Hoop drops opener to U. of N.E., 77-60

By Eric B. Fleming
The men's basketball team, playing without injured co-captains Chris Witham '84 and Mark Johnson '84, opened the 1983-84 season Saturday afternoon with an uninspired performance in Rockwell Cage. The University of New England (UNE) took a substantial 35-22 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to a 77-60 win over the Engineers.

The visiting Red Knights had some trouble finding Rockwell Cage, but had little difficulty finding the hoop after the first five minutes of the game.

UNE employed a full court trap against the young Tech five, resulting in numerous MIT turn-overs. The Red Knight offense pulled down rebounds for second and third shots when the bombs of leading scorer Dean Johnson (20 points, 16 in the first half) did not fall in.

MIT got off to a good start, but found UNE's press harder to penetrate as the game continued. When the Engineers did manage to move the ball in the front court, the offense could not get untracked against UNE's man-to- man defense. MIT gave up 16 turnovers in the first 20 minutes and only shot 10 for 30 from the floor and two for six from the line.

The second half went somewhat better for the Engineers, but not well enough. The game eventually regressed into a garbage-time exhibition, lapsing into occasional sloppiness. Siber-garbage-time exhibition, lapsing eventually degenerated into-a pre-Christmas homestand. The visiting Red Knights had what better for the Engineers, but found UNE's press harder to penetrate as the game continued.

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The varsity pistol team took a trip to New London, Connecticut, to compete in the United States Coast Guard Academy 3124-2945.

Jim Williams '84 led the free pistol event with a 262 out of 300, followed by Len Rafuse '84 with a personal best of 235. Dave Martin '85 fired a 338 out of 600 in the standard pistol to lead the team in that event. Roberto Landreau '85 contributed consistent shooting in both free and standard pistol for a combined match total of 785 out of 900 points.

The air pistol squad also fared well against the Cadets with a 1466-1290 victory. Jerry Martin '86 led the way with a personal high of 372 out of 400. Homero Rey '86 also topped his previous best with a 356. Williams, Dave Martin, and Larry Deschaine '84 also put in strong performances to give MIT the win.

The pistol team's next challenge will come on December 3rd, when the squad travels to Annapolis to take on the Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy.

Editor's note: Rafuse is a member of the pistol team.

Fencing skewers Dartmouth

By Martin Dickau
Both fencing teams continued their winning ways Saturday afternoon, thrashing visiting Dartmouth College. The men dominated in all three weapons en route to their 11-5 victory, while the women's squad also won handily, 11-5.

Anne Huber '85 won four bouts, two by shutout, and Ann Zabzudoff '86 allowed only one touch against her in three bouts to lead the women. Vivian Wang '84, Penina Ansdell '85, Diana Tener '86, and Anne Lavin '85 also earned a victory apiece.

The men had an easier time dispatching the visitors from Hanover. The trio of Ed Schmitt '86, Matt Scott '85, and Dan Turner combined to blank Dartmouth in sabre 9-0.

Foils was much the same, as John Shiffled '86, Mitchel Messner '85, and Russell Holtz '84 came away with wins in eight of the team's nine bouts.

Epee, too, encountered no significant difficulties. Rex Kochanski '85, Dan Lord '85, and Alan Williams '85 contributed two victories each, and Carl Schwepppe also had a win in the 7-2 effort.

Both the men and women will be in action again tomorrow night, when MIT hosts Harvard and Rutgers at 7 p.m. in duPont.

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