Four make US crew team

By Dan Gantt

Four current and former members of the MIT crew team have been chosen to represent this country in the World Rowing Championships currently being held in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Pete Billings '73 and Everett '76 were selected as lightweights. As the team was leaving for Switzerland, Everett and Nauman would each be rowing in the year’s national championship seat in their respective eights, while Piastrosi and Billings were expected to be used as reserves. Piastrosi perhaps rowing in the US heavyweight four.

To be chosen as a member of the US Rowing Team is an exceptional honor, for only 14 men are chosen for both the lightweight and heavyweight competition for those 28 spots to be quite intense as there were this year approximately 50 candidates for the heavyweight squad.

Thus, all four MIT oarsmen are considered to be an off-year Olympic competitor. In this light, MIT’s representation on the US team, bettered by no other school, speaks remarkably well for the crew program at the Institute.

Pecknold new varsity ice hockey coach

Dr. Wayne M. Pecknold, associate professor of civil engineering, has been named MIT’s new varsity ice hockey coach, replacing long-time coach Ben Martin who retired in July.

Professor Pecknold, a member of the National Association of Sailing Teams Division of the Department of Civil Engineering, brings with him two years of experience at both a player and a coach in his quest to improve the hockey program at MIT.

Citing an inability to recruit quality players in the past along with a tough schedule as the major factors in MIT’s recent failures in hockey, Pecknold looks towards the future with optimism. His main concern the immediate season is to emphasize the enjoyment of hockey as well as providing instructions in the game’s basic skills.

The Professor began playing hockey in Victoria, B.C., when he was 12. He played minor hockey in that city for the next five years and spent one season with the University of British Columbia’s varsity hockey team with Prince Albert of the Saskatch.

Even more impressive is the fact that of the four MIT men chosen to represent this country in the World Rowing Championships currently being held in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Also competing in Lucerne is Bill Miller, MIT’s varsity lightweight coxswain who teamed with a crew coach from the Florida Institute of Technology to win the national representative in the pairs competition.

The European Championship is one of the most prestigious in the world. Made up of the best men from the 31 nations considered to be an off-year Olympic competitor.

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Women finish fourth in sailing nationals

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MIT’s women’s sailing team took full advantage of an increase in wind velocity on the final day of competition to attain a respectable fourth place finish in this year’s nationals competition, held June 6-8 in Newport Beach, California.

Although they were the defending titleholders, MIT’s women were never quite able to master the calm conditions prevalent for the first two days of the three-day tournament, finding themselves mired in the middle of the pack, a second in the only remaining ‘B’ division races. This outstanding comeback placed the Engineers only three points behind third-place Radcliffe.

Sailing for MIT in the ‘A’ division were captain Anne Webber ’74 with Barbara Belt ’77 as crew, Ellen Schmitt ’74 and Mary Anne Bradford ’74 co-skippered the Engineer’s ‘B’ division entry.

Princeton, sailing with great consistency, amassed over 90 points to coast to victory eleven knots behind the University of California at San Diego, Radcliffe’s 99 points edged out MIT for third, while William Smith College, with 105, Boston University, with 112, California at Irvine, with 113, Cornell, with 120, and Nevada at Las Vegas, with 188 points, rounded out the elite ten-team field.

Baseball squad in 1st NCAA tourney

By Glenn Brownseid

After completing its best season ever with a 15-7 record, MIT’s varsity baseball team was invited to the NCAA regional in Princeton, N.J., where the Beavers dropped both of their games in the double-elimination tournament.

Although the outcome was disappointing, the Beavers played reasonably solid baseball against two far more experienced opponents, 1973 contesant and third-place finisher, New Haven and last year’s national runner-up, Ithaca College.

In the tournament opener, the University of New Haven’s Chargers scored four runs in the first inning and coasted to a 6-1 win. However, MIT’s varsity baseball team was out. However, Rowland could have turned the game around in the first inning walked and coasted to a 6-1 win as the rains washed out the bottom of the fifth on a Roy Yauch ‘75, the Beaver starter, got into early difficulty in the first inning walked and later scored on a bases-loaded infield out in the bottom of the fifth as the rains washed out the bottom of the fifth on a Roy Yauch ‘75, the Beaver starter, got into early difficulty in the first inning walked and later scored on a bases-loaded infield out

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