Tech skaters Bill Stenstrud ’71 (left) and Matt Goldsmith ’73 (center) bear down on a lone UConn defender. The engineers won the game when Matt Goldsmith ’73 beat until late in the final period, the period again ended in a stalemate, the period again ended in a standoff. The score remained knotted until late in the final period, when Matt Goldsmith ’73 beat the UConn goalie for the deciding tally. As the period drew to a close, the huskies pulled their goalie in favor of five skaters. After several UConn score attempts, MIT finally cleared the puck from its zone with less than one minute remaining in the game. The Connecticut skaters fed it back, and Tech goalie Ken Lord ’71 made a number of crucial saves to protect the point. When the buzzer sounded, gloves and sticks hit the ice, and Lord was battered under a barrage of MIT players.

By Randy Young

In a game played at the University of Connecticut on Monday, March 1, the MIT varsity ice hockey team earned its season record at 8-8-1 with an exciting 3-2 win over a tough Connecticut squad. The win marked the first time in Tech history that MIT had won on Connecticut’s home ice. The squad finished the season with a record of 8-8-1.

Looking forward to next season, Coach Ben Martin noted that the Tech team really had nothing to be substantially thinner by graduation. Minus from the roster will be seniors Barber, Lord, Andy Jarrell, Bill Stenstrud, Gary Gibian, Mike Mathers, John Bunce, and Marc Weinberg.

By Walter Polasek

As the year began for MIT’s swimmers, things looked rather bleak. Although two people from last year’s team, the swimmers failed to get the fresh- man and sophomore support that was expected. MIT defeated Rensselaer as it usually does, but lost the next two to University of Connecticut and Wesleyan. Somewhat down, the swimmers broke for Christmas.

They returned to meet the toughest conditioning any Tech swim team has ever faced. For ten grueling days, the team swam three times the usual workout, often as much as five miles a day. Bodily and mental, it showed, as the physically drained swimmers dropped two tough meets to Bowdoin and Williams before they could recover.

Having lost four straight, MIT got to rest with two easy victories over New York University and Trinity. Then in the turning point, the meet against Tufts. The Techmen averaged last year’s high quality losses to Tiffany, winning all but one of them against Tufts and much of the New England League with some of the fastest times of the year, the surprised continued, as the aqua- men posted dual meet records. Tufts’ score was 207-202, but MIT set a new record. Last week, while still working hard in preparation for the New England Championships, MIT swept the Greater Boston Swimming Championship, winning all of the swimming events, setting eleven Brandeis pool records and outsprinting near rival Newton, 146-90.

All in all, five varsity records have fallen so far this season, and as the season winds down, the outstanding freshman citation. Placed in the top five swimmers, the meet against Tufts was the first significant loss for the Techmen, except for graduating captain Gerber. With the New England Championships scheduled at MIT next year, the Tech Swim team hopes to be leading contenders for the team title.

By Duncan Allen

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