

# Sports

## Brandeis and WPI lose to MIT Track team scores in all events except 1000 yd. run

By Don Shobrys

MIT won a triangular against Brandeis and WPI last Saturday with an outstanding team effort, scoring in every event except the thousand yard run.

Leading the way were co-captains John Pearson '74, whose toss of 54 feet 3 inches took first place in the 35 pound weight throw, and Gary Wilkes '74, who took second in the fifty yard dash; Wilkes also placed third in the shot, fourth in the long jump, and ran a strong leg on the second place mile relay. Freshman Richard

Okine took first in the 45 yard high hurdles in 6 seconds flat, and followed with a third in the fifty yard dash.

MIT's relative strength in the field events was evident as the engineers took 39 out of a possible 66 points. Walt Gibbons '73 led a sweep of the first three places in the high jump. Yaw Akoto's '74 first place jump of 45 feet 1 1/4 inches in the triple jump was followed by Henry Asare's '76 third place effort and Mike Ryun's '76 fourth place finish. Freshmen Steve Hyland

and Jim Williams took first and second respectively in the pole vault.

Al Carlson '74, took second in a sit and kick mile, and came up with another second an hour later against fresh opponents as he doubled in the two mile. Courtney McCracken '76 was six seconds behind Carlson in the two mile with a third place time of 9 minutes and 49 seconds.

Final Score: MIT 67 Brandeis 62 WPI 19. This was the last meet before IAP and brings the teams season record to 2 wins and 1 loss.



Al Carlson '74 took second place in both the sit-and-kick mile and the two mile event in a triangular meet on Saturday.

## Fencers defeat Harvard

On Wednesday evening, December 5, the MIT fencing team defeated an extremely strong Harvard squad to continue their undefeated record. The winning streak began last Wednesday with a victory against the Alumni team, and continued with overwhelming victories against Brandeis and Yeshiva on the weekend.

The Foil team was the bright spot against Harvard, as it has been all season. The team of Johan Akerman '77, Richard Reimer '77, and Arlie Sterling '77 pulled an amazing string of 7 victories out of a possible 9. Both Sterling and Reimer lost one bout, while Akerman held his top position by defeating all comers. The quality of the fencing displayed by the foil squad was generally quite high. The MIT Foil team is composed entirely of freshman, while the Harvard team was composed of

Seniors and Juniors. This fact made the Tech victory all that more remarkable, and bodes well for the next four years of the Foil team.

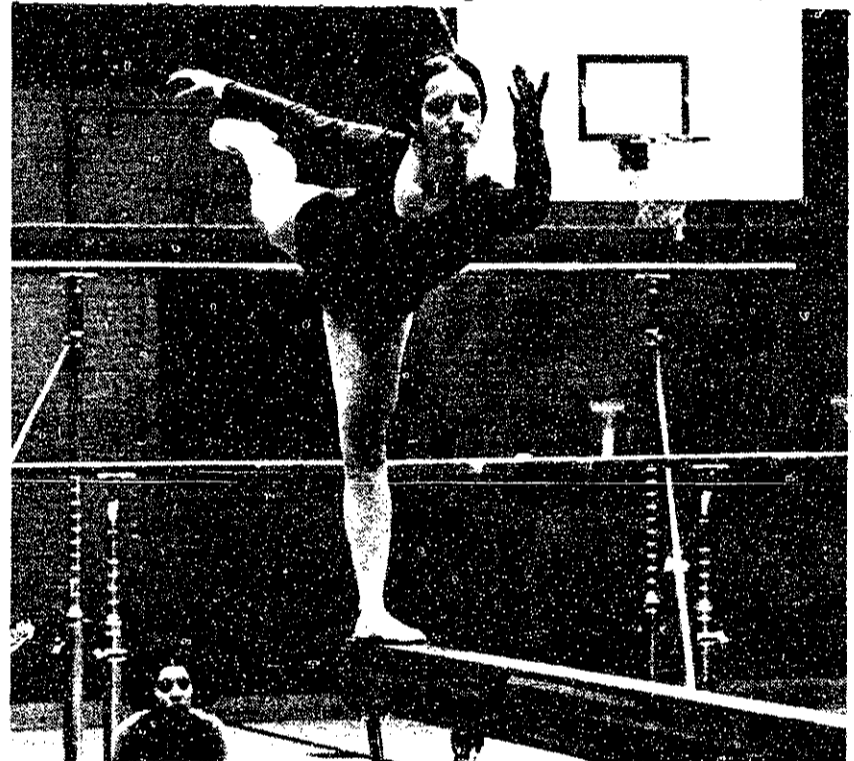
The Sabre team also did quite well, claiming 5 victories out of a possible 9. Dony Park '75 was the bright spot on this team. As he went undefeated. Both James Kallmartin '75 and John Kaplan '76 pulled in one victory apiece to stop another strong Harvard team. Kallmartin and Kaplan have enormous potential, and they both have high hopes for the rest of the season. With the strong leadership by Park, the Sabre team should come to be one of the strongest in the New England area.

The Epee team was the only disappointment of the evening, but managed to pull out a third of the possible victories. Holt Farley '75 was the strongest member of the team, winning 2

of his 3 bouts. Jim Cook '75 got another victory, while Chris Eckel '74 had a bad night, dropping all of his bouts. This kind of performance is certainly not typical of the team, as they were strong contenders in all of the other matches this season.

In all, the evening was a convincing demonstration of the MIT fencing team's possibilities. A turnaround of the Epee team's fortunes is certain, and this, combined with the already strong Foil and Sabre teams, should easily lead the Tech team to a brilliant season. The team spirit has been very high at all the meets so far, and Maestro Vitale and Coach Sallee are convinced that the rest of the year will be even more productive. The 15 to 12 score shows clearly that the team can work well even under pressure, so if the opposition can get close enough to give the team some good competition, the team should respond ably.

This weekend there will be another important event as the fencing team will take on Brooklyn College, and there are high expectations of another victory.



The woman's gymnastic club held a demonstration of their skills after the MIT-Lowell Tech match, which MIT won on Saturday.

Photos by Rich Reihl and Fred Hutchison

## Swimmers lose 2 meets to Tufts and Springfield

The MIT swim squad dropped a very close contest to a vastly improved Tufts team 58-55 last week.

The upset loss to Tufts and a 90-23 trouncing by the defending New England champions, Springfield College, dropped the swimmers to a 1-2 record.

The Tufts meet on Wednesday was so close that if one third had been turned into a first or two seconds into firsts, MIT would have won the contest.

The meet was decided in the next to last event, the optional diving. Rick Ehrlich '77, after winning the required diving event, was narrowly defeated by Tufts then went on to win the 400 yard freestyle relay and clinch the meet.

Leading MIT in scoring in the Tufts match was Peter Schultz '75 who won both the 500 and 1000 yard freestyle events. Dave Deacon '75 and Dave Schloerb '76 won the backstroke and breaststroke events, respectively,

and then each went on to swim a leg of the medley relay, an event won by MIT.

The Springfield meet held last Saturday at the Alumni Pool went pretty much as expected with the superior Springfield squad simply outswimming MIT.

Deacon gave the Tech swimmers their only first in the swim events, while Ehrlich picked up a first place finish in the three meter optional diving.

It is interesting to note that Springfield came to the meet with 39 swimmers, which is almost twice as many as a normal swim team. The full ramifications of this fact were evident later in the day as the Springfield swimmers mounted a very balanced attack, while fielding several good swimmers in every event.

## Wrestlers record now 4-0 MIT grapplers beat Wesleyan 24-18 and UMass 21-18

MIT's fighting wrestling team won two more matches Saturday, December 8 to bring their pre-Christmas record to 4-0, beating Wesleyan 24-18 and the University of Massachusetts 21-18. MIT had not defeated perennially strong UMass in 4 years.

Jack Mosinger '75 at 118 pounds easily took both of his matches with two quick pins. The six team points he got for each pin were very important as indicated by the close final scores. Takedown artist Ed Hanley '74 at 126 pounds beat Philip Tong of Wesleyan 27-6 and edged Larry Reynolds from

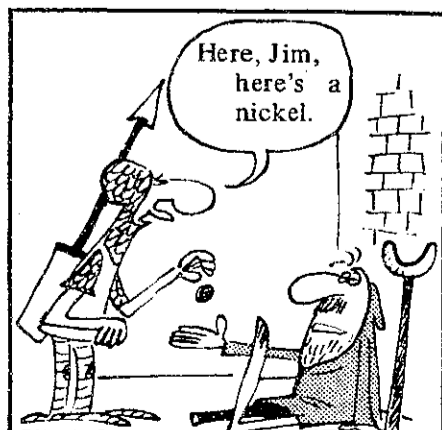
UMass 3-2 in a tight match.

At 134 pounds, freshman Werner Haag lost to Wesleyan after injuring his shoulder in the second period. Jordan Silver '77 replaced Haag against UMass but also succumbed. Rich Hartman '74 thrust forth his last drop of energy to pin his man from Wesleyan and then staggered back to pull out a 4-3 victory over his UMass opponent Bob Gahl '74 at 150 pounds came from behind and slipped past his foe from UMass 5-4, but then lost to a polished wrestler, Doug Hurd, from Wesleyan.

Loren Dessonville '75, wrestling in the 140 pound class, after

a substantial weight loss, rose to the occasion Saturday night to win both of his matches. Then at 167 pounds, Ken Schwartz '76 lashed out and beat Wesleyan 5-1, but UMass' excellent wrestler Steve Benson whipped him unmercifully for a 13-4 victory. Joe Tavormina '76 helped the Engineer cause by winning one and tying one at 177 pounds. Unfortunately, Dave Grasso '75 at 190 pounds and Erland van Lidth de Jude '76 at heavy-weight lost their matches, but not without valiant efforts.

All in all, the team wrestled very well and hopes to extend its streak after Christmas vacation.



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