Snow Hits Tech; Snowballing Flourishes

Snowgolf cut corn, snowblowing and a cancelled 8:02 quiz were the order of the day last weekend as a twenty inch snow hit Boston. Dorms slowly turned into a madhouse Thursday night as freshmen, realizing the possibility of the cancellation of Friday's physics quiz turned their efforts to snowblowing rather than studying. Waking up Friday morning, this group was greeted by still more snow and the unhappy word that classes would be held. It was not until half an hour before the scheduled time for the quiz that it was postponed. After fighting his way across the bridge, one freshman, seeing no traffic moving, ran in either Memorial Drive or Massachusetts Avenue remarked that the scene looked like one from the movie "On the Beach."

As the snow slowed down slightly Friday afternoon, both students and the B and P began to dig out. Many cars belonging to students were buried under as much as five feet of snow. But President John H. Carter, '61, breezed to a new varsity mark of 8.02 auiz.

This weekend West will compete in the championships last weekend and following the large storm.

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Swimmers 4th In New England Meet; West Is Double Winner

Barrett West, '60, won two gold medals Saturday as MIT placed fourth in the New England Intercollegiate swimming championships at the University of Massachusetts. These MIT varsity records were broken as the Techmen made first showing in many years.

Springfield won with 59 points, dethroning defending champion Brown, which placed second. Brown finished second.

West Wins Breaststroke

West gained one of his medals in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:43.4. Earlier in the year he had tied the New England record of 2:31.5. Earlier in the year he had tied the New England record of 2:31.5.

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Radio Contact Via Satellite

Raphael Soifer, in MIT Frecubon, successfully accomplished the world's first low-earth radio communication with the aid of artificial satellites. Raphael and a fellow amateur radio operator, Perry J. Klein, from Bethesda, Maryland, made radio contact via "passive" (not instrumented for two-way communication) satellites — Explorer VII and Spartus III.

The achievement obtained a two-year experiment in communications. The coded signals were sent and received over a distance of 200 miles between Soifer's home town, New York City, and Bethesda. The contact was made when the satellite passed simultaneously off the Atlantic coast, Explorer III 590 miles altitude and Spartus III at 125 miles.

Hans Hop Sputnik

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Drive Underway Many Volunteer

The TCA has reported 231 potential student blood donors for the annual TCA Blood Drive. Although half of the fraudicate have not been heard from as yet, the turnout is still slightly larger than last year's.

From March 15 through March 17, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Kendall House to collect the points of blood in this all-institute endeavor. The total number of donors is expected to range from 500 to 800.

Bob Weltlich, '61, chairman of the drive, gave this statement to The Tech, "As this type of donation is a personal benefit to the student and requires nothing from his hard-pressed wallet, I sincerely hope that everyone will contribute."

The blood which Donate makes it possible for students and personnel to obtain blood from the Red Cross quickly. Most of the colleges sponsor a blood drive for this very reason. Anyone wishing to donate should contact the TCA office.

Ski Team Wins Foley Combined Trophy, Seeks NEISC Championship Saturday

Pete Goldstein, '63, led the MIT ski team to a sweep of the Walter Foley Memorial Trophy Races at Killington, Vt., last weekend. Goldstein placed second in the slalom first Saturday and won the downhill Sunday. Roberta Berens, '63, finished fourth in the slalom and second in the downhill.

The skiing season ends Saturday with the Ambient Giant Slalom, MIT and Northeastern are in a tight race for the championship of the New England Intercollegiate Ski Conference. Saturday's meet will decide the title.

The New England Intercollegiate Fencing Championships, slated for last Saturday in the Ingenuity Center, were postponed due to the weather conditions. If none of the teams have conflicting engagements, the tournament will be rescheduled for this coming Saturday.