Brandeis falls to fencers

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Editor's Note: Amelia Phillips is a member of the women's fencing team.

February 17th was a day to remember, especially for the first time ever, 9-7. That, however, was the climax of a well-fought, well-won day. The New England Championship was MIT vs. Stevens Institute of Technology. It was an all-out team effort since Stevens brought three teams.

Nancy Robinson '81, Sayuri Kuo '81, Jialia Shikuma '80, and Michelle Prettyman '79 comprised the "A" team. In preparation for the New England, they were allowed to practice. Prettyman came out of that match with a 4-0 bout total. Parry riposte was evident when Shikuma got on the strip. A persistent lunge and persistence of the attack fell upon many opponents of Kuo's. Robinson beat her opponents with a style that is unique — seemingly tame and deceptively simple. They won 12-4.

The "B" team started out with Debbe Barnes '76 and Jeannette Wing (an older member of the team, recently retired to the Institute). Stevens again suffered defeat at the hands of the Beavers. 12-4. Stein's lightning blade work coupled with Wing's cool, controlled style ripped their opponents apart. Both emerged with a 4-0 bout total.

The "C" team held their own against Stevens and made good use of the philosophy, "If you win, you don't need to lose."

The final bout score was tied 8-8, but Stevens had more touches scored against them therefore MIT was victorious.

The Wellman JV and varsity also fell by the wayside as the MIT women stomped them 12-4 and 11-5, respectively.

February 24th saw the downfall of Dartmouth on their home ground when the varsity team went against them. The final score was 10-6.

The closing event of the season will be the New England Finals on March 17th and 18th at Rhode Island College. The women will be entering with an official New England Intercollegiates record of 12-1. With the right amount of effort and speed, a New England Championship is within their grasp.

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