**Head** opens crew season

By Cindy Cole

The MIT volleyball team was blanked at two weekend tournaments and dropped a 3-2 decision to Bridgewater last Thursday. Coach Dave Castanon reorganized the offense in order to make better use of his three experienced players, particularly Karen Samuelson '81 with her setting and hitting abilities.

The new offense paid off Thursday night as Tech routed Wellesley 2-0. The Owls are playing much better with it. The new offense is narrow, but the new offense is narrow. The new offense provides the convenience and stiff. This complements the women's agility as of the team's endurance.

Patterned after the many English "Head of the River" races, this type of race allows many more boats to compete over a longer, more challenging course. More than 100 schools and rowing clubs from all over North America participate in this first big race of the season. The varsity women will hoping to improve their 4th place finish in last year's Women's Eight race.

The Women's Four consisting of new Liz Fisher '80, and John White '80, Three Cindy Cole '79, Stroke Diane Medved '80 and Coxswain Debbie Uto '89 rowed together for the first time last Saturday. They emerged victorious from a hotly contested race with St. Catherine's, a prestigious Canadian rowing club. This is the squad's first trophy since a similar four won the Patsy Bisigolo Cup two years ago.

Due to restrictions on the number of entries per school in one event, the women will also be rowing in the men's Junior Eight race. Jenny Korn '79, returning veteran stroke from last spring, will be rowing the eight.

In the men's division, the Varsity Heavyweights are boating a Club eight, and Elite four, stroked for the second year by Charles Florentine '80 and a pair. The lightweight men, under their new coach Tom Howes, are entering a Light eight and a Light four.

Harley Rogers, Assistant Provisor at MIT, will be defending his 3rd place finish in the Veteran Singles. Two graduates, Dennis Lynch '72 and Mike Neff '76, will be rowing a double scull. Head Coach Pete Holland predicted they would be "smooth but slow."

The annual reunion of the 1972 Varsity Heavyweight Boat will again take place when they all gather to row in the final event of the day, the Elite eights. Although in their heyday they were one of the fastest crews MIT has ever seen, two years ago they beat the winning women's eight by a mere 1.7 seconds. Undaunted they returned last year to smash the fastest women's eight by almost a full length.

The four extend from Bu's dock to the WBZ tower on Soldiers Field Road. Good vantage points include any of the 6 bridges, the finish line or along the shore near Harvard. Boats will proceed up the right side of the river at 10 second intervals and will be numbered consecutively for identification. Unofficial race results will be available at the finish line.

Come on out to the banks of the Charles to cheer MIT's crews to their first win of the season.

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