

# SPORT SLANTS

by Harvey Kram

There appears in the "Reader Speaks" column a letter commenting on the opinions expressed in this column during the past. Because the writer of this letter quotes only a small portion of the athletic policy advocated by your correspondent, and because the writer of this letter expresses an opinion which can do much to injure the high ideals which have surrounded sports at M.I.T., I shall attempt to clarify the athletic policies championed in this column.

There are two attitudes one can adopt towards athletics. First, there is the attitude of "victory at any cost" or as the letter writer expressed it, "primarily thinking of winning." In contrast to this there is the attitude of athletic participation being primarily a means of providing the student body with a healthful recreation. Athletics take on a much higher value when they are used to foster good sportsmanship, and when they provide the student body with the rich experience of teamwork, the healthy enjoyment of athletic competition, and the fun of just playing the game hard for the fun of playing.

By advocating good sportsmanship and the participation in athletics primarily for the enjoyment and benefits derived, does not mean that Tech teams shouldn't try to win. Everyone at Tech wants to see the Beaver on the winning side of the sports ledger, and it is possible to do this and still maintain the high ideals championed. This is best illustrated by the track team, which remains the only undefeated Tech team this year. Track is the largest turnout of any Institute sport, and the policy advocated on the cinders is most certainly one of "primarily thinking of winning."

Technology can produce winning teams and still maintain its high standards if it selects opposition equal to that of the respective Institute's teams. However, participating in athletics simply for the sake of winning, and forcing the men out for the sport to forego all other interests for it, lowers the value of athletic participation as an extra-curricular activity in college.

# BEAVER TALES

By JACK QUINN

Race Day last Saturday, with its atmosphere of cheering fans lining the banks of the Charles, seems to be particularly indicative of the current trend in the sport of crew at Technology. Throughout the East, whenever an M.I.T. sport is mentioned by the layman, crew seems to take the spotlight. In former years, Tech crews have beaten practically all the crews in the East. At the beginning of this past decade, Beaver oarsmen even dreamed to Poughkeepsie to participate in America's best-known and most-esteemed collegiate regatta.

The Engineer Lightweights did their part this year when they gave Harvard a terrific fight for first place in the Henleys. In view of the fact that Harvard will have lost practically all lettermen, and also taking into consideration the fact that our Cardinal boat will have the same oarsmen with a few promising freshmen, available next year, we feel quite safe in predicting a spotless season for the lightweights next year.

What, however, are all the major heavy crews doing at this time? Any new enthusiast will tell you that the best crews are pointing for the Poughkeepsie Regatta, June 13. The sprint season is finished, thus leaving the final test, the four-mile race on the Hudson as a true measure of their respective standings on the American collegiate rowing horizon. It seems to be fitting, therefore, that Tech's present performance in the heavyweight division should merit participation in that regatta. A splurge this year, however, would be quite out of step with sound athletic policy. If the heavies perform as well next year as they did this season—and we are sure they will do better—they must have a crack at Poughkeepsie. The honor of Beaver sports demands it.

A sharp cutoff of a top notch crew's rowing season, such as was necessary this year, is at the same time unfair to the crew members, who give their time in practice for the greater part of the year; the students in general, who are backing their crews; and Technology's Alumni, who are constantly dealing with outside comment on all matters concerning Technology. Crew,

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## Best Lightweight Crew In Years



Pat Manning's pride and joy—the varsity 150 lb. crew comprised from left to right of Norm Karasick, cox; Howie Woodward, stroke; Howard Boise, Bob Wagner, Dave Mitchell, Chester Hassett, Herb Howell, Captain Norm Vandervoort, and Bill Horton.

## Tech Lightweights Nipped By Harvard In Last Five Strokes Of Henley Races

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not represented in either race. Joe Burk, who last year won the Sullivan award as the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States, took the Farragut Cup for the fourth straight year. This cup is given to the champion single sculler in the Henleys.

### Rough Water Mars Races

All races of the day were rowed in extremely rough water; nevertheless, the Tech and Harvard crews stroked the mile and five-sixteenths course in 6:46.2 and 6:46.0 respectively, only fifteen seconds above the course record.

Pat Manning, veteran Technology rigger and coach of the lightweight crews, praised both his own and the Harvard crews after the race. Howard Woodward, who stroked the Beaver varsity fifties, will be the only man of the eight to be graduated this year.

## Lettermen To Be Honored At Crew Banquet Tonight

The most successful season in Tech's rowing history will be brought to a close with the annual crew banquet this evening at 6.30 in the Graduate House. According to crew manager James K. Pickard more than seventy-five reservations have been made for the dinner including those for five members of the Institute Advisory Committee on Athletics.

Letters and numerals for this season's crewmen will be awarded along with the appointment of new managers and the election of next year's varsity and lightweight captains.

## Dorm Baseballers Win Final Game

The Dormitory Baseball team defeated the Boston Boys Club 9 to 0 in a return match last Saturday afternoon on the Coop field. Bob Grosselinger, '40, holding down the mound for the Beavers, was the star of the game. He allowed only two hits, and kept his record to two wins in as many starts.

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## Tech Gains Third Place In College Flying Meet

In an Intercollegiate Flying Club Meet held the past weekend, Tech placed third, close behind second place Amherst College.

The meet was won by Harvard's flyers who amassed 29 out of a possible 45 points. Amherst was second with 8 and M.I.T. third with 7. The Engineers were represented by a single man, J. F. Owens, '40, who managed to collect enough points to place Tech.

## Lacrosse Team Nosed By Tufts

### Game Is Very Rough; Many Injuries Sustained In Close Fought Battle

Beaver lacrosse men lost a close contest with the Tufts varsity, 5-3, at Tufts last Saturday, ending a fairly successful season. The game was a tough, rough, and hard fought affair as Tech-Tufts lacrosse games usually are, and many injuries were sustained by both teams.

Starting off at a fast pace, the Engineers put their combination attack into effect and were rewarded with a neat goal scored by Creamer to put them ahead 1-0. Tufts retaliated, however, to tie the score 1-1 at the quarter. In the second session, Tufts found the net again, while Tech remained scoreless to make the half score 2-1 in favor of the visitors.

### Tufts Pulls Ahead

In the third quarter Tufts added another pair of scores, while Seim bagged a goal for Tech to make the score 4-2 in favor of Tufts at the three quarter mark. The last period was the closest of all with Tech missing a number of chances. Seim finally clipped the cords, but Tufts came back to make the final score 5-3.

Many men were bruised and one or two cut, but the major injury of the game happened to Tom Creamer just after he scored his goal in the first quarter. The clever outside half had to be carried off the field.

## Beaver Sailors Win Quadrangle Meet As Coe And Colie Take High Honors

Capping off a successful sailing season, in which the winning of the quadrangular cup by the Tech sailors was the latest triumph, comes the news of the outright purchase of two Lawley Class 110, 24 ft. double ended sloops, to be christened on Class Day, June 3rd.

The sloops are fitted with parachute spinnakers and general jibs, and will give Tech crews a chance to practice sailing in larger rigged vessels. They are purchased from a fund established by the family of the late Henry A. Morss, who headed the movement for the establishment of sailing at Tech.

### Coe High Scorer

In the quadrangular meet held this Sunday, Runyon Colie, Jerry Coe and Dick Knapp ended up well ahead of Harvard, Northeastern, and Brown, with Coe high scorer with 41 points, and Colie second on the individual honors list with 36 points.

The end of this season also marks the end of the victorious combination of Colie, Park, Olsen and Downer. This team assisted by Herman Hanson, now a graduate student, have kept Tech at the head of the college sailing world. Colie has in the course of his sailing career, competed in 18 major regattas, and has scored 1331½ points out of a possible 1613, or a .826 average.

### Tech Faces Canadian Champions

Next meet of the sailing team takes place on June second, when they journey to Toronto to compete with Toronto University, Syracuse and Michigan University. Toronto should prove the toughest opposition, as they are the present Canadian champions.

During the summer the Engineer crews will take part in the Macmillan Cup Regatta. On June 17-18-19, they are to compete in elimination championships at Southport, Conn.



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