Old rivalries revived for annual Class Day

By Tom Curtis

This Saturday, the biggest MIT sporting event of the year will take place. I am referring to Class Day. MIT's yearly intramural crew competition.

Class Day is probably the most-watched of all MIT sporting events. All day from 9am to 4pm, Pierce Boathouse is crammed with people watching the crew skills race up the Charles from the Harvard Bridge to Target. Hundreds of people come to cheer on their favorite living groups.

Hundreds of people come to participate in the races as well. Last year, eighty boats entered in Class Day. The Division of Class Day into different levels of competition encourages this high level of participation. For example, the eights races are divided into three groups: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Eights.

Junior Eights is by far the most popular event of Class Day. Since each boat is usually only one person with varying crew experience, teams who are not very skilled at crew tend to enter Junior Eights.

Intermediate Eights is equivalent to B-League in other intramural sports. Each boat is allowed up to three varsity oarsmen. This makes Intermediate Eights especially attractive to groups with some talent but not much depth. Usually, a dozen boats enter this event.

Senior Eights is the most prestigious Class Day event. With an unlimited number of varsity oarsmen, living groups load one boat with their best men. Only teams with superior depth and eight strong competitors enter this face. Last year, only seven teams entered Senior Eights.

Other events are Mixed Fours, Senior Fours, and Women's Eights. Women's Eights is an event which is held by this year's first lady in a variety of crew topics.

Foul shots

Main old rivalries are renewed on Class Day. One of the most notable rivalry is the Tech/Technique battle for the Golden Turkey Quill. Whichever team doesn't finish last usually wins. The Tech is the never-defeated defending champion.

One of the more serious rivalries is that between SAE and DU in the Senior Eights race. DU won the race last two years, but SAE was second both times.

In Intermediate Eights, Baker is the defending champion for the second straight year. Last year's event, with three boats finishing within one second of each other, was one of the closest races in Class Day history.

Junior Eights is unpredictable. Baker and DU usually manage to place boats in the finals. ZBT is the defending champion.

Mixed Fours has been won the last two years by a crew headed by Jack Arnold '77. If the German boat competes again this year, they would have to be considered the oddman-out favorite to win.

In Senior Fours, SAE is traditionally the strongest boat. However, a Head of the Charles caliber crew from 416 Marlboro Street won last year.

Everyone should come and watch at least one race Saturday. Even if you don't care about sports in general, you should come to Class Day just to have fun. You might even find crew is a sport that suits your tastes.

Athletes meet Youth

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Two months ago, the MIT crew and athletes will introduce the NCAA Volunteers for Youth program to the MIT community. Thursday, at 9pm in the Variety Lounge in a different.

The Volunteers for Youth program is designed to give students-athletes an opportunity to engage in a "be a brother" to a junior high school youth who will have one volunteer. The program is for students who want to help those who have a poor self-image. The athlete and the youth spend 15 to 20 hours a year playing sports, watching sports, or just doing a bunch of other stuff.

John Blanchard and Spiral Bray, two members of the original Volunteers program, are in the Variety Lounge to introduce the MIT program. They spent last week talking before the Variety Club's individual sports teams, dormitories and fraternities. Thursday night, Blanchard and Bray held an introductory meeting which 25 people attended.

The Thursday meeting will be a kickoff meeting for those people interested in volunteering for the MIT program. At this meeting, Blanchard and Bray will discuss the introductory meeting for those who missed it. They will also have one of the student directors of the Volunteers for Youth program at Harvard discuss that program. Also, Blanchard and Bray will conduct a workshop on how to help someone who has a poor self-image.

Some of the student directors of the MIT program have already been selected. They are Ann Aaron '80, Gary Speltler '79 and Bruce Moon '79. Bray is extremely interested in finding out what becomes one volunteer for a "brother" as well.

Blanchard and Bray encourage the athletes to just go out and become athletes. Bray says, "The program can easily be incorporated into every athlete's schedule." They will be held an introductory meeting which 25 people attended.

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Bootmen overrun Colby

By Bob Host in one of its best played games of the season, the soccer team defeated Colby 2-1 last Saturday.

An outstanding performance was turned in by Zanda Ilori '79, who scored the second MIT goal on an assist from Bill Ulike '81. Ilori had another shot at the goalpost and a few more scoring opportunities that went wide of the net. In all, he had twelve of MIT's 23 shots on goal as compared to seventeen shots for the entire Colby team. Coach Walter Allesi praised Ilori, stating that this was his "best game ever" for this season.

The other MIT goal was scored by Rich Okine '78, who saw limited action due to a "toothsome" leg. Colby's only score came less than a minute after Okine's tally, and that the game at 1:1, which was the score at halftime.

MIT was getting "good chances," according to the coach, but they were "too loose on defense" and demonstrating "a passive tendency, offensively." He suggested that the team pressure the fullbacks and the goalie, who was a little shaky in the first half.

In the second half, MIT did apply more pressure and had numerous attempts, although they put in a good effort nonetheless. The team concludes its season this Saturday in the Campus Gridiron by facing BU at home and the season finale in the Colby Stadium on Saturday. A win in either game would guarantee a winning season for the team.

The MIT Jewish Graduate and Young Professional Society will hold an evening discussion on "The Law of Israel" at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Memorial Union Theatre on September 15, 1981.