

Smith proposes change to NCAA

By Thomas Thomas

An addition to the NCAA 1.6 academic requirement has been proposed by MIT Athletic Director Ross H. "Jock" Smith. The 1.6 rule, which was passed in the January convention of the ruling body of intercollegiate athletics, requires that any student who is not out for a sport have a predicted grade average of at least 1.6 and make a minimum of 1.6 grade average to maintain his athletic ineligibility.

Ivy League backs down

Many institutions have failed to adopt the rule, claiming that it infringed upon their right to set their own academic requirements. The Ivy League schools headed this group initially, but were forced to back down when it became obvious that nobody cared whether they participated or not. Now the crusade is being taken up by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Institute is not expected to back down on this issue.

The initial reason for the NCAA rule was a poll taken at the above-mentioned institution by the president of the student athletic board, which revealed that all student-athletes at this school had, on the average, higher grade point averages than non-athletes. The rule would make participation in a major athletic activity compulsory for anyone who had an average below the required 1.6. Jock's resolution would allow any school which didn't particularly

care for the NCAA rule to reject any part of it, or the whole thing.

Schools exempted

This proposal, if adopted, would exempt such schools as Big Ten members or other schools which allow Physical Education majors to maintain their averages by enrolling in such courses as "Elementary Table Tennis" from the compulsory 1.6 rule, and would

thus allow them to not dilute the quality of their varsity teams.

A footnote to this article is that the Institute is rumored to be pushing the rule change for their own gain. The rumor is that it was done to avoid having too many of their star athletes lose their athletic scholarships. The Institution has emphatically denied this rumor, but it still continues to circulate in the upper echelons of the NCAA.

New steel sail pays off as Tech wins regatta

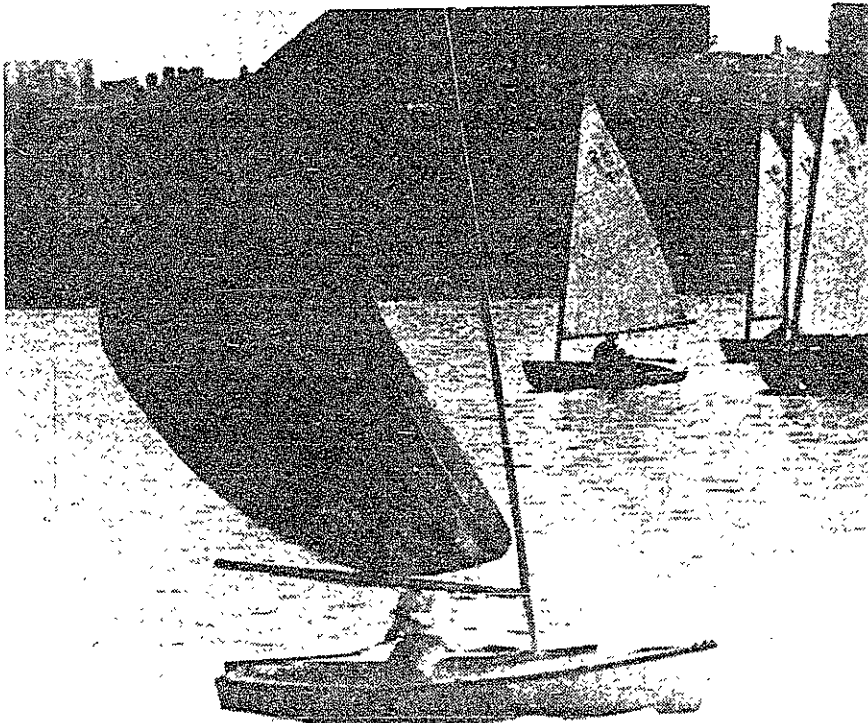


Photo by Dezrmit Boot
A new sail design by A. Caulder, '46, an ex-student in course XIII, pays off in the MIT invitational regatta. The boat finished first, far out in front of the rest of the field. The sail is of steel construction.

Coeds can't be topped

By Lee Nelson

Director of Athletics K. Pup Wida Jones announced today that the MIT Athletic program has spread to include Coed Tiddy Winking. Scholarships will be given out to those Winkers with the biggest Tiddys. Unfortunately, the scholarship committee has not been able to be chosen yet because of the great interest shown.

Our strongest team, the "D" team, will take a busty Radcliffe squad on the Rockwell Stage Sunday. The AAA squad, with their tremendous depth, take on a hard up Boys' Club crew at the Cambridge Boys' Club.

Starting times for both these games have not been announced, for it is felt that the size of the gang may overwhelm the girls.

In their first game last week they lost all they had to a top-heavy Simmons squad. From the initial bang (of the gun) the Coeds were flat on their backs. Laya Down '68, top Tiddy, pulled a surprise move by leaving her cup home.

Fresh sports

By Jim Yankst

The outstanding freshman lacrosse team of this year made an amazing attempt to get the all-time record for the most number of wins for a single team in one season. In spite of the fact that they had three times as many games as in previous years, they were unable to break the mark of three wins.

However, they did break the record for the worst shutout. They turned in an outstanding performance which ended in a final score of 21-0. They hope to make a goal next year.

Baseball matches lacrossemen

The baseball team also had quite a season, scoring the same number of victories as the stickmen. However, all the opposition's runs were unearned, at least according to the reports of team members. The team showed great prowess in "cutting down" other frosh teams with similar records.

Tennis almost undefeated

The tennis team would have had an undefeated season except that they forfeited several matches for

Golfers shlonged; end 0-17 season

By Tony Lema

The varsity golfers capped a brilliant season Saturday with a loss to an unexpectedly stacked lineup of Chandler clubbers. The team went down by the score of 5½ to 1½, but despite the final score, they displayed good sportsmanship by never losing the large smiles on their faces.

The oddest feature of the match was when Hack Wrecktem '68 (trying for '69) tied his Chandler opponent by failing to show up on the final green. The twosome of Hack and Miss Galore were last seen heading for the heavily wooded rough on the seventeenth hole after teeing off. They were apparently going in search of Hack's ball, which had been driven out of bounds.

Tech's only win came when Harry Banana '68 scored a one up victory over his opponent. This marked the high point of the year for the Tech golfers, as it was their first individual win of the year. This left Banana's record at 1-10 worst in the Boston area this season, but the best for a Tech golfer in several years.

The loss left the team's season record at 0-17. Coach Merry Man expressed optimism for next year's team. In an impromptu interview, he was quoted as follows: "The frosh have a lot of potential, with our number one golfer, Tom "Duffer" Tomas, Mexican national champion. He has actually broken 100 twice this year, shooting 99's each time."

Tennis squad to accompany Davis Cup squad on tour

By Deen Maatn

Coach Crackah announced last week that the varsity tennis team has been chosen by the USLTA to accompany the Davis Cup squad on its trip to Wimbledon this summer. The MIT team was chosen over USC, UCLA and the other top contenders because of the overwhelming spectator appeal of the individual players.

Tech's ace singles player, the Little Dink, is shown above dazzling the gallery with a daring leap over the net from mid-court, having already tossed the racket to his admiring fans. He usually encores by playing doubles with a six foot trained gorilla as a partner. The gorilla will not be allowed to play singles, however, because his fierce scowls and growlings on the court scare the little children in the stands.

The team also possesses a doubles specialist who can flip over on his back on cue while

making the most routine volleys and a blind, blond-headed elephant who refuses to leave the center court until chased off by the coach. Of course we must not forget the roly-polly bear-captain, Paul Tubby; Tubby rolls around on the ground as long as the crowd keeps throwing donuts.



Photo by Guff Wrenholes
The Little Dink, Star of the Varsity Circus

Lacrossemen wipe out Burton C, 2-1 Curwood gets 3 points

The varsity lacrossemen finished off the season in style as they defeated the Burton "C" team, 2-1. The game was highlighted by Peat Curwood, '66, who scored 2 goals and had 1 assist.

The final scoring play occurred as follows: Curwood was behind the crease. He flipped the ball high into the air and raced around the goal to pick it off. Just as he passed the corner of the crease, he tripped. The ball bounced off his helmet and into the nets. Curwood was awarded both the goal and assist, to break the Tech record for most points on one play of one, held by 1,785 previous MIT lacrossemen.

Photo by Desmond Wilkes Booth

Phallic Wilson drops the bucket as he is surprised from behind by Jon Vandal (#23) of Coin Tech. Jon was full of surprises as he boosted the engineers to victory. The roundballers will tour the Orient this summer.



Lacrosse cops record

having a girl play on the team. The rumors were all false, however, the offender being number one man Ed Curls.

Night golf

Night matches were common for the golf team, who wore sunglasses and used krypton-coated balls which glowed and blinded the opposition. Some of the scores turned in by the players showed significant improvement during the season. Jack John brought his score from 92 to 83 in one game. This gave a score of 175 for

eighteen holes, which was one of the better season performances. Jack and two other men broke 200 on five different occasions.

Crew and sailing dissolved

Crew and sailing teams will not exist at MIT for the next few years. During practice on a windy afternoon there was a big conflict on the lake in which all vessels and all hands were lost. Extensive dragging of the Charles River produced several bones, but all other remains of the incident were dissolved.

Winkers defeat Harvard in Cornell triangular meet

By Margaret Rossoff

A hastily assembled team from the MIT association of Squidgers and Squoppers showed unexpected strength last weekend in taking second place in a triangular Tidleywinks meet at Cornell. Although totally outclassed by Cornell's much more experienced squopping, the Techmen managed

to get enough key squidges to prevent a rout. The team of F. T. Bull '68 and J. Wieselthier '69 managed to upset the host's number two pair, 4-3, in the seventh game. Harvard, crippled by the Selective Service examination, failed to score a single point. The final standings were Cornell (37), MIT (19), and Harvard (0).

'68 Olympics to be held at MIT

By Laina Friedlander

The 1968 Olympic Committee announced today they have decided to switch the scene of the Summer Olympics to Briggs Field. The

reason for the change was the need for a place a little more down to earth. Every student knows Rech is Hell (and if that

ain't down to earth . . .) and life is a grind.

Housing for the participants would have been a problem except for the fact that MIT has a

very liberal parietal policy. There will coeducational sleeping in the Armory, doubling up if necessary.

The committee announced that they had also considered holding

the Winter Olympics here at Rech using the 54 mile high Green Beret Building as the base for a

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