Many See Need For Abolishing IM Trophy

It is encouraging to note that many members of the Athletic Association have shown an interest in reviving, if not altogether abolishing, the award of the intermural all-sports trophy. Although a motion to end the award was defeated at the AA meeting Thursday, the close vote indicated that not a few members have at long last realized the evidence is against the present system and found it dirtily lacking.

For many years the all-sports trophy, supposed symbol of intramural superiority, has been awarded on the basis of points won in intramural competition. It has been the exclusive property of large living groups, who have the distinct advantage that they can field many teams in each sport. Although a smaller house may field the sport champions, a large group may finish enough teams lower on the ladder to offset the former's trophy points.

This has led, as was effectively pointed out Thursday, to a feeling by no one in the smaller groups that they must compete in every sport so their house might stand a chance against the large groups in the trophy battle. The results of this feeling has been that intramural enthusiasm is often done outside intramural contests although the program is designed for these interested in competing for enjoyment.

Also brought to the AA's attention was the fact that smaller living groups may resent being ranked on a trophy point basis with the large groups when they have few, if any, chances to lead the list. This difficulty can be resolved only if a system is established to honor quality of performance, not quantity. Some advocates of the present system claim that men in their houses draw benefits from the trophy. This is realized in the smaller houses that they must compete in every sport so their house might edge up into trophy points.

It is encouraging to note that many members of the Athletic Association are aware of problems facing the small group. The decision now rests with the Intramural Council. The problem must now be allowed to "die in committee." Every group, large or small, will benefit from a change in the present system. It seems reasonable that some award should be given for intramural excellence. However, until a system is established as to excellence rather than mass participation is accurately honored, an award should be discontinued.

We invite your comments.

On Deck

Tuesday, March 1
- Varsity swimming with Brown
  8:30 P.M.
- Freshman swimming with Brown
  7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 2
- Varsity basketball with N. H.
  8:15 P.M.
- Freshman basketball with Andover
  7:00 P.M.
- Squash with Wesleyan
  7:00 P.M.
- Track at UConn
  (Varsity and frosh)
  7:00 P.M.

How They Did

Varsity Basketball
Case 62, MIT 65
Chicago 31, MIT 46

Fencing

Columbia 20, MIT 7
Stevens 16, MIT 12

Field Hockey
Northeastern 1424, MIT 1416
MIT 1431, N. H. 1408

Varsity Track
N. H. 62 2-3, MIT 50 1-3

Varsity Swimming
MIT 60, Massachusetts 26

Skiing
MIT 1st, MIT Giant Slalom

Varsity Wrestling
Springfield 80, MIT 6

Varsity Squash
MIT 8, Adelphi 0

WTBS Program Schedule

Tuesday
7:00-8:45 A.M. News and Sports
6:00 P.M. Caravan
6:30 Jazz
7:00 P.M. Local Public Service
7:00-10:00 A.M. Classical Music

Wednesday
7:00-8:45 A.M. News and Sports
6:00 P.M. Caravan
6:30 Jazz
7:00 P.M. Local Charlie Show
8:00-10:00 A.M. Classical Music

Thursday
7:00-8:45 A.M. News and Sports
6:00 P.M. Caravan
6:30 Jazz
7:00 P.M. Local Charlie Show
8:00-10:00 A.M. Classical Music

Friday
7:00-8:45 A.M. News and Sports
6:00 P.M. Caravan
6:30 Jazz
7:00 P.M. Local Charlie Show
8:00-10:00 A.M. Classical Music

Boston
7:00-8:45 A.M. News and Sports
6:00 P.M. Caravan
6:30 Jazz
7:00 P.M. Local Charlie Show
8:00-10:00 A.M. Classical Music

L & M News
6:00 A.M., 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00