Sports opportunities abundant at MIT

By Tom Curtis

With the choice of a living group now behind them, freshmen can look into ways of spending their free time. One of the most rewarding and healthful ways to use this time is participation in athletic sports. Approximately one-third of the undergraduates play on intercollegiate athletic teams each year. In most sports, MIT competes on the Division III level. However, in some sports—most notably fencing, sailing, and crew—MIT clings to the national powers.

Many sports have junior varsity or freshman teams which allow freshmen to improve their skills to the varsity level. For especially talented freshmen, there are always openings available on the varsity teams. Last year, freshman Karen Samuelson earned a position on the varsity women's volleyball team.

One of last year's top athletes was gymnast Leslie Harris, freshman athlete of the year. Harris made the national championships and became MIT's first female All-American.

The women's intercollegiate athletic program has grown rapidly in the last decade. At least 12 women's teams exist either as varsity teams or clubs, and the number grows every year.

For those who wish to display their talents in less organized athletics, MIT has one of the most successful intramural programs in the country. Two-thirds of the undergraduates compete on at least one intramural team. Softball alone had over 1,000 participants last year. Sports represented range from football to bowling to pool.

In order to allow the greatest possible participation, many sports are arranged into as many as four different levels of competition. A league is for those talented in a sport who do not have the time or ability to compete on a varsity team. D-league is for those who have very little talent in a sport but have fun just playing. D-league also gives students the opportunity to try unfamiliar sports such as ice hockey.

Finally, there are physical education classes. In order to graduate, everyone must earn eight physical education points. This can be done by taking four physical education courses, each a half-semester long, or by participation on intercollegiate teams or through advanced placement credit. The classes vary from softball to modern dance and give each student a chance to find a healthful activity in which they can participate for a lifetime.

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After a slow start, the Leadership Campaign's fund-raising effort for the proposed athletic and special events center has been given a boost by two million dollars of contributions received during the summer.

Most of the contributions have come from alumni. The Campaign is now only three million dollars short of its goal of 7.8 million dollars.

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Plans for the sports center were first announced in The Tech on May 4, 1973. Last summer, the outdoor track was moved thirty yards to the west to make room for the proposed center. Last spring, campus architect Harry Portnay was told to proceed with the final drawings for the center.

The Corporation Visiting Committee, headed by Irland duPont and the national sponsoring committee for the project, chaired by Clint Murchison, have been looking for gifts from alumni, foundations, and corporations.

Nelson Lee, Vice President for Resource Development, said that the special events center is "the top goal of the Leadership Campaign." Lee also said there are a number of proposals out to potential contributors now.

Lee added that fund-raising has been made difficult because athletic facilities lack a natural "constituency" among corporations.

He noted that academic departments can often raise money from related industries whereas the athletic department has no such natural group to solicit.

Construction probably will not begin on the center until Spring. Thus, the Briggs Arena Ice Rink will be able to operate this winter. The Rink will have to be removed before construction can begin.

New center funds found

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