**SPORTS**

**Athletic Midway tonight**

By Sandy Yulke

Freshmen, want a life of exciting travel, exotic meals and hard work? All this and more can be yours if you join one of the more than 30 MIT intercollegiate athletic teams. You probably already know that MIT has more varsity sports than any other college in the country and that it has a unique athletic philosophy (see *The Tech*, summer issue 1973), so we won’t belabor the point here. What we would like to convey are some of the benefits that participation in athletics, formal or informal, can bring.

Athletics at MIT are not just for those who were active on various teams in high school; you’re not expected to arrive here ready for competition in the Olympics. The woman who won the national doubles tennis title at MIT is not a professional athlete, but a student who has been involved in interscholastic sports at MIT. She competed in tennis, golf and various track events for her school, and that is why she decided to continue her participation in athletics here, too.

MIT has more varsity sports than any other college in the country and that it has a unique athletic philosophy. But what is it that MIT offers that the other colleges don’t? Here are a few things:

1. **Travel**: Many students have spent their vacations traveling to competitions, seeing things they never would have seen otherwise.
2. **Food**: Some students have described the variety of meals they have eaten while traveling as an important part of their college experience.
3. **Friends**: Many students have found that the friendships they made while traveling were lasting and meaningful.

In short, athletics at MIT can be yours if you join one of the many teams here. The requirement is to complete eight points of physical education in order to graduate, and this requirement always causes some grumbling. However, don’t be surprised if you join the hundreds of students who have taken more than the number of required courses simply because they are so much fun.

I could go on and on, but I think that the best way for you to understand sports at MIT is to try them, and a good time to start is tonight at the Athletics Midway in Rockwell Cage from 7-10 pm. All of the coaches, who do the physical education instructors, will be there, along with members of their teams, to answer any questions that you may have about any aspects of athletics at MIT.

And don’t forget the interschools!

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**MIT auto team sets record**

By Mitchell L. Green

Labor Day weekend at the Bryar Nationals Joel Bradley G drove his MIT Team Pinto to an overall win over a field of showroom Stock Sedans and Sports Cars. Dave Ziegelheim ‘75 finished third and Dorff’s Pinto, Bob De Gersdorf’s Pinto, Dave Ziegelheim’s MIT Pinto, and a group of other Pintos and Datsuns. Joel led from the start, followed closely by the Pintos, with the Open farther back. On laps four and five De Gersdorf worked his Pinto into fourth ahead of Hill’s Datsun, and on lap six Hill spun with a locking rear brake.

On laps seven and eight, Snover challenged Joel, pulling the Porsche alongside, Joel, however, out-drove Snover, and in the right-hand hairpin just before the start/finish when the Porsche tried to pass, it went too deep, spun, and fell back to third.

Joel took the checkerboard flag after 19 laps for the Porsche at the next 60 MPH and setting a new lap record of 1:35.4. The MIT Pintos chose to sit out, adjusting the brakes and making final preparations.

Joel’s 1:34.8 earned him the pole, followed by Snover’s Pirelli, Marvin Gray’s Opel, Norm Hill’s Datsun, Bob De Gersdorf’s Pinto, Dave Ziegelheim’s MIT Pinto, and a group of other Pintos and Datsuns.

The first practice session began in a drizzle Saturday morning. Joel Bradley took his Pinto out and recorded a fast lap of 1:36.8. The afternoon was dry, and a field of several Opels, Datsuns, Pintos, and the very quick Porsche were on track. The MIT Pintos and a group of other Pintos and Datsuns have about any aspects of athletics at MIT. And don’t forget the interschools!

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**SCUBA**

The MIT Advanced Divers Program will have an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 13, in room 20E-017 at 7 pm.

Open water experience will include emergency procedures, lifesaving, rigging, and light salvage, u/w navigation, wrecks, photography, and understanding sports at MIT. Prerequisites: national certification and your own equipment. Questions in advance, contact Dave Michael at x3-2925.

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