Basketball opens 75th season tonight in Cage

By Robert E. Malchman

Men's basketball opens its 75th season tonight at 7:30 against Boston College in a contest the Engineers are rated as 27.5-to-one underdogs for the first time in 21 years.

Leading the squad will be captain Steve Kehoe '84. Others to watch are John DeLibero '83, Peter Walker '83, and Vivian Wang '84, all also returning from last season.

The coach is looking for a better performance this year against Harvard, and he believes Chang stands a good chance of finishing first at the Holiday Invitational Tournament at Brown December 12.

The women fencers will face five very tough schools in January — Notre Dame, St. Mary's, Navy, North Carolina, and William and Mary. The team will begin February against Holy Cross and Hunter College, a school with one of the top eight women fencers in the country.

In spite of the proliferation of strong adversaries, Sollee expects the women to do well. He comments, "We have a well-seasoned team, and there are three or four freshmen showing promise."

The men's team, however, is "different, lightweight." The fall squad will have Oscar Fittet '83 and Russell Holtz '84, both veteran stars of last year's Iron Man Tournament. Mitch Messer '85 and Bill Kazman '85 will vie for the other slot.

In the open, Sollee has team captain Ray Holden '83, Dave Humphreys '83, Dan Lord '85, Jeff Kochanski '83, Robert Grimes '83, and Rex Kochanski '83, all of whom will be seeing action.

Dave Weinstein '83 is coming back after a one-year layoff to join Brad Nager '83, Charles Kwan '84, Chris Schneider '83, and Alan Williams '85 on the seven-man team. Says Sollee, "We have to build up the rest of the squad.

Although the coach thinks that "Brown should be an easy win," the remainder of the schedule is far from trivial. Harvard and Yale promise to be tough, as always, but he sees Columbia as "the team to beat," along with Notre Dame.

St. John's, Rutgers, and Navy will be the more difficult independents, while Yale, South, William and Mary College and North Carolina will provide stiff competition.

Fencing faces tough schedule

By Martin Dickau

The men's and women's fencing teams open with head coach Eric Sollee calling "a very ambitious schedule" with a 7am match against Brown University tonight in Dupont.

Of the women, Sollee feels that, in spite of the more difficult schedule, the team "should fare even better than last year."

In order to have another winning season, Sollee says of the men, "We need to mature quickly."

With a list of work on the part of the fencers, however, coach Sollee is certain that, "We're going to make a fight of it."

Harrters finish 16th in vain at NCAA tourney

By Martin Dickau

During rain, fog and drizzle, cold winds gusting up to 70 miles per hour, the men's cross country team dropped six places through the first 10 miles to finish sixteenth among 24 teams, one team participating in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division III Championships at Frederick, Md., Saturday.

Bob Wolinsky '84 led the Engineers with a time of 27:34 over the eight-kilometer course to finish thirty-sixth overall. Team captain Steve Kehoe '83 had a time of 28:15, flat, placing 74th. The top two finishers for MIT were Dan Kenward '83 (15th) and Bill Bruno '85 (14th).

Kehoe was the fourth straight MIT participant in the nationals, last year finishing thirteenth overall, having broken through four inches of ground.

Although first-year Engineering head coach Halton Taylor thought the weather conditions might have had something to do with the team's showing, he also noted that all of the other squads had to run the same course at the same time.

The barriers will now have the winner off before resuming intercollegiate competition in the spring.

The MIT Froshbowl Classic Road Race, sponsored by the MIT Student Council, the Department of Athletics, the MITAA, and River Rats will be held at Steeplebrow Stadium Sunday, December 5. The four-mile race is open to all members of the MIT community and will begin at 11am. The entry fee is three dollars for pre-entry, five for post-entry. Trophies will be awarded to the winners, and tee-shirts will be given to all who enter. Call 253-7546 for more information.

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