subcommittee expressed a similar sentiment - Orchard summed up the group's consensus with, "the report didn't say anything." Corpora-

tion action on the report, predicted Fulmer, is unlikely until the campus generates specific proposals. It would be "premature," he pointed out, for the Corporation to begin formal consideration before the presentation of a student and faculty assessment.

Visiting committees
 Several Corporation visiting committees, though, may be getting more use out of the report. Fulmer explained that several of those groups have touched on aspects of the report. Jephtha Wade, who sits on the Humanities Visiting Committee, noted that he had considered at great length the document's comments on the role of Humanities here. Additionally, Alberty reported that within the School of Science there is continuing investigation of possible improvements for the upperclass years though "It's hard to say how much of this is the normal course of events, and how much is due to the Commission."

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The Tech Sports

Riflemen take NRA sectional, NECRL's

By Larry Krussel

The varsity riflemen again had a record-setting weekend as they won the New England College Rifle League championship for the first time in eight years, and placed first in the National Rifle Association Sectional for New England.

The NRA Sectional is made up of two parts with individual competition in the morning and team matches in the afternoon. In the individual matches the shooters must fire their course with no coaching or help of any kind. In team matches, predetermined four-man teams are entered by each school and are allowed as much coaching and help as is legal in any match.

MIT entered nine of the seventy-six shooters in individual competition. Team captain Karl Lamson '71 turned in Tech's best score with a 275 out of 300 possible, which also earned him a third place overall. Turner of the University of Maine and French of the Coast Guard Academy placed first and second with scores of 281 and 280. These two shooters also took the same two positions in last year's sectional with identical scores.

MIT's second shooter was Howie Klein '72 with a 274, which was his career high and earned him fifth place in the tournament. Frank Leathers '72 tied his personal high at 273, and placed seventh. Other MIT scorers were Eric Kraemer '71 at 267, John Breen '73 at 262, Larry Krussel '73 with 260, and Tom Milbury '73 with a disappointing 253, due to a faulty and erratic trigger.

Later in the day, however, MIT unlimbered its big guns, as Tech's top shooters shook off

their nervousness of the morning. MIT's first team, made up of Bill Swedish, Eric Kraemer, Karl Lamson, and Tom Milbury, placed first of fourteen teams in the sectional, with an 1102 total, which also set a record for the New England Sectional. University of Maine finished second at 1025, and Coast Guard was third at 1073.

Swedish fired the top score of the day and tied the MIT record for the second week in a row with a 282 contribution to the team score. Kraemer was the afternoon's number two shooter, with a career high of 280, which also made him the fifth MIT shooter ever to break the 280 barrier. Lamson continued his consistently good shooting with a 276, and Milbury completed the team scoring with a 264.

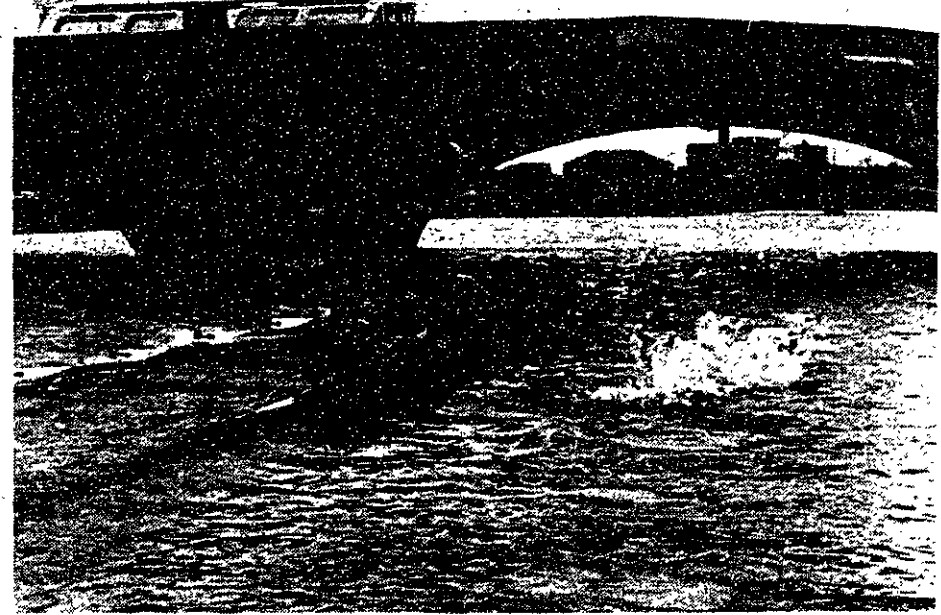
Meanwhile, Klein, Breen, Leathers, and Krussel were selected for the MIT second team, and they fired 265, 264, 262, and 255 respectively, for a 1046 team total, giving them eighth place.

In order to avoid running another big tournament later in the year, the sectional scores were also used to determine the New England College Rifle League championship. To do this and comply with league rules, the afternoon's top five shooters from each league team were counted for the league score. Therefore, the scores of Swedish, Kraemer, Lamson, Doug Belli (who fired a 265 in the afternoon but was not on a sectional team), and Klein were used to win the league title with a 1368 total.

Frosh heavy crew ready

The Frosh Heavies will be leading off the spring intercollegiate racing schedule this year when they travel to Hartford, Connecticut, to race Trinity on April 3. The race is unofficial and is a week ahead of the first normally-scheduled regattas for MIT, but it gives the opportunity for the frosh heavies to be "blooded" earlier in the season. After six months of preparation, they are ready to hunt. They are hungry, drooling for victims, and are looking forward to this "brush" with Trinity.

Some of them have tasted blood before: James Clarke, Steve Bates, Chuck Davies, Andrew Kernohan, Tony Vidmar, Larry Brazil, Alex Frick, and Bill Pride. Last year, they were in the boat which defeated the freshman lightweights at the class-day regatta—the first time this has happened in at least five years. Some of them, such as Mel Aden and John Miller, are very new to the sport and were in a shell for the first time this spring.



Freshman heavyweight eight practices in preparation for their opening regatta, scheduled for April 3rd. The frosh heavies have shown a great deal of promise, indicated by their victory over the lightweights in the fall. Photo by Dave Vogel

The squad's keenness and desire to excel stand out. They were the first squad in the boathouse on the water this year, and of all the crews on the Charles, they were in the first eight on the river after the ice melted. Come rain or shine, rough or smooth water, they are out there practicing. Their mode of practices range from savage, determined power stretches to eating ice cream in an "eight" up at Watertown while it is snowing lightly.

As regards the weather, hopefully it will improve so that you will be able to follow the pack from the banks of the Charles some sunny Saturday mornings. On April 10, they will be racing Columbia here. Thereafter, you can watch Northeastern, BU, Wisconsin and Dartmouth challenge them. They have more

aces away, against other major universities, climaxing with the "Eastern Sprints." This regatta is held at Worcester, a short drive away, and every major eastern college crew will be there to challenge.

The frosh heavies are not the only squad in the boathouse, but they are unique. They are a group of mongrels bound together through a common sport, working to be the best dammed team on the river—even though none of them had rowed before they came to MIT. Observe them from the bridge as they practice and follow their races from the Charles bank. It is pleasant and fun to relax on a nice day and watch a group of hungry hounds at work.



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