The Benchwarmer

Sophomoreerman rated best in history of swimming at Tech

By Paul Baker

"I rate him the best all-around swimmer in the history of the school. He can do just about everything." That's how MIT swimming coach Charlie Butterman Prizes a 5-11, 150-pound sophomore from Costa Rica, Luis Claf.

Last year, Luis set three freshman records, and this year he has continued to demonstrate his outstanding ability. Already Claf has amassed the varsity backstroke and individual medley marks. The amazing thing about Luis is his endurance. Every day he works out from two to two and a half hours, about twice as much as any other Tech swimmer.

Superb two events specialist

Coach Butterman remarks, "I had him entered in back to back events in one meet. He was the favorite in both, and then knocked two seconds off our school record in the second event."

Besides excelling in athletics, Clare is also a fair student. He carries a 4.4 cum in civil engineering. Not bad!

Luis started swimming when he was six. When he was nine he joined a swimming club, entered competition, and has been at it ever since. He has competed in most Central American countries and last summer he swam in California. One thing he doesn't do is swim in salt water. Luis said, "I'm going to try it next summer. I'd love to go to Europe for sure. While there I'm there I want to see what the water is like in the English channel. There's a chance I may try to swim across it."

While he was at home for the Christmas holidays, Luis entered a meet and set a Costa Rican record in the 200 meter backstroke with a time of 2:23.

Luis first considered entering MIT when he was attending Chauc- eye High School in Boston to improve his English, but he was undecided about his career. He plans to get an engineering degree and then may go to medical school.

Tech's second round record surpassed

Tech is currently enjoying a 5-2 record, and with Luis returning for his junior year, the Engineers will be a force to reckon with in the future. Luis' career as a swimmer has already been successful; however, ironically, he can think of two records he cracked which will never be broken. Twice he has won Tech's 200 yard backstroke for the 500 yard backstroke, but both times he placed second.

Tech seniors edged by Crimson;

determined to win New Englands

By George Wood

MIT fencers were just edged out by Harvard, 145-120, Wednesday night at Harvard. The fencers set out to avenge their earlier 230-120 loss to Harvard, and almost pulled off the upset of the year, despite the fact that Harvard had lost its best team member. MIT has not come close to Harvard since Harvard blanked MIT 165-3 in 1971.

MIT got off to a good start, with Frank Carroll '68 winning the first sabre, 5-3. Tech fencers led 13-11 at the end of the first round.

The second round proved fatal for two more reasons, we can never out-rebound the Crimson, 31-22, at the end of the third round. 54. 54.

Frank Carroll cut the first sabre lead of the second round 5-4 in one of the closest matches of the night. Carl Marx '68 then easily won his first sabre bout of the night. 54.

The second round of foil went 24-1 for Harvard, as the Tech fencers fell apart to the Harvard foil team. Lambda Chi's Bruce Twickler led the up set of the night as he beat Run- ton in foil. Multitude's Hare added another win to the Harvard tally, 5-3.

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Luis later returned to the meet, won his sabre bout easily by a score of 5 to 0.

The meet finished with a dead heat, 50-50, with Tech and Harvard tied for first place in the ECAC. The meet was held at the Boston Athletic Center, and Tech were hoping to avenge their 5-0 loss to Harvard earlier in the season.

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