Football loses its first game

By Jerome Braunstein

The MIT football team lost its season opener Saturday to Stonehill 12-7. MIT's young offensive squad was unable to capitalize on the good field position the defense often presented.

With his offense completing only three of 18 passes, Coach Dwight Smith was forced to depend on the ground game. The Stonehill coach, however, contained the run by placing eight players on the defensive line.

Plagued by fumbles at the most inopportune times, MIT's offense managed to score only one touchdown. Three interceptions thrown by quarterback Peter J. Gasparini '88 compounded the problem.

Gasparini, who injured his ankle during the game, was unable to complete the game. Tailback Christopher J. Adams '88 did his best to compensate as quarterback, as the team lacks a back-up.

"They didn't play well," Smith said. With many new faces on the defense this year, the inexperienced players often made mistakes.

Smith added that many members of the defense missed practices this week because of minor injuries. "The good play of the defense will [hopefully] inspire the offense," he said.

The defense, claiming five turnovers for the game, held Stonehill to two touchdowns. "The defense played well," Smith said.

The injury to defensive tackle David Addison '87, however, will hurt the team. Hurt during the first defensive play for the Beavers, Addison will be sidelined for a week or so. He is expected to return to practice next week.

Smith said he was worried about the other two tackles, because the weather should be in the 80s tomorrow at Providence. Last year MIT beat Providence 24-21, but Smith said that Providence is at least as good as Stonehill.

Stonehill 12, MIT 7

First downs: Stonehill 7; MIT 11
Passing yards: Stonehill 72; MIT 174
Punting yards: Stonehill 176; MIT 39
Return yards: Stonehill 0; MIT 11
Rushes-yards: Stonehill 18-46; MIT 5-2
Fumbles-lost: Stonehill 0; MIT 1

Key Lin '87 and Jenny Hyman '87 compete during Wednesday's varsity tennis match against Worcester. MIT won 7-2, bringing their record to 2-0. The women's tennis team will take on Bates today at 3 pm.