

Grapplers take Tufts and five of last six

By Bill Gahl

Having strayed off course due to injuries and inexperience the first half of the season, MIT's wrestling team has finally straightened out to compile an even 6-6 record, winning 5 of its last 6 matches. Indeed the team was in dire straits before the return of B.J. Davies at heavy-weight, Paul Mitchell at 167, and Ed Hanley at 126. Furthermore, with Dave Keuntz cutting to 158 and Gary Pullar immensely improved at 190, the team shaped up enough to put every match straight to the opposition in some of the most exciting wrestling the fans have witnessed at MIT in recent years. John Backlund, a consistent victor at 118, Jim Cook at 134, Rich Hartman at 142, Bill Gahl at 150, and Mike Murphy at 177 round out a team that balances its inexperience with endurance, its dehydration with desire, its levity with longevity. Here is a team with lasting promise, promising first to last the season, and last to best expectations.

The victories were straightforward. MIT trounced Boston College 46-0, as 8 of 10 grapplers pinned the Eagles' shoulders straight to the mat. Then in MIT's Quadrangular, the team

beat tough Wesleyan and C.W. Post teams by scores of 21-19 and 19-17. The heroes who emerged were Hartman, who took down his opponent in the last 10 seconds to break a tie in his match and secure the team victory over Wesleyan, and Pullar, whose hard-fought match against C.W. Post finalized the other win. No less a hero, though, was Backlund, whose pin points were decisive. (The team receives 5 points for a pin, 3 for a win.) New York Maritime was out to reach to all three of the other teams.

From that rigorous weekend, the wrestlers went straight to WPI on Tuesday to defeat that spirited club, 24-18. Hartman and Pullar came through with pins for Tech. Wednesday the grapplers crushed Tufts 41-3, pinning honors going to Hartman, Mitchell, Bob Gahl, and Davies.

The team now hopes to ride the waves of triumph straight into the New Englands, where each of the grapplers has some scores to straighten out. In the meantime, look for the team Saturday in DuPont at 3:30 pm to keep Williams on the straight-and-narrow.

Exchange enrollment up

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total of nearly 1000 participants) and the budget does not allow for more. In addition to cross-registered students attending classes, members of both student bodies use the bus for other academic and social purposes, sometimes causing the legitimate students to miss classes. If social pressure to give these students priority fails, then the old system of tickets will have to be reinstated. Cross-registration ID's are issued and could serve as tickets, but the bus drivers, although they are willing to take tickets, will not check ID's.

Both Jane Sauer and Diane Flaser, exchange coordinators for MIT and Wellesley, respectively, said that they feel the exchange is going well, despite these problems. Both mentioned that the committee in charge of the exchange is contemplating more joint programs and jointly-taught courses, and the possibility of cross-residence is being seriously considered. Mrs. Flaser commented that the exchange is not creating genuine co-education, in that only the classrooms are directly affected. However, the relationship between schools is a valuable one in that both the physical and mental environments are extremely different. Science distri-

bution requirements for MIT students can be and often are satisfied at Wellesley. The most popular fields are the social sciences and the humanities, especially psychology, but virtually every department has some cross-registered students.

Some of the most important aspects of the exchange have little to do with the classroom. Mrs. Flaser describes it as a variation of the "grass is always greener" outlook. MIT students like to escape from the large, predominantly-male city school and find Wellesley relaxing. Wellesley students, on the other hand, like to leave the atmosphere of the small, suburban girls' school, and find MIT and Boston exciting.

In general, both faculties and student bodies are enthusiastic about the exchange program, now in its third year. This is reflected in the growing number involved and in the increased range of activities. Miss Sauer and Mrs. Flaser both feel that the severely limited budget is being well utilized. The future of

the exchange depends largely on the amount of funds to be made available and on the decisions of the committee, but the response of the participants is encouraging even in the light of the problems it raises.

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