Coach's profile:

Peter M. Close

Pete Close, first season varsity cross country assistant track coach... MIT Sports Information Director... BA St. John's University 1959... St. John's athlete of the year 1958, 1959... coach... MIT Sports Information Director... BA St. John's 1964... IC4A Indoor mile champion 1958, 1959... 1960 US Olympic team... 1961 US Olympic team... 1962... 1500 meters... IC4A Indoor mile champion 1958, 1959... 1960 US Olympic team... 1961 US Olympic team... 1962... 1500 meters... Vice president, New England Sports Information Directors Association... MIT Day Camp director... varsity track coach 1962... freshman football coach 1963... First press steward EARC Sports Championships since 1963... Reported involved with Jerry West in 1960 Olympic "18" incident... enjoys a good brew... native East Hartford Conn.

Cross Country hopes high

By Don Shively

According to Captain Al Carlson '74, MIT's cross-country team, coached by Olympian Pete Close, will be a vastly improved squad this year. Carlson, who received all New England recognition last year, believes the team could sweep all its meets this season with the possible exception of perennially strong Boston College.

The squad has four lettermen returning in the persons of Scott Baudmiller '74, Lynn Davis '73, Curtis McCracken '76, and Jeff Baerman '76. Furthermore, the squad benefits from the addition of Frank Watnow '76, winner of last year's IM cross-country meet and an outstanding mile while in high school. Leney Berman '74 has improved greatly since last year, after logging nearly a thousand miles on the roads this summer. At this point in the season, Carlson and Watnow are running one-two with a group of eight runners, including several freshmen, close behind.

Close has brought some fresh ideas to his new position at head cross-country coach, keeping practices short and brisk and emphasizing quality during the early part of the season.

IM teams start practice

Football teams from LCA and DTD prepare for season

(Editar's Note: The Tech is running previews of the IM football teams beginning with this issue. Interested groups should send a description of their team's outlook to Sports Editor, The Tech, W20-411.)

Lambda Chi Alpha

The big green at LCA will be attempting to bounce back from last year's 2-2 record, but may have some trouble in that many members of this year's squad are either new to A league football. Only four members of the team had more than one year of A league experience, and with a number of freshmen in the starting lineup, it appears that LCA will be somewhat green. Returning offensive players from last year are quarterback John Casler '74, guard Frank Pattee '73, and ends Dave Wilson '73 and Marty Zartarian '76. Back from last year's defensive line are John Carabowsky '75, guard Frank Pattee '73, and ends Dave Wilson '73 and Marty Zartarian '76. The house's marching band will again perform during the halftime intermissions this year, and appears to have more returning personnel than the football team. The band will probably be the league's best, but the team...

Delta Tau Delta

The 1973 Delta Tau Delta IM football team has a new quarterback this year in the person of Paul Rebershonte '76. Last year's quarterback, Wayne Praggn '74, has shifted to defensive back. Last year's defense has returned largely intact. New faces on offense includefreshmen Randy Wilson and Jeff Singer, who will give added depth to the offensive line. The kicking game has improved, with Sam Price '76 and Ed Ries '77 showing outstanding punting ability.

Overall the team is bigger than last year. Co-captains Rick Casler '74 and Donald Shively '75 feel this will be reflected in an improved rushing game to complement the DTD's passing attack.