**IM Council tables football manager**

*By Eric R. Fleming and Nick Rowe*

Selection of a football manager for next season was once again tabled at Wednesday’s IM Council meeting. Only one nomination (which was subsequently declined) was made at the meeting, as those interested but not present could not be nominated. A series of phone calls to prospective candidates proved to be futile.

A meeting of the IM Executive Committee is scheduled for next Wednesday (May 13) afternoon, where it is hoped that a manager can be elected.

*Man-powered vehicles compete in California*

**By Bruno Moinbrinie**

*Editor’s Note: Bruno Moinbrinie is a student in Mechanical Engineering who is working on a human-powered vehicle in conjunction with Prof. Woodie Flowers and David Wilson. Moinbrinie traveled to California for Human-Powered Vehicle Speed Championships for The Tech and the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering.*

A few months ago in Stockton California, Fred Markham and Chris Springer, a pair of world-class bicyclists, raced their way into the seats of a three-wheeler. They took off on Interstate 5 and headed for Sacramento, some 42 miles away. As they passed a semi, one trucker noticed the two pedaling their vehicle, and his buddy replied, “Yah, and do you know how fast that’s going?” In doing so, 79 mph on their own grade and above 45 on the up grades. The trip took 49 minutes and 40 seconds, giving an average speed of 50.5 mph. Markham and Springer’s three-wheeler is known as the Vector, the world’s fastest human-powered vehicle, which set a record of 62.93 mph on May 3, 1980 at the Ontario Motor Speedway in California. The Vector team, led by record-setter Dave Gryllis, won its second straight title at the seventh annual Human-Powered Vehicle Speed Championships at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds May 2 and 3.

The Friday night before the races, the four-man Vector crew was up until 2am, labeling the new single-man vehicle with sponsors’ names, adjusting derrailleurs and brakes, building up spare wheels, deciding what clusters to use, etc. The basic design was developed two years ago, this year’s singles speed champion and road race winner was built in the week before the races. Sold for $10,000, the vehicle includes front and rear wheel, steering, hub brakes, 96-tooth chain gear, fiberglass body and a Lexan windshield. “It’s supposed to weigh 51 pounds, but it’s actually closer to 70,” says Springer.

*IM bowling standings*

**By Chris Springer**

Submitted by Chris Springer, Bowling Manager

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