M.I.T. VS. FOOTBALL STADIUMS

As a result of the emphasis on football, people are beginning to consider a college as a small building near a large stadium. We sincerely hope that M.I.T. will never be considered in that position. Tech does not give athletic scholarships and does not approve of on-campus examinations, however, athletics designed for the student and not so much for the public should be an important part of every student's life.

A few Saturdays ago, a member of the M.I.T. Corporation happened to pass Briggs Field, and was astounded at the number of students who were taking part in athletics. We are aware of the importance of these athletic programs, and are concerned that...

Here are the facts taken from the Athletic Report 1947-48:
1. The Rockwell Cage has been constructed, providing suitable indoor practice for Lacrosse, soccer, baseball, etc.
2. Briggs Field playing area has been very much enlarged.
3. We now have a full time Athletic Director and three full time coaches.
4. Baseball was formally introduced to the Intercollegiate program.
5. The freshman athletic program was made a part of the curriculum.

Although over 2300 men took advantage of M.I.T.'s organized athletic facilities last year, there are still 3100 students who are not for reason taking advantage of Tech's new sports programs.

A number of people will advance the age-old argument of not having enough time. Sports programs at M.I.T., in view of the relatively rigid curriculum, are designed to enable you to put in only a minimum of time, and still get maximum satisfaction. Practices for varsity sports are seldom more than an hour long. Nobody can tell us that he can't spend five hours a week out total of 168 hours on sports.

Another argument advanced by the $100 is that they never were star athletes in high school. How are they supposed to play college games on the same team? Of course, all you have to do is have an interest in athletics, and there is a place for you on a varsity or Junior varsity squad. With 17 varsity sports, the choice is varied, but there is at least one sport and probably two or three more that you would really enjoy playing.

Here's the situation summed up as we see it. A portion of the student body already are taking advantage of the facilities almost to the point where the existing facilities are taxed, but a few thousand more students need to be pushed. Well let's push them! Let's talk up sports around here and let's see an interest in tomorrow's track meet and next week's hockey game.

Just last week the Treasurer of the Corporation remarked about the athletic situation: "You get out there, and we'll provide the stuff."

How about it?

COOPERATION

The Institute has set up a number of student organizations with the express purpose of correlating activities. Prominent of course are the Institute Committee and Walker Memorial Committee. Unfortunately, after establishing these avenues of communication, the administration does not use them to the best advantage.

When the spring recession was increased almost everyone cheered the idea. Among those who were not quite overjoyed were those who foresaw the potential for more pressure on the Inter-fraternity Conference dances. These two big events were planned far in advance and the reservations made for the ballroom. Communication between the two groups, and the Scholastic Press, is, for the most part, negligible. The Institute Committee or Walker Memorial Committee, has now forced these dances to fall on the same week-end with the subsequent threat of financial losses. Some of this embarrassment might have been avoided if the two activities had been informed in advance and allowed to change their plans while there was still time.