Icemen drop opening pair

By Rick Henning

After 129 minutes of ice hockey, MIT pucksters had little to show for their efforts but bumps and bruises, as they were shut out on home ice by Babson last Thursday and Trinity last Saturday. In both games, the MIT team was unable to take advantage of the breaks offered them or to put together a good power-play attack, while their opponents were shorthanded due to penalties. On the other hand, MIT miscues often resulted in goals for their opponents.

In the first game against Babson, that first mistake was not long in coming, as the Babson defenders overplayed and Babson put the puck in the net at 0:35 of the first period to give them a 1-0 lead. After the poor start, the defense steadied considerably and did a fine job for the rest of the period, easily killing a minor penalty for tripping.

In the second period, the MIT penalty-killers were put to the test, as four minor penalties put the Engineers on the defensive for a good portion of the period. On the third MIT penalty, both teams one man short, Babson scored their other goal, this one coming at 12:13. The third period saw the action slow down somewhat, as neither team was able to score. Left goalie Jerry Smith '73, who also handled the penalty killing, had a good game, stopping a breakaway by Babson in the last minute of the game.

By Mike Charette

The indoor track team scored its first win of the season Saturday as it masterfully Bats in Maine, 62-49. Highlight of the meet was Dave Wilson's record-breaking performance in the pole vault.

Wilson, a 6'9" center, spelled Hudson for almost at will along the base line. Hudson fed Brown in the half-court pass from Cleveland left in the half, Brown took a free throw, then went back to the line and did it again. Roger King '73, a 6'9" center, spelled Hudson for overtime, as did King and the opposition. Overaggressiveness left four Tech's extra hustle, getting four loose balls and putting up men much taller than himself.

John Lange '73 subbed for Godfrey, who was just getting over an infection. King and guard Thad Stanley '73 also entered the game. MIT held the half-time lead, 36-31.

MIT’s starters returned to begin the second half and found Babson had switched to a 2-3 trapping zone. Forwarmed by scouting reports, the Engineers were able to get all the out of the corners and ripped the zone apart with long-range shooting by Cleveland and Godfrey. After being out-scored 14-11, Vermontsubstitutes, the 5-man-to-5-man team. Brown and Cleveland did, however, score at a high rate and keep the press away from the ball.

Barry again began clearing the bench and time ran out on Babson, with the final score 77-68.