**SAE 1st in IM wrestling; Sigma Chi second**

By Bob Host

Over 90 students competed in the annual Charles Regatta, a rowing tournament held last Saturday in downtown Boston. While it was all over Sigma Alpha Epsilon held the top position with two second place teams in three years despite having only one individual champion, Steve Brown '82.

Last year's champion, Sigma Chi, finished well behind SAE but captured second place by two points over Chocolate City. Both were defeated by the Rams, with Sigma Chi's Kirk Sattergood (126) and John Chese (112) and Chocolate City's Ted Austelli (118) victorious. Jerome Jackson '78 of Chocolate City was the second place finisher in the 112 lb. weight class. Tournament director Gary Spitzer '80 predicted before the competition that "the finals should be very good in some weight classes." He then went on to say that "the range of competition has grown," citing some wrestlers who had never been on a mat until the week of the tournament. Variety coach Wilfred Chese [a "couples of kids who were decent wrestlers," although the overall quality did not impress as outsiders. Spitzer explained the procedure of running the tournament. The first step was to reserve the wrestling room, a matter that took only about five minutes. The majority of the work in the week of the tournament, with the seeding meeting and setting of matches taking up a great deal of time. This compounded by the fact that most of the distribution of wrestlers in each weight class, for example, the 112-pound class had only three entrants, whereas the 150-pound class had 20 competitors with numerous no-shows, lost minutes needed to get set up. However, with the variety of wrestlers serving as referees, the tournament proceeded without any major hitches.

There was one minor problem, inaccurate compilation of team points totals, which Spitzer believes to have started after the wrestling round. As a result, Spitzer, a member of SAE, ex rooted concern that the score, which showed SAE ahead of Chocolate City by a few points going into the final round, might be incorrect. Also, the fact that SAE had only one wrestler in the finals, whereas the last two years there were five or six for SAE, was a cause of more concern. However, when the point totals were straightened out, SAE had finished first in the fifteen-team field with a total of 471 points to Sigma Chi's 45 and Chocolate City's 41.

**Fencers down Britons**

By Brian Wiceman

(Editors note: Brian Wiceman is a member of the fencing team.)

In an exhibition match, the MIT fencing team defeated the British Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst 16-11, in duPont Fencing Room on Friday. It was an exciting meet, with the largest turnout in a Tech fencing tournament in recent history. The season-long dual meet team showed a great deal of ability. Several of the Sandhurst fencers had had a time filling in the meet in order to fill out a team of three fencers per weapon, and those that did switch made a surprising good showing in both weapons.

Highlighting the MIT victory were the performances of George Gonzalez-Ryan '79 in saber and skies saber pair. Mark Smith in foil, both of whom won all three of their bouts. Also leading the way were Rich Hemphili '78 and Geoff Pingree '80 in foil, Dave Hirsch '78 in sabre, and John Rodgers '80 in epee, each with two victories.

The MIT fencers did well, as expected, winning seven of their nine bouts. This is keeping with the recent Tech tradition of foil strength, and Coach Eric Sollee is hoping to guide them to a recapturing of the Eastern Fencing Championship, held by MIT in 1974 and 1975.

The epee squad will be a deciding factor. After Rodrigues, the squad is doubtful, but Coach Sollee is working on it, and he feels that the squad should do reasonably well against the entire new group of Harvard epees. Upcoming meets are Harvard on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7pm, and Brooklyn College on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7pm, both in du-Pont.

**Bermuda Breakaway**

By Tom Curtis

Disappointment was the story of this year's MIT cross country team. Without the services of three-time All-American Frank Richardson '77, the team finished the regular season with a dismal 2-6 record. MIT beat only Wesleyan and Tufts.

In post-season play, the team did somewhat better. On Oct. 18, MIT finished fifth in a seven-school field in the Greater Boston Championships. Brown won the meet. In the New England Championships at Franklin Park on November 3, the team gave one of its best efforts of the season. MIT finished 17th in a 37-team field including several Division I schools. Barry Bayus '79 placed 53rd, placing the team as he did all season. Providence College finished first in this meet. The team saved its best effort for last. In the ICAA meet in New York City on Nov. 14, MIT placed eighth in a six-school field.

**Cross country 2-6**

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