**Sports**

**Gymnastics squad is stronger than before**

By Rich Ancher

Coach Bruce Keshin reports that despite the loss of a few fine gymnasts, this year's men's gymnastics squad is generally stronger in most events.

A number of rule changes will make this a very challenging and interesting year, but Keshin feels that the Engineers are ready to meet this challenge. Although "raw" in some areas, this year's team has good depth and some very strong freshmen.

MIT boasts several fine all-around gymnasts, co-captain Harve Peck '80, Mark McQuain '82 and freshman Jiro Nauchi, Richard Rueter, and Ed Pien. Nauchi and McQuain are especially strong in vaulting and the high bar, as is Peck on the parallel bars. Milt Sigelmann '80 has been performing well in floor exercise, while Thai Trinh '82 should have a good year in the still rings. Perhaps MIT is strongest of all in the very demanding pummel horse event. Coach Keshin describes co-captain Rob Lucero '80 and Linus Kelly '82 as "national caliber" in this event.

Although the season opens against Lowell on Nov. 29th, Keshin remarked that the first half of the year is primarily for learning and for perfecting skills. Connecticut requires a tremendous amount of time and practice, and Keshin expects the team to slowly peak before the post-season tournaments.

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**Swimming coach hopeful**

By Hal Steen

Editor's note: Hal Steen is the IM Football Manager.

Sigmion Alpha Epilson (SAE) won the A-League IM football championship by defeating Lambda Chi Alpha (LCA) 14-0 last Sunday. The previous week SAE defeated the 83's (NSBE) 37-0 and LCA beat the 4th Polish Infantry from Kappa Sigma 19-6, to place those teams in the final.

The game was well-played and tight. The SAE defense, which was not scored upon throughout the whole season, was tested by LCA. The SAE defense, however, was able to hold off LCA on several scoring opportunities. SAE was able to score twice, once in the second quarter and once in the fourth quarter to decide the issue.

Overall, the season went fairly well with rain causing most of the problems. Many teams were unable to complete their seasons because home games were rained out, scheduled, and rained out again. Referees were also a problem, because the football club cut down on the number of referees it supplied. The records on page 11 do not include the outcome of the protested game between the 4th Polish Infantry and the 83's, which stands at 19-6 in favor of the Polish Infantry with 23-2 to play.

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**SAE captures IM football title**

**Sporting notices**

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**The MIT Football Club post-season dinner will be held today starting at 5:30pm at the MIT Boathouse, not on Sun., Nov. 18 as originally planned. A general meeting will follow dinner with election of new officers for the 1980 season as the main agenda item. The dinner and meeting will be finished by 7pm. All members of the 1979 squad are welcome to attend.**

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The Academy of Fencing in Watertown, located near the Watertown Mall outside of Watertown Square, will have an open house with fencing demonstrations Fri., Dec. 7 at 8pm. The public is invited free and without obligation. Anyone, any age, can enroll in the introductory course in fencing offered at the Academy. Further information can be obtained by calling 926-3450.

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The New England Handicap Association will feature New England Patriots Steve Nobbe and Steve King at its tenth anniversary party on Mon., Dec. 3 at the New England Aquarium, Central Wharf Boston. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 742-8918.

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**Women's swimming team is preparing for its season opener this Sunday in the Boston College Relays. The season has capability to better last year's 8-2 record, according to coach John Benedick. (Photo by Maureen Hart)**