Tennis finishes 6th in New England

By Elizabeth Quinn

Two weeks ago, the women’s tennis team finished their season by sending three representatives to the Middlestates Tournament in New Jersey. Cherie Alvord ’89, Steeny China ’89, and Fiona Tan ’91 all faced extremely challenging matches against higher division and All-American players.

Alvord started the tournament well, winning her first round match (6-4, 6-3) against Jackie Michel of Wheaton College. She later lost in the second round to tournament #2 seed and two-time All-American Joli Harvaniik of the University of California at San Diego, 7-2 and 9-0. An additional loss to the team in California was that of their #4 player, Anita Gupta ’91. Rein- juring her shoulder, Gupta was not able to play the rest of the season.

After the Engineers returned home, the season continued with matches against Wellesley and Harvard Colleges. Both opponents defeated MIT 7-2. “The Wellesley loss was very significant” to #3 player Catherine Giovannetti ’90. “Because of it, the team became more determined to attain a higher level of competition, and not just play.”

This determination paid off in matches to follow, against Williams and Salem State Colleges. MIT defeated the higher ranked Ephem (5-4) and swept Salem State College. The team achieved an overall record for the fall and spring seasons of 14-7, ranking them sixth in New England, the team’s first year in the top ten. They also ranked 23rd nationwide, out of 314 Division III schools.

Tan did especially well, ranking 46th nationally, according to the Inter-collegiate Tennis Coaches Association.

“This is a very exciting time to coach,” Royer beamed. “The MIT women’s team is really on the move.” Royer said she aspires to one day have the team qualify for nationals in both singles and team play. Understanding that this will take some time, she is content with thoughts of perhaps upsetting Skidmore, Wellesley, or Smith in the fall.

“Although we are going to lose good, consistent players” in Alv- ord, China, and Caroline Zehner ’89, Royer explained, “very strong veteran players will be returning,” including Giovanni- netti, Debra Amanashirshen ’90, Gupta, and Tan. With a lit- tle improvement and competitive drive, Royer looked forward to a very strong season.

The team achieved an overall record for the fall and spring seasons of 14-7, ranking them sixth in New England, the team’s first year in the top ten. They also ranked 23rd nationwide, out of 314 Division III schools. Tan did especially well, ranking 46th nationally, according to the Inter-collegiate Tennis Coaches Association.

“This is a very exciting time to coach,” Royer beamed. “The MIT women’s team is really on the move.” Royer said she aspires to one day have the team qualify for nationals in both singles and team play. Understanding that this will take some time, she is content with thoughts of perhaps upsetting Skidmore, Wellesley, or Smith in the fall.

“Although we are going to lose good, consistent players” in Alv- ord, China, and Caroline Zehner ’89, Royer explained, “very strong veteran players will be returning,” including Giovanni- netti, Debra Amanashirshen ’90, Gupta, and Tan. With a lit- tle improvement and competitive drive, Royer looked forward to a very strong season.

Upcoming Home Events

Saturday, May 13
2:00 Men’s Tennis v. Williams College
TBA Women’s Crew v. Wellesley College

SPRING WEEKEND WAS
HOT, HOT, HOT!

Thanks, thanks, thanks to the following people:

Eva Werbel
Barbara Sigmund
Colleen Daugherty
Directors of Publicity

German Guerra
Director of Alternate Events

Whitney Edmister
Director of Traditional Events

And we couldn’t have done it without the following sponsors:

J.R. IFC
Freshman Class
Sophomore Class
Junior Class
Senior Class
SCC
WILG
Theta Delta Chi (especially Tom Urban)
Alpha Tau Omega (especially Jeff Traub)
Kappa Sigma
Phi Beta Epsilon

Baker House
Burton House
Delta Upsilon
Dormcon
Alpha Phi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Delta Phi
Alpha Epsilon Pi
Lambda Chi Alpha
McCormick Hall
New House
Nu Delta
Pi Lambda Phi

Theta Xi
Phi Sigma Kappa
Sigma Kappa
Sigma Chi
Zeta Psi

Sara Bottfeld
Coordinator

Special thanks to:
Susana Hinds, Ted Johnson
and Neal Dorow