Return of starters, new goalie to help lacrosse

By Glenn Brownstein
Lacrosse, the "fastest game on two feet," comes to MIT every spring in its intercollegiate version, promising fast, furious action and heavy body contact, merely a spectator's dream. A good season from the spectators will not be disappoint- ing, as MIT's varsity faces a tough New England schedule with every hope of greatly improving last year's dismorial 0-14 record.

Coach Ben Martin, in his 29th year as MIT's head lacrosse coach, feels that this year's squad will certainly improve upon last year's mark, coming off an unusually solid defense, adequate attack, and a new goalie in Jeff Singer '77, who should decisively lower last year's 14.0 goals-against average.

Singer, who played three years in goal for Long Island high school team, should be one of many bright spots on the Engineer's 1974-75 team. Forming the basis for MIT's defense will be co-captain Rick Bye '75, and returning lettermen Gery Torrey '76. The addition of one or two promising incoming freshmen or subs from last year should fortify the MIT backfield corps in several years. On attack, the Engineers will have co-captain Dave Crocker '77 and returning lettermen John Rutter '77, and Bob Connors '77, converting from midfield, in a key position last year.

While Martin's biggest problem this year, according to Coach Martin, will be depth. Although the Engineers appear solid at the starting positions, the bench squad will be a bit thin.

Winning a third place trophy last year, the Beavers expect good year

By Dan Gantt
With regulars returning at seven of the nine positions, MIT's varsity football team should fare pretty well during the upcoming season.

Although the Beavers play one of the roughest schedules in New England, Coach Fran O'Brien is not at all pessimistic about his team's prospects. Citing a veteran infield, a solid outfield, and two top starting pitchers at his major assets, Coach O'Brien is sure that MIT will at least "be in every ballgame."

Golfers go to Georgia

By Bobby H. Jones
This spring could easily be the best season the MIT golf team has had in a long time. The fall season record and improvements like changing to a much more difficult course at Harvard and closing the course due to the cold weather have indicated that the team's standard of accomplishment will be several notches higher.

The team normally takes a trip to Florida for two weeks, one of which overlaps the MIT Spring break, to play schools around the Miami area and other schools from the Midwest whose players are also down there to get in some practice. This year, the trip was jeopardized by the gasoline shortage. After waiting to see if the situation would ease or worsen, it was decided to cut the trip short and stay in the Northeast and go to Georgia instead of Florida.

Furthermore, to allow other players to go along, the first plan calls for five players to fly and five to drive. The three extra will drive both to and from Georgia while two of the seven starters will drive down and two other starters will drive back with the three extra.

While in Georgia, the players will face 36 holes of golf a day. The players going on the trip include starters Gordon Deen '74 (captain), Greg Turner '74, Dave Macartney '74, Pete Wolczanski '76, Jim Harrison '76, Bob Nilsson '76, Leo Bonnell '77, and alternates Alex Pankowski '77, Bob Kellend '77, and John Nugent '77.

Preparation for the coming golf season began in January when schedules were set for regular workout sessions of running and hitting golf balls into a net inside Rockwell Cage. This regular workout schedule will continue until the team goes to Georgia on Saturday, March 23, for their intensive spring training.

Netmen to improve

By Ken Davis
The MIT tennis team will start its spring season with the new-traditional southern spring vacation. Coach Ed Tucker's squad will take on Georgetown University in Washington, and then move on to North Carolina. North Carolina opponents include UNC, North Carolina State, Davidson, and High Point.

The team that will play is virtually the same as the one that competed in the fall. Captains William Young '74, defending New England Class A singles champion, heads the roster. Number two will be Ted Zouras '74, while Lee Simpson '75, who shares the New England doubles championship with Alton Watters, should have a battle for the number three spot. Gerard Lam '74 and Jim O'Neill '77 round out the team.

The squad's local opponents will include Harvard, Yale, Brown, Monmouth, Albright, and others. Captain Young sees a definite improvement in the team which was fourth overall in the region last year. "Just about everyone on the team is back," he said, "especially Shiffino and Zouras." As for Young himself, he hopes to repeat last year's success which saw him wining two New England Championships.

Debaters triumph in District VIII tourney

The MIT Debate Team of Larry Summers '75 and Jack Segal '76 placed first at the District 8 Debate Tournament held at West Point. District 8 is composed of New York and the New England states, and this year 17 schools participated in the tournament. In each of the tournament's eight debate topics there were two judges, who after hearing 6 of 12 MIT's 24 arguments in a preliminary round, MIT's first place finish in the District allowed it to qualify for the National Championships to be held at the Air Force Academy in mid-April.

At the District tournament, the teams debated this year's national debate resolution: Resolved that the Federal Government control the supply and utilization of energy in the United States. The tournament was held over three days, with all major tournaments during the year. The resolution permits affirmative teams a wide variety of diverse policies as resources, energy and fuel technologies, industry, installation of new technology, and controlling oligopolies in the oil industry, inanition, energy and fuels, and transportation safety and reduce air pollution. MIT's affirmative case argues for conserving energy by expanded and improved mass transit facilities, as well as conserving energy. This policy we claim will increase transportation safety and reduce air pollution.

In preceding weeks, MIT has done well at a series of district tournaments. At the Dartmouth tournament, Summers and Segal, debating as MIT's top team, turned in a 7-1 record in the preliminary rounds. The team went on to defeat Wyoming in the octagonal round before losing to Harvard in the second octagonal round, a powerful, on a close 5-2 vote, and then Harvard again in the finals. Larry Summers was the tournament's fourth rated speaker. MIT's second rated speaker was Tom Vildic '75 and Jean Darley, Webel '75, had the misfortune to be paired against Dartmouth's top pair, the combined performance of the two teams was sufficient to win first place, and then place third at the district tournament. MIT's affirmative team, the combined performance of the two teams was sufficient to win first place, and then place third at the district tournament. At the University of Michigan, MIT's affirmative team, the combined performance of the two teams was sufficient to win first place, and then place third at the district tournament. At the University of Michigan, MIT's affirmative team, the combined performance of the two teams was sufficient to win first place, and then place third at the district tournament. At the University of Michigan, MIT's affirmative team, the combined performance of the two teams was sufficient to win first place, and then place third at the district tournament.