Gymnastics makes nationals

By Eric M. Reifschneider

The MIT men’s gymnastics team has qualified to compete in the Division I H-III National Championships. Although individual MIT gymnasts have competed in most of recent years, this is the first time the team has ever qualified.

The men’s team competition will be held at 1 p.m April 1, on the campus of Springfield College. Individual finals will be Saturday afternoon.

MIT entered the season with little hope, it seemed, of repeating its success of the last two years, in which the Engineers had compiled a record of 12-3 and ended a 11-year losing streak to arch-rival Lowell. Brian Fabiano ’87, MIT’s all-around record-holder, and four other members of the nine-man team had graduated, and for the last two years MIT had rejected all male applicants for gymnastics experience. It appeared as if MIT would have difficulty fielding a full nine-man team with six competitors on the balance beam.

But this year they will realize their once-shattered dreams of representing MIT at the highest level of competition. (Editor’s Note: Eric M. Reifschneider ’89 is co-captain of the men’s gymnastics team.)

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