**Equal sports funding could be in trouble**

*By Bob Hoft*

Proposed modifications in Federal Title IX guidelines could pose a serious problem for women's athletic funding across the nation, according to MIT Women's Athletic Director Jane Bets.

The guidelines, as explained in the March 9th issue of The Tech, have been interpreted as calling for equal funding — on a per participant basis — for men's and women's athletics. It is this part of the overall act that certain "big-time" athletic departments are objecting to, and the proposed revisions would mandate "revenue-producing sports" from the guidelines.

Bets explained that this would, in effect, be the same as not having a law at all insofar as athletics is concerned.

Whatever happens, the guidelines will remain in place, Bets said, that although women are racing across the country in support of the present guidelines, it is getting late and there is not much time to act.

Bets cited a report that show that although 51 percent of all under-graduate students nationwide are female, only 30 percent of under-graduate athletes are female.

And in the overall national athletic budget, only 16 percent is going to women's athletics. Nonetheless, since the law was passed in 1972, women's budgets have increased 14 percent, according to the figures.

At the NCAA convention in January, the revision forces determined that they could not use the NCAA as a vehicle to change the law, so they formed an independent group and sought financial support, according to Bets, who added that the group is boosted by money and the support of prestigious people.

Bets noted that she is doing all that she can to maintain the law as is, explaining that her role is to organize people in Massachusetts to support the effort to leave the Title IX legislation intact. She told of a gathering in Lafayette Park in Washington, DC, planned for April 22, adding that starting tomorrow, bumper stickers will be sold to help pay for bus trips from Massachusetts to the gathering.

She also added, that with national sports coverage focusing on women's sports in the future (the Boston Marathon being held Monday), the local women's groups could get a good deal of publicity.

When asked about the outcome of the situation, Bets stated that she would not want to speculate, but she said that neither side will give up.

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*By Sharon Gardner*

Editor's note: Sharon Gardner is a member of the women's rugby club.

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**1979 Summer College Work Study Program**

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**No IM football next year?**

*By Gordon Hall*

"If we can't find a football manager, there will be no football season next year." These were the words of Peter Lemme '80, chairman of the IM Council, after the election for IM football manager was tabled for the second time at last Wednesday's IM Council meeting.

In addition to football being tabled, Dean Novelli '80 was re-elected hockey manager and Steve Linder '80 was elected soccer manager, both by white ballot.

The problem which plagued IM's about a year and a half ago, shortage of managers, has returned to haunt the program. Lemme places the brunt of the blame on the individual living group IM chairman. He says that "athletic chairmen are the ones who can find the people [to be managers]."

Unfortunately, this is not the only case of lack of communication within and without the IM Council. Despite a clause in the IM Council constitution which requires standings to be compiled weekly, The Tech did not receive final hockey standings from Dean Novelli until three weeks after the end of the season, Steve Ashkenase '81 still has not compiled basketball standings.

The difficulties are not entirely the fault of the managers and chairmen, however. Participants in IM sports do not communicate with them. On several occasions I have heard managers complain that in the case of a scheduling mixup, for example, the participants grumble among themselves, complain to the IM ExecCom, and even go to Dave Michaels, the IM supervisor, before they talk to the manager involved.

An improvement in communication — from all sides — would help alleviate many of IM's present difficulties. Even referring could be aided. The two physical education raffling classes being taught this term, softball and soccer, have had mediocre attendance, at least partly because of poor publicity — particularly the almost total lack of word-of-mouth publicity.

Communication is a common problem, but that doesn't make it any easier to solve. However, it must be solved if IM's are to continue at their present quality.