Men's foil wins USFA tournament; Holtz third

By Diana Jan-Aaron

The MIT men's foil team ended its weekend trip to the USFA National Collegiate Open Tournament at Bryn Mawr College on a high note when it placed first of fifteen teams in the individual foil event Sunday.

Penn State finished second in team foil, and the Engineers feared third-place Notre Dame for the second time in a week.

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Gymnasts beat Indians

Men's gymnastics bounced over Dartmouth in an away meet Saturday, 202.75 to 194.65. Captain Ric Camprone '85 won a first-place finish on the rings with a 9.60, while Bill Mainone '85 won the parallel bars with an 8.82 and the floor with a 9.05. Greg Prupicio '85 followed in second place with 43-41-10. Prupicio was the victor in the floor with 43-41-10. Parris is considered a prime prospect for the national championship to be held March 8 and 9 at Bates.

The Engineers kept even with the Bobcats in the long jump and in the triple jump. Ed Freeman '86 won the long jump with 21' 13/4", while in the triple jump Kirk Batty '85 took second with 41-21/4" and Freeman followed in third with 39' 9".

MIT stayed close in the vertical events. Co-captain Ron Smith '85 captured the high jump with 6' 3/4", and Joe Alfano '88' leaped 5' 10". The Engineers did not fare so well in the pole vault, as Ross Dreyer '86 was only able to finish third with a vault of 13'.

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