Cougars too tough for Tech

By Eric R. Fleming

Clark University, ranked sixth nationally in Division III, had a 63-point performance in New England, showing why it merits standing in the top spots. The Cougars defeated MIT, 82-64, before an unusually packed crowd at Rockwell Cage Saturday night.

Clark, who raised its record to 19-6, led the game from start to finish. The visitors used a 15-2 run early in the first half to take a 19-6 advantage with 13 minutes remaining. The big lead was gained by the employment of a full-court press that the Engineers could not handle. Senior forward Kevin Clark's aggressiveness on the offensive boards also was a factor in keeping the Cougars out in front. However, Clark picked up his third foul with nine minutes left in the half, and MIT chipped the lead to seven at the 5:11 point, before going into the locker room down 37-26.

The second half was played at a very fast pace, especially at each end of the stanza. MIT could never get closer than nine, as bad breaks (a missed layup, a fast break turnover, a disputed foul on Clark kept Tech out of striking distance. The last two minutes (which saw some of the most furiously paced action of the game) saw MIT get down 37-26. Tech kept MIT out of striking distance, the inside shot was the difference. In short, the Cougars were quicker and stronger than MIT.

The Engineers close their season tomorrow at Connecticut College, and though Saturday's loss was a tough one, MIT has had a very good season.

Home events for the upcoming week include:

Saturday, Feb. 21
Rifle, League Finals, Air Rifle Sectionals, duPont Center, 1 pm
Women's Fencing vs. Brandeis, duPont Fencing Room, noon
Hockey vs. Conn. College, duPont Center, 4 pm

Sunday, Feb. 22
Rifle, Smallbore Sectionals, duPont Center, 8 am

The Club Hockey team will have its Alumni game on Saturday, March 7 in the Athletic Center. Game time is 4pm, with a party in the Bair House (409 Memorial Drive) scheduled for 5pm. Interested alumni should contact Tom Stapleford, club hockey manager, at 272-1990 between 9am and 4pm.

The IM indoor track meet will be held Saturday, March 7. Teams as well as individuals can compete. Entries are due Wednesday, March 4 by 4pm in the Intramural Office (W22-121). Individual entries can be accepted until 11am of the day, with no new entries or event changes taken after 11. All men and women MIT students, subject to IM eligibility rules, can participate. Questions should be referred to Arno Bommert at 673-34.