Gymnasts cops high honor

By Helen Miyasaki

MIT's all-around gymnast Leslie Harris '81 became the Massachusetts State Champion last Sunday at the State Meet held at Bridgewater State College. Harris qualified for the finals held later in the evening with a preliminary all-around total of 31.75, coming in first place on vaulting, uneven parallel bars, and balance beam. Other MIT gymnasts who qualified for the finals were Elaine Sears '79 on uneven parallel bars and Wendy Myers '81 on floor exercise.

In the evening competition, MIT dominated the uneven parallel bars with first and second places by Harris and Sears respectively. Both gymnasts threw strong, continuous sets, by far the best routines in the finals. Harris repeated her afternoon performance, sweeping the vaulting and balance beam events with scores of 4.75 and 8.50. On floor exercise, however, Donna Procopio from Salem State edged Harris by 0.2 in the combined afternoon and evening scores. Procopio finished second in the all-around competition.

Swordswomen grab win to end season

By Jeannette M. Wing

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Narrowly defeating Wellesley on Thursday, March 2, the MIT women's varsity fencing team closed its dual meet season with a 12-5 record. The junior varsity squad was 12-12, and the senior varsity team lost to Brandeis, Yale, Radcliffe, and Tufts.

The men's gymnastics team scored a season high 150.30 points at the New England's last Sunday but placed seventh out of the eight participating teams. Outstanding individual performances were turned in by top MIT tyro John Troiani '78 on floor exercise, John Fellerman '79 on pommel horse, John Rodrigues '80 and two from Brian Wibecan '79. Sabre lost by a similar one point margin with the team is fielding a strong epee squad, as opposed to recent years when the strength has been in foil.

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Smith to defend title in IFA championship

By Brian F. Wibecan

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In a disappointing end-of-season meet, the MIT men's fencing team lost to St. John's University, 15-12, on March 1. The team ends its regular season with a 7-4 record at it heads to Princeton for the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships.

Although missing two varsity starters, the MIT fencers put up a good fight against the undefeated St. John's team. Epee scored a narrow 5-4 win, including a sweep of three by top sabreist John Rodrigues '80 and two from Brian Wibecan '79. Sabre lost by a similar one point margin with two victories by Dave Keyp '78 and Dallison Chase '80.

However, up against "the strongest foil squad we've faced all season," according to coach Eric Soles, the MIT squad only took three bouts, including two by captain Mark Smith '78. This was a major factor in the loss, along with the two missing varsity starters, one in epee and the other in sabre.

The team is now in Princeton, fencing in the IFA championshipships today and tomorrow. The IFA is composed of Ivy League and other eastern teams, and is the strongest competition in the nation. Smith is fencing foil in an attempt to hold on to his individual championship crown. Also, the team is fielding a strong epee squad, as opposed to recent years when the strength has been in foil.