In The Spotlight

By SANDER RUBIN

The biggest sport around Tech- nology, outside of brownbagging of course, is crew. The three men responsible for training the crew and seeing that it wins are coaches Joe McKinnon, head coach of the varsity, Pat Manning, in charge of 20 point crew, and Chuck Jackson, who coaches the freshmen. Pat Manning, a light weight himself, has been coaching M.I.T. crews since 1932. Joe McKinnon moved over to Memorial Drive from the Harvard crew. In those days row- ing was enter a student activity. Chuck Jackson, head coach, is also from the University of Wash- ington. He's a new man to the fac- ulty, having started only last September. He won't make any pre- dictions either, but he is concerned about the small number of fresh- men who have turned out this spring, only two boat loads. By the way each shell holds eight oarsmen and a coxswain. Last fall 150 frosh showed up for crew, but chiefly because of the press of students, only twenty or so came out this spring.

As far as equipment is concerned, Tech is as well off as any college in the country. The crew has recently acquired a new shell and a new motor launch. The shells are

From left to right, crew coaches Pat Manning, Chuck Jackson, and Jim McMillin, survey the situation before the first race of the season on the Charles. The ties are hopeful of another successful year, such as last year, when their crews were invited to the International Regatta at Washington and placed second.

Crew Coaches

Oarsman Describes The Inside Story

Of Crew In Action

The following story does not exactly fit into "crew" classification, however, we are print- ing it because it gives a succinct guide to the crew in practice and action.

In rain, snow, slate, or sunshine, any late afternoonノitral along the Charles River Esplanade dur- ing the spring will find this alumnus arrested by the flash of gray oars, the bark of spirited coxswains, and the swift smooth motions of the varnished shells. Purring along in the wake of these sleek racers comes the Tech launch, mother of the crew and flagship of the coach. Whole yards long, she ever so gently rests on some hont or oarsman. It is certainly an impressive sight to any passing smoker.

One wonders just what makes this near perfect machine? What happens between the beginning of spring training and those Satu- day afternoons when the smooth oceanking crew slide their shells into competition on the Charles?

All activity starts daily at about 5:30 P.M. when a hundred under- grads come hanging into the boat- house, after playing tag with the heavy stream of traffic which covers Memorial Drive at that hour. Then follows a brief 15-minute stretch in the locker rooms where they change school clothes for sweat-shirts, sweat-pants, and heavy socks. Dressed for rowing, the oarsmen pad downstairs to deck area where they gather around the big blackboards. This cloying fog of smoke and chalk is highly respected by the men on or in the boat's sailing list.

A few minutes later Coach Mc- Millin calls the roll. Then while the oarsmen stare silently and hopefully Jim makes any changes in the boating list that he deems necessary. After a short talk on the previous day's run, it's "Oar- shine, get your boat in order".

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