California trip a possibility?

By Bob Hoot

This year's football club foresees a possible trip to California as a highlight of the fall season, although administration officials doubt that the trip can be financed this year.

The club held an organizational meeting last week and discussed philosophy for the fall, according to club vice-president Jeff Olson '81. He noted that the club will try to obtain money through fund raising and raffle ticket sales, adding that five games have been set for next year already, while two more are tentative. One of the topics brought up was the planning for an eight-game next season, which would presumably be held in the Rose Bowl against the California Institute of Technology. Olson remarked that there are obstacles that need to be overcome before the trip can become a reality, but said that receiving departmental approval would be tougher than funding the trip. This last point was questioned by Institute Vice-Presidents Constantine B. Smoller, who noted that the money for the trip cannot come from the athletic budget, and that if the money were to come from another source, the question of whether or not the football club would be entitled to it would have to be discussed.

This issue was elaborated on by an athletic department official who noted that the idea was the brainchild of a Los Angeles physician who graduated from MIT in 1967. It was a projection of 35,000 spectators paying four to five dollars a ticket that prompted the football club to believe that the trip would be adequately funded, the official speculated, and added that an attendance of 3000 was more realistic. However, he noted that the game had been scheduled for a weekend when many of the California college teams would be playing on the road, rendering that many features of the trip had been well-thought out. Although the official added that he would like to see the team play in California, at present, financial matters make such a trip unlikely this year.

Women's fencers third

By Rich Auchus

The MIT women's fencing squad took third place in the New England Championships this weekend at Rhode Island College. The Engineers trailed Yale (44-2) and tied Brandeis (34-12), but MIT placed behind Brandeis on touches although ahead in head-to-head competition.

Nancy Robinson '81 went 12-0 as Ted's "B" fencer and moved on to finish seventh in the individual competitions, to foil only. Captain Julia Shimaoka '80 was 4-6 as "A" fencer; Marian Stein '80 tallied 6-4 as "C" fencer; and Linda Plato '82 went 10-2 as "D" fencer. Suyurt Kuo '81 and Amelia Phillips '81 fenced well as substitutes. Kuo was 2-0 on the day.

The JV team placed fifth with a team tally of 18-14. "B" fencer Debbie Barnes '80 clinched out her MIT career in fine style. Barnes went 7-1 and proceeded to place third in the Individual. Brenda Bele '80 and Janet Yaworski '83 also fenced well.

The Engineers were 12-7 this season, a record which includes an early-season victory over Harvard and an end-of-season victory over previously undefeated Brandeis. Although plagued with illness, which kept fencers in and out of the lineup for most of the season, the team qualified for the nationals at Ohio State, but may not compete. Shimaoka concluded, "We've had a very successful season despite a lot of illness."