Table tennis first in Greater Bostons

By Derek Colinet

The MIT table tennis team clinched its national championship last Monday with a decisive 13-1 victory over Boston College to win the Greater Boston Intercollegiate (GBI) Tournament. The GBI league is comprised of many of the schools in the Boston area, such as Boston College, Boston University, Harvard and Northeastern. MIT received outstanding performances throughout the season from captain Andrew Lee ’80, Mark Chan ’80 and Jeff Lu ’83. In addition, Lu placed second in the Boston League Individual Championships.

The MIT table tennis team was organized last September by Andrew Lu. Since MIT does not recognize table tennis as a varsity sport, the team members themselves are responsible for the organization of the team and for meeting expenses, which added to optimism that the team can make an impact on the national scene in the next two weeks.

Celtics’ season a fluke?

By Eric R. Fleming

It’s all over. The Boston Celtics’ 1978-80 season came to a sad close with a 105-94 defeat at the hands of the Philadelphia 76ers Sunday in the Boston Garden. Philadelphia defeated the Celtics four games to one in the best-of-seven series, with only the first two games (including the lone Boston win in game two, 95-93) being close. The Celtics, who posted the best regular season record in the league, and breezed by Houston in the first round of the playoffs, were ousted, out-hustled, out-bounced, and out-played by Dr. J., Darryl Dawkins and company. The team that had played so well in its first 86 games was not the same. No Celtic really had a series to brag about, and at times the club was horrible. Offensive fouls, turnovers, sub-40 percent shooting, going almost two minutes without possession of the ball because of the inability to haul in a defensive rebound — all contributed to the Celtic down-fall. Team play, the hallmark of Boston’s 13 previous NBA championships and the key to the club’s success, was non-existent. Credit must of course be given to the Sixers’ defense, as it held Boston to under 100 points in all five games (previous, it had not been done more than twice in a nats). The performance of Henry Bibby, Bobby and Caldwell Jones, and Lionel Hollins among others must be considered important to the Philadelphia victory.

On the Boston side, fine work was turned in by Larry Bird in game two, M.L. Carr and Cedric Maxwell in game four, and Gerald Henderson in game five. However, the bottom line is that the Celtics did not play well.

On numerous occasions, the team that was a playoff is the team that peaks late in the season. At this moment, it appears that Philadelphia has the hot hand, having won ten of its 12 playoff games. Though Boston swept in series with Houston, the Rockets (Please turn to page 11)