**Teams must supply refs to save IM BBall season**

By Eric R. Fleming

An emergency meeting of all IM Basketball captains and team representatives was held Tuesday evening, with the prospect of scrapping the remaining month of the schedule looming ahead.

Due in a lack of referees, over 50 games have been cancelled to date, according to a letter to all captains submitted by Kevin Coffey, this year’s basketball manager. The revised schedule calls for two “Super Sundays” on February 22 and March 1, in which nearly 100 games are slated to be played. None of these games are to be rescheduled. Also included in the new plan are provisions to have A and B league teams supply referees for the lower league games. Assistant manager Andy Siciliano noted that these officials will not be paid, but that individuals can sign up to serve as paid refs. Failure of a team to supply officials will result in that team being assessed a forfeit and a $20 fine, with two such infractions resulting in the termination of the team. When questioned about the fact that team-supplied officials would not be paid, Siciliano said, “It’s a small price to pay for saving the season.”

**Fencing splits pair**

By Nicholas Rowe

The men’s fencing team administered a severe trouncing to Brown yesterday by taking 24 bouts to Brown’s four. Tech fencers swept all three events (sabre, foil, and epee) in a very lopsided contest.

In the foil event, MIT took seven of nine bouts. Jim Fridahl ’81 and Oscar Sitell ’83, members of last year’s Iron Man Trophy foil championship team, had little trouble disposing of their opponents. The fact that the third member of last year’s championship team, Eric DeBus ’82, was sidelined with an injury did not seem to make a major difference.

The major story of the night concerned Brown epeeist Henry Chung. Chung squared to be a major factor in Brown’s attempt to secure a victory; however, he dropped three close bouts for a frustrating evening. Chung fell victim to Geoff Peircey ’81, MIT’s top fencer, and Ray Holden ’83, which secured MIT’s victory.

MIT continues to prove that it is one of the top teams in the East. The team easily showcased this last year when it won the New England Collegiate Championship without losing a single bout. The women’s fencing team was not so fortunate, losing a 9-7 squeaker to the Bears. Nancy Robinson ’81 performed commendably in a losing cause, taking four of four bouts. This match also saw an interesting matchup between Robinson and Chris Golde, Brown’s top female fencer. Last December, Robinson defeated Golde for the New England Intercollegiate Championship. This time, Golde was foiled in her attempt for revenge as Robinson maneuvered a small victory.

Both squads face a tough challenge this Friday, when they face Cornell here at 7pm.

**sports weekend preview**

Another big weekend is in store for Engineer sports, with the action being highlighted by basketball and wrestling.

**Basketball** — Following a 55-43 win over Suffolk Wednesday, the men’s squad takes on Clark (top-ranked in New England Division III, and fifth-ranked in the nation) Saturday night in the Cage. The win assured the Engineers of their second straight winning season. At 12-3, MIT has an outside shot at post-season play, but it must win at least two of its remaining three contests.

The women’s team has found the winning formula, having won its last three over Wellesley, Nichols, and Pine Manor. Coach Jean Heiley’s troops travel to Trinity Saturday, and face Brandeis at home Wednesday.

**Wrestling** — First year coach Tim Walsh has effect a big turnaround here, as the Tech main men stand at 9-8 going into this weekend’s tourney at Plymouth State. Freshmen Shull and Eisner continue to stand out for MIT, having won all 13 of his contests in the 134 and 142-pound classes. Other teams to watch include Steve Leibiger ’83 (167), Tom Tiller ’83 (142 and 150 pounds), and Mike Hunter ’84 (126). Walsh, the former coach of a strong Amberst group, has brought his magic to MIT.

Pistol — MIT has a strong team for years, and 1981 is no exception. Tech takes a 2-1 mark into an intramet with Navy and WPI here Saturday at 7am.

Hockey — The Engineers (or Beavers, if you ask a squad member) continue to roll along, having won seven straight. Clark may be the next to bite the dust this Saturday at 2pm (a time change from 7pm in the Athletic Center).

Other teams in action this weekend include men’s and women’s swimming vs. Amherst (Alumni Pool, 2pm), gymnastics (men at Lowell, women at Salem State), indoor track at Bowdoin, fencing at home vs. Stevens Tech and Wellesley, and squash here with Forthman and Wesleyan.

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