Volleyball teams sweep Salem St.

By Robert E. Malchman

The women's volleyball team opened the 1993 season impressively Wednesday night, the varsity sweeping host Salem State 15-6, 15-7, 15-6, 15-1; and the junior varsity blanking the hapless Vikings 16-14, 13-12.

The victory was the first for rookie head coach Karyn Altman '78. "I feel a lot better now," she said.

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MIT broke on top in the first game 12-2, thanks in large part to Cantu, who poured in seven points from the service line as a result. The Engineers acquitted themselves early part. The Engineers lost a point and the serve when the referee ruled the team had lined up improperly one of its points. MIT found itself trailling 6-5. The team caught fire from that point, however, marching to a 15-6 finish.

Salem was clearly outmatched, despite MIT's inconsistent play. The Vikings could not set the ball for their hitters most of the time, and the hitters misplayed many of the few sets they received.

The third game witnessed MIT's return to dominating form. The Engineers calmed down, setting and spiking with clockwork regularity. MIT earned a 12-6 lead before cruising to a 15-1 final score.

The junior varsity then took the court against the Viking varsity's bench. MIT has never had a JV volleyball team, but the young Engineers acquired themselves well in their first game. They played a match more erratic than the varsity's, but likewise more exciting than the senior squad's precisioned dismantling of Salem earlier in the evening.

The Vikings were serving on game point, leading 14-13. MIT rallied, displaying great character. (Please turn to page 10)

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