By Al Morgan

The MIT varsity tennis team opened its fall season Tuesday with a convincing victory over the University of Rhode Island. Showing abundant strength, all nine matches were relatively easy wins for Tech. The singles players swept through without being extended beyond two sets, while the doubles matches were much closer, but the results were the same. Top men Bob McKenly '70 won 6-4, 6-4; and Captain Bob Metcalfe '69 took his 6-1, 6-3. The next four pairs, Skip Brookfield '69, Manny Weiss '68, Joe Baren and Scott Smith, '69 also scored straight-set wins. The doubles combinations of McKenly-Weiss, Metcalfe-Smith, Brookfield and Steve Cross '71 finished the day with drawn-out victories.

This weekend the team will journey to Princeton for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Fall Championships. All six singles men are expected to do well, as they will be playing only players in their individual categories. The finals will be played on Sunday afternoon. Later this fall the team will clash with Brown, before having the outdoor courts for the squash courts in the off-season.

Singles
Bob McKenly '70 def.
Ted Connotation (URI) 6-0, 6-4
Bob Metcalfe '69 def.
Andy Yostoff (URI) 6-1, 6-2

BU triumphs

By Johnny Powers

It was not so bouncy last Tuesday afternoon when the engineer nine took on the Boston University baseball team. In fact, the scene was almost bright. Pitchers actually threw the ball over the plate, batters got hits, and errors, with the engineer nine no match for BU's left-handeder. Consequently, the hamlets lost by only one run, 7-6.

Until Friday's game the first inning was not a holocaust. Starter Herman Mayfair '70 had no control problems and was able to retire BU on only twelve pitches. In the bottom of the first John Compton '70 walked on four straight balls. A wild pitch enabled him to take second, and a wild throw by the homeplate on an easy grounder brought him across with the first run.

Down 2-1 in the second, the batmen came through with a series of hits to pull ahead. Third baseman Mark Schr '71 led off with a walk. After Dave DeWitt '69 grounded out, Bob Preese '71 singled. DeWitt became the second man on base, scoring Schr with Preese taking third. Pitcher Mayfair then hit into a fielder's choice, with Bill Preese being thrown out at home, and runners at second and third with two out. Compton then came to the plate and delivered a run scoring single (his first of three); and this was followed by Bob Dresser's double to left center, driving in a second run to make it 6-2.

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Two out and a man at first in the fourth, a grounder was hit to Schr at third, Schr tossed to Kelly on second, hoping for the force out. However, Kelly dropped the ball. In the mean time the runner had rounded third.

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