NEW SKATING RINK EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR USE UPON RETURN FROM WINTER VACATION

The new M.I.T. Skating Rink is now rapidly nearing completion and, if all goes well, should be ready for use after the Christmas vacation. The rink, which will replace the present one, will have the dimensions of a regulation hockey rink, 200 feet in length and 80 feet in breadth. Asqlite solution will be circulated through the pipes to cover the water for the necessary two inch layer of ice. The air conditioning equipment of the new additions will be used for the cooling purpose of the rink.

To insure a smooth, flat surface, the layer of ice will be built up in three steps. First about an inch to an inch and a half of water will be poured over the pipe and frozen. The layer will then slowly be built up to exceed the required two inches by spraying water over it with a fog nozzle. Finally the ice will be scraped down a bit, and a cloth dampened with hot water will be passed over the ice to remove surface imperfections.

The rink will be operated utilizing lines similar to the Alumni Swimming Pool. During the specified general skating periods, the use of the rink will be limited to students and staff of the Institute and their guests. The number of guests per family, all using the rink, will be required to show positive identification such as registration cards. An effort will be made to limit strictly the use of the rink by outside organizations.

As the schedule now stands, the rink will be open for general use most of the day, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with hockey games scheduled. The hockey games will usually be at 8:00 p.m. The rink will be reserved for various practices between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. The final schedule will be printed in a later issue of The Tech.

ALUMNI GROUP IS PRIMARY SUBJECT AT IFC MEETING

Harold E. Lasdell, executive vice-president of the Alumni Association, spoke at the I.F.C. meeting held in the Hotel Boarda in Brookline, last Thursday night. A class of students at the Institute for twenty years, Mr. Lasdell has also been editor for five years and publisher for 28 years of the Technology Review, besides operating the Tech Louis during the last quarter century. In his talk, Mr. Lasdell outlined the purposes, functions and history of the Alumni Association. Graduate of M.I.T., gathered on St. Patrick's Day in 1873 and voted to form the first alumni association. This association held an annual dinner every January and honored the graduates at a reception in June. Other organizations that have been formed at this time.

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