Fencers win New Englands; IFAs begin today in duPont

By Dan Gant
A rare treat has been in store for MIT sports fans this weekend as the country's finest collegiate fencers compete on MIT for the 78th annual Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championship.

New York University, winner of four of the last five IFAs, heads the back for what may be called the "Little Jinn Man" trophy.

Team and individual champions will be determined separately in epee, foil, and saber. As the tournament progresses, the athletes will vie for their entries in all three weapons, with the winning school in each taking the respective crown.

The overall champion is determined by the total amassed in all three weapons.

The first round is set for 9-00 this morning, while the first competition should start at 9-00 with the sabre competition.

The top six fencers in each weapon will advance to the individual championships which are slated to start at 2-00 p.m.:

Epee: 2-00
Foil: 3-00
Saber: 4-00

All fencing will be held in the duPont gymnasium.

MIT, although reigning eighth overall last year, did win the foil and epee trophies as a spiker, and helped MIT win the "Little Jinn Man" trophy, to be awarded at the end of the meet.

NYU's task of defending its overall title will be more difficult, as both of its individual champions, in foil and epee, have graduated.

The fencing should, then, be at its very best throughout the two-day tournament, with Saturday's individual championships, picking some of the nation's best fencers head-to-head competition, the highlight of the affair.

Macks take IM title

By Dave Dobbs
The Macks captured the intramural "A" league basketball championship Sunday evening by routing past Lampdics Chi Alpha 62-U 28 in a Red Rockwell Cage. A 28-13 scoring burst in the last eight minutes opened up an otherwise close contest.

Unofficially, of the Macks won the scoring honors, pumping in 21 points. Teammates Mickey Singleton '75 and Fred Thompson '76 added 14 and 12, respectively. Mark Abrecht '75 with twenty points was the only LCA player to hit double figures.

LCA scored first for its only lead of the game. The Macks then rolled off twelve of the next 13 points to lead 12-3. After settling down and playing to the deliberate kind of offense responsible for their undefeated record up to that point, the Lambda Chi continued the tempo of the game until the second half. The game was pulled to within four in 22-18, but the Macks were up by seven, 28-21. The Macks held on to the lead, pulling to within four, this time with 17 minutes remaining.

The Macks time out, their size and strength offsetting a formula LC defense, and forced LCA into numerous turnovers.

The Macks played impressively in the closing minutes, proving to everyone present that there was no doubt who was the best.

The Macks, winning their first IM basketball title, finished the year at a perfect 1-0.

LCA, the only living group that has fielded complete "A" league teams in the three major sports, lost its second IM championship game in less than a week (toody to Fiji, 75; LCA won the football title last fall) and ended up 1-1.

In the action leading up to Sunday's game, "A" league matches included the Macks' thrashing of Chen E 49-29, unterrupted Coach 's 3A's upset of Delta Tau Delta 31-22, LCA's win over A 56-38, and GB's 44-33 win over Fiji. LCA, behind only 16 points and freshman Jeff Haistead '75, and Otis 3A's second tournament this year with Coach's 3A's first.

The credit for Jeff Haistead '75, IM Basketball Manager, and his corps of referees. Over 100 teams and 1000 students competed in the well-organized program.

Karate defeats Boston U. 9-3

By Bin Wu

The MIT Shotokan Karate team defeated Boston University 9-3 in a dual meet at BU Thursday, February 26.

The participants of both squads exhibited much spirit and enthusiasm. The contestants showed excellent control in techniques and followed the rules of the match - only two of the twelve opponents made false moves or committed fouls.

Wednesday's event was one in a series of dual meets among colleges in the New England Collegiate Karate Conference (NECKC) in preparation for the conference championship on April 26 in Boston. The MIT Shotokan Karate Club will defend its championship in that meet.

MIT loses Boston College in the duPont Wrestling Room at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 19.