The grapplers got off to a good start as Ed Hanley '74 (118 lbs.) successfully overturned his man 13-7, and Jon Backlund '73 (126 lbs., co-captain) pinned his opponent with three seconds left in his match. Both worked hard throughout their matches, an important psychological boost for the rest of the team. Unfortunately, freshman Roger McKee could not withstand the strength and experience of UNH's co-captain at 154 lbs., and was subsequently pinned giving UNH its only points. Surprise stands out freshman Joe Arthur (142 lbs.) pinned his man in 4:21. Then at 150, Rich Hartman '74 decisively defeated his man 13-7.

The remaining grapplers were by then well psyched to pin the next team. Co-captain Dave Kuenzi '73 (158 lbs.) gave MIT six points in 4:13, Fred Linderan '74 (167 lbs.) coming off a couple of injuries, added six more in 3:25, and Dave Sebok '73 (177 lbs.) in 4:47. Dave Grasso, a promising sophomore at 190 lbs., won impressively 6-1. And to top off the meet, Erhan van Luitink de Jade '76 used a bearing to upset and pin a very good UNH heavyweight.

This impressive victory will be helpful to the team as they prepare for a home meet against Wesleyan on Saturday, December 9 at 3:30 pm.

**Hockey Drops Season Opener**

By Dan Gast

The MIT varsity ice hockey team, which returned from last year's disappointing 2-12 campaign, opened the 77-73 season with a 7-2 loss at Trinity. The loss to Trinity's goal production was certainly not due to a lack of opportunities. In fact, MIT outscored the home team 38-30. Furthermore, Tech failed to take advantage of any of numerous power plays resulting from nine Trinity penalties.

While falling behind 2-0 early in the first period, MIT did show great hustle and a noticeable improvement over last year's team. A goal by Rob Hunter '73, assisted by George Kenney '74, moved the Engineers to within one point at 17:44 of the period, and gave rise to much optimism.

However, the second period was all Trinity as they upped their lead to 4-1. Two third period goals followed before MIT again hit the scoreboard on a shot by Ian Fisher '74. Hunters' and Tom Lydon '73 picked up assists. A final Trinity goal at 14:10 completed the rout.

It is obvious that the front line is going to have to find the key to putting the puck in the net for MIT to have a successful hockey season. Much improvement is also needed around the goal as one of every four Trinity shots evaded Tech's goalie. One game does not a season make, however, and hopefully improvement will come as the season progresses.

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