Volleyball wins

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ter, to take four straight points and the game. The second game also see-sawed back and forth, but MIT again finished on top, 13-12.

"Boy, we sure did need it," Karen Welch '84 said of the victory. Welch and Cathy Smith '85 are the co-captains of MIT's junior varsity.

The varsity has a lot of talent, Altman said before the game. "Our goal this year is to finish higher than last year, to make it to Laverne, California," where the NCAA will hold its Division III finals this year. "It's a pretty tough goal," she added.

Last year's 33-5 record was MIT's best ever. The team won the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championship and finished tied for fifth in the NCAA.

Getting picked for the NCAA championships depends on many factors, Altman said, especially which selectors see you and when. "It helps that we were picked once already," the selectors once again. The selectors know MIT has a good team, she continued.

"We have a strong team," Altman said, made up of nine returning players, one new sophomore, and two freshmen. Experience is one of the team's greatest strengths, she noted. "But experience doesn't get you everywhere," she added.

Amy Smith echoed the coach's words. "We want to go to the finals," she said.

Amy Smith, Wesslund, and Koster captain the varsity. Lutingh '86, Rachel Chin '87, Carol Morris '87, and defensive specialist Akiko Koducka '84 come off the bench to spell the regulars.

Altman has two assistants, Armando Hernandez '84 and Adria Smith G, who coaches the junior varsity. Altman and Smith placed varsity volleyball at MIT. Altman, formerly women's varsity volleyball coach at Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, replaced David A. Castanen as MIT's coach this year.