MIT Team Places 3rd in Putnam Contest Behind Harvard, Cornell

By Orli G. Bahcall

MIT placed third in the 56th annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. The results for the Dec. 2 competition were released March 22. The competition included more than 400 universities and colleges from the United States and Canada. Harvard and Cornell placed first and second in the competition, respectively. Competing for MIT were Ruth A. Britto-Pacumio '96, Sergey M. Joffe '96, and Thoma A. Weston '96. Two of MIT's students won merit prizes. Mathematics Hartley Roger Jr. and Richard P. Stanley, who have been involved in the competition every year.

The top five teams receive cash prizes. Awards are also given to the teams' mathematics departments. Each MIT team member will receive $300, and the MIT mathematics department will receive $3,000.

Katherine G. O’Dair, assistant director of student activities at Tufts University, has been selected as the new assistant dean for residence and campus activities. O’Dair will assume her position on June 1.

The dean’s role is to be as a “close advisor to the students in helping them develop their organizations, particularly the government organizations,” as well as maintaining and improving the financial structures, O’Dair said.

“In my opinion, it is very easy to see what is happening on campus, and not someone who just stays in her office.”

O’Dair received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Tufts University in 1984 and a master’s degree in education, student personnel, and counseling from Northeastern University in 1991.

She brings her experience from Tufts University to her new job.

“One thing I have done at Tufts is to have informal luncheons, talking about a number of issues that can just come and talk about a topic,” she said.

Formal student leadership training is also high on her priority list. Students always come away from MIT to go out and attend student events,” O’Dair said. She would like to see seminars at MIT where student leaders can get together and discuss issues of mutual concern.

O’Dair will spend her first week on the job attending the Leadership School. She hopes to spend the summer getting oriented to MIT’s systems and operations, preparing for the next academic year, and “meeting” as many people as she can, she said.

The position was vacated when former Assistant Dean for RCA Susan D. Allen left to become dean of students at Roxbury Community College earlier this year.

O’Dair receives first taste of MIT

The student forums at which the three candidates were introduced were “very valuable information about some of the problems and procedures that frustrated students,” she said.

So she expressed the problems with how things run at MIT — not in a negative or confrontational manner — but by presenting what was going on campus, and asked for help on how to improve it.

When O’Dair questioned students as to what things at MIT work well, she did receive a direct reply, “only a lot of praise.” Still, she is “sure that there are things that work well, and it is interesting in hearing what these issues are.”

O’Dair also met with a variety of administrators in RCA and around campus that she will be working with next year. “I met a lot of interesting people, it was a very good experience and I really look forward to working with all of them.”

“I am very excited about this new position, and I think I can bring a lot of good ideas to MIT.”

Forums help represent students

The final three candidates — Rebecca E. Maguire, and O’Dair — were selected from an initial pool of 10.

“Each has slightly different strengths. Those that make them suitable for the job,” said Rhodeberg.

Rhodeberg felt that the forums were successful because most student opinions were represented and the candidates got an idea of what they will face at MIT, he said.

Associate Dean for RCA Mar- a. Jablonski, who made the final decision, “was very open in listen- ing to what students were inter- ested in and what they had to say,” Rhodeberg said.

Jablonski “sat down and talked to the students at meetings, [asked] what they expected of the position [and] more than who were real- ly wanted to give a comment had the opportunity to do so,” he said.

“I think that it was a lot more people had shown up,” to the forums, but it was impossible to run the forums any other way, Rhodeberg said.

The student forum was “a lot of liberty in organizing the event and inviting the candidates on the behalf of the students,” said Jablonski. “It was an important message to [the dean candidates] that we were given an active position in the whole process,” Rhodeberg said.

Students Visit D.C. over Spring Break — To Teach

By M. F. Al-Salem

Twenty-five students spent their spring break in Washington, D.C. teaching under-privileged students. The trip, organized by Anthony J. Ives '96, ended up being a success.

The project was also sponsored by the Public Service Center, which funded the transportation; the MIT Alumni Association, which provided housing; and Teach for America, a non-profit national service organization that assigns prospective teachers.

The students were paired up and assigned to various junior high schools in the Washington, D.C. Police Log. area. The local teachers were eager to have the college students help out in their classrooms. Projects and experiments which would inspire and excite their students, Ives said.

Each pair of students planned their experiments and lessons beforehand, Ives said. For example, Guang-An Cheng '97 and Jacobo M. Orenstein-Cardenas '97 used circuitry donated by the Edgerton Center to teach the children how to make electric quiz boards.

For the young pupils, the lessons were a success, since the junior high students were eager to learn from college students not too much older than themselves.

The hands-on nature of the projects taught them the practical approach in teaching. Cheng said.

“One of the major goals was to teach the children in a way that they could understand. We were using the model," said Ives, and "the kids were willing to learn" from us.

"Many of the kids realized outside of the classroom ... and would come up to us and say 'Hi,'" said Ives.

"It was the first time I thought of public service, Page 12
Aetna to Buy U.S. Healthcare For $8.9 Billion

The Washington Post

Aetna Life and Casualty Co. said Monday it would pay $8.9 billion to acquire U.S. Healthcare Inc., one of the country's fastest-growing and most profitable health maintenance organizations.

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Aetna was willing to pay a 24 percent premium over the stock market's valuation of U.S. Healthcare indicates the appetite that major actors in the industry have to strengthen their positions.

Since President Clinton's effort to restructure the health care industry collapsed in Congress in 1994, major insurance companies have been moving to use managed care to hold down the rising cost of health insurance and to capture larger shares of the market. In 1995, insurance companies spent on sponsored health coverage were in managed care programs, compared with just 10 percent in 1983.

U.S. Healthcare has few physical assets to speak of, but its 2.8 million subscribers provide huge cash flow, and its marketing and management are likely to benefit Aetna. Aetna currently is the most efficient major company in the managed care field.

For more details, see the full article on the Washington Post website.
Scientists Identify Genetic Markers For Manic Depression

Five genetic markers for manic depression have been identified, a finding that scientists hope will lead to the first gene directly linked to a mental illness. Once isolated, the gene will be studied to see how it works and whether treatment is possible.

"We are very excited about the present search," said Steven Paul, a collaborator on one of three studies published independently in the journal Nature Genetics. "This tells us that there are many genes involved, that manic depression is a complex genetic disease," Paul said.

Manic depression affects 2.5 million Americans. Symptoms for the puzzling disease -- such as being happy for days without apparent cause, sleeping much less than normal and neglecting activities -- can resemble manic behavior, according to Texas A&M University psychology professor Elise Szekely.

The research was carried out by a team headed by geneticist Ehud Gazit of Texas A&M. It is published in the journal Science, which will be available for subscription in July.

The researchers identified markers shared by those who are sick, compared with those who were not.

Peres Pledges Vote
On Final Peace Accord

With national elections approaching next month, Prime Minister Shimon Peres pledged Monday that he would submit any final peace accord with Palestinians to a referendum.

Negotiating such an accord will be the task of the government to be elected May 29. Monday was the first time Peres suggested that he would give voters a direct say on the outcome, which is meant to set the terms for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza and eventually reunification of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, the status of Jerusalem and the rights of millions of Palestinian refugees.

Peres previously promised a referendum on any treaty reached with the Palestinians in his term. Both pledges are aimed at easing the qualms of undecided voters who want Israel to bargain for peace but fear Peres will give away too much.

In an interview Monday, Peres said ohneerring dren refugees with him to the Persian Gulf state of Oman, he and his Labor Party will ask for "a mandate to conduct negotiations," and then ask voters to confirm the results. The pledge, he said, allows him to avoid "all sorts of spurious questions" about what price he is willing to pay for peace, and it forces "those who have to conduct the negotiations" to "come to a result that will win a majority."" The referendum has a certain blurring effect on the central issue of resolution, Peres found in his recent face-to-face meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Peres wants to press ahead with a return of captured Arab land in return for peace — much of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Palestinians, most or all of the Golan Heights to Syria. Netanyahu has attacked both ideas as abandonment of Israel's security.

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Letters To The Editor

ROTC Is Anything But Right for MIT

Thus far, the discussion concerning the retention of MIT's ROTC program has included issues of discrimination, of greater citizen access to service, of scholarships, and of MIT's ability to affect DoD policy among others. Nothing in the discussion, strangely enough, has addressed ROTC and DoD themselves, leaving the debate rightly framed and in my view, fruitless. I wish to expand the debate.

The U.S. military, which ROTC represents, is the world's foremost terrorist organization and has caused more pain and suffering in this world than any other single organization. Militarism and its objectification and disregard for life and diplomacy is in clear conflict with anything MIT supposedly stands for and thus should not be considered to remain a part of this institution.

The history of the U.S. military is one of ill-founded politics and an unrelenting pursuit of 'stability' and control towards maintaining and increasing U.S. profits and markets. It has strangled the dreams of hundreds of millions of poor and marginalized through its use of force in maintaining or installing client regimes, stamping out peasant movements, and driving down numerous national liberation and revolutionary movements, wasting U.S. citizens' lives in the process. An incomplete list of places haunted by U.S. military intimidation includes: Haiti, Panama, Cuba, Honduras, Nicaragua, Chile, Guatemala, Iran, Iraq, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Zaire, El Salvador, and Angola.

Just the presence of U.S. military bases abroad can be wound up as many create environmental havoc with spills, pollution, and the dumping of waste. In the words of an anonymous DoD official, the legal agreement for basing is that "when we depart, we don't have to clean up." Some bases are infamous for creating local prostitution industries. The base outside Olongapo, Philippines, nurtured the industry from a couple of bars to a prostitute population of tens of thousands. In reviewing the arguments for and against ROTC, please keep in mind the larger picture of what ROTC and our DoD funds represent and what that says to the world about MIT and its community. Taking this view, I feel a more useful debate can be had, one which clearly points out the futility of maintaining ties with an organization of terror at an institution supposedly working towards advancing society and promoting its freedom.

Aaron Golub

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Congratulations to those elected and thanks to all those who participated in the election process.
THE ARTS

Hot & Cool lends Ballet flavors of Ireland and blues

HOT & COOL
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Wang Center
Until April 7.

By Huir Koser
STAFF REPORTER

It is that time of the year again. The local ballet company has decided to put something original and contemporary on stage. It is Hot & Cool, Boston Ballet's new production of three half-hour world premieres that kick off the season this year.

The idea is simple: a plain, almost empty stage (except for the backdrop) and no orchestra. Instead of the merriest tunes of Tschaikovksy's Nutcracker that we are so used to hearing, By the Horns echoes in the Wang Center with blues from such names as Joe Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, and Jon Faddis. Created by the renowned jazz dance choreographer Danny Buraczeski, this first half-hour piece of the night is teaming with passion. Do not misunderstand. This is not a love story per se — if what you are looking for is a romantic love story, you have to wait until May 2, when Boston Ballet stages Sleeping Beauty.

In fact, there is not much of a story in By the Horns at all; instead, we get the usual playground: groups of men, groups of women, pairings off, then re-pairings and several short solos. Dancing does not even reach a finale when the black curtain falls. So, what is the deal? Well, this is exactly the point — it is the dancing alone that makes the half-hour drift away. Marie-Jette Grandguing and Lazerlo Berdo certainly deserve praise for their natural, swirly moves that follow the rhythm of the night up to the peaks of the Irish mountains, and transforms the hall into a huge stage of celtic rituals. Olivier Weexsteen and his earth goddess Marie-Christine Mouis mesmerize both the Irish and the audience alike, forming the magical and romantic link between the powerful scenes of stepdancing. The music (by The Cheiftains — William J. Rayle, Bill Whelan, Celtic Thunder and Dan Ar Braz) is extremely energetic as is the dancing. Half a dozen, bare-chested men fill the stage with head-shaking andstepdancing in an enchanted proclamation of power (accompanied by Bill Rayle's extraordinary drum solo). Robert Wal-lace makes his jumps and stepdancing look natural, and Lazerlo Berdo blinds the audience with his speed and intensity. In effect, Celts brought the evening to its boiling point.

Hot & Cool is quite successful in achiev-ing its goal: it surprises you. It came as no surprise, however, that the opening evening concluded with a standing ovation. It is definitively pleasant to realize that dancing can be so expressive and so powerful, yet so original, and unexpected. Hot & Cool promises to warm up a chilly spring night. It is worth see-ing for sure.

Boston Ballet dancers in Nine Lives, part of this season's Hot & Cool.

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Defying categorization, Grendel's satisfies everybody

GRENDEL'S
59 Winthrop St., Harvard Square

By Aaron R. Prantz

It is human nature to order the world. In fact, there is so much to be categorized, labelled and correlated that many of us at MIT devote our lives to such a task. Just as golf balls, milk, and redwines are white and Cheez-its, Nests, and Twinkies are empty calories, restaurants fit into categories. Really, this is true everywhere — except at Grendel's at 59 Winthrop St., Harvard Square. Grendel's cannot be isolated into any category. The atmosphere, food, and even the prices refuse to be pinned down.

Start with the dual aesthetic of Grendel's. It's classy enough to allow shirts and ties. Polished mahogany, plush carpet, and fresh flowers are small and intimate, made for couples. A salad bar full of shiny stainless steel bowls adds a more informal touch. High brick walls and a roof high enough to comfortably accommodate 50 people at a time.

Another twist is a smaller dining room aptly called the main floor. The auxiliary room is more casual. Almost reminiscent of a midwestern screened patio, the room has more plants, less space, and closer, packed tables. The two rooms, combined with the varieddecorating, make Grendel's the perfect place for any occasion, dressy or not.

Not surprisingly, Grendel's food lines blues of distinction as well. It serves no one kind of meat. Not only isn't food from one country or region, it isn't even from a given brand. All of the Italian dishes like eggplant parmesan and lasagna share space with Indian curry, Greek spinach pie, and even Mexican fajitas.

For a restaurant trying to be all things to all people, it does a decent job. The Mexican is truly authentic, and at least some of the appetizers really demand attention.

For vegetarians, there is an entire menu of meat-free dishes. Another great special for the veggie set is the grilled vegetable sandwich. It's also what singles our philosophy, pushing the song along by banging on his keys and singing in his lightly-imperfect-but-just-right voice; you've got to hear it to understand. "Philosophy" tries to convey the idea of sticking with what you like, even if it's not the most rock band have one, and these guys really do it. It's an incredible band near the back to be amazed! The band travels around the country in a rider truck specifically for Ben. People can come and see the band, and you can order a meal at Mama Kin on Saturday, March 23. The band plays at Mama Kin on Saturday, March 23.

"One Angry Dwarf" and "Try a Meatloaf" are certainly a bargain. With its quasi-quirky charm, it has managed to build up a following of fans that really enjoy the food. The "other-"or androgynous for roommates, get a pitcher of purified water, and enjoy Grendel's quick to be different.

On Coming soon: Grill Fish, The Old Spaghetti Factory

Ben Folds Five led by pianist Folds' percussive energy

Ben Folds Five is a trio (yes, a trio) out of Chappell Hill. They've adapted a rare configuration of musicians. The group released their self-titled debut album, Ben Folds Five, on Caroline Records. Since then, they've managed to build up a loyal fan base, thanks in no small part to their unique blend of musical styles. The band's sound is a combination of rock, pop, and classical influences, creating a unique and captivating listening experience. Their influence can't be traced directly to one or two genres, but it's clear that they've drawn inspiration from a wide range of musical styles, including rock, pop, and classical. The group consists of pianist Ben Folds, Robert Wynn on drums, and Nate Lowery on bass. Their music is characterized by a blend of emotional intensity and technical precision, with Folds' powerful vocals and Wynn's percussive drumming taking center stage. The group's sound is further enhanced by the use of a variety of instruments, including keyboards, guitar, and bass. Their approach to music is both innovative and accessible, making them a favorite among fans of all ages. The band's debut album, Ben Folds Five, was released in 1995 and received critical acclaim for its raw, honest approach to songwriting. The album features a mix of energetic rock songs and more introspective ballads, with Folds' powerful vocals and Wynn's driving drumming providing a consistently engaging listening experience. The group's success continued with the release of their second album, Ben Folds Two, which was released in 1997 and featured a more diverse range of musical styles, including a cover of David Bowie's "Heroes". The group's third album, Ben Folds Three, was released in 2000 and continued the group's trend of exploring a wide range of musical influences. The group's fourth album, Ben Folds Five, was released in 2003 and featured a mix of new and classic material, including a cover of the Beatles' "I Want You (She's So Heavy)". The group's most recent album, The Universe Still Moves, was released in 2016. Overall, Ben Folds Five is a band known for its unique blend of musical styles and its powerful, emotionally charged approach to songwriting. Their music continues to inspire fans around the world, and they remain one of the most innovative and exciting bands in contemporary music.
Unorthodox female comedy show avoids male bashing

OUT FOR LAUGHS '96
Kresge Auditorium, Last Saturday
Featuring Reno, Diane Amos, Sharon Utley

By David V Rodriguez
ASSOCIATE ARTS EDITOR

You could count on one hand the number of men at Out For Laugh '96 last Saturday night in Kresge Auditorium. The show, billed as "a wild night of women's comedy" was sponsored by Women's Studies and feminist magazine Journaire, promised to be unusual for an Institute event. On the way in audience members were handed flyers for a poetry competition and the National Organization of Women.

Inside was a mostly older, mostly non-IT crowd. The three performing stand-up comedians were Reno, Sharon Utley, and Diane Amos. Utley started off the show, talking about her about her experiences as a woman and lesbian: "A good femme doesn't cook... he orders Pizza Hut." She talked about coming out to her father and brother and being surprised that everyone already knew. Her single prop was a solo sexual aid which she used to give advice to the cast of Waiting to Exhale.

Next was Diane Amos, whose main claim to fame comes from being the Pine-Sol Lady. Although she's been on Starsearch, Comedy Central, and A&E, it's the Pine-Sol ad that got her recognition — part of her act reenacted of getting chased around by old ladies wanting to know if her son in the commercial is really her own. She joked about being raised in a family led by two lesbians, made more complex by one being black and the other being Jewish. Her best bit was an improvised poem on topics the audience suggested: sex and motorcycles.

The last performer, Reno, described her act as "a radical departure from the norm of syn-tax and sequential, linear thinking," which translates on stage to high-energy rambling. Her style was similar to the old drug-induced bits of Robin Williams, but not as coherent. There were several stretches where nothing she said was intelligible. The audience didn't seem to mind, however, for the delivery was enjoyable. She moved fast in covering everything she could think of, occasionally stumbling into genuinely funny moments.

Overall, the night didn't have the extreme feminist bent that it could have had. As the material evolved naturally from their female perspective, it never became hostile. It probably was a good thing that the men in the audience never felt they were the target of the night's humor.

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BU President Silber Will Resign in May

By Dan McGuire
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Boston University President John R. Silber announced Friday that he would be stepping down from his position on May 31. Jon N. Westling, the university's current provost, will take over the presidency. Silber, who headed the university for more than 25 years, will take on the role of chancellor for the university's Boston campus.

Silber's presidency was marked by controversy and success. Silber was the most highly paid university president in the country with a salary of $764,920. Silber's attempts to cut professors who he said that the number of Yale students to put [food] back, but as soon as we did someone else grabbed it," said one dining hall's manager. Yale students have been stockpiling food in anticipation of the strike, and grocery stores in the area have said that the number of Yale students buying groceries has increased dramatically. [Yale Daily News, March 29]

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education in terms of a possible career," said Cheng.

Ives' inspiration for the project came from a week-long leadership seminar, Leadershape, held last summer. "We came up with a vision to improve the community."

Ives described the week as "eye-opening." Working in poorly funded "schools was a change from the conditions many of the MIT students remember from their school years.

The daily commute gave students a realistic picture of the neighborhoods and the difficult conditions in which their pupils learn.

"Our country needs to focus on inner cities, the willingness is there, but there aren't enough resources," said Ives. "There are some tough problems facing our urban areas."

The group left Washington satisfied and more aware of the importance of primary education, especially in the poorer areas of the country. Schools receive far too little funding to allow for routine demonstrations, Ives said.

But "it was fantastic to see the kids enjoying it — they have as much capacity to learn as anyone else," said Ives.

"We got around to as many kids as possible," said Ives. The MIT students learned much themselves.

They had managed to touch their students, despite the difficult circumstances they live in. Ives recalls that when they were leaving, a student asked, "Will you come back on Monday?"

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Meyerson '97, and Alex Morales '97.

Team aims to improve next year

While MIT did do very well, the focus during the exam is more towards individual performance. "People are generally more interested in the individual prizes," and that the individuals do well, Britto-Pacumio said. We "hope to do better in the future," Britto-Pacumio said.

The standards of competition among individuals and between teams has noticeably increased in recent years, Rogers said.

Correspondingly, the examinations have been made more difficult, Rogers added.

Some students had a different impression of the difficulty level.

The exam was challenging, but "pretty easy — easier than two years ago," Ioffe aid, who has competed for the past three years. The exam can be easy one year but more difficult the next, he said.

This was a "wonderful performance this year, but we weren't number one," Ioffe said. However, all three of the MIT team members were in the honorable mention section, "which is very prestigious."

Sojourner

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Jim's Journal

Today Steve rented a movie and he invited me over to watch it.
It was "Ben Hur." It was about 3 hours long, and we watched the whole thing.
When it was over, Steve said, "I thought it would be retro-funny, but it was actually good."

Today Tony said "Hey - I'm going to Santa Monica for my brother's friend's wedding... wanna come?"
I said I would. "Cool," he said. "Then he told me all about the places we could go and things we could see.
"Oh- I should tell you," he said, "we leave tomorrow at 8 a.m."

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**Sailing Starts Strong In Year's 1st Regatta**

By Daniel Nestor

Although the varsity sailing team was a strong contender for second place in its first regatta of the spring season, misfortune late in the competition dropped MIT to seventh overall. The Owen trophy was a two-day, 14-team, 2-race event held March 23 and 24 on the Charles River. This international regatta is held alternate years in New England and the Mid-Atlantic area.

Both Saturday and Sunday were very windy, with the breeze 15-18 knots with gusts over 20 knots, and dropping off to 10-12 knots late on Sunday. The air was frigid; yarn "tell-tales" froze to wire shrouds, dropping off to 10-12 knots late on Sunday. The icy water of the Charles River was so cold that hands and feet went numb in "tell-tales" froze to wire shrouds, dropping off to 10-12 knots late on Sunday. The icy water of the Charles River was so cold that hands and feet went numb in

**SPORTS**

**Women's Crew Happy with Times after First Race of Spring Season**

By Shawnee Eshghi

After a long winter indoors, the MIT women's crew teams made a strong showing in their opening races.

"It was a good race in that it pointed out what we need to focus on in order to improve," said Amy C. Geffers '97, who rowed seventh. "Allaster've we've had a sense that we were faster, but we didn't have anything to measure it against until now," said Varsity Coach Maryanne Earle. "We were surprised that BC was so fast ... but I expect to see MIT gain a lot through the season." Earle added that MIT traditionally gains more speed than other teams as the season progresses.

The MIT novice boat also did well in their first ever 2,000-meter race. Radcliffe easily took both races, followed by Northeastern University and MIT. The first novice boat, coxed by Raina Gupta '99, was ahead of NU until the Harvard Bridge, where it fell behind. Despite gaining five seats on an impressive move past the MIT boats, the first novice boat lost to NU by a margin of just two seconds, finishing in 7:25.3.

"They rowed really well," said Novice Coach Susan Lindholm. "It was exciting to see that they were side by side with Northeastern." The second novice boat also did well, executing its race plan and reaching its target time. Another bright spot was that the second novice boat, coxed by Jennifer L. Lykons '99, posted equal splits for the first and second 1,000-meters.

"Although we lost, we reached our goal time for the piece and there is lots of room for improvement," said Lykons. "The second boat will only pick up speed as the season goes on," added Lindholm.

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Both crews will race on the Charles next Saturday.

**Techet Leads Women's Water Polo's 15-8 Win over Wellesley**

By Darren T. Castro

The MIT women's water polo team opened its season March 21 by soundly defeating Wellesley 15-8. Alex Techet G, with seven goals and three assists, was MIT's leading scorer for the game. In a well-balanced attack, Adriane Chapman '98, Yvonne Kim '98, and Melissa Poh '96 contributed two goals apiece, while Nicole Gotti G and Shan Lee '98 rounded out the scoring by adding a single goal each.

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Chapman scored off a pass from Kim at the start of the third quarter to reestablish a nine-goal lead, Wellesley then matched five of the next six goals to pull to 13-8, but the game was never really in question. Techet finished off her sparkling game by tallying on a great individual effort with 30 seconds remaining in the match. Kim put the final touch on the victory with a two-second left when she scored on a breakaway set up by a long pass from Chapman. Adriane Chapman '98 and Deena Durcaly '96 shared goalmatching duties and combined for 13 saves for MIT.

**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

**SPORTS**

By By Shawnee Eshghi

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