Divers Kimball, O'Brien steal show in Swim Club's Aqua Capers '65

By Dave Lyon

The MIT Swim Club's Aqua Capers '65 is over, but the acts presented there will undoubtedly be remembered for quite some time. The entertainment ranged from the plaid beauty of the acoustic maneuvers of the Wellesley Water Balloon to the wacky antics of Richard Kimball and Ron O'Brien, professional diving champions.

The show started with an exhibition by the Wellesley troupe. Following them, Kimball and O'Brien literally dominated the evening. After starting with a series of perfectly executed dives from the three meter board, the act downed to a trampoline set up on the pool deck.

Diver O'Brien somehow disappeared during the trump performance and shortly after, a rather unpolite gentleman in the audience began to heckle Kimball. After provoking the performer to an extended period the heckler was finally invited down to the deck for a show of skill. Not too many of the audience were surprised to see O'Brien (clad in an inauspicious minecoat) mount the trampoline and continue the act with his partner.

The performers were diving in to only 33 feet of water, even though the prescribed optimum depth for their 20 foot tower is from 18 to 22 feet.

Frank German performed several high precision maneuvers from the 3 meter board during the show. The performance, at 7 and 9 pm, were tremendous successes. They were both attended; the 7 pm show was presented before a sitting room only crowd.

Sophs promising

Varsity merman rebuilding

The varsity swimming team is experiencing a rebuilding season this year, according to freshman coach David Michael. The men have already suffered one serious blow with the loss of varsity coach Charlie Batterman. Coach Batterman was fielding a much smaller team this season, but is not expected to return to the team before January. Coach Michael has filled in the resentment, team filling in as both varsity and freshman coach.

Graduation losses hurting

The team has been weakened by the loss of several seniors through graduation. However, it has also been strengthened by the addition of several exceptional sophomores. According to Coach Michael, the team has several good sprinters, but is weak in the backstroke. It has two exceptional swimmer divers in Don Casey and Fred Solomon, who generally finished one-two in diving events during their freshmen year.

In the swimming events, the freshman team is especially strong. John McFarren '66 leads the free styulers. Last year, as a freshman, John turned in a time of 5.51 seconds in the 100 yard event, while hitting a 1.1 minutes 50 second time for the 200.

Against depths

McFarren can look to Captain Mike Crane '67 for some stiff competition. Mike last year turned in a time of 5.57 seconds for the 100 free. He will probably also be the team's number one man at 50 yards. Last year, his best was a 21.7, but he has already come within nine-tenths of a second of that time in practice.

Euphoria shrouding the butterfly and breaststroke events. Wins

Stonard Gardner '68 last year turned in a time of 1:19.8 for 100 yards of the butterfly, his specialty. In the breaststroke, Larry Huey '68 has a 23.5 for 100 yards, looks to be number one.

Rifle team deflates Boston University; record stands at 1-2

By Russ Maslen

MIT's varsity rifle team came up with its first victory of the season by defeating Boston University 1126 to 1150 last Friday. The victory leaves the Techmen with a 1-2 record in the Greater Boston Collegiate Rifle League. The team, consisting of six men from Cambridge and Northeastern, both strong in the sport, was looking to avoid another loss.

Shooting leaders for the Techmen were Andy Sherman '67 with a score of 549, Bob McDonald '68 with a 544, and Rick Illigens '67 with a 521. High score of the match, however, went to BU's David Berlin, who shot a 580.

The riflemen have no matches scheduled over Thanksgiving, their next match being December 3 against Wentworth Institute, the fifth and last team in the GBCL.