**SPORTS**

**Men's Gymnastics Shatters Five All-Time MIT Records**

By Van N. Van

The MIT men's gymnastics team traveled to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst Saturday, where they delivered one of the three best performances in the season at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Division I/II/III Gymnastics Championships. Even though they did not place in the top three in the competition and did not break into finals, their performance was the best ever in the season and possibly, in MIT history.

The team arrived at UMass early Saturday morning and immediately began warming up — both physically and mentally — for this challenging event. After 90 minutes of tiring warm-ups when each of the 10 teams had 10 minutes touch on all six events, the competition officially began.

The Engineers began the meet on one of their strongest events, the still rings. Geoffrey Phillips '91, a novice in the event, started out strong with a respectable score of 5.4 while Manuel James '94 kept the team moving with a 5.8. Rob Cooper '97 was able to recap a score of 7.35 despite a shoulder injury. Andy Lobban 97 managed a score of 8.0 with two beautiful L-crosses. Chris Ellefson '95, who admitted that he only had 30 minutes of sleep the night before, didn't show any fatigue or weariness as he executed two exquisite L-crosses and double back earning him a score of 8.45. Scott Lazzer, the last competitor of the event, finished the rotation with a near flawless routine and a high fly.

The total score on the still rings, 38.51, is a new MIT record, easily surpassing the previous high of 35.1.

But the Engineers had only just warmed up. The team was ready to break another record in the next event, the floor exercise. Art Shectman '95 started the routine with a fine back-back and a well punctured front-front earning him a score of 8.15. Lobban picked up the slack with his impeccable form and clean execution for an 8.25. Cooper had some

You Heard It Here First: Navy to Win March Madness

Column by Bo Light

Well folks, it's that time again. It's springtime, when birds sing, flowers bloom, snow melts, and half of America misses it because they’re watching basketball games on television. That's right, it's time for March Madness! (Funfair and wild applause) The selections and the seedings are out, the pools are out, Daughnoney and Bob Ryan are telling us not to underestimate UMass or BC or the College of Charleston, and colleges you never even knew existed are being given the right to get blown out by North Carolina this Thursday. Two weeks from now, the 1994 NCAA basketball champion will be crowned, and everyone can get back to their job or their studies or reforming the health care system or whatever.

The regular season could best be described as unpredictable, as six of these six (North Carolina, Arizona, Kansas, UCLA) failed even to win their conference. More years one of the major pre-tournament topics is Why Didn't Arizona Win? Who, you ask, should have received Seton Hall's invitation to the NCAA champ Ohio and superstar Gary Trent to stun Indians in the first round? (look for Bob Knight to drop-kick a basketball in a blatant attempt to promote "Blue Chips"), and Ivy League representative Penn will send Nebraska packing early.

Now, on to the picks. No, Navy won't really win, but I got your attention! East Regional

Also Known As: To Dean Smith, With Love, the Tournament Selection Committee. Don't get me wrong, this regional is anything but a cakewalk, but Navy and Carolina shouldn't have a problem advancing to the Final Four, barring a major collapse. If anyone other than the Tar Heels were to advance to Charlotte, it would be Donyell "Fire" Mitchell and number two seed Connecticut.

Big Upsets: Look for Mid-American champ Ohio and superstar Gary Trent to stun Indians in the first round too. (look for Bob Knight to drop-kick a basketball in a blatant attempt to promote "Blue Chips"), and Ivy League representative Penn will send Nebraska packing early. Teams to watch - "Fights" - John Basketball, Page 12