Big doings for wrestlers

By Martin Dickau

The New England College Wrestling Association (NECWA) has named MIT head coach Tim Walsh 1983 Coach-of-the-Year. The award comes on the heels of his team's fifth-place showing in the NECWA Championships at the Coast Guard Academy last Saturday, where three MIT wrestlers earned berths to the NCAA Division III Championships. Tim Sloan '85 (126 pounds), co-captain Ken Shull '84 (134), and Steve Koster '85 (142) all qualified for the nationals in Wheaton, Illinois this weekend. Sloan and Shull finished first in their divisions, and Koster was second in his.

Petters '85, fifth at 158 pounds, and co-captain Steve Lehner '83, sixth for a third consecutive year at 167, also contributed points to MIT's best performance ever in the five-year-old tournament.

Walsh's selection as Coach-of-the-Year is his second in four years. He was previously recognized in 1980 while at Amherst. In his three seasons at MIT, the wrestlers have posted a 34-21 record, including an 11-8 finish this year.

Women's hoop wins final game

By Jean Fitzmaurice

The women's basketball team closed out its season with a thrilling 61-59 win over visiting Brandeis Saturday. The team's final record is 9-10, the most wins in a season since 1976, when the squad went 10-1.

MIT put on an awesome effort in this one, shooting 55 percent from the field in the first half alone, while fending off the 12-3 Judges. Julie Koster '85 stole the day as she shot 13-15 from the field, pulled down 9 rebounds, and scored a total of 29 points.

The game was the last for starter Joyce Kelly '83, whom coach Joan Henney praised as being a solid performer for the last four years, and also for Beverly Yates '81, unable to play because of an injury.

After leading 32-24 at halftime, MIT pushed the margin up to 12, and co-captain Joyce Kelly made a free throw with 1.49 seconds left. MIT stood 60-59 in MIT's favor. An intentional foul sent Stacy Thompson '86 to the line, and she made one of her attempts. A double dribble call against the Judges with time running out cost the visitors any good chance of tying the game.

"We feel we had a very successful season," Coach Henney said as she left the Cage for the last time this year. "This was a super team effort."

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