John Murphy Dispenses 25,000 Articles For 36 Intercollegiate Sports, Intramurals

To most of us here at Tech he's known as "Murph," a friendly, colorful guy who acts as though he were general manager of Briggs Field House. Actually, John H. Murphy, the Athletic Equipment Supervisor for the MITAA, has the job of purchasing, distributing, replacing and maintaining inventory for all athletic equipment belonging to MIT.

Working with an inventory of 25,000 items for 36 intercollegiate and four intramural sports, "Murph" is kept constantly active. His quarters, which are to be enlarged to facilitate his duties, are situated in the rear of Briggs Field House. From this point he controls the distribution of 1800 lockers in Walker Memorial, the swimming pool, the boat house, and Briggs, aside from his other responsibilities.

His job, in his own words, requires him to be a "linguist, philosopher, chaplain, and a man of well rounded disposition" to the many Tech students he encounters. Probably the words that most students associate with "Murph" are said after they have received some equipment that's "either too large or too small. Then he is usually heard to utter, "If you like a glove, arm." John claims no favorites in his almost nine years here. When asked which team he thought was the best he could remember, he replied, "I am completely non-partisan—they're all my boys."

Before "Murph" began work at MIT he served in the USAF Air Corps in the Pacific during World War II. He commenced his activities here as a member of the ground crew working for Buildings And Power, and then was given the position of assistant to the Student equipment manager.

At this time a student controlled full distribution of the 8,000 piece inventory, as well as keeping the records and many other obligations. This arrangement proved inefficient, as it was almost impossible for the students to control the job and accomplish their school work.

Therefore, it was recommended that "Murph" be made full time equipment manager. This suggestion was carried out, and he became the first Athletic Equipment Supervisor, three years ago.

Building up the inventory and producing accurate records, Murphy increased the general efficiency to its present high degree. However, it is his friendly attitude that has made John Murphy the popular man that he is today at MIT.

Yarsity Tops Frosh Booters In 3-1 Game

The final contest for both the varsity and freshman soccer squads was a hard fought game between them on Tuesday. The varsity managed to win, 3-1, but not impressively. The game was nip and tuck all the way.

The freshman drew first blood on a goal by Rudolfo Vellavicentio in the first period. The varsity struck back with two goals by Tom Buffet the first period. The varsity struck back with two goals by Tom Buffet and Subin Banharnsupvat '59.

This concludes one of the freshman's most successful seasons and may well mark the beginning of Tech's return to the top of the New England soccer picture.