Swimming Squad Has Good Depth

By Howard Ellis '65

When Tech's swimming team opens its season December 2 with Brown, Batten will be sending to the water a host of outstanding swimmers and divers -- including a number of record holders.

In the past two years the Techmen have shattered all but one of the existing school records, and this year's squad is out to topple many more.

In addition to top individual performances, this team has a great amount of depth and experience. A good part of the squad returns from the 60-81 campaign, in which Tech placed 3-4 and placed 5th out of twenty entries in the New England Intercollegiate Swimming Championships. Engeler, Steas, and Leitersmen are the returning lettermen. Captain Jed Engeler '62 and Dave Stein '62. Engeler and Stein are distance men who have consistently placed in competition. Stein is the holder of three Tech records, the 220 yard freestyle (2:14.9), the 440 yard freestly (4:59.8) and the 1500 meter freestyle (20:34.8). In addition he was a member of the 4x100 freestyle relay team which shaved 6 seconds off the old school record at the New England last March. Engeler was also a member of this relay team and has been a second or two behind Stein in his record breaking performances.

In the 100 yard butterfly, Batten will have two strong competitors. Tom Ising '63, Ron Matson '64, and Mike Todd '61. Ising has been the MIT record holder in this event for three years and two years ago placed third in this event at the New England Championships.

Matson, who has made tremendous gains, will be counted on heavily in the current campaign. Todd is a strong swimmer, who turned in a number of outstanding performances as a freshman.

Three Good Sprinters

Batten also has three good men. Roger Cooke '63 is holder of the school record in the 50 yard freestyle. He placed tie for the New England and was a member of the record-breaking 400 yard relay team to tie for the New England title.

Bob Wall '63, an other fine sprinter, was also a member of the team. Wayne Stein in his record breaking effort ran into the wall before reaching the finish line. Veene.

MIT Fencers Clean Up

In A.F.L.A. Championship

The New England Division of the Amateur Fencers League of America held its championship on Sunday, November 11, in the du Pont fencing room. First place went to Ed Richards of the Curry School of Dancing in Boston.

With a bye in the qualifying round, Richards came through the finals undefeated and victor of the day. His only struggle was with Gus Witz of the MIT research staff (DSR) who recently took first place in the Class C Foil event. As in their final match in the Sabre Open event two weeks ago, both men kept taking the lead from each other. At the finish line, 4-4, Richards, with the same smooth and agile offensive that placed him second in the U.S. Fencing Nationals, scored the final touch to win the bonus and take first place in the tournament.

Gus Witz and former first fencer, captain Sherman, Karp now in grad school here, tied for second place with three victories and two defeats each. Karp took second place having had the same number of wins as Witz. Richards has had the advantage because he has had a bye in the qualifying round.

The MIT fencers dominated the field of eleven entries, placing five of their six fencers in the finals. Play of both teams has been excellent, with the first five places having been taken by Techmen. Elson Leon '63 and Bob Wall '64 placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Rifle Defeats UNH, 1417-1400

Saturday morning MIT's rifle team fired a 1417 to defeat the undefeated University of New Hampshire's 1400.

The top five scorers were in the 580's, but the weak round was only four shots. The second place team's score of 1398 included some of the top swimmers powers in the nation.

The last individual event is the squad. The team was headed by Bob Wall '64, who was the top man in the backstroke.

The freshsmen swimming team is composed of Todd Ising '63, Ron Matson '64, Joe Schrade '63, and Dave Stein '62.

Coach Charlie Batten as quite a diver himself. As a student at Ohio State, Batten held the title of National Intercollegiate high and low board champion.

In A.A.U. High and Low Board Championships, Batten was named to the All-American team a number of times.

Hurt By Graduates

Batten feels that his team will do well at the championships because the guests have never been defeated and are expected to turn in similar performances.

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