Four gymnasts take medals in NE's

By Rich Aschen

The MIT men's gymnastics team placed fourth in a field of five teams in the New England Championships, held in duPont this Saturday. The Elephants lost to Yale's five gymnasts for the individual crown, however, and came away with four medals. Mark McQuain '82 and Jim Nakauchi '83 advanced to the individual competition in the lense horse vault with scores of 8.75 and 8.45, respectively, in the team competition. McQuain tied for fifth in this event with a score of 8.40 for his full-twisting handstand.

In the second round, Captain Harv Petek '80 placed fourth in the still rings. His scores of 8.15 and 8.20 for Petek was MIT's best performance in the all-around competition. He came sixth with a total of 40.35 points.

Perhaps Tech's best showing came in the normal horse. Captains Bob Lucero '80 and Linne Kelly '82 advanced to the individual competition with scores of 7.05 and 7.45 respectively. Both Kelly and Lucero came through with seventh, uninter-

rupted routines in the second round. Kelly placed third with a score of 8.00, just 0.10 points from the second place total, and Lucero came in 8th, +0.85 earned him fourth place.

Coach Bruce Keesler could hardly express his elation at the performances the MIT gymnasts gave, particularly those of Kelly and Lucero on the normal horse and Petek all-around. "They rose to the occasion," he said, and en-

sured some of the "best scoring moments" of their careers. He noted in closing MIT's best performance was on the only apar-

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MIT's Mark McQuain makes a Straddle Hecht dismount from the horizontal bar at the 12th annual New England Colleges' Gymnastics League Championships. (Photo by Jim Mitrow)