Women's X-C becomes varsity

By Eric R. Fleming

Women's cross country, a club sport intermittently for the last five years, was made a varsity sport this week by unanimous approval of the Athletic Board. The team will begin varsity competition this coming fall.

Terry Sutton '83, a two-year member of the club squad, said that the group of five or six women was "ecstatic" at the board's decision. In recalling some of the history of the cross country club, Sutton remarked that in 1979-80, the team had only one meet, but that the women had participated in the Greater Boston Conference (GBC) and New England championships along with other schools this past fall.

Chris Lane, former assistant men's track and head cross country coach, provided the squad with much help in the last two years, according to Sutton, who participated in track and cross country during her high school career.

The team is primarily composed of first-year students and it is that the record number of admitted freshwomen for the class of 1985 will supply the fledgling team with talent. As for a coach, Sutton noted that Assistant Athletic Director June Betts is assisting in the search for a coach.

In a related development, the women's track club has cancelled its initial meet scheduled for April 15 with Northeastern. Not enough women came out to practice sessions in order to have a team or run a meet.

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