New track is part of future sport complex

By Gary S. Engelston and Tom Curtis

A small step has been taken this summer toward the construction of the proposed new athletic center: the old 400-yard track has been removed and replaced with a 400-meter track thirty yards to the west.

The modest beginnings is the start of a multi-million dollar project to renovate and replace several existing MIT athletic facilities. The proposal calls for the construction of a new indoor ice rink, event center, and field house, as well as the eventual removal of the Rockwell Cage and its subsequent replacement by a new pool and locker area.

The next step in the upgrading of MIT's athletic facilities will be the construction of a two-story structure housing an indoor skating rink and event center on the lower level and a field house including a synthetic rubber indoor track and a multi-purpose practice area on the upper level. This facility would be built just west of the Cage and would occupy a portion of the site of the present outdoor skating rink.

The new outdoor skating rink, measuring 200 feet by 85 feet, will allow members of the MIT community to skate even during inclement weather. The new track may also be used for field hockey seasons. This facility, scheduled for completion in the 1980s, is designed to ease the present strain on the Alumni Pool.

The current construction will involve the surfacing of the new track beginning the week of September 19 to be completed in two weeks. The grandstands are also scheduled to be erected, and the old scoreboard will be replaced behind them. Since work is still continuing, there may be conflicts between different athletic events due to the competition for limited space. The game oval is just being sodded now and will be ready for intramural soccer or field hockey seasons. This means that these sports will be played on the fields normally used for other activities since the fields were sodded four weeks ago.

It was earlier thought that work on the athletic center might be completed this year, disrupting the intramural hockey season since it was started this year, disrupting the intramural hockey season since it

Chrisopher Lane will be Cross Country Coach

By Tom Curtis

Christopher Lane, an Assistant Coach at Brandeis the last nine years, has been appointed Head Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach, replacing Peter Close who accepted the positions of Head Cross Country Coach and Track and Field Coach at Tufts University.

Coach Lane was a Massachusetts state champion in high school and an All-New England half-miler at Boston College. He has twelve years of coaching experience at Boston College and Brandeis.

Coach Lane will only be a part-time worker in the Athletic Department since he will not be teaching physical education courses. Instead, he will remain at Boston English High School as an Assistant Headmaster, spending his afternoons coaching at MIT.

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