W Gymnasts even record

By Helen Miyasaki

The women's gymnastics team defeated Mt. Holyoke and Smith Colleges Tuesday night to make its record 3-3 for the season. Because of illness, MIT was not at its strongest, but a little deter-

mination made up the temporary loss of two members.

In the opening event, MENA was trailing Smith 28.9 to 26.85. However, MIT won the un-

even parallel bars event by 0.6 points, narrowing Smith's lead.

Excellent routines were witnessed by both all-arounders Leslie Harris '81 and Elaine Sears '79 with scores of 8.2 and 7.5 respectively.

Cagers nipped, 54-52

By Alan Albin

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The shooting and passing for both teams became a little wild as the game drew to a close, enabling the score to stay within 3 points most of the time.

With 1:20 left in the game, trouble began for MIT. They could not get a shot off for almost 40 seconds and Salem State scored 4 unanswered points to make it 54-50. MIT scored a shot with 12 seconds left to make it 54-52, but although the crowd cheered them on, they could not possess the ball, so that is how the game ended: a bitter defeat for the Engineers.

Coach Jean Heaney was remarkably even-tempered as she explained the loss. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds," she declared, "and had a low shooting percentage. We should have gotten sixty," she continued. But she also added: "We've come a long way since the beginning of the season...We've got a tough bunch of girls...We're gonna win some ballgames before the season ends. They [Salem State] put more points on the board so they deserved to win".

MIT's record now stands at 2-3.

Swimmers take 3rd

By Gregg Stave

The MIT swim team placed third in the Greater Boston Col-

lege Athletic Association championship meet held this Saturday at Harvard's just com-

pleted Blodgett Pool.

Preparing for the remainder of the dual meet season and the New England championship meet, MIT did not interrupt training to rest for this contest. Despite the Beavers picked up 248 points, finishing just one point behind Tufts. Harvard won the compet-

ition scoring 286 points. Strong all-around swimming characterized the MIT effort.

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Women's gymnastics 92.4, Smith 86.7, Mt. Holyoke 85.65
Harvard 366, Tufts 349, Swimming 345, Boston College 201

Mt. Holyoke had strong
tumblers on floor exercise to win this meet 210-161. Mt. Holyoke and last year, but MIT held the lead with beautiful routines by Harris and Wendy Myers '81.

"We are consistently doing better, I think that we will be testing against Northeastern and Salem State but should do well in the State meet," commented head coach Jane Betts, on the team's outlook on the remainder of the season.

Leslie Harris now has obtained the scores necessary to be considered for all-around competition in the AIAW Eastern Regionals.

The next home meet this Saturday against Coast Guard and Northeastern in duPont gym-

nasia at 1:00pm.

The men's gymnastics team is currently ranked fifth in Division III schools in the nation. Although they are defending dual event, coach Bruce Kenahim is optimistic about their chances at the New Englands. Part of his philosophy is to train through dual meets in order to learn the basic skills properly.

"Even though this means sacrificing team scores in the beginning, it enables the team to function well in the New Englands," coach Kenahim remarked.

Among MIT's hopefuls at the New Englands will be captain John Troiani '78 on floor exer-

cise, Robert Lausier '79 and John Fellenman '79 on pommeled horse, and the powerful duo on rings, Jim Cherry '78 and Larry Yablonski '78. The rings team is undefeated and these two should do very well at the New Englands.

Freshman Mark Perkins has surprised all us with his execu-

tional vashing and may do the same at the New Englands.

What MIT the team lacks in depth and difficulty, it makes up in excellence of execution and technique. The next meet will be Saturday at Central Connecticut.

Last Wednesday night, Edwin Diamond, senior lecturer in the Political Science Department, former editor of 

New York Magazine, and the author of The tin Koozo and up-

coming books on the 1976 campaign and the psychopathology of Jimmy Carter, gave a talk illustrated with videotape entitled, "The Role of Television in Politics: Jimmy and Farrah and Ron-

ny and Rhoda." During the LSC-sponsored lecture he pointed out that politics, being an activity followed during leisure hours, is not taken seriously, and is thus a form of entertainment.

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