Ike Geiger: Seven Years Of Progress
During His Tenure As Athletic Director

His Goal Was To Give Each Student The Opportunity To Participate Freely In Athletic Activities Which Contribute To His Education

"Our MIT sports program is nearly unique in this country, in its amateur spirit, its wide student participation in expansive intercollegiate, intramural, and recreational programs, and in the extent of student administrative opportunities offered by a strong undergraduate athletic association."

JAMES R. KILLIAN, JR.

Ike Geiger, in his seven years at the Institute, did more for this program than any other person. His philosophy of athletics brought the principle of amateurism to its logical extreme, and his work in the development of an intramural program second to none and in the expansion of athletic facilities made the dream of sports for everyone a reality.

Ike felt that it was feasible as well as desirable to conduct an athletic program aimed at maximizing the student's potential in the philosophy, aims and objectives of the institution, substituting athletic prestige for educational benefits the student enjoys in later life, often forgotten in this day of the athlete. His philosophy of athletics brought the ideal, the education of the whole man.

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The Intramural Council of the Athletic Association, which is the governing body of the sports.

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