Football Kicks Off Season; First Sailing Tournament Set

by Jerry Marwell '57

The rosters for intramural football and intramural sailing, fall season, are in, and the campus competitions are officially under way.

League Choice

In football 56 teams have been entered and these have split up into five leagues. The first league consists of eight teams while the others each contain seven, with one bye given out in the opening round. All choices were done by picking out of a hat. For this reason one of the leagues appears much stronger than the others.

Opening Games

The league shapes up something like this: In league one Theta Xi plays Kappa, Delta Tau Delta plays Baker "A", B.U. has it out with the newly formed TEP squad, and the powerful Phi Gamma's, last year's winners, play Kappa Sig. In league two Sigma Nu has the job of meeting them in the season starter. The last team in the league is East Campus which draws a bye. The Economics have the largest manpower pool on campus to draw from and must therefore always be considered a threat.

Rounding out the schedule is league three. In this league we find Phi Beta Kappa, Eastern playing against DKE and EKE coming up against Baker "B", Sigma Nu draws a bye.

New Ref System

A new system of refereeing football games has been started. It is much the same as the system that was instituted last basketball season. All refs will be paid two dollars a game. They will be chosen by two infinite, one written and ten oral, which will be given by the official Tech, Ker, and Ecke. Three teams are being chosen for each week on Wednesday, the week at the A.A. office. Anyone is eligible. Two refs will be used for each game. It will cost each team about seven dollars with the team that loses the fee paying extra.

Eliminating

The first season sailing will probably start next week. Emile Blode, the manager, expects from fifteen to twenty teams to be divided into four leagues. Each team will consist of two boats, the bowman of which will be familiar with the racing rules. The ultimate winner will be decided in an eight team final regatta.

Champions

Both football and sailing will be elimination tournaments, the football being double elimination. Football will consist two points toward the all-sports trophy while the sailing contest will be worth ten. The sailing experiment is to be watched with particular interest. It is the first new thing to be injected into intramural sports in a long time.

Crew On Charlie For First Drills, Frosb Promising

The forgotten Fall sport, crew, has its official Tech start yesterday when the Charles saw the first of the Cardinal and Grey men. Through the racing schedule comes almost completely in the spring the fall practices will probably the most long awaited event of the season to come. In the rowing season this is when the fundamentals of the sport are ingrained in the oarsmen.

The size of the Frosb turnout must make the 56 Chi Phi, last year's crew, a good deal more cheerful. Larger than last year's rowers in number and at least equal in strength and height, the Frosb turnout bodes well for Beaver barks.

The Tech

54-55 Promises Strong Grid, Basketball Teams

by Jack Friedman '57

Putting one little word after another and whatever became of sports news at the Institute? None of the fall sports get under way for a week or so and nothing is going on athletically with the exception of the weekly sailing races. This is the part of the year when sport fans at Tech start to bemoan the absence of football. In order to overcome these poor unfederations, we shall attempt to talk a little about football and the Institute. The sophomore football team has an ex-passer in Willfie Waterman who throw as well as anyone seen around Tech in recent years. . The line is quite light, however, with tackle averaging around one-seventy. The fifty-seven-men have a tough schedule mapped out for them: Boston Laton and Tabor Academy are the men's pre-F 'dix vacuum express. Besides lack of weight, throwback will be handicapped by tremendous practice times. Both Tabor and Boston Laton will have had at least two weeks edge in practice and a considerable weight advantage over the class of '57 gridmen. The freshman footballers should field an above average outfit. The material is rumored to be excellent. There are a lot of remixes around about fresh athletes. We prefer to take them reasonably salted. Did you hear the one about the six-foot-seven freshman in Burton House? A rumor which sounds a little more reasonable is the one about the experienced Boston football material. No inmit to the six-foot-seven you know what he is? Speaking of basketball, the varsity received a serious blow when Bill Shilensky '56, veteran six-foot-six center and last year's late-season surprise standout scorer, succumbed to academic pressure. We heard the news from Sport Whitman, Engineer capo coach, who was trying hard to think of something else at the time. But and need we say this, Dave Verger '56 joins the team this year. The six-foot-four transfer student from Texas hit the headlines last year when, ineligible for varsity play, he broke all Intramural scoring records and led the 56'ers to an important series win over the varsity in a benevolent basketball Hall of Fame at SpringField. Which brings us to cage Captain Carl Hess '55 who won the title in the second half with a sensational exhibition of set-shooting and driving. Driving and shooting should lead the Engineers to a successful season despite the loss of Shilensky. Which reminds us of another tumor — the recent 56'ers who won the best term. Sporty husso and so do we—Tiger-Jack Rott '56 will be back, said the Caps. The caps should be quite the club to watch for this year. The Caps with the New floor, even better.