By Brian Wibets

The MIT fencing team finished its 1976-77 season by winning its sixth consecutive New England Championship at the February 15-16 meet. The MIT varsity team, the first in many years, was a 4-2 with losses to the match on Saturday, the fourth consecutive New England Championship. Going into another sabre pool, Richard Smith '78, in his first year in weapons, losing only one bout in his eight consecutive New England and second place Trinity by 10 points.

In recognition of their amazing 18-1 record, the sabre squad received the Vitate weapons trophy, a new award in honor of Maestro Silva Vitate, former MIT fencing coach who retired last year.

The team anticipates a good showing at the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Foil Championships today and tomorrow. Sterling and Smith will join Reisner in foil in an attempt to recreate the Iron Man, the IFA foil championships trophy the trio had won in 1975.

John Lowell '79 goes up for a shot in another sabre pool. Richard Smith '78, in his first year in weapons, losing only one bout in his eight consecutive New England Championship. Going into another sabre pool, Richard Smith '78, in his first year in weapons, losing only one bout in his eight consecutive New England Championship.

By Gary Engelson

Early Wednesday evening, by some miracle, you manage to finish your chores at a reasonable hour. On your way down to watch the pin- ball hackers work out on the house machine, you spy an athletic schedule. Noticing that there is an IM and a varsity basketball game tonight, you quickly change your mind about the pin-ball game.

Now you are faced with the toughest decision of the day — watch the varsity game or the IM game? After three seconds of intense deliberations, most people pick the IM game over the intercollegiate game in nearly every sport. Why? Don't people care about their college's reputation on the regional or national scale? The fact is that most people tend to watch the intense rivalries between living groups on the intramural fields.

The varsity clubs at MIT do exhibit a lot of skill in many areas. This does attract the people who want to see a well-played game, but does it appeal to IM competition?

So, what's the difference, you ask? Numbers, sheer numbers. People want to see the people they know and love, like living group friends. Since many living groups have an A-Team in a given sport, each living group turns out many spectators for each event. Also, living groups have a publicity-spreading advantage within the group compared to the varsity players since the spoken word from one friend to another spreads much faster than the printed word. There is also a good chance that many of the intramural spectators know at least one player personally, whereas many spectators at a varsity event may not even know one participant.

Does all this mean that you should forget intercollegiate sports? No, of course not! The varsity teams work hard all year to compete against some of the best teams in the East or even the nation. Just three examples are the track, fencing and women's volleyball teams. This year's track squad has been one of the most exciting to watch, often breaking school records and seating such athletes as Frank Richardson '77 who has been called MIT's all-time best distance runner. Women's volleyball this year has received a invitation to the Eastern Championships after completing a perfect 16-0 season. MIT's fencing team just captured its eighth straight New England championship.

Really exciting sports action does not only occur on the IM football or hockey field. The var- iety teams produce some of the best competition available. But, like any team they need the fans as much as the fans need them. Now that you've given the de- cision more than three seconds worth of consideration, just which event are you going to?

Sports commentary

It's the spectator's choice

By Gary Engelson

The annual MIT Invitational Volleyball Tournament will be held all day tomorrow in the duPont gymnasium. The tournament includes some of the top teams in New England and is open to all.

Elections for president, secre- tary, and two members-at-large of the MIT Athletic Association will be held at 6:00pm, March 21 in the Varsity Club Lounge. To be eligible, candidates for these po- sitions must gather 100 signatures on petitions forms available in the

The signup deadline for IM rifle is Fri., March 25. Practice time at the duPont Rifle Range is available from 6 to 7:30pm Mondays. The cost of using the range is $1.50. Any questions about IM rifle should be directed to Jerome Dausman at 723-8278.

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