Basketball loses to Howard

By Glenn Brownstein

Over the last two years, MIT varsity basketball teams have compiled a record of 10-36. Although it is still too early to tell if this year's squad will significantly improve on that record, the Engineers took a large step forward Saturday night as they defeated a tall and talented Howard team for nearly thirty-five minutes before succumbing, 99-82.

More notable is the fact that the Engineers not only gained into serious foul trouble early in the game, the outcome might have been completely different.

Kenny Armstead '75 picked up four first-half fouls and captain Alan Epsten '75 acquired three, forcing coach Fran O'Brien to go to his bench early. However, the advantage of the inexperienced MIT guards and the Engineers' inability to move smoothly with the substitutions, turning a 28-27 edge into a 54-45 halftime tilt.

MIT shot over 60% in the first half (17 for 28) but found itself trailing at fifteen by the half because of rebounding, specifically on the Howard offensive boards. The tall (averaging 6'6") Howard forwards easily outmaneuvered and outjumped their Engineer counterparts, scoring at least twenty free-throw points on second and third chances.

Despite the large deficit, MIT never gave up, and scored the second half biggest run of 22 on Howard's lead of 54-45. A Howard time-out, coolly cooled down the hot Engineer shooting, thus, and Howard's offensive board strength moved it to a 68-68 lead with about thirteen minutes left.

The Engineers managed to put together one last effort, out-scoring Howard 26-14 over the next seven minutes to cut the gap to nine. Two unanswered Howard baskets made it 86-73 with four minutes left, and then Peter Jackson '76, who had played another excellent game, scored 22 points and pulling down six rebounds, fouled out, leaving the Engineers without any stop to stop Howard's strong rebounding attack. The end of the game in the Academic gym, MIT could not cope with the height disadvantage without its best two players, Howard stretched its lead to 92-77 before both the Engineers and their subs with about two minutes left.

Although the Engineers lost to Howard by seventeen points, they played very well in improving upon last year's 3-point defeat and remaining competitive with a superior Howard team throughout the game.

Cam Lange '76 led all Engineer scorers and rebounders, tallying 25 points and pulling down nine rebounds. Armstead hit five of seven from the floor for ten points, while Epstein and Peter Naolits '77 each added eight. Epstein also contributed six assists to the Engineer effort.

Braun '75, all rebounders, with eleven while scoring 22 points for Howard on an amazing 11-14 from the floor. Vadney Cotton added 20 points for the visitors, mostly on inside shots.

Both teams shot extremely well; MIT hitting 56% of its goal attempts and Howard sinking 43 of 83 from the floor.

Discover America, run a rally

By David Schalden

If you have ever had the urge to try the unknown and do the impossible, then you have experienced the feeling that drove me to enter my first road rally. Two weeks ago, Dave Tenenbaum '74 and I spent one day driving around the countryside taking about the checkpoint time to the time it should take if the route is traveled exactly as suggested in the instructions.

At our appointed starting time, we were not twenty minutes late, starting the rally. In the next two legs, we had some difficulty finding the signs given in the instructions. For example, we were five minutes late on the second leg, we came in over one minute late on the third, and we spent several turns in trying to make up the lost time and were ten minutes late and four minutes early. Missing a turn on the fourth leg, we drove ten minutes before realizing our mistake. As it turned out, the next checkpoint was just beyond the missed turn, and we came in fifteen minutes late.

The fifth and final segment of the rally was a DIY, or Do-It-Yourself leg, where our time was critical. We tried to average faster speeds and speeds over the leg compared with those given in the instructions. We were off by 45 seconds on that leg, which caused us to average 30.52 pace to finish in the rally out of a field of 45 cars.

Undaunted, we are going to try again next Sunday in a rally starting along Route 126 in the early afternoon. As Dave Tenen- baum said, "You pay somebody to teach you over the country while at the same time they try to lose you by asking you to find your way using instructions which require you to find signs and landmarks - but it's fun!"

Perhaps running it best is a bumper sticker I have on my car. It reads, "Discover America, get lost on a rally."