Benchwarmer

By Jay Zager

MIT's Varsity Club's organization designed to unify the athletes at Tech. Its primary function for the past few years has been the running of the annual Sports Banquet, and for this year it will have a prominent role in the near future, a Varsity Club Lounge will be completed. The purpose of this lounge is to provide an atmosphere where MIT student athletes, could study for exams, review problem sets, or just shoot the breeze. It is hoped that such a lounge will provide for some of the type of meeting place for varsity athletes.

This coming on this theme of unifying the athletes at MIT, Wilson hopes to announce plans for a gala party either exclusively or partially by the athletic department. Whatever plans are finalized, will be for MIT only and will serve to acquaint the student athletes with each other, and both parties will be considered the offering of tie pins to the Varsity Club symbol to MIT athletes. Such a pin does exist and may well be distributed to athletes in the near future.

These plans all center around the same theme—trying to bring together a group of athletes and their friends (though this is not always the case), the sense of comradeship has not left the department. Instead of saying "What can I do to further the Varsity Club," it might be asked "What can we do for each other?" This is the only kind of thinking that will help us to work together. This year for the first time The Benchwarmer has become a regular addition to the Sports pages of The Tech. This feature on the right side of the column has been to inform the MIT community of athletic policy here at school, and to bring the community in contact with the concerns of the department. New ideas and viewpoints are essential to the continuation of the column, and The Tech invites their suggestions.

Tonight the Intramural Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. in 4-122. The meeting will be the opportunity for managers in wrestling, swimming, and the various other spring sports. The meeting has been a great deal of trouble in procuring managers for major as well as minor sports. The reasons for this are varied. The manast is dominated by the sport in which they participate. This is the opinion of three of these. Managers in football, basketball, and baseball have little time for anything else. It will be essential to have someone to help that puts them. Something has to be done to make the experience more rewarding or the IM system as it now stands will be in deep trouble.

Sailors win 2 of 4 regattas

A full weekend of sailing brought mixed results for the varsity. There were four events on Saturday and Sunday. The engineers scored two firsts, second, and fourth, and fifth.

Perhaps the most significant of all these events was the Donaghy Bowl at Holy Cross on Sunday in which defending champion Steve Milligan '70 joined by Tom Bergan '72 to represent Tech. Sadly, all did not go well. After a 4-5 both skippers fouled, leaving MIT in ninth place after four races. Both rebounded with finals. They followed with 4-4-4, which left them only 15 points behind winner Tufts at the close of the day's sailing. Sandwiched between Tufts and MIT, however, are BU, URI, and Middlebury, leaving the engineers stung and fifth.

There was a much happier scene on the Charles that same day. Pete Neblett '71 and Denny Bocard '71 in A and Dana Pettengill '71 and Dave Davies '71 in B smashed 11 other schools and dominated the second running of the MIT Open, an event designed by Coach Hodges that has produced many schools with interested skippers who do not normally compete in even minor regattas. Pettengill dominated his division, coming in second, while Neblett tailed off in ninth and tenth places respectively.

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SFAE reach football finals

By Ray Kwansick

An upset and a tough victory made the final score 13-7 and kept the "A" football play-offs. Burton 'A', who have previously spoiled an unblemished 3-0-0 record in regular season play, was blacked out by Lambda Chi Alpha, the second place team in the other "A" league. The other semi-final contest for the championship, SFAE 'A' eked out a 14-12 victory over Chi Phi. The IFC "A" football championship was decided with a deadlock with a diving catch of Ken Weishaupt '72 touchdowns and five kicks by the Engineers. Butets tied it up in the third quarter to earn the final place. Each team in the "A" league scored in a twenty-yard scoring pass from freshman Marc Lenaway '73 to Rob Hively. However, Lambda Chi Alpha finished through the final quarter Bruno Weller '71 scoring on a 20 yard TD pass. He was up for the SAFAE's. He slipped by the Betas defenders on a short cut and caught a pass from Paul Freeman '70 pass twenty-five yard TD score.

LCA completely dominated play until the 2nd quarter. Burton 'B' scored 20 yard pass after a running play. Mike Ashmore '72 scored the second on a 60 yard bomb in the second quarter. Don Paci registered the last score by grabbing a two yard TD toss. LCA's set up next week's confrontations for the championship with the SAFAE's.

In the scramble for positions five through twelve all of the "A" league squads except TC won plaques. Captain McDowell '70, Tom Cornett '70 and Taylor '70 also ran for a score.

Rich Whitaker, genes Delta down to a 9-6 defeat. Ed Jeremi- can put Pi Lam on the score board the second period as he blocked his own punt and returned it to the thirtyyard line of the field. The SESDB 'A' advanced on a balanced line of the afternoon ran for one touchdown of thirteen yards and passed for others to senior Rich Whitaker and Frank McNeil '70. Tom Cornett '70 and Taylor '70 also ran for a score. Rich Whitaker, genes Delta down to a 9-6 defeat. Ed Jeremi-

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