Cagers share first place trophy

By Steve Werner

The varsity cagers lost a close contest to Harvard at the beginning of the season but rebounded to tie for first place in the four-team round robin Union tournament in Schenectady. In raising their record to 65-68-6, Tech placed Dave Janzen ’68 and Bruce Wheeler ’70 on the all-tourney squad with Janzen capturing the most valuable player honor.

Playing on the Crimson home court, MIT suffered from poor foul shooting and dropped a 58-68 defeat. The Crimson, who had turned the tables on Tech 24 times, were embarrassed. The hosts were unable to drop in 18 of 22 from the charity stripe for a weak 96. The hosts managed to hit 10 of 31 free throws.

The Highlanders’ triumph in a tight man- dam and stayed even for the first ten minutes of the contest, before both sides went on a scoring spree. The Highlanders’ seven point margin with five minutes left in the half, but Janzen and Wheeler each scored twice on long sets to pull the score even.

The second stanza witnessed more scoreless scoring with Harvard gaining a six point advantage. At the eight minute mark they opened the gap to twelve, but Janzen and Lee Kannee were able to cut the Crimson lead to 68-40 at the buzzer. After Christmas MIT traveled to Schenectady to defend its title in the Union Tournament. The first night they faced Lehigh and ran away with a 90-68 victory. Janzen led the team with 28 tallies, while Alec Bash ’68 and Kanneeliner each chipped in with 11. Bash hit on four drives from the pivot in the first half to enable Tech to take a 28-28 lead.

The second night MIT easily handled Union, 68-41 with Coach Barry clearing the bench with twelve minutes left in the game and teching the cagers to a 36-53 half time margin. In the third period the Wolverines erupted for 14 and 11 points respectively to ice the game.

The final day Tech met Hope College, which brought a 3-1-2 score into the match. Janzen, who ended with 29 for the game showed off his skills, carried the engineers to a 28-38 half time lead. But in the second period Hope jumped into the lead with three quick buckets and held on for a 56-40 win.

Skiers open season at Lyndonville Relays: Bakke, Bjoalalp compete

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December 30 and 31 the MIT ski team competed an open season contest at Lyndonville, Vermont. The relays, not a part of the competitive season, serve as an Olympic type test. Captain Doug Calo ’70 finished the ten-kilometer course in 39 minutes. Coach Bjoalalp, a star of last year’s cross country team, finished in 46 minutes, just two minutes behind the winner.

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Bjoalalp, on the basis of his showing, gives Calo a good chance for qualifying for the American championships to be held February 22-24. Despite the loss of last year’s two best cross country skiers and the absence of any experienced jumpers, an improved performance is predicted for this year’s team.