Sprys reaches for swim team victory

By Victor J. Dinale

The women's swimming team performed beyond the expectations of tenth-year head coach John Benedick to defeat visiting Wellesley College for the first time in four years. The team's 77-66 victory was "one of the top three meets ever held at MIT," according to the coach.

Benedick expected his team to take first in the 1000-yard freestyle. The Engineers failed not only first, but also second in the event.

The 200-yard freestyle also brought good news. Hoping for a second-place finish, at least, the Engineers exceeded their expectations by placing first and third.

Meghan Smith '86 and Brenda Galano '86 also picked up unexpected points with strong finishes in backstroke events.

Excitement came in the 200-yard backstroke, when co-captain Rebecca Perry '86 shattered the school record of 2:30.8 with a winning 2:24.8. Perry was not alone, as Linda Sprys '88 also broke an MIT record in the 100-yard backstroke.

Sprys went on to provide a heroic finale to her team's performance. She took the second-to-last race of the meet, the 200-yard breaststroke. Both the women's and men's swimming teams will compete at home on Saturday against Amherst College. The women's meet starts at 2 pm, and the men's at 4 pm in the Alumni Pool.

Linda Sprys '88 edges out Erin Fraher of Wellesley to win the 200 meter relay and the meet last Tuesday. MIT won 77-66.

February Home Events

Friday, Feb. 8
Men's Fencing vs. University of North Carolina, 5 pm.
Women's Fencing vs. University of North Carolina, 7 pm.

Saturday, Feb. 9
Men's Basketball vs. Boston University, 2 pm.
Fencing vs. Duke, 10 am.
Men's Hockey vs. Connecticut College, 3:30 pm.
Squash vs. Fordham, 10 am.
Squash vs. Bowdoin, 2 pm.

Sunday, Feb. 10
Men's Swimming vs. Amherst, 2 pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 12
Men's Hockey vs. Suffolk, 7 pm.

Friday, Feb. 15
Fencing vs. Harvard, 7 pm.
Rifle, NECRL Championships and NRA Sectionals, 2 pm.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Women's Basketball vs. Brandeis, 2 pm.
Men's Gymnastics vs. UMass Amherst, 2 pm.
Men's Hockey vs. Assumption, 2 pm.
Rifle, NECRL Championships and NRA Sectionals, 2 pm.
Squash vs. Colgate, 1 pm.
Track, New England Division III Championships, 11 am.

Sunday, Feb. 17
Rifle, NECRL Championships and NRA Sectionals, 2 pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Women's Hockey vs. Randolph, 7 pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 20
Women's Gymnastics vs. Salem State, 7:30 pm.
Men's Hockey vs. Nichols, 7 pm.

Thursday, Feb. 21
Women's Fencing vs. Wellesley, 7 pm.

Friday, Feb. 22
Men's Fencing, New England Championships, 7 pm.

Saturday, Feb. 23
Men's Hockey, New England Championships, 7 pm.

Sunday, Feb. 24
Women's Hockey vs. Wesleyan, 7 pm.