Senior House Vents Over Renovations

By Stacey E. Blau

At a meeting last night at Senior House, angry residents raised concerns over problems with the renovation of the dormitory. Chief among those concerns was the recent construction that has been inconveniencing residents. The work has meant disruptive noise from drills and construction workers throughout the day and has left some residents' windows blocked completely by trash chutes that run the height of the dormitory.

"Commitments have not been met," said Senior House Housemaster Henry Jenkins, associate professor of literature. Residents were told that there would be no construction the weeks before and during finals, but those promises have been broken, he said.

"Students have lost the sense that they can trust at this point. They are not prepared to put up with being misled." Administrators and the architects responsible for the renovation negotiated a plan with students whereby construction would continue provisionally next week. Electricians will be pulling wire in the basement to make electrical jumps on the condition that they make only minimal noise.

"If they disturb anybody, they stop," said Director of Special Services Stephen D. Immennum.

The current construction is part of an ongoing plan to completely renovate Senior House, which is the oldest dormitory at MIT. The renovation will involve completely gutting the building and rebuilding the inside mostly during this summer, although renovations began last June.

Corporate Internet-Phone Project Wins $50K Business Plan Contest

By Jennifer Lane

Webline Communications, a company headed by Pasha Roberts G that plans to provide Internet phone access for specific business applications, won the $30,000 grand prize Wednesday night at the seventh annual $50K Business Plan contest Wednesday. Roberts teamed up with Frank Honore G and Firdaus Bhathena G, whom he met during this year's Independent Activities Period, to form Webline.

"I have been involved with technology before, and have been playing with ideas like this," Roberts said. "The market for it is getting bigger. We've moved to a more proactive niche from the likes of Microsoft and Netscape. The value is not just in talking, it's in getting a real-time multimedia connection."

Webline's product, Callserver, allows call center agents to speak with customers while using the multimedia capabilities of the World-Wide Web for sales, service, and entertainment applications. So, for instance, a salesperson or help desk consultant could guide a client through company information on the Web, Roberts said.

"In the future, there will be one digital pipe coming into your home or office for voice and data," Roberts said. "Callserver is a first step in that direction."

The future direction of Webline Communications will depend on what innovations occur in bandwidth and processing technology. "Video would be an interesting place to go," Roberts said.

"From here, I'm just planning to go for it, and make a lot of money," said Roberts.

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MIT Card May Be Slow In Coming to LaVerde's

By Carina Fung

The ever-expanding list of services that can be accessed through the MIT Card has never included shopping at LaVerde's Market. Sour- tures between the shop's proprietor and MIT's food services board may keep the card out of the Student Center convenience store for some time to come.

Associate Director of Food Services John T. McNeill said that this past summer he had discussed the possibility of using the card for LaVerde's purchases, but that the shop's owner, Frank LaVerde, turned the offer down. McNeill said that MIT would have to charge him for money food services would be losing from students not using the card at AFA services, said Director of Food Services Lawrence E. Maguire.

This week pays for the multi-plan and [MIT Food Services] have an obligation to maintain a certain level of business in Lobdell Food Court," McNeill said.

Card part of continuing dialog

LaVerde disputes McNeill's take on the situation. When LaVerde's Market first moved to the MIT student center seven years ago, LaVerde wanted to have the MIT card.

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Sloan's Class Priority System Set to Go

By Angela Llao

Students who plan to take classes at the Sloan School of Management this fall will be going through its mandatory online prioritization system over the next two weeks.

Subjects required by the Sloan Fellows and Management of Technology programs are not subject to the system and are selected independently.

Students get 1,000 points to bid on a spot in a class. Sloan School students have priority over non-Sloan students, and Sloan seniors have priority over juniors, who in turn have priority over sophomores, and so on.

"The Sloan School bidding system is run by the Educational Services Office at the Sloan School as a form of lottery for all students who take Sloan sub- jects," said Jeffrey A. Meldman '65, senior director of undergraduate programs.

The bidding system was designed to better manage increasing enrollment and demand for Sloan School classes, said Lawrence S. Abeln, director of the master's program.

Interdepartmental students planning to take full classes at Sloan will have priority if they register for Sloan subjects by submitting their registration form to the MIT Registrar as well as filling out a Sloan Prioritization Form between Tuesday and May 20.

The form will be available online by accessing the Sloan course prioritization system home page on the World-Wide Web at http://sloanbid.mit.edu/esl.

The form will also be available at the Sloan Educational Services Office in E52-101. Class enrollments will be posted on May 22 on the same web site.

The Sloan School bidding system utilizes interactive Web-based technology and allows both Sloan students and Sloan School of Engineering and Science students to submit bids as well as view results online.

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Indian National Party Concedes Defeat

The ruling Congress party, which has dominated the politics of India for the past four decades, today conceded defeat in India's national elections that appeared to give the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) the largest number of seats in Parliament.

While the leadership and composition of the next government remained uncertain, the results were seen as a stunning defeat for the Congress party, which has not been defeated in national elections since 1984.

Liberian Summit Cancelled After Groups Fail to Show

By Cindy Shiner

ACCRA, GEANA

A West African summit conference on the status of Liberia failed to convene here Sunday and its participants returned home without making any decisions.

The conference, which was scheduled to begin on Saturday, was expected to discuss the future of the nation, which has been in political turmoil for more than a decade.

In 2016, the conference was scheduled to be held in the capital, Monrovia, but it was postponed due to security concerns.

The summit was at risk of being cancelled again on Saturday, but the leaders of the major political parties agreed to meet at the weekend.

The conference was expected to address the political crisis in Liberia, which has been wracked by civil war and political instability since 2003.

A key issue on the agenda was the future of the country's military, which has been largely ineffective in maintaining law and order.

African leaders and international organizations, including the United Nations, have called for the government to take action to address the crisis.

The conference was also expected to discuss the role of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), which has been in the country since 2003.

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Party Misery Points, Hurts Morales

Media Lab's 'Smart' Clothing Is a Dumb Idea

Guest Column by Douglas K. Wyatt

I am writing to comment about the current implementation of the new campus party policy. I understand the rationale for this policy regarding large parties on campus, but after attending many parties in the past, I found that this new policy does not cater to certain aspects of the social life, so it seems painfully clear to me that the effects of this policy are already felt in the realm that was articulated earlier this term. In addition, it is reducing an already low campus morale for a significant proportion of its students here.

I have attended two events that were seriously affected by the new policy since its implementation. The first was an FYD, a party held in the John Crerar House dining hall, and the second was Steer Roast, this past weekend at Senior House. I have attended these two events regularly in the past, and in both cases, this year had a serious impact on the events. The major impact has been the enforcement on the number of wristbands available at the events. The number of people allowed into these events was significantly curtailed by a limited number of wristbands available, not only for those planning to drink, but anyone desiring to enter the event at all.

I have been to four FYDs since I've been here, and over the past few years, I have never seen a "capacity problem" with these large events, the only difference being that I could not see everyone there. In this recent event, though, the entrance was limited to a number of people that could be accommodated, but by the same token, there is ample entrance and exit capacity from the area in which it was taking place. In addition, there were only three exits for a large number of people that were being herded from one area to another. This made the exit capacity disorganized, which is why we had the problem.

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In light of this, last week's decision to promote President Robert McBurney comes as a rather telling sign that student concern has sifted through to Aramark. It is difficult to understand why people would authorize this policy if they did not want it to be enforced. I have attended two events that were seriously affected by the new policy since its implementation.

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The shifting of upper management within Aramark does nothing to resolve the fundamental problem of how MIT will proceed to manage the operations of its dining services. This will mislead the student population to consider the needs of the student population over business concerns. Such considerations may or may not include Aramark as a player.

What the removal of McBurney does mean, however, is that Aramark is willing to take measures to enhance its ability to cope with the pressure it faces. Regardless of whether the move will prove to have any bearing on Aramark's tenure with MIT, we commend Aramark for its willingness to compromise, and hope that similar thinking will prevail among all parties involved in the current campus food services free-for-all.

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Letters To The Editor

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Did anyone else notice what happened to Scott Schiamberg’s “Garden in the Machine” (“The Garden in the Machine,” May 7)? It ended up in the dumpster behind Building 5. Thank you Scott Schiamberg! Now your “found art” will grace a landfill with some other treasures.

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dressed the concept of “smart” fashions. He argued that society currently demands nothing of its clothing other than that it looks good and feels comfortable. He wanted to break down a barrier in the user-computer interface by embedding circuitry in clothing, thus creating a so-called “Person-Wide Web.” Think of it as a half-baked fantasy. It’s too expensive to implement on a large scale and too foreign for a global market that still values its primitive garb. Think of my surprise, then, when I browsed through a recent New York Times men’s fashion supplement and happened on an article entitled “Digital Dressing, or Software to Wear,” authored by Gershenfeld. The piece rehashed the ideas presented in MAS100. For me, the issue had officially become too big to ignore.

What need do we have for “exchanging digital business cards between shoe computers with a handshake”? Has the information/time relationship become so cramped that we need this extreme form of non-communicative communication? In Gershenteld’s projected future, businesses may have nothing left to do but make faces at one another, their hands locked together in a transaction that is more automated than intuitive. The nuances of traditional business negotiation (not to mention human emotion) would soon fade into oblivion.

One of Gershenfeld’s other ideas is to create alternate views of the real world via video cameras with different perspectives (e.g., a video output to one eye showing the view in back of one’s head and the other eye seeing the world normally). This idea is intriguing, but there would be too many difficulties associated with conflicting visual inputs to the brain to implement it except on a very specialized basis. When you throw virtual reality inputs into the mix, the resulting blur between reality and unreality doesn’t seem like a healthy road to explore on a mainstream social basis, unless people want to know what schizophrenia feels like.

Ultimately, though, my concern involves the partitioning of society with respect to the new technology. In this scenario, we have a technological elite for those who can afford the luxury of being wired. The most visible

A Can’t Quash Dining

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Phil and Carlo, Baker Dining was ever-increasingly responsive to student input. At this point, Baker Dining needed roughly 200 customers per night to break even, and we were averaging 160. While Baker Dining was still losing money, it was losing only about half as much as it used to.

In McBurney’s mind, however, Baker Dining was still going to be closed at the end of the year. By the end of last year, McBurney had established himself as the enemy of Baker Dining. The year before, he had successfully laid off Catherine D. Conley ’96, as Baker House president, was ever-supportive. When McBurney laid off

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Students Angry at Broken Promises on Renovations

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year.

Work essential, but residents mad

The work with the wiring next week is essential because of the need to keep moving with the renovations and to do them sequentially, Immerman said. Another consideration is that the president’s house, which is located next to Senior House, may be affected by the wiring because the its wiring runs through Senior House. The best time to do the wiring is next week, when President Charles M. Vest will be travelling, the architects said.

Residents expressed their frustrations over the changes in the renovations. “I have to deal with construction workers right outside my window,” said Hope N. Reid ’97. “It’s enough that you don’t get any light and view” with some windows boarded up, she said.

“The picture on my [computer] monitor was vibrating because of the drill on my floor,” said Jagruti M. Patel ’97, Senior House treasurer. Patel added that East Campus and Senior House Residents were originally told that all the work would be done over the summer, but now “it seems like more and more is happening” during the term, said Oscar Ensey G., a tutor in Senior House. “They weren’t up front with us from the beginning.”

MIT should have a responsibility to provide an optimal working environment for the students, Ogar said. “This responsibility shouldn’t be open to discussion and negotiation. I should be able to have just a little peace and quiet when I study.”

“You’re asking them to agree on what we already drew a line on,” Jenkins said. “That trust has been violated again and again over the past few weeks.”

“I think we all understand that MIT has a responsibility to confront a big problem,” said Margaret A. Jablonski, associate dean for residence and campus activities. “We didn’t realize it was going to be this bad.”

Work this week will help with the renovation schedule, Immerman said. The goal is to get residents back in Senior House by Aug. 23, in time to conduct residence and orientation activities, although that may not turn out to be a realistic goal, he said.

“We have every expectation that we will be able to occupy on” Sept. 1, Jablonski said.

During the summer, construction workers will work two or maybe three shifts a day to complete work on the house on time so that residents can return, said Senior House House Manager Daniel P. Concello.

Construction will probably continue into mid-October, Immerman said. The construction may be “as loud, if not louder, than it is now,” he said.

Senior House residents will be living and storing their possessions in East Campus this summer. Many residents expressed concern over the implications of the construction on rush. “Freshmen will most likely not be tempted to rush during Residence and Orientation Week,” Jablonski said. Parts of the building may not even be available for tours and other rush events.

RCA, however, is planning a special event to try to “show women that East Campus and Senior House are places where they can feel comfortable,” Jablonski said.

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Roberts said, "We're all really psy-
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the idea for the company evolved
after they found their common
background in medical fields.

Oncyte Technologies has yet to
clearly define its future, but "since
we expect to be doing research and
development on behalf of corporate
partners, the next step will be to
form those partnerships," Kelly said.

Judges looked for practical plan
From an original field of 52 prop-
posals, six finalists presented their
business plans in Room 10-250
Wednesday night to an audience
that included judges Joseph Hadzi-
ma Jr., director of Sullivan &
Worcester's High Technology/New
Ventures Group, and Ameridata
Consulting's Brad Feld, who award-
ed the three prizes.

Judges looked for a well-written
business plan that addressed a real
market need, team dynamics, and
most importantly, potential for
future development.

Bill Warner, co-founder of Wild-
fire Communications and Avid
Technologies, was the featured
speaker at the awards presentation,
and shared some lessons he had
learned as an entrepreneur.

The other finalists were Epic
Snowboard Bindings, marketers of a
step-in binding system featuring
rational stance adjustment on the
fly that fits all soft snowboard boots;
Internet Telephony Company,
which is striving to provide long
distance calling through the Internet
in a cost-effective way; and Webs-
mart, which featured Java products
for business sites that include
Smartforms, a program designed to
revolutionize Internet fill-in forms.

Awarding the prizes is never an
easy decision, Hadzima said. "But
everyone knows that the real judge
is the marketplace, and we are
encouraging all of these teams to
keep developing their businesses."

Previous competitors have done
just that. Last year's winner, Sens-
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touch-feedback interface system, is
currently expanding its business
to the international scale.

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The Mozart Requiem is the third "death mass" installment of the collaboration between the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Choir in the past three years. A key difference this year, however, was the absence of Music and Theater Arts Senator Matthew Iantosca, who had been the host at the previous two screenings. This year, Music and Theater Arts Lecturer William C. Cutter led the MIT forces with soloists Margaret O’Keeffe, music and theater arts lecturer; Susan Trout; Richard V. Tiyompan, and Paul Gutter. As a prelude to the Requiem, the program featured a short, unab-

**Cantata 118 by J.S. Bach.**

The performances of the Cantata and the Requiem were marked by high energy and big sound, one perceiving when one considers the tremendous size of the chorus.

The singing was sincere and purposeful, demonstrating the high standards to which the chorus was held under its previous director. The orchestra musicians also showed great enthusiasm through their vigorous playing, which was somewhat necessary to match the sound from a large group of singers in a very oddly shaped music hall. Though the orchestral playing was not a paragon of accuracy and ensemble, its energy remedied much of the punchy recordings made by period orchestras and the "authentic performance" movement.

Despite this extraneous approach to Mozart's music, one仍旧 noticed the difference in phrasing from the chorus and the orchestra. Lack of shape much of the time. Since I last heard them perform together, their phrasing has become more cut and-dry. Moreover, with so many bodies on stage and in the audience, the sound seemed to be sucked up before it could make it across the room.

The soloists accomplished their task skillfully and exhibited the highest musicianship of the evening. All four sang expressively and were deeply committed to breathing life into all the notes of the Requiem, even the ones not written by Mozart. Though each soloist was expert in executing his or her part, I found the combination of their voices somewhat bland; most undifferentiated was the bass contribution. Perhaps I am somewhat biased in that I do not find the solo parts particularly interesting compared to the solo parts in Mozart's wonderful C minor Mass.

In the end, I could not bring myself to become excited over what turned out to be a well-received performance. Looking back on the evening, I would have to say that I enjoyed the Bach Cantata more than the Mozart Requiem, though I probably enjoyed it more for its novelty than for the musicianship. Given the size of the audience, the concert was in all likelihood sold out and was a testament to the popularity of the Requiem. I was indeed surprised when I had to wait 10 minutes to enter the hall. But for those who enjoy Peter Schaffer's use of the Requiem in his famous Broadway musical "Amadeus," the performance by the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Choir certainly reflected that kind of dramatic energy.

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The Concert Choir performs with the Symphony Orchestra last Friday in Kresge Auditorium.

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**Rhythm offers Caribbean food with flavor, spice**

By Aaron R. Prazan

**FLYING REPORTER**

Though often romanticized and visited, the Caribbean does not have a well-known cuisine. Owned by Robert D. Jones '86, Cambridge's Rhythm and Spice is close to a local restaurant that offers the taste of the Caribbean. Having never competed there, Jones is an expert at the specialty and offers a large menu. With the last day of classes coming near, Rhythm and Spice could be the perfect place to relax and have a good time after finals.

Rhythm's food is satisfying. Appetizers, which are two for one on Sunday and Wednesday nights, include chewy conch fritters, jerk-spiced chicken wings, and fried plantains. The plantains closely resemble bananas, but these more like baked potatoes. The conch fritters are a great choice. While crispy on the outside, they have a chewy texture and mild flavor without being too salty in the center. They also come with a very tasty dip. Jerk chicken, pork, and ribs — smoked and seasoned Jamaican style — are all good starters. The management strongly recommends a Red Stripe with all of the above. Resist the temptation to order the plantains, since they come with almost every meal. You may also want to try the more flavorful chicken recipes.

Although Rhythm offers only a few main dishes, choosing proves very difficult. Curried meats and vegetables, which make up about half of the choices, include curried chickens, conch, shrimp, and goat. The curry is neither too strong nor too hot, and the meats are some of the tenderest around. A common Jamaican meat, the goat is especially tender; try it if you have the chance or the courage. Barbecued meats and a few vegetarian selections round out the list.

Chef's specials are also a daily option. Usually, they include kingfish, flying fish, or some other seafood dish. I tried the special: a kingfish steak broiled with onions, tomatoes, peppers, and a unique blend of spices. Flaky and mild in texture, the steak was an excellent cut. One problem was that the chef neglected to remove the bones and I had to pick them out of every bite. The fish was served with rice, beans, and boiled cabbage. The flavor was amazing and, aside from the bones and the fried plantains, it was an excellent dish.

One common complaint at Rhythm and Spice, though, is price. Entrees are about 10 to 14 dollars — about average for a good Boston meal. But the fact that hot pepper sauces and chutneys cost extra is silly. Drinks are also a bit steep at three and four dollars for a normal sized glass. All things considered (including the fact that the portions are smaller than average-sized), Rhythm's prices are too high.

All in all, I recommend Rhythm and Spice for its unique atmosphere and cuisine. If you're willing to sacrifice a couple of extra dollars, it is a really fun meal. It offers perfectly cooked meats, interesting appetizers, and the chance to support a non-traditional LGBT grad. What more could you ask for?
ON THE SCREEN

BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF

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but that's exactly what writer-director Michael Mann does in his latest film. Robert De Niro is the robber determined to make one last big score, but complications develop when he falls in love with a young graphic designer woman over by his command. Al Pacino is the cop who doggedly pursues De Niro at the expense of his crumbling third marriage. Although the dialogue is a bit excessive at times - the film is about three hours long - Mann's sense of pacing serves him well in setting up the pulse-pounding action sequences. The supporting actors, too, deserve a lot of credit for bringing life and credibility to the scores of characters in the film. -SCD. Friday at LSC.

**1/2 James and the Giant Peach

For James and the Giant Peach, Disney brings together the team from The Nightmare Before Christmas to create another film that is visually intriguing and virtually oozes with its dark, surreal stop-animation style. The story, adapted from the children's tale by Roald Dahl, is given the full the Disney treatment and is full of characters with exuberant personalities and a plot full of adventure. For the most part, it's an fascinating film, but falls apart after the giant peach crash lands in New York City. Overall, the film is fascinating, visually appealing, and at only eighty minutes long, it certainly won't bore you (until maybe the end). -Audrey Wu.

**1/2 Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie

This Island Earth gets the MST3000 treatment in Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie, but it really doesn't deserve it. As you surely know, MST3000 is an experiment by the evil Dr. Clayton Forrester who wants to take over the world by forcing its entire population to watch the worst movies ever made, thereby rendering it defenseless. But Mike Nelson, the subject of this experiment, fights back along with his robot pals by talking 'back at the movies. The only problem with the concept this time out is that This Island Earth is actually a pretty good film trapped within the B-movie conventions of its day. Why couldn't they have picked on The Killer Shrews? -SB. Sony Nickelodeon.

** The Truth About Cats and Dogs

This screwball comedy brims over with appeal and execution: Although this works for the actors, they're often drowning in the sappy plot constructs and the ridiculously cute situations. Comedienne Janeane Garofalo plays Abby, a successful pet doctor who has a talk-radio show; in one scene, her no-nonsense advice wins over British photographer Brian (Ben Chaplin), whose accent is to die for. Things get complicated, though, when the photographer mistakes Abby for her ditzy (but tall and blonde) next-door neighbor Noelle (Uma Thurman). Aside from a "teaching" phone conversation between Abby and Brian, there's not much new in this retread of the old Cyrano de Bergerac premise; meanwhile, director Michael Lehmann (Heathers) seems to have succumbed to the same Hollywood system he subverted in his wickedly funny debut. -SCD. Sony Copley Place.

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For consideration please send your resume by July 1, 1996 to the appropriate name listed below:

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Danielle Amos '96, Freddy Santos '96 and Ted Patterson '96 sailed for the varsity team in the New England Series. Because of the small number of boats at reporting time, the competitors agreed to sail both divisions of both regattas together, but to keep the scoring separate.

The women's team A division finished third and the B division finished second out of four teams; the performance was enough to give the women third place overall.

The Regis Bowl and New England Series at Dartmouth marked the last collegiate regatta for women's team Coach Hatch Brown. Schmidt, Sarah Webster '99, Kelly, and Sherry Cheng '99 sailed in the Regis Bowl for the team.

The 1998 Brass Rat will be delivered on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 1 PM in Kresge Oval.

Refreshments and music continue throughout the afternoon.

Delivery and additional ordering will continue Monday through Wednesday in Lobby 10.
Undefeated Rucking Beavers
Down Ontario Business, 22-10

By Mike File
TEAM MEMBER

In the third game of the season, the men's rugby team beat Western Ontario Business School 22-10 last Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to stay undefeated this spring. Good defensive support and hard-hitting Beaver defense were key to the win.

MIT held Western back its entire time for the entire opening minutes. The Beavers did an excellent job of fending off an enormous Western front row and delivered clean ball to fly half and Chemical Engineering Visiting Professor Mike Mathews.

Three MIT backs — Bruneton, Mike Fife, and Visiting Scientist Christoph Townend — were then able to cooperate early for a lovely try set in a week with Albert Belle. Western retaliated with a try of its own after a long downhill boot and some excellent rack-and-maul likely by its solid forwards.

MIT scored again early in the second half with a weak-side breakaway by captain Jeff Fluss, brain and cognitive sciences technical assistant. Buccei bought through the Western defense to his own forward position and found Townend, who sped into the try zone with the ball.

John Higgenson used his foot well throughout the game, scoring one penalty kick and two conversions.

Western scored another try in the second half, again with their big forwards. Bruneton retaliated with beautiful high up-and-under which Townend and winger Cherry Vithanathan '88 ran down. Bruneton quickly got the ball back and scored the try.

The MIT-Western match is an annual event in Western Ontario every spring on its rising-long rugby tour and plays Harvard Business School each May.

"Harvard throws an OK party," said Dolen Hirsch, Western assistant coach. "But nothing like we expect from MIT.

It's always exciting to see a team make its way into the Western defense, and vice versa.

Sailing Ends Season With Wins on Cape

By Conan Hom

The sailing team brought its season to an end by posting big home and away wins against the Universities of New Hampshire, Dartmouth, University of New England, and Massachusetts Maritime Academy last weekend.

The races took place at MIT on Sunday and Dartmouth and Mass. Maritime on Sunday. Mark Sapir, '96, Ilana Fajer '94, Jeff Brock '89, and Lisa Collins '97 handed MIT an overall first place finish on Saturday. The team left behind eight competitors, including Boston, Harvard, Salem State, Brown, and Northeastern University, Stone Hill and Wellesley Colleges, and the University of Rhode Island.

At Cape Cod's Senior Bowl, the team chalked up 14 wins in 16 races and picked up two top-three finishes. Douglas De Coste '97, Sapir, and Fajer cruised their 420 boats to the top of the鄙x in every race and another regatta.

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In New Hampshire, Patrick Schmidt, '96, Jen Kelly '99, Juan Rodriguez '97, and Ken Hargreaves '98 went up against the weather. While the breeze dropped to light to nonexistent, the fun really started when the rain began.

The Beavers were able to run three races in each division, which is the minimum number required in every event.

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By Don Light

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