Benchwarmer

By Sandy Yulke

The 2-0 record of the women's basketball team so far this year is only part of the changing story of women's athletics at MIT. A large member of things has happened in women's sports at MIT in the last year, including the extension of the physical education requirement to include women and the enlargement of the women's locker room. This last feat is by no means a small one. For until this year, there were only 49 lockers and no baskets available to women who used the facilities available at DuPont, and those 49 were available only on a transient basis. Due to the short supply, no woman could have a locker on a yearly basis as the new do, and therefore had to bring all her athletic equipment with her each time she used the facilities, and then take it all home again. Needless to say, this was very inconvenient.

The enlargement of the locker room provided not only additional locker, basket and shower facilities, but also included the installation of a sauna for women. The previous lack of a sauna for women had caused some well-known incidents of "liberation." All the improvements in women's sports have merely been done by Physical Plant. The women at MIT are making a concerted effort to show that they take their intercollegiate competition as seriously as the men take theirs. An Athletic Department report this year showed that the same proportions of women and men participate in intercollegiate athletics.

This came as a surprise to many members of the MIT community who were not aware that there are eight women's intercollegiate teams and also a gymnastics club and a cheerleading squad. At present, only one of the teams, the sailing team, has varsity status, but that situation will hopefully change this year, for the crew team has applied for acceptance as a varsity sport.

All of the teams are glad to accept new members, and no experience is required. Not only are intercollegiate athletics good exercise and an interesting way to acquire a new skill, but they are exciting as well. There is an added incentive for freshmen, as they may receive physical education credit for participation on the same basis as men: two points for fall and spring sports, and four for winter ones. The following is a list of the sports available, their practice times, and the name of the person to contact if interested.

Basketball: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 4-5 in the cage, Susie Litvin, dl 8600
Cheerleading: Portia Smith 628-3958
Crew: for February, 6:30-8 am Monday-Friday, for the rest of the semester, 6:45-8:30 am Monday-Saturday
Fencing: Monday-Friday 5:30-6:30 pm in the fencing room in DuPont, Pam Jackson dl 8947
Gymnastics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30-10 am, Tuesday and Thursday 7-9 pm in DuPont gym, Holi Jones 43-3213
Sailing: Starting the first week in April, Tuesday-Friday, 4-6, Maria Berenato dl 8903
Softball: No times have yet been determined, as practice will not start until the spring, for information call Chris Randall 43-7946
Swimming: Monday-Friday 6:7 pm at the pool, Sandy Yulke 43-3157
Tennis: In the spring, Monday-Friday, 4-6 pm, Leslie Farlow, dl 5677
There is also a men's basketball team, but they will not meet again until the (4).

The other only thing to add is that all women at MIT are encouraged to participate in some kind of athletic activity, as not only does it improve one's body, but if more women take athletics seriously, women in athletics will be taken more seriously.

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MORE THAN ONCE UPON A TIME

PSSTTT! BEATRICE!

HEY! YOU'RE NOT BEATRICE!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH HER?

WELL, ONE MIGHT SAY SHE'S OUT TO LUNCH RIGHT NOW...

WOOF MAN

AH, YES.

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A KNIGHT WITH BEATRICE.

A KNIGHT WITH BEATRICE.

WHILE THE KNIGHT IS ON HIS WAY UP, LET ME MENTION THAT WITH A LIGHT SNACK OR EVEN BY ITSELF SCHAEFFER BEER IS DELICIOUS ... TRULY TRUE THE BEER TO HAVE WHEN YOU'RE HAVING MORE THAN ONE. I SUGGEST YOU TRY IT. NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

WHEN YOU'RE HAVING MORE THAN ONE