Season overview

Baseball to rebuild this season

By Tom Curtis

When the baseball team began fighting against the last few winter snowstorms, the MIT baseball team has been practicing indoors in Rockwell Cage.

After graduating four starters last year, Coach Francis lens have been rebuilding, trying to fill the gaps. The toughest loss is that of Mike Roy '76, last year's ace pitcher who had recorded more wins than any other hurler in MIT history.

Four of Roy's spots are Ken Smith '77 and Pete Stathenagen '79. Smith, last year's number-one starter, will fill his fourth year on the mound for the Beavers. This year, returns with an excellent 8-1 record.

Toliving, the Beavers will rely on captain Dan Sundberg '77. Sundberg, in his fourth year, is the team's power hitter and will provide those long blasts that can turn a game around.

In the infield, Sundberg, former a catcher, has switched positions with last year's first baseman Joe Kracunas '79. At shortstop, Bob Maree '76 will be starting this year for the first time. Coach O'Brien has not

picked a starting second baseman.

In the outfield, the team has only one returning starter, Jay Coopride '79. Coopride, however, is injured and a doubtful starter this year, Steve Garverick '79 and Kevin Houland '79 are in starting outfield positions for the first time.

The Beavers open the season next week with their annual trip to Florida, where they will play in the Sanford Baseball Classic. On the return trip, the team will play Jackson University, University of Mississippi and University of North Carolina.

The Beavers return home the Monday after Spring break to play Massachusetts Maritime Academy at 3pm. The second and third weeks of the schedule should be the toughest with away games Wednesday at Tufts, Thursday at Bowdoin College, Saturday at Bowdoin, and a home game the following Monday against Brandeis.

MIT competes in the Greater Boston League, finishing 2nd to Brandeis, the defending champion, Tufts, and NCAA Division I schools Boston College, Harvard, and Northeastern. The Beavers will try to improve on last year's 14-11 record (3-5 in GBL) and repeat their feat of 1974, receiving a bid to the NCAA Division II and III playoffs.

However, the going will be tough. Only time can tell if they will succeed.

Golfers open with trip to south

By Lee Bennett

Lee Bennett '79 is a member of the Varsity golf team. At a very successful 5-2 fall season, one of its best in recent years, the varsity golf team will be heading south soon on a seven-day trip over a winter break in spring vacation.

The golfers are fortunate to be able to practice and play on some of the finest courses in the south. They will spend two days in competition against Armstrong State College at the Sea Island Country Club in Brunswick, Ga., from February 14th to 18th.

The San Diego trip, in February, will be the last trip of the season. The team will also play against the Sea Island Country Club in Brunswick, Ga., from March 14th to 20th.

The team members selected by Coach Barry for the trip include veterans Robert Kronnstad '77, Lee Bennett '79, Mark Swenson '78, Mark Hughes '79, Mike Varell '79 and Lee Suna '79, as well as newcomers Jaime Dorenbush '78, Doug Wegner '79 and Mike Mandelson '80. The improved play of the newcomers has filled the spot of the veterans in the starting seven, so the team is considered, most notably that of Mike Mandelson who won last fall's JV match on the first sudden-death hole.

Prospects appear excellent for a fourth consecutive winning year for the Engineers, as well as for a strong showing in the Greater Boston League in April. The first home match will be on Monday, April 11th, against Suffolk and Clark.

Graduate Student Council Awards

Nominees for the Irwin Sizer Award for "the most significant improvement to MIT education," are being sought by the MIT Graduate Student Council.

The award, which carries a cash gift, was established by GCC in 1975 as a permanent tribute to Dr. Irwin Sizer. Sizer was known for his dedication to the academic and social life of students at MIT and for his belief in the importance of providing a broad, well-rounded education.

The council hopes to focus attention on faculty who devote increasing time and resources to improved teaching.

Letters of nomination for both awards _ including references and supporting material _ should be submitted to the Graduate Student Council Office, Room 50-110, by April 13th at the latest.