Many returnees should bolster cross country

By Dave Dobos

The 1974 edition of the MIT cross country team is optimistic about its chances for a successful fall season. Coach Pete Close believes that an 8-3 or 9-2 dual meet record is realistically attainable and a trip to the NCAA's in November a goal worth striving for.

Why the optimism? Pete Close is now in his second year as head coach and having gained the necessary experience from the 1973 team (a surprising 6-6 season), he is in a position to add more of his coaching skills to an already promising team.

Several of the runners from the 1973 team are returning this year: Leif Close, Jack Nichols, Bob Swift, and John Krowlewski. Several of the runners from the 1973 team are also expected to be strong contenders.

The squad, numbering 28, is the largest in years. It's a young group, too, with 19 freshmen and sophomores. The shoes worn by a keen competitive spirit to the team. And with such a young team, MIIT could become a New England power in the near future.

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MIT's A-Division was skippered by Chuck Tanner, with crew Chuck Johnson '76; MIT's B-Division was skippered by Larry Dubois, and crewed by Dili Rizzi '76. Harvard won the regatta with 39 points, followed by URI (43), Tufts (44), MIT (53), BU (55), Yale (61), USN (73), Maine Maritime (85), Coast Guard (87), and Trinity College (122).

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Schmidt 2nd in NE Singles

By Lila Kobylak

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