

The Year in Sports

Indoor track extends record

INDOOR TRACK

The 1987-88 indoor track team finished their regular season undefeated with a 9-0 record, extending their unbeaten streak in dual and triangular meets to 50. They were the New England Champions for the fourth consecutive year, and placed second to defending national champion Frostburg (MD) State at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Championships.

At the ECAC Championships, Bill Singhose '90 set an MIT record of 15'-5" to place first in the pole vault, and Scott Deering '89 won the 35-pound weight with a distance of 54'-4".

At the NCAA Division II National Championship, Singhose placed third in pole vault with a leap of 15'5 3/4", which was a new MIT record. Over the course of the season he also broke the school records for points in a season (112 1/2), points in a meet (21).

400 meters, and the 1600-meter relay team of Makatiani, Mark Dunzo '91, Douglas Cornwall '89, and Karim Roshd '88. Scott Deering '89 placed sixth in the hammer throw.



Michael Franklin/The Tech
Mike Piepergerdes '92

legiate Athletics for Women Championship. The Engineers scored 61 points to dominate the 11-team field, avenging an earlier season loss to a strong Worcester Polytechnic Institute team, which placed second with 67 points. They also finished second in the New England Women's Eight Championship.

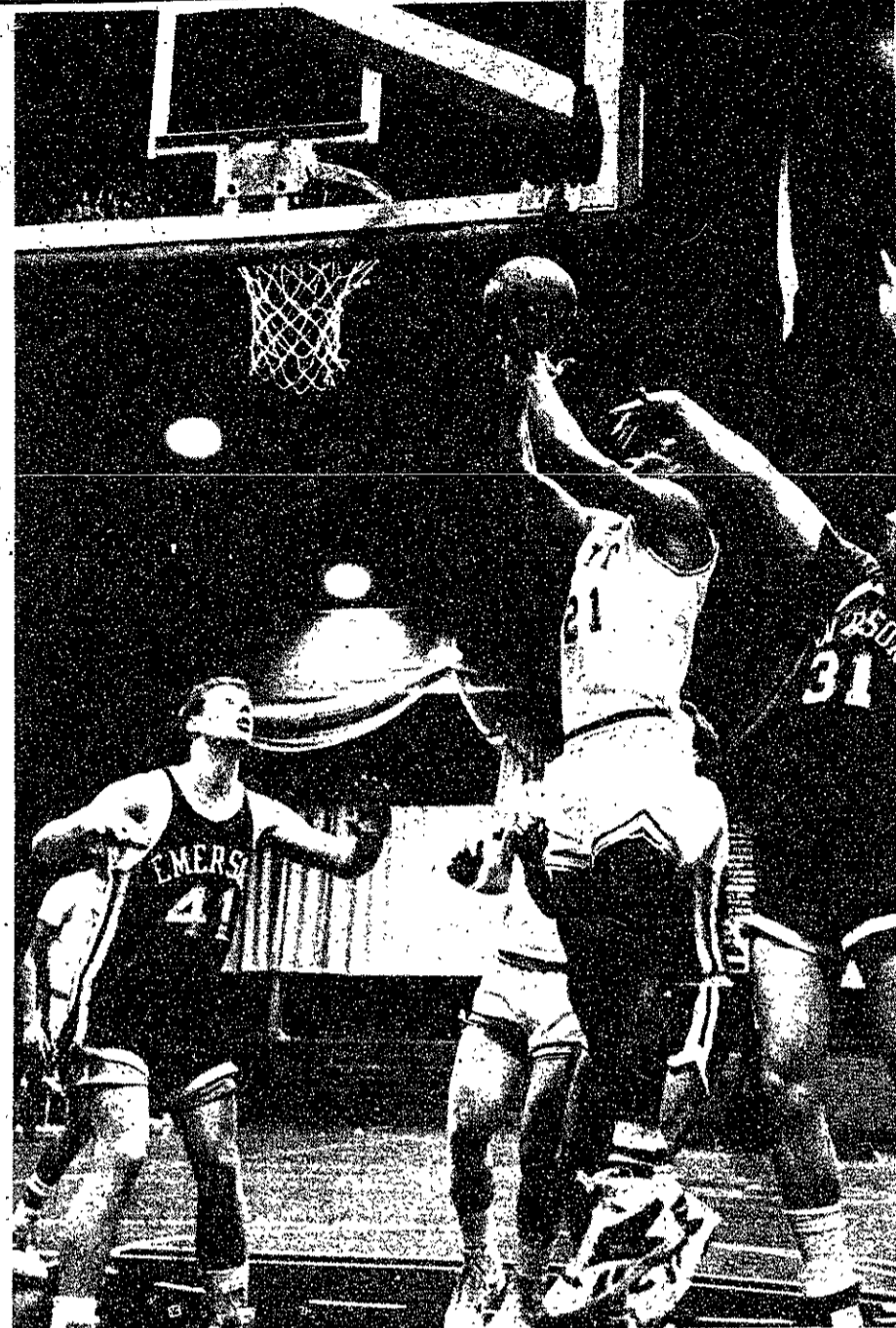
Sean Kelley '89 was sixth at the New England Division III Cross Country Championships at North Dartmouth, NH. MIT finished 14th at the meet in which over 30 teams competed. The women's team ended up 18th out of over 27 teams. Kelley finished 55th at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, at St. Louis despite a freak accident which occurred 1 1/2 kilometers into the race. A competitor stepped on Kelley's foot, tearing his spike and ripping a shoelace; Kelley completed the final 6 1/2 kilometers with the torn shoe.

BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team finished the 1987-88 season with an 11-15 record, chalking up the most wins in a season since 1980-81 when the team won 12.

This season, the team ran off an eight-game winning streak — the most consecutive wins for the Engineers since the 1964-65 season. Wesleyan University broke the streak, 72-69, in a game in which MIT held a 22-2 lead.

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David M. Watson/The Tech
Douglas Cornwall '89 jumps for the hoop during a tense game against Emerson.

OUTDOOR TRACK

The outdoor track team was not to be outdone by their indoor counterparts. They also won the New England Division III Championships, finishing ninth in the NCAA Division III overall.

Three was the magic number for MIT, as the Engineers placed third in three events at the NCAA Championships: Bill Singhose '90 in the decathlon, Boniface Makatiani '90 in the

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's cross country teams were both ranked in the top ten in the New England Division III Coaches' Polls. The women's team was ranked eighth, while the men's team was ninth in its poll.

The women successfully defended their title at the Massachusetts Association of Intercol-

NCAA move spotlights football

By Harold A. Stern

It was a season unlike any other in the history of athletics at MIT. For a short while, newspaper reporters, network cameramen, and the like focused their attention on Cambridge, not to report on yet another Institute professor receiving yet another Nobel Prize, but to analyze the progress of our football team.

And the Beavers burst out on the nation's sports scene in grand fashion. With CBS-TV keeping its viewers updated on the game, the Beavers rolled to an overwhelming 29-7 victory over Stonehill College, led by junior tailback Shane LaHousse '90, who gained 260 yards and four touchdowns.

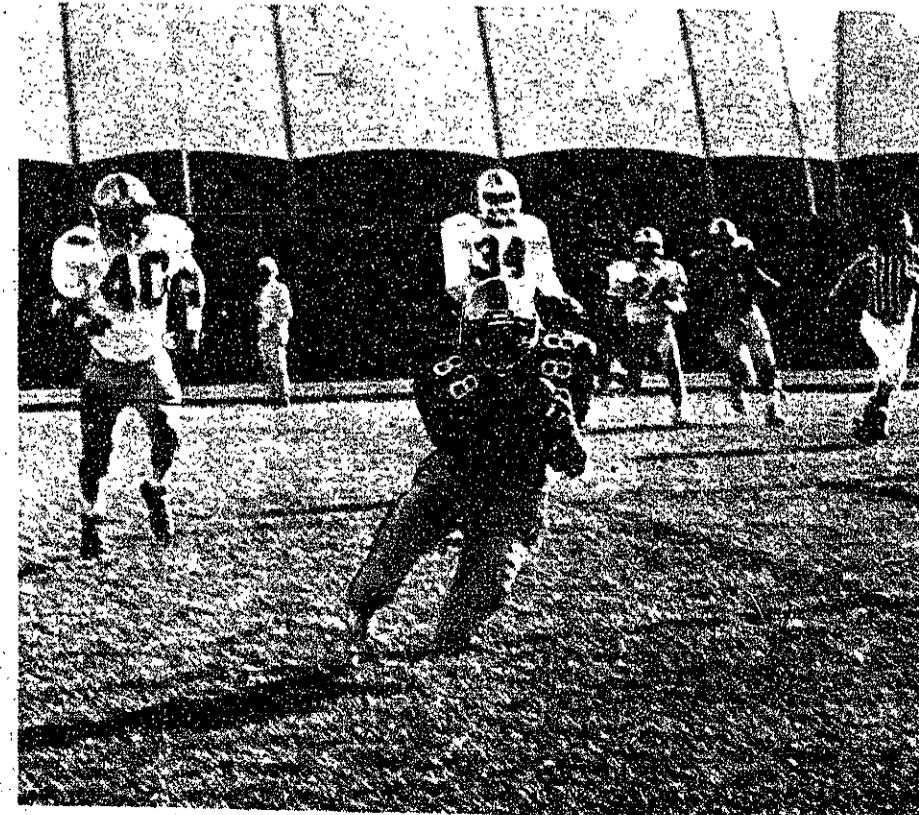
But for the Beavers, a young team with many question marks visible despite the glare of the television cameras, it was downhill from there. They finished the season respectably, with a 4-3 record in third place in the New England Collegiate Football Conference, but were never again able to muster a performance as impressive as the first one.

The Beavers' move into the ranks of the NCAA was necessitated because the New England Collegiate Football Conference, the club league of which MIT was a member, lost three teams last year. The University of Massachusetts at Boston and South-eastern Massachusetts University elevated their programs to Division III status at the conclusion of the 1987 season, and Roger Williams College dropped the sport entirely.

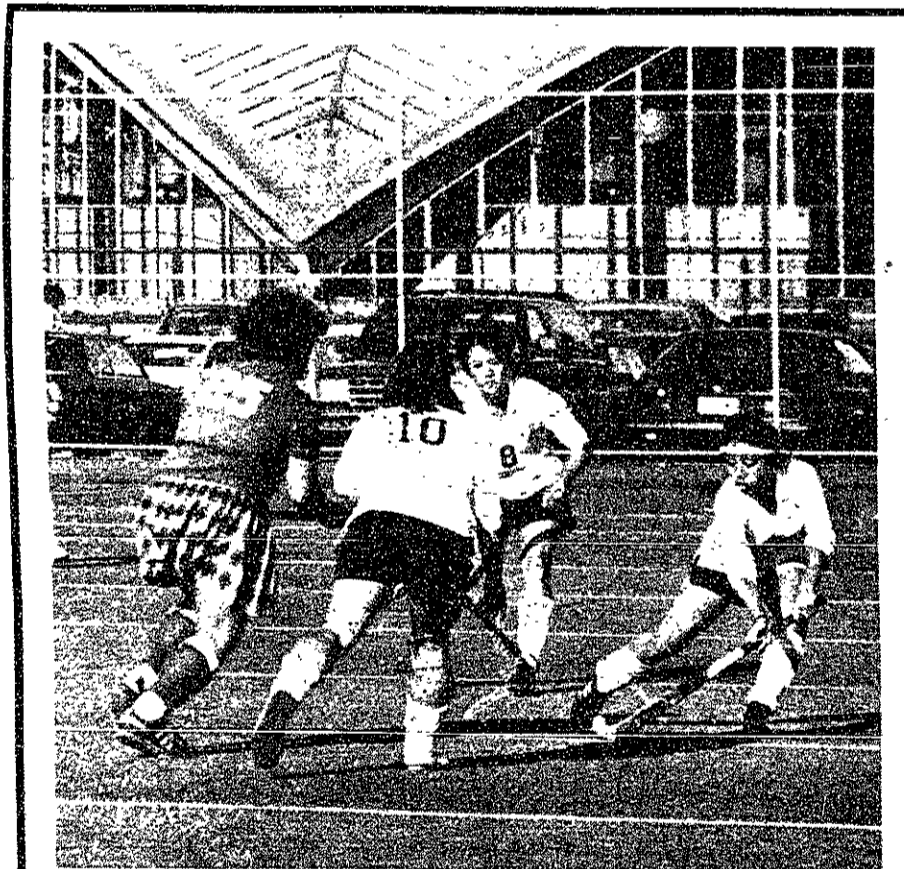
Bentley College, Assumption College, and Stonehill College joined MIT in the move, while NECFC teams Merrimack College and Providence College remained on the club-level.



In the early part of the season, the Beaver offense was carried on the shoulders of LaHousse, as the passing game was slow getting started. And when LaHousse suffered a concussion early in a Friday evening game at Merrimack College, a tired and sluggish MIT team dropped a 12-7 loss.



Kyle G. Peltonen/The Tech
Wide receiver Anthony Lapes '90 scores a touchdown in the Beavers' 21-17 victory over Providence College.



Ray T. Powell/The Tech
The Engineers hustle the ball away from Wheaton.

Three compete in Olympics

Three MIT athletes were chosen to compete in the 1988 Olympics: Jan Goldman '89 and Alexis Photiades '91 in the Winter Games, and Elizabeth Bradley G in the Summer Games.

Goldman finished 11th in the 3000 meter speed skating event at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, setting a new US record. Yvonne Vangennit of the Netherlands won the race with a time of 4:11.94.

Goldman broke another US record on the final day of the Games. She finished 10th in the women's 5000 meter speedskating event with a time of 7:36.98. She edged out teammate Mary Docter, who held the record briefly with a time of 7:37.00.

Goldman finished 18th in 1500 meter speed skating event. Meanwhile, Photiades, a member of the Cyprus team, finished 59th in the men's giant slalom event. Of the 120 skiers who started, 70 finished the event, which was won by the Italian Alberto Tomba. Photiades' times were 1:23.17 and 1:20.45.

Elizabeth Bradley G was chosen as one of the four rowers in the US women's four with coxswain team competing in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.