MIT looks back on a season past

By Gary S. Engelson

So you think that spring is here and that summer is not too far behind. The look outside will dispel that notion. The spring sports season has not quite come in full force. Baseball, tennis, crew and several other warm-weather sports begin their spring training or complete seasons now or over spring break. The baseball team is going to Florida, to train in the sun and work on their professional train. The crew teams are out on the Charles nearly every morning, and as the weather gets better, the number of shells out on the river will increase. But now, in between regular seasons, is a good time to look back on the season past.

Baseball is a real winter sport, played here outdoors in Briggs Arena where the cold biting winds of winter can really get to the players. Despite their discomfort the season turned in an amazing record of 11-7. Don't blame that season total; the club was working against the stigma of not having had a winning season in over a decade. Meanwhile, in a sport normally thought of as a summer pastime, the men's swim team sent five people to the Nationals at Oberlin College of Ohio. Sending them there was an accomplishment in itself, but the swimmers didn't stop there. No, they returned to the Institute with three new All-American and three new school records. Freshman John Diekies broke two records in the Nationals and more here at home, contributing to the excellent season in the water for MIT.

Both men's and women's fencing have good memories of the winter season just past. Having an especially good season was Judy Austin '77, a co-captain of the women's fencing team. This year she became the first MIT woman ever to qualify for the Nationals. Everyone expects her to do well in that competition, which is coming up in April. While Austin was busy qualifying for the Nationals, the men's team was fighting its way to the finish in the New England championship. With a suspendible effort, the team took the tourney for the eighth year in a row. Junior Mark Smith, who fenced sabre during that season just past. Having an excellent season in the National. the mittens and mittens were the pride of MIT, as the fencing teams did their part to the finals in the Northeast National.

All this time, Dave Schuller '79 was leading the piton team on to victory. Team captain Schuller is a member of the squad which shot the new National Art Pistol World record. He was also instrumental in the victory the team turned in at the Eastern Nationals, held here.

Track in often considered an outdoor sport, but during the winter the track team moves inside Rockwell Cage and does its stuff. This year they did it particularly well, turning in a record with only two losses. Senior Frank Richardson and Richard Okme and Rod and Van Horst '79 were all instrumental in the fantastic season. Richardson has been called the best distance runner MIT has ever had.

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