Loss spoils Homecoming

By Martin Dickau

Despite playing what Head Coach Dwight Smith called "our best game of the season," the MIT football club dropped a 27-6 decision to Assumption College Sunday, spoiling the final event of Homecoming 1981.

The game was much closer than the score indicated. "A couple of key mistakes," Coach Smith said after the game, "were what hurt us.

Even before the game began, MIT was making mistakes, as it was penalized fifteen yards for coming out onto the field five minutes late. Assumption, kicking from the MIT 45, executed a forty-yard punt on the MIT thirty. Four short rushing plays and a fourteen yard pass by Greyhound quarterback Skip Norwood brought the ball to the MIT one. On the next play, however, the MIT defense forced a fumble with recovery on the MIT nineteen-yard line. MIT marched thirty-one yards for the score after a five-yard penalty brought the ball back from the Assumption three. The snap on the extra point attempt was bobbled, and the score stood at 20-6.

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The visitors scored twice in the second quarter, once on a ten-play drive which again saw Norwood take the ball in, and once on a fifty-yard touchdown pass by Norwood to John Koval after the Greyhounds had intercepted a Vincent Martinelli '85 pass on the fifty.

In the third quarter, MIT answered with their best scoring drive of the season. Following a Malcolm Fairbairn '84 fumble recovery on the MIT nine-yard line, MIT marched ninety-one yards for the score after a five-yard penalty brought the ball back from the Assumption three. The snap on the extra point attempt was bobbled, and the score stood at 20-6.

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