Women swim to 500 record

By Wendy Irving

Last week the Women's Varsity Swim team hosted three meets, facing Southeastern Mass., BC and Trinity. Although they lost to BC 93-42, they soundly beat SMU and Trinity with scores of 76-73 and 84-44, respectively, bringing the season record to 3-3.

In the meet against SMU, the MIT women lost the first relay race and found themselves seven points down. Carol Brown '78 and Wendy Irving '77 came in 1-2 in the next event, the 200-yard freestyle, to tie the score at 8-8. Sheila Konecke '80 and Barb Thornton '79 finished 1-2 in the 100-yard individual medley, to put MIT ahead 16-9. From then on, the Engineers never lost the lead. Konecke placed first in the 50- and 100-yard breast stroke. Carol Brown '78 finished first in the 50-yard freestyle and second in the 100-yard freestyle. Karen Fabricius '80 won the 50-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle. Lori Lamel '79 won the one-meter diving. Joan Hooper '78 won the three-meter diving. Both Marcus '79 finished second in the 50-yard backstroke and second in the 100-yard freestyle. Karen Fabricius '80 won the 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard breaststroke, as did Joan Hooper in the 1-meter diving. Brown won in the 50-yard freestyle, Irving in the 100-yard freestyle and Lamel in the 3-meter diving.

The women fared better against BC than some of BC's other opponents this season. Fabricius set a women's pool record in winning the 100-yard freestyle event with a time of 57.75. The second place time was 6.3.8 by Miles of BC. Fabricius also won the 200-yard freestyle, placed second in the 50-yard butterfly and was a member of the winning 200-yard freestyle relay team along with Brown, Konecke and Thornton.

Encouraged by their performance against such strong a team as BC, the women took the two relay events for 14 points and came in 1-2 in four other events to push past Trinity Saturday in a combined men-women's meet. After winning the opening medley relay, Fabricius and Irving combined a 1-2 finish for 8 points to put MIT ahead 13-1.

The MIT team never lost its lead. Thornton and Tina Kangas '78 won 8 points in a 1-2 sweep of the 100-yard butterfly, as did Irving and Brown in the 50-yard freestyle, and Lamel and Hooper in the three-meter diving. Lamel also won the one-meter diving event. The 200-yard freestyle relay of Brown, Konecke, Thornton and Irving blew past the Trinity team to finish the meet. MIT points were also scored by Thornton second in the 100-yard individual medley and third in the 50-yard freestyle. Konecke third in the 50-yard backstroke and second in the 100-yard backstroke, Barb Belt '77 second in the 50-yard backstroke and third in the 100-yard backstroke, Marcus second in the 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard breaststroke, Kangas third in the 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard breaststroke, Brown second in the 50-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard freestyle and Hooper third in the one-meter diving.

In just its first full season of being a varsity sport, the Women's Swim team has hopes of sending some of its team members to the nationals. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Fabricius, Brown Thornton and Konecke, and individually Fabricius and Konecke are within tenths of seconds from qualifying for the small college division nationals to be held in March.

LCA's Keith Terman '80 fires one past Bobby Jones '76 of Baker as Bob Laurensen '75 also of Baker looks on. The Lamchops went on to beat Baker/FUJI 2-1 in A-league action Wednesday.