Volleyball takes 2 of 3 over weekend

By Mary Petrofsky

The women's volleyball team greatly improved their chances of making the State Championships by defeating Division I Wellesley College last Thursday. The squad won two more matches over the weekend but lost one, leaving its record at 9-3. The Wellesley team looked very strong in the first game and took an 11-4 lead. MIT gave away most of the points, spiking balls into the net and missing serves on serve receive. Tech, however, awoke from its daze and fought back hard, scoring nine points while allowing Wellesley none to tally a 13-1 lead. Wellesley then regained the serve and advanced to game point 14-13. MIT's determination, however, did not die as they kept the game alive, stealing a 13-11 lead. Wellesley then managed to win the remaining points, 15-13, to win 16-14.

In the second game MIT had all the momentum, shutting out Wellesley for most of the game while taking an 11-0 lead. Despite the great setting by Linda Pino '82 and the fearsome spiking of Barbara Wendland '84 and Amy Smith '84, Wellesley managed to score a few points as Tech won easily 15-3.

In the third game of the three-out-of-five match, the MIT squad continued to rely on defensive hustle, effective blocking, and aggressive hitting, especially by freemane Julie Koster and Anelia Munro. Tech finished the match in three games, winning the third by a score of 15-6.

MIT hosted a four team round robin tournament on Saturday, with each team playing three-out-of-three game matches. The Engineers first faced Fitchburg, a team they had defeated earlier in the season. This first match was almost unimaginably slow as Tech struggled to wake up and Fitchburg just struggled. Neither team could get any offense working so the points accumulated very slowly. Although the match took three games, MIT showed a little life in the end, winning the match 15-10, 7-15, 15-12.

The Engineers next faced American International College, a better team than Fitchburg. The squad, however, still could not generate any offense with Janet Kuth '85 being the only effective hitter. The defense also failed due to poor positioning and lack of hustle. Part of the team's lack of energy probably resided from the number of spikes that AIC blocked. AIC, putting forth a good team effort, managed to defeat MIT in two games 15-10, 15-12.

In the last match Saturday MIT faced Eastern Connecticut State College, an exciting three that (Please turn to page 13)

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Julie Koster '85 passes the ball in Saturday's match against Fitchburg. (Photo by Bob Lake)

The Women's Pentathlon begins Wednesday, November 4, and continues through Sunday, November 8. The format is the same as last year's inaugural event, with the five sports being soccer, basketball, volleyball, water polo, and softball. Entry forms will be on hand and cost $235 fee, due in the IM office by 5pm, Thurs., December 2. A mandatory meeting for all captains will be held in the Baker Master Suite Lounge at 7:30pm, Monday, October 26. Rosters (a minimum of 13 players, maximum of 16) will be due at this meeting. Questions can be directed to either Emmy Behnke, x-3732, or Maria Petroros, x-3732. Messages can be left at the Baker Desk, x-3161.

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Sports update

President's Trophy at Boston University. MIT hosted the Smith Trophy on Sunday in with MIT's team consisting of Peter Quigley '84, Penn Edmonds '83, John Cross '84, and Jan Uyger '83. The team performed very well, and came in with a third-place finish out of twenty schools.

Soccer — Last Friday, the team dropped a tough decision in overtime to Holy Cross by the score of 3-2. After a tough first half, the score was tied 1-1. MIT took the lead with a goal early in the second half, but Holy Cross came back to tie the game and subsequently win the game at 4:36 of overtime. The loss leaves the team with a 1-7-1 record.

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