Spikers face tough year
By Paul Paternoster

Even an unexperienced observer could note the enthusiasm and quiet intensity on the faces of the members of the women's volleyball team during last Friday's practice session, as the squad prepared for the upcoming season. Only a year ago, the team placed fourth in the nation among Division III schools. The team has lost only 11 of 106 games and had won 41 consecutive matches before being eliminated in the NCAA Division III Championships. This year, however, the squad's pursuit of victory will begin under different circumstances.

Two starters have quit the team. To add to that loss, team captain Amada Annoni '85 and Julie Koster '85 sustained knee and shoulder injuries, making them questionable for the open- ing matches. Although the two have been taking it easy, a lot of the team's success will depend upon how healthy they stay.

MIT will also face tougher competition this year. Coach Karyn Altman '75, who helped the Chieftains in each of the last three seasons, wanted to include competitive matches with Division I and II schools. "I have tried to include some top Division I and II teams, such as the University of Connecticut, in our schedule," said Altman, referring to the rougher schedule.

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The Tech Football breaks opener jinx

By Janice Marchiafava

The football club broke an opening-game jinx to defeat the host Stonehill Chieftains, 19-3, Saturday afternoon. The Engineers had lost their season opener to the Chieftains in each of the last three seasons.

The contest remained scoreless through the first three quarters until MIT made a big point, scoring on the second play of the fourth quarter. MIT's defense experienced a few problems early in the game — an example was when the team failed to get the first down on a fourth and one play on the Stonehill 19 yard line. The Engineers solved their problems, however, and settled down to take command of the game.

By the end of the third quarter, the Engineer offense was on track. The team made use of a graduate quarterback Dave Brown's arm again as he ran for 88 of MIT's 202 rushing yards.

Hugh Ekberg '87 led both teams with 82 yards rushing. Most of his yardage came on two long touchdowns runs (39 and 31 yards). Dan Curran '85 contributed MIT's other touchdown, hauling in a forward pass from Broecker.

Captain Mike Ambrogio '85 led the way on the defensive side of the crease, with two interceptions, one coming with no time remaining in the game, preventing a Stonehill touchdown. Chris Morrow '88 also made his presence felt, blocking the Chieftains' only extra point attempt and tipping a pass which then almost fell into the arms of teammates Dave Addison '87. In all, the defense held the hosts to 117 yards passing and a paltry 46 yards rushing.

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