**SPORTS**

**Gymnasts edge Lowell Tech**

The MIT gymnastics team had a tough, close, bizarre meet against Lowell Tech on Saturday. A combination of some poor jobs by MIT and surprisingly good performances by LTI kept MIT discouraged and behind Tech. The meet was finished in the final minute. Behind by 85 going into the last event, MIT saw its top three high and beam scores cancelled, leaving Tech with a clear win.

MIT's first event was floor, and it was the effort by the floor team that put MIT in the lead. Tech started with MIT down by .45 after the first two events, but MIT's floor team dominated Tech's floor team. With the scores tied at 13-13, Tech scored 14.5 on its floor routine, but MIT answered with a 15 on its floor routine, giving MIT the victory. All four gymnasts pulled out the meet 115.4 to 113.6. The team really needed to make a good pass and win the event to keep MIT's lead.

**Hockey team splits a pair**

By Don Good

Tech's pre-Christmas variety hockey session drew to a close last week with two very different contests. MIT won its home opener on Thursday night, defeating a club team from Tufts 5-2. However, a complete reversal of form awaited the Engineers on Saturday as they were annihilated 13-2.

While hardly an artistic success, the victory over Tufts was certainly pleasing to the home team fans. Playing a man short, MIT's George Kenney '74 opened the scoring at 8:42 of the first period as he came up with the puck and moved Cout an unassisted goal. Having maintained their lead thanks to a muffed breakaway by Tufts, Tom Lydon '73 scored Tech's first power play goal of the season on a good pass from Tony Luzzi '74, to move MIT up by two with a minute left in the period. The ice was慢 to take a commanding 8-1 lead.

Within the first minute of the second period, Tech was back on the power play and added two more goals to pull within one. However, LTI was unable to manage another goal, and Tech went on to win 13-2. Things did not look so bleak at the outset as Waram's unassisted goal at 7:10 of the first period attested. From there on it was all Wesleyan as they ran off seven straight goals to take a commanding 8-1 lead before Tech's final score of 5-50 of the third period by Fisher. Both the final score by Fisher and Andy Rubel '74 got an unassisted 7-5, which tied him with Bell for second. This brought it down to high bar. Bell's final 8-5 earned him first place, while the other scores should perhaps stay unannounced.

This meet brought to a close the short first half of the gymnastics season. While their record of 2-1 was expected before the season started, it has still been a disappointing opening. 2-4 try that MIT will face in the second half has to be rated higher than Lowell Tech. The gymnasts will have to work in morale over the vacation and productive practices in January to be ready for the games to come.

Last Friday in MIT's first JV gymnastics meet ever, Boston State won 190.45 to 84.9 despite grad student Paul Ebb's six first places.

**Fencers minus aces; still dump opposition**

By Bob Liu

The fencing team charged onward victoriously against Brooklyn College and the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. The team was without quite a few experimenters due to graduate record exams, but managed to put together a highly invigorated showing for the two matches held Friday and Saturday afternoon. A. Eric Sollee going ahead with three first-year fencers felt confident that the men of MIT could do well in the matches through good style and technique overcoming what they lack in experience.

The Friday night match against Brooklyn College was the most dramatic one of the season. MIT winning 14-13. MIT took a strong lead at the end of the first round, 7-2, despite a very short warm-up period due to a late arrival in New York. The score remained at 1 with Michael Wong '73 (1-2), Dong Park '75 (24), and Capt. John Tang '73 (2-0) leaving the charge. The foil team with two newcomers wrest 3-6, Matt Fowler '74 and Bob Liu '75 (each 1-1), and Marty Piezman '73 (1-2). The amazing score of 1 from John Auston, was MIT's first victory. The Brooklyn Poly team was rated as a huge underdog, but succumbed to the calculating minds of the fencing Tech Troncorses. The meet was a fast match will be on January 20 against Southeastern Mass as floor touch follow by a hit to the toe, a questionable judgment by the official initially gave the victory to Israel of B.C. with the source not participating and nullified the last touch. Chris came back with a dramatic flourish of foil work to register a clean hit and win the match for MIT Poly.

The Tech fencers secured the second days victory with strong showing from its Foil and epee team. The sabre man held on 4-5, Bob Brooks '74 and Park each (1-2) and Wong going (0-1). The foil team after analyzing its mistakes from the previous day won 6-3; Dave Chen '75, Liu, and Fowler each with scores of (2-3). The epee team became a potpourri when Jack-of-all-trades Tang and Greg Rothman '75, a foilist, combined with the partners of Cook andicket to win 0-3 over the Poly Fencers.

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**Reminders**

Skating classes for Faculty/Staff/Student children will begin this Saturday, December 16. Beginners classes are from 10-11 a.m. Advanced Registrations are from 11-12 N. For more information contact Rosemary in the Athletic Office in duPont, W32-121, x3-4498.

IM Bowling: IM Bowling tournaments are due in the intramural office today, December 15. Bowling fees must be paid by next Friday, the 22nd. For more information, contact Rosemary in the IM office, W32-121, x3-7947.