W water polo undefeated

By Gregg Steve

Although the club is less than two years old, the women's water polo team is currently undefeated after four intercollegiate contests this season. The club was originally organized by Carol Brown '78, Tina Kangas '78, and Abby Griffin '80, and played its first match on March 25, 1976.

Born out of the enthusiasm of intramural water polo players interested in forming the fundamentals of the game, the team has been developing rapidly. Water polo has both a spring and fall season. The club, with a roster of four women, is presently in its third season. There was no team this past fall because of the lack of available players.

Sam Senne '78 served as the team's first coach. Senne, who was the captain of the men's swim team and a member of the varsity water polo team, started from scratch. Senne assisted Dick Henze '78, who ran the team. Only Carol Brown had played intercollegiate water polo before this. This spring, Henze has taken over as coach.

Henze was captain of this year's varsity water polo team. Under his tutelage at four practices each week, the team has made dramatic progress.

In practice, fundamentals are emphasized. The team goes through ball handling and shooting drills as well as working on passing and specific playing techniques. The technique of stop-action scrimmages is also introduced to the team members' awareness. In addition, the women find out what they can do in practice. Games consist of four seven-minute quarters, longer than A-League intramural games.

Practice has been paying off. In their first game this season, despite having problems moving the ball down the pool, the team outdid Harvard and scored a decisive 6-3 victory. Against Wellesley, MIT won a close contest, 2-1, capitalizing on their opponent's mistakes. Half of Wellesley's pool players was removed when the Forward was called for a foul.

The team's next opponent is Suffolk for a 3pm game on Briggs Field.

Seventh inning dressing for baseball team

By Tom Curtis

In the first game of a doubleheader with Coast Guard Saturday on Briggs Field, the varsity baseball team got its best pitching game since the first game of the season, made no errors for only the second time this season, and hit two doubles, as many as in any other game this season. Yet, somehow, way the Beavers lost the game.

It almost seemed like a crime. Peter Steinhagen '79 carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning. Going into the seventh and final inning, he still had a one-hitter and a shutout. However, two long shots, one at home, the other a double which scored a runner from second, took the least and the victory from Steinhagen. Junior Steve Garrett's double in the seventh inning led the Beavers' only run against Coast Guard. Tom Griffin collected the RBI with a single.

Two plays which went against the Beavers hurt MIT. The first was a double play which was called a ground-rule double. The Coast Guard hitter did not swing. If the ruling had gone the other way, the score would have been only 1-1 going into the bottom of the inning. The second play occurred in the bottom of the seventh when Rick Larue, the Beavers' left fielder, pinch runner Tom Griffin, and catcher Tom Osborn charged around the bases from first to third and appeared to score easily. However, the ball hopped over the fence, the umpire called a ground-rule double, and Cosgrove was forced to stop in third.

MIT both outfitted and outdistanced the Cadets. The Beavers led in batting, five hits to three hits, and in fielding, no errors to one error.

The second game appeared to be a repeat performance of the first game until the last inning. In the first six innings, pitcher Rick Osborn allowed only four hits and one run, yet he was losing. It was run Coast Guard seventh inning scoring that possibly could have had some reward. However, Coast Guard won 3-1, but MIT was shut out for the fifth time this season.

The Beavers' record is now 4-9. The team's next opponent is Suffolk (3-6) who will visit MIT this Friday at 3pm on Briggs Field.