An MIT baseball player is tagged out in a pickoff play at second during a late-inning game against Suffolk. Despite this play, MIT went on to soundly defeat Suffolk. (Photo by Gordon R. Hall)

Batters top Suffolk, go over .500 mark

By Rich Anschutz

The MIT baseball team defeated Suffolk, 7-1, on Briggs field Tuesday and broke the .500 mark at 5-4. In a brilliant pitching performance, George Noll '81 went all the way for the win. Noll scattered seven hits, walked none, and struck out seven.

Suffolk scored first when its first three batters singled, but Noll bore down and pitched himself out of the jam. He retired 17 of the next 18 batters and pitched a superb game. The Engineers came right back in the bottom of the first and never lost the lead. After a walk, an error, and a sacrifice bunt, Joe Kracunas '79 drilled a double down the left-field line and drove in a run for 2-1.

The Sultans of Swing were 7 for 19, with Peter Garverick's ('80) hit-and-run single, and scored on Peter Steinheagen's ('79) base hit up the middle. In the fifth, Garverick singled, stole second, and came home on an RBI single by Nowizewski. With MIT leading 5-1 in the seventh, Garverick started another rally by cracking a double. He moved to third on a base hit by Steinheagen and scored on Kracunas' single. Steinheagen later scored on a fielder's choice.

Garverick went 3 for 4 and scored three runs; Kraucunas was 2 for 4 with three RBIs. Steinheagen and Nowizewski were both 2-for-4, and Nowizewski knocked in two runs.

Coach Fran O'Brien attributed the victory to the team's all-around aggressiveness. He noted that the team is coming together and will continue to do so if the pitching remains strong. The team plays at home today and Saturday before going on a road trip next week. Tech plays some highly-touted teams on this road trip, including the national champions in New England, Brandeis.

Sailors take fourth in Boston Dinghy

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Navy in the prestigious Owen Trophy, MIT sailors defeated eleven other schools from the New England and Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Associations in a fierce action on Cheesapeake Bay. Essen, with crew Eddie Marcus '81, was low point skipper in the "B" division. MIT sailors didn't fare as well on the weekend of April 14-15, finishing only eighth of 15 in the Friis Trophy at Tuffs Yacht Club. MIT posted enough victories in the conclusion of full competition to qualify as one of the four New England schools vying for two the New England berths at the National Team Race Championships in Chicago in June. MIT needs one more victory in a best of five series over Tuffs to eliminate it from further contention. On the same Sunday, Tech took third out of eight, in a Lark Invitational at home, losing another two-level tie-breaker. Also at home, the freshman team took first place over a dozen schools in their own Dinghy Invitational.

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Softball running smoothly

By Gordon R. Hall

IM Softball, which with 171 teams and 6,000 largest participation over this year, is off to a fine start. Although the first weekend had a number of no-hitters because of cold weather and scheduling, the weather was for the most part excellent, and except for a limited number of rainouts over the Patriots Day weekend, games have been able to follow the schedule quite closely.

This is fortunate since field space is ever tighter this year than last. There are 13 more teams this year. In addition, IM softball has lost this year's softball field which Fred Sims '81, the IM softball manager, said is "off-limits" to IM's.

Softball has had a few problems with umpires. According to John Lowell '80, the umpire evaluator, the quality in general has been good, but there aren't enough umpires. He added that "we have more good umpires than we can afford to pay."

This is similar to hockey's situation, where very few refs really deserve to have salaries on the lower end of the pay scale.

Lowell also had some comments about the PE softball umpiring class which has had lower than anticipated attendance. He said that he wished that more team captains had attended the umpire clinics. He said that "one of the only sources of controversy with official is that when the captains violated the rules. However, just as significantly, the umpire's captain wished that more team captains made the rules. He said that there had been brought in front of the captains for a few times over the previous week. The umpire should then put all relevant data in writing. Then the matter should be brought before the manager in writing within 72 hours. It is entirely possible that at some point the coaches will complain to the IM Council and be upset if their protest is not allowed. If the cap-

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