Think SUMMER 2006!

MIT Summer Day Camp 2006 forms and information will soon be posted to http://web.mit.edu/daycamp with a link to subscribe to the day camp listserv. Email daycamp@mit.edu with questions. The camp is open to the general public, so spread the word.

75 Years of Squash at MIT

Update on Fundraising – The 75th Squash Anniversary event and dinner generated good matches and great memories. The 75 alumni who attended had the chance to remember coaches Jack Summers and Ed Crocker and to get to know the current staff and team. This event increased donations in support of this sport, according to Richard Brewer and Theresa Lee. Lee, who works for the Alumni Association, helps DAPER raise money, essential for programs and staff to operate at MIT’s level. Many of the more than 400 squash alumni have donated $120,000 to the Crocker-Summers Fund endowment. Income from this endowment will support squash coaches’ salaries and operating costs in perpetuity.

Next - MIT’s 100th Anniversary of Golf.

Independent Activities Period Begins Physical Education IAP classes start January 9, 2006. Please direct students who missed the PE lottery to attend the first day of the courses that are listed on the “OPEN” class list, posted on the PE website. We also posted Frequently Asked Questions about registration process, and the SCUBA and Ski/Snowboard classes.

Offered Only Once a year during IAP Men’s Only Swim Class, Juggling, Skiing/ Snow Boarding, Baseball Hitting, Intermediate Basketball, Middle Eastern Dancing, Indoor Field Hockey.

New Opportunity for MIT students Celestine Lawless introduced Ballroom Dance last quarter. Lawless, who was previously a competitive dancer as well as instructor at Indiana University, also teaches basic and figure skating for PE.

Staff Ski/Snowboard Free Nashoba Valley.

The Clipboard

DAPER Newsletter Launched
Welcome to the first edition of IN MOTION, created by DAPER staff for our staff as well as the MIT community, and our alumni. We hope this newsletter will inform, excite, and reward you all for your support of DAPER.

Perhaps no other department at MIT is more frequently used by the entire community than DAPER. We serve students, faculty, staff, alumni, MIT families and our broader civic communities. With such a large service mandate, staff communication becomes very important.

We welcome all ages and abilities by teaching, providing programs, raising both awareness and funds, and by maintaining a safe and friendly environment.

We have in common a commitment to help people get and stay moving – from our day campers, to students, faculty and staff and to our alumni.

We keep everyone In Motion!

Sticker Shock
Tricia O’Brien came home to Massachusetts last fall after working for ten years at Colby College. “I knew I wasn’t in Maine anymore when I had to pay more than $5.00 for a parking sticker” said O’Brien, head coach of Women’s Basketball. O’Brien coordinates MIT’s 21 Intramural Sports as well, listed on the web: http://web.mit.edu/athletics/www/intramurals/index.html

DAPER Supports Student Athletes
Freshman Rick Mancuso set an Institute record this fall (387 yards passing and four touchdowns in one game) and won The Boston Globe’s Golden Helmet award. Mancuso also works at DAPER as a student employee.

Open position information is posted on http://web.mit.edu/zcenter/employment

Technology Tip
Before you leave for the holidays, restart your computer and leave it powered on. All the security and virus updates will be working away while you are away.

Carol Elder

DAPER Staff Birthdays
January
4 Jill Grosso
8 Halston Taylor
25 Robert D’Addario
26 James Kramer

Compiled by Summer Hutcheson

Message from Candace…
As the year begins, we naturally consider our past successes and on what goals we will set and how we will accomplish the work at hand.

For example, walking through the Zesiger Center, I see individuals using the pool, playing ball, or working out. I realize that, for them, DAPER means a pool, a court, a fitness class – a place to work toward their personal best.

We are fortunate indeed, that many of our facilities reflect the top-notch level expected at MIT, and that we have a can-do, make-do attitude toward our older facilities. This same attitude lets us do more with less, even as we strive to keep our commitments to our MIT community.

I suppose the challenge, then, is to see the team effort that makes our individual success possible. Think of our colleagues who tend the fields, who set up events and monitor the finances, our staff that teach and coach to fulfill MIT’s academic mission, those who administer the Day Camp, recreation and travel programs. I think about our Friends of DAPER, and other donors, who give generously to keep us moving forward, even though they may not benefit directly from DAPER.

As 2006 begins, I want to take this moment to say that I am thankful for each and every one of you. We have accomplished a great deal last year. I remain confident that DAPER will face the challenges of this new year as a team, with each one of us committed to doing our personal best.

Candace Royer
Department Head, Director of Athletics
MITATHLETICS.COM Celebrates Second Year
by James Kramer

Identified as mitathletics.com, this DAPER site is attracting nearly 15,000 different users each month. With so many visitors from various backgrounds, some department staff may wonder, “Why would I want to use the athletics site?” and “How can mitathletics.com help me at the workplace?”

The MIT athletics web site is in a constant state of change and growth. The goal for the site is to develop into a one-stop information shop for our entire MIT community, and most importantly, this means serving the needs of our staff. As we move forward, please consider ways that DAPER can service its constituents even better. What kind of ideas would you like to see added to the site? How can we provide a better experience for our fans and a stronger resource for our staff?

The information provided on the site is always current; however, mitathletics.com also serves as the primary archival source for DAPER. Historical information such as program histories, all-time team photo galleries and detailed record books appear on each team page, while listings of MIT’s Olympic history, Academic All-America honors and Convocation award winners enable the department to retain its sense of history and continue building campus pride through sports.

CLUB SPORTS


For Larry Anderson, directing Club Sports allows him to see how DAPER serves the wider MIT Community. “Club sports are used by students, staff and alumni” he said, adding that the club must be at least 50% students.

“We talk about athletics being part of a laboratory for leadership” but the student leaders of club sports try different ways to lead. “I’m not going to tell them how to do it” said Anderson, who noticed that the Club Sports Council uses email to solve problems collaboratively.

Anderson additionally coaches Men’s Basketball and says he finds it a privilege to have the opportunity to work with varsity student-athletes.

Events

January 1
DAPER Offices closed
Facilities closed

January 2
DAPER Offices closed
Facilities open noon – 7 p.m.

January 9, 2006
PE IAP Starts
Complete course list online:

January 16
DAPER Offices closed
Facilities open from 2-9 p.m.

January 7
Alumni/ae Meet
10 a.m.
Men’s Indoor Track and Field
Noon
Women’s Indoor Track and Field

January 29
Third Annual Indoor Triathlon
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Join in the fun in the Zesiger Center’s 3rd Annual Indoor Triathlon. All skill levels welcome.

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Try Something New This Year…
Variety is the spice of life, or so they say. But did you know that adding a little spice to your workout can help you see more results?
“The best way to change your body is to change your routine,” says Babette Bouw, Assistant Fitness Director. “As your body adapts to repetitive action your physiological benefit decreases. A little change can make a big difference.”

FREE - DAPER staff members may participate in group exercise classes for free. Full time staff members receive a 50 percent off registration for specialty classes, or participate for free by recruiting one paying participant. Part time staff members receive a 25 percent discount on specialty classes.

Z Center Staff Goodbyes
Jill Altomari
Jill has been with the A to Z Team since July 2003, most recently serving as Associate Director of Fitness. She has accepted a position with a health management company that works with patients for medically supervised weight loss. We thank Jill for her service and wish her luck in her future endeavors!

Melinda Kolesins
Melinda has been with the A to Z Team since March 2003. She has served patrons in both fitness and customer service roles. Coworkers and patrons describe her as friendly and dedicated. Melinda and her husband are relocating to Latvia for his job. Melinda leaves big shoes to fill and will be missed - good luck Melinda!