B-ball opens season tomorrow

By Eric R. Fleming

With four starters returning from last year's 12-11 squad, the men's basketball team opens the '81-82 season tomorrow at home with the Poly Institute of New York.

Guards Mark Branch '83 (the team's top scorer with a 15.5 per game average) and Steve Williams '83 join forwards Mike Greer '83 and Robert Joseph '83. Lane Wilson '82, who saw play in a sub last year, will round out the starting lineup for the Engineers. Wilson will fill the spot vacated by the graduation of four-year starter Bob Clarke, who finished his career with 908 points. Wilson, a 6-6 center from Kailua, Hawaii, has shown great improvement during the pre-season practices.

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Wrestling — "It's now year two in our improvement program. We want to improve our record and develop our program one step at a time. These are the words of Tim Walsh, considered by many to be one of the finest coaches in New England. If MIT can show anything approaching the turnaround of last year (9-8 from 3-13 in 1979-80), the experts are correct about the second-year coach.

Walsh has some talent to work with, in the form of Ken Shull '84 (19-2 and third in New England Division III) at 134 and 142 pounds, and Steve Leibiger '83 (118 in the 167-pound weight class, and 15th in the New England). Tech also looks to fine years from Rob Polewaltz (126), Bob McElheny '83 (135), Tom Fawcett '82 (heavyweight), and Al Russell '82 (138).

MIT's matmen open tomorrow at home, facing Plymouth State at 1 pm. The big event of the season is Feb. 19 and 20, when MIT hosts the New England Division III meet in duPont Center.

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