Basketball defeats Emerson

By Marcia Smith

The men’s basketball team gladled to a 70-42 victory over Emerson College on Saturday. The Engineers’ record rises to 6-10 while the Lions drop to 3-9.

The Engineers were on top of the game from the beginning. Mike McIlroy ’87 drove to the basket, drew the foul, and completed the three point play. Mark Thirumalaisamy ’89 caused a turnover of the Lions, dribbled past the double team and passed to Frank Shatford Loyd ’89 stole the ball, raced to a free player.

During the second half Coach Leo Osgood emptied his bench to give everyone a chance to display his skills. Pillar Thirumalaisamy ’90 had a great game, sealing the half twice, getting five rebounds, and getting ten points. “We were so far ahead that everyone got to play. I usually don’t get as much playing time as I did tonight, but it was fun. Everyone played pretty well,” Thirumalaisamy said.

The second half also saw some sloppy play with many lost balls and on-the-floor scramble. MIT called many set plays, but many were broken up by the fighting Lions.

MIT took advantage of making long, fast passes to get the ball close to the basket. Heaving past the defenders, he glided to a 70-42 victory against the Lions.

The rest of the half saw a lot of back and forth dribbling and a lot more Emerson goals. Most of the goals were made by court long shots, but they found it easier to get through the zone by passing. “When you’re so far ahead, you pay less attention to details,” explained Osgood. “Emerson got through when we gave them the chance.”

The zone defense allowed for a man to sneak by and be waiting under the goal when the ball changed possession. Many of the goals were made by court long passes to a player waiting.

The rest of the half saw a lot of back and forth dribbling and a lot more Emerson goals, whose shooting percentage doubled. MIT’s field goal percentage was almost the same as in the first half, but it took a lot fewer shots. Rayon Thomas of Emerson had a game high of six assists because of his super ability to fake a pass, then get the ball to a free player.

MIT held down the Lion offense to end the half 44-15.

Gymnastics team improves record to 5-1

By Eric M. Reitelsneider

The MIT men’s gymnastics team raised its season record to 5-1 with a hard-fought 196.1 to 195.6 victory at the University of Lowell.

After snapping a 12-year losing streak to Lowell last year, MIT has now defeated Lowell three straight times. The teams will be deadlocked in a virtual tie.

The most difficult team for a virtual tie to be broken was Cornell. The first team to break it was the MIT men’s gymnastics team.

The MIT gymnasts began well on the floor with several clean sets high-lighted by a 7.8 routine by co-captain Brian Hinane ’87. They took an early 2.0 lead on floor and expanded it to 2.6 on pommel horse. Also Nash ’90 has his best set of the season and had the men’s highest score on this event, 6.25.

But Lowell responded with a strong performance on rings.

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