**Basketball losses in Florida**

By Lawrence D. David

The MIT basketball team took its lumps on last week's Florida trip, losing all four games and then returning home to be trounced by RPI.

After three days of rigorous practice in the Florida Institute of Technology gym in Melbourne, the team played its first game of the season against Palm Beach Atlantic. In a game marred by some of the most incredible and biased basketball officiating possible, Palm Beach Atlantic shoved, pushed, and elbowed their way to an 85-60 victory. The Engineers committed 14 more turnovers than Palm Beach, and were out-rebounded, 58-47.

**Wrestlers’ record now 5-1**

By David Ziegelheim

MIT’s 154-pound wrestling team split a triangular meet against Springfield and Williams last Saturday, giving the squash a 5-1 record.

Springfield soundly defeated the previously undefeated wrestling team. Only one engineer, Ed Hartley and Rich Hartman were able to score points for MIT.

Hartley clearly dominated his Springfield match, scoring a near fall to win 9-2. Hartman scored a takedown, a strongpoint of the MIT team due to assistant coach Fred Lett, to tie 2-2.

But while MIT was losing to Springfield, Williams were defeated 28-0 by the Tech Matmen. Springfield in turn beat Williams 47-2.

Captain Ed Hartley again led the attack on Williams at the start of the third period, Hartley pinned his opponent in 4:24. Captain Rich Hartman fought hard against Williams Fragole, the 1973 New England Champion at 142 pounds, losing 6-4. Hartman was the runner-up in the New England Championship last year at 142 pounds.

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In addition to the Varsity wrestlers, won four straight bouts and their victory over the University of Massachusetts was the first time that they had beaten that school since 1970.

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**Ski takes Easterns**

Last Saturday in the Eastern Ski Association open competition held at Hanover, New Hampshire the MIT Nordic team skied its way to victory over other Division II teams in the men’s 30-kilometer cross-country relay event.

The relay team consisting of Scott Weigle, captain 74, Maxim Bauman, captain 79, and Low Jester, captain 73, beat Norwich University, the closest Division II team by seven minutes in the race consisting of three ten kilometer laps. (one lap skied by each man). The two day relay held at Dartmouth College begins with a mud start in which the first runners from fifty teams dash for a single track which continues for 6.2 miles through hilly woods. The event draws the country’s best skiers, many of whom are in Division I of the Eastern Collegiate circuit.

MIT skiers also participated in the jump competition, the second major Nordic event, held at the Dartmouth jump on Sunday, Robert Collar 74 had a best jump of 26 meters, Evan Schwartz 75 went 24 meters, and Weigle jumped 23 meters.

In addition to the Nordic events in Division II ski competition, there are the alpine events consisting of slalom, giant slalom, and downhill, The MIT Alpine team consisting of John Nabels, 74, Gary Rud 75, Drew Jodlin 74, and Deebly Stein 76 this a busy schedule, along with the Nordic team, attending winter carnivals at colleges throughout New England. Stein is among the first women skiers ever to compete in Eastern men’s competition. The Alpine team so far has skied only at the ski team’s training camp which was held at the beginning of January in Northfield, Vermont.