I current students.

The last general admission price increase occurred in the fall of 1993 when the fee was raised 33 percent from $1.50 to $2.00.

The increase is largely in response to situations in film rental costs as well as recent financial loss, said LSC Chairman Christopher C. Marchant '98.

"It has cost us more money to show [movies] than we get in ticket sales," Marchant said. The group has lost money on most of its recent movies — about $1,000 so far this term and about the same amount last term.

Although LSC has lost money for some movies every term for several years, the trend seems to be getting worse, Marchant said. Without a price increase, LSC may "run out of money in the next few maybe five years."

"We have to make that up somehow," Marchant said. "We hope [the price increase] will allow us to continue to improve the quality of LSC movies."

High costs prompt price increase

Marchant said that financial pressure by film studios — including a 40 percent increase in rental costs — could hurt LSC's ability to show current films.

"The prices charged by movie studios have really skyrocketed lately," Marchant said. "LSC's ability to show a variety of recent movies would be put in jeopardy if [the 25 percent] price increase were not instituted."

Still, keeping operation costs up 27 percent — and ticket prices down is still a priority, he said.

Another dilemma is the difficulty of finding movies that will attract a large part of the MIT community. "LSC has a tough time finding blockbuster movies to schedule this term," Marchant said, "so we did not.

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Prospective Students Get Insight on the Fun and Rigor of MIT Life

By Shamin Ghaznavi

Many prospective students of the Class of 2001 got their first taste of MIT life last week during Campus Preview Weekend.

Over 360 women and minority students participated in the event.

Campus Preview officially ended with lunch and check-out on Saturday, but prefrosh will use their experience to decide whether they will accept or decline their admission offers.

Most prefrosh and hosts called the weekend an "awesome" experience.

Among them was Anna Polavarapu, of Rosalyn, N.Y., who said: "I've been to four other college preview weekends," she said, "and this one was the best."

Prefrosh called the panel informative and helpful. The students were very straightforward, and no questions were left unanswered; it was exhaustive," said Rachel Knapp, of Blacksburg, Va.

The panel was followed by a jazz social and dinner. Event sponsors encouraged prospective students to mingle with their future classmates and enjoy the music of the MIT Jazz Collective.

Prefrosh did both.

Gerard Britton, of Bethesda, Md., said: "It was a good way of meeting people," he said.

For some, like Paul Thordarson, of Lexington, said the music made the dinner enjoyable, while others, including Nita Losoponkul, of Rosalyn, N.Y., felt it was good but far too loud, to a point where you couldn't hear yourself thinking.

Friday offered a lot of opportunities for prospective students, including tours of Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program projects, lectures, and a dinner.

Although not mandatory, the UROP tours drew a good number of prefrosh interested in learning more about the program.

UROP is "what interests me most about MIT," Knapp said. She was glad for the opportunity to learn more about it.

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SEDS Hosts Observations of Hale-Bopp Comet

By May K. Tao

The MIT chapter of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space ended its series of observation sessions on Thursday for the Hale-Bopp comet, the biggest and brightest comet to come by Earth this century.

"We didn't want people to miss the great comet of 1997," said Jeffry A. Foust, SEDS outreach chair. "There probably won't be a brighter one this year."

"Right now, all's well at its brightest," said Ravi N. Ramkisson '90, SEDS astronomy chair. About 75 people passed by to look through the group's telescope at Kresge Oval on a Wednesday night, and an additional 50 viewed the comet on Thursday.

"We try to attract the public for as many events as possible and to sessions such as this," Ramkisson said.

SEDS first began their Hale-Bopp comet watches on March 27 and 30 on the roof of Building 37. These watches, co-sponsored by the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, have attracted more than 200 people from the MIT community since then.

"We try to have one viewing session a month. I'm supposed to be organizing a trip to New Hampshire, because of the lights surrounding here [in the city]," Ramkisson said.

"SEDS tries to hold at least one observing session each month, usually around the time of the new moon when skies are the darkest. Some of these sessions are held locally on campus, and some are held outside of town to get away from Boston's light-polluted skies. What's observed depends on what is visible in the night sky at that time," Foust said.

SEDS runs a number of activities besides hosting observation sessions. SEDS sponsors speakers, educational outreach programs, and technical projects.

"MIT-SEDS functions chiefly as an interest group for MIT students who want to learn about space-science and development, and also to meet fellow space-enthusiasts. We invite institute speakers to our monthly meetings, usually in the fields of astronomy or astrophysics," said Wesley A. Watters '98, SEDS president.

Last night, the SEDS meeting featured Associate Professor of

The Weather

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Todays: Clear, 33°F (PC)

Tomorrow: Clear, rain, 34°F (PC)

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President Clinton Monday announced a new plan to take action on Sweatsheets

By Geoffrey Rea

WASHINGTON

McDougal's Sentence Reduced For Assisting Kenneth Starr

By Michael Haddigan

WASHINGTON POST

James B. McDougal, a former partner with the Clintons in the failed Whitewater Arkansas land venture, pleaded guilty to three years in prison Monday after the defense revealed in a new letter to the judge and a sentencing agreement with the independent counsel that the trial of one of the Clinton administration's latest scandals will end.

The agreement "will improve the live of millions of garment workers around the world," said McDougal, who is serving a 28-month federal sentence after a plea agreement with the independent counsel.

The deal means McDougal, who faces up to 14 years in prison for fraud and conspiracy, will be able to continue his work with the private firm he founded in the late 1980s, the Arkansas-based poultry processor and meat producer.

Starr said he would consider ending his investigation into the Whitewater case before the end of the year, but he did not say when.

"I think it's a fair and reasonable proposal," Starr said.

McDougal's sentence was reduced to five years from up to 14 years under the terms of the plea deal.

The agreement came after a lengthy legal battle between Starr and McDougal's lawyer, who was seeking to negotiate a deal with Starr to reduce McDougal's sentence.

"I hope he will not be punished further," Starr said.

Starr said he would not impose any conditions on McDougal's release, including probation or parole.

McDougal, who was convicted of conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion in 1994, had been serving his sentence in a federal prison in Colorado.

The agreement was reached after Starr and McDougal's lawyer, who was representing McDougal in the plea negotiations, agreed to the terms.

McDougal's lawyer said he had been given a copy of the agreement and would review it before the next court hearing.

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Female Army Trainees Testify About Alleged Sexual Assaults

By Paul Richter

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A succession of women made public for the first time Monday their accusations against the non-commissioned officer portrayed as the worse offender in the Army's widening sex scandal that their testimony may have inflicted its heaviest damage on the reputation of the service itself.

As described by rape and assault allegedly committed by Staff Sgt. Delmar G. Simpson, former trainees at the Aberdeen Proving Ground portrayed a seemingly unsupervised installation where rules created to keep order and protect subordinate women appeared to be uniformly ignored.

The women described a base where two drill sergeants vied to amass the longest list of sexual convictions.

Supreme Court Rejects Claims That Crack Laws Target Blacks

By Joan Biskupic

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court on Monday rejected an appeal that contended that federal sentencing laws discriminated against black powder cocaine dealers by giving white crack cocaine dealers much lighter sentences.

The justices, in an 8-to-1 decision, rejected an appeal by prominent defense attorneys and officials charged with ensuring fairness in prison time.

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Prefrosh Experience Starts with Exclusion

Column by Frank Dobek

M IT rolled out the red carpet this weekend to host newly admitted students for its annual Campus Preview Weekend. The strategy of only targeting women and underrepresented minorities is a clear factor in the exclusionary culture that shows misguided zeal on the part of the administration to achieve the worthy goal of campus diversity.

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Community Service Can Be Rewarding

Column by Abigail Mieko Vargus

MIT tries to provide many public service opportunities to its students. However, not enough of us take advantage of these opportunities. I was excited to hear that about 40 students took advantage of their spring break to go to public schools in Newark, N.J., the Bronx, and Baltimore. Anthony J. Ives G, who organized the trip, noted that it was enjoyable and productive.

That is what I want to point out: We do get isolated here. Our classes and other activities demand so much of our time, and most of us just want to relax when we finish. No matter that there are plenty of opportunities to give a little to the community that we pass up—it's time to sleep.

Okay, sleep is important, but so is public service. I have volunteered time for several community organizations, and I've really gained a lot from the experiences. They are a terrific escape from MIT, too. There was a sweet 6-year-old, Meron, that I tutored for a while. It's a rewarding experience to help someone achieve what they want to do.

And somehow, the tedium of problem sets is a little less harrowing. I spent a summer, full-time, at an educational non-profit in Cambridge (through the generosity of the MIT Public Service Center). I met many of the neighborhood kids and was able to help teach them. I organized volunteers and created a library for the volunteers. I think that this summer gave me more insight on the "real world" than any other summer job I've had.

I asked around and was surprised by how many of my friends were unaware of the opportunities which MIT has. Not only that, but MIT will even give you course credit. My sisters went to Brown. It's a much more liberal and involved environment than our closed, inner-oriented Cambridge home. As such, there were lines of students for programs like Big Brother/Big Sister, and student opportunities were almost all volunteer — and competitive. My sisters think the MIT administration must be crazy because they have to give us incentives to get involved. We're lucky that they do this, and I hope that more of you will take advantage of it.

How? There is a course in the political science department, Community Service: Experience and Reflection (17.903). It is a six-unit course that meets only about four times each term. There is some reading, but the main requirement is a four- to six-hour time commitment to public service. This class is also available in the summer — but with the credit added to your fall course load so that you don't have to pay tuition. Talk about bribery. I encourage anyone who wants to do, that's OK. There are incentives to get involved. We're lucky that they do this, and I hope that more of you will take advantage of it.

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If you don't know what kind of volunteer work you would like to do, that's OK. There is a huge packet of information that you can skim through and pick what sounds interesting. It includes environmental organizations, educational organizations, and political organizations. If you want, you can volunteer at the Computer Museum or the Museum of Science.

While it is too late for this year, the MIT Public Service Center also offers fellowships. Several students are chosen for each summer and for Independent Activities Period to work full-time. Students must apply in early April for the summers and in November for IAP. The fellowships allow MIT students to work in some educational environment while being paid a real salary (more than UROPs — not a measly token). The Public Service Center posters when the time comes.

I hope that it is more ignorance of the opportunities that has kept so many MIT students from becoming involved in the public service. Please take the information from this article and get involved. It's worth it.

Erratum

On the front page of the April 11 issue, a caption incorrectly identified a person in a photograph. The photograph was of former Director of Special Events and the Information Center Mary L. Morrissey, not of Rebecca M. Vest.

This is a big mistake, and we apologize. We wish we could say it never happened.
The Undergraduate Association Council approved funds for a shuttle for students to Logan Airport during finals week and discussed potential changes to the UA constitution at its meeting last night.

The council unanimously voted to allot $3,000 for the shuttle, which will run from the Wednesday during finals until that weekend.

Because there are no statistics on how many people ride the Logan shuttle or which time were the shuttle run, expanded route increased number of routes, bigger or smaller than initially planned to allow for an increase in ridership.

The council also approved a larger budget during finals week in December, the most popular when the shuttle ran.

We're unsure how full the shuttle was last time,” said UA Floor Leader Paul T. Oppold ’99.

To get a better idea in advance of finals week how many people will be riding and to make registration easier, students will register for the shuttle through a page on the World Wide Web. The page will allow students to see which times are filled, reserve a spot for a convenient time, and receive a confirmation.

Constitution changes discussed

The council was split over discussion on potential changes to the UA’s constitution.

The changes would involve requiring the council to hold its first meeting of the full term during the first full week of September. Currently, the council must hold its first meeting during the first full week of October.

The change would allow the council to begin its work earlier in the year, permitting time for eight meetings instead of the six which the fall schedule now allows.

“The momentum (doesn’t) really get going until halfway through the semester” with the present schedule, said Sandra C. Sandovar, president of the Class of 2000 and the UA vice president-elect. “The whole year ends up being not as productive as it could be.”

In addition, with the earlier meetings, people will be able to get down to work fresh from the summer before they are bogged down with class work, Sandovar said.

The council also will be able prepare to welcome new freshmen representatives, who join the council in October after freshman class elections during September.

Several people raised objections to the changes, pointing out that a council meeting during the first week of September would take place before council representatives are actually elected.

“It’s going to be embarrassing if you call a council meeting and no one shows up,” said UA Treasurer Russell S. Light ’99.

Sandovar said that she sees an early September council meeting as an incentive for dormitories and the Interfraternity Council to choose their representatives in the spring so that they will not miss the year’s first council meeting.

Others complained that holding elections during the spring would exclude freshmen in the fall from serving as representatives.

“Freshmen often seem the most excited to help out,” said Edward A. Gordon ’99, JFC representative and chair of the UA Committee on Student Life. “I think you might want to look out for these freshmen who want to join up.”

UA Vice President and President-elect Dedric A. Carter ’98 said that freshmen have other ways to become involved with the UA. The primary way for them to become involved would be to join the freshman class council, Carter said.

The council tabled the proposed changes until its next meeting.

Committees update council

Committee chairs updated the council on the progress of their committees.

Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy and Next House Representative and MS ’99 said that during the next two weeks the CEP will be sending out a flyer to all student organizations describing the faculty rules governing exams so that students can know when professors are scheduling assignments illegally.

The CEP is also working on a comment line on a Web page for students to send comments and suggestions.

Chair of the Social Committee Rita H. Lin ’00 said that the Social Committee has been working with the Campus Activities Complex Program Board to organize Spring Weekend, which begins on April 25.

“We have a lot of events around, and most events are free,” except for the Alpha Phi Omega Spring Carnival, tickets for which will cost a nominal fee, Lin said.

The Committee on Student Life will be releasing a survey on school spirit during the next few weeks, Gordon said.

The impetus for the survey grew out of the idea that “MIT itself has a negative effect on school spirit,” Gordon said. The survey will try to find out if people feel they had more school spirit when they were at high school and if spirit decreases as the longer students are MIT.

The survey will specifically look at whether students attend events held by groups outside the activities they regularly participate in as evidence of their spirit.

The survey will be distributed as part of Gordon’s main assignment for Managerial Psychology Laboratory (15.301) and also will be available on the Web.

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Professor Emeritus of Economics Everly D. Domar died on April 1 in Emerson Hospital in Concord. He was 82.

Domar came to MIT in 1957 as a visiting professor from Johns Hopkins University; he received tenure a year later. In 1972, Domar became one of seven professors endowed by the Ford Foundation. He retired in 1984.

Among Domar's pupils in macroeconomics was Robert William Fogel, winner of the 1993 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics. Domar was an expert on Soviet economics during the Cold War and an early proponent of Keynesian economic theory.

In recent years, Domar remained politically active in his field. Along with 1,100 other economists, he signed an Economic Policy Institute statement opposing the proposed balanced budget amendment.

Domar served as a consultant for the RAND Corp., the Ford Foundation, the Brookings Institution, the National Science Foundation, the Battelle Memorial Institute, and the Institute for Defense Analysis.

Domar was born in Lodz, Poland in 1914. He was raised in Manchuria and emigrated to the United States in 1936.

He received his bachelor of arts from UCLA in 1939, a master of science from University of Michigan in 1940; another MS from Harvard University in 1943, and his doctorate from Harvard in 1947.

Before coming to MIT, Domar taught at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago, and Johns Hopkins.

Domar was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Economic Society, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences.

He was on the executive committee of the American Economic Association from 1962-65, and became the organization's vice president in 1970, when he was also president of the Association for Comparative Economics.

Domar is survived by his wife, Carole, of Concord; two daughters, Alice D. Domar, of Sudbury, and Erica D. Banderoth, of Milton; and three granddaughters.
SEDS Concludes Hale-Bopp Sessions

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Physics Jacqueline N. Hewitt PhD '86, who talked about gravitational lenses and radio astronomy.

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Prefrosh Get a Taste of UROP, Classes, and MIT's Social Scene

Campus Preview, from Page 1

Briton said his UROP tour was informal. "It was great because everybody was happy to discuss what they were doing," he said. Prospective students' first MIT lecture was delivered by Professor of Physics Walter H.G. Lewin, who is known for his MIT Cable program.

Overall, he was a hit. Natalie Chouinard, of Lincoln, Maine, called it "excellent. [Lewin] did a good job of highlighting points and a good job with visuals."

David Rahago, of Euora, Texas, said he was especially impressed by the demonstrations. A significant caveat — a clever combination of chemistry and physics — was particularly popular with freshmen.

Minority focus questioned

In spite of the success of the weekend events, prefrosh and hosts had concerns over other aspects of Campus Preview. Many prefrosh thought the weekend, which targets women and minorities, should be extended to all prospective students.

"The weekend should be a Campus Preview Weekend open to all," because if you make the separation of women and minorities, it seems too much like you're targeting them," said Nehdia Mumuni, of Dallas. "No matter what color you are, you're going to have to go through the same things," Mumuni said, recalling a comment made at a minority discussion that took place Thursday night. "The same," she continued, "can be said about being female.

Dana Scott, of Doylestown Pa., concurred. "Since the weekend is geared towards women and minorities, the [view] is kind of skewed," she said.

But Alsiha Thomas, of Chicago, felt differently. "It was a good idea, because other schools pretend like [race] is not an issue, and you can be 'disillusioned' if you know what to expect, it's a lot easier."

Prefrosh may hide real MIT

Some hosts worried that the prefrosh might not have had a real taste of MIT, including the workload and pressure, a worry that some prefrosh shared.

"I don't know how representative [the weekend] really is of life at MIT," given that everything is planned," Mumuni said. Mumuni echoed those concerns. "My host told me that a lot of people won't be doing work because they have their work done to show you a good time," she said.

"You feel compelled to sell the better side of MIT," said host Cherry Liu '00. "You have to break the stereotypes that people hold about MIT, so [host] try to sell the party and entertainment theme."

Yet other hosts, especially those with a test on Thursday in Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) or on Friday in Differential Equations (18.03), felt that their prefrosh got a real view of the tougher side of MIT. "[My prefrosh] saw everybody studying," said Lucy D. Crespo De Silva '00. "They saw that during the week we have a lot of pressure."

Regardless, most prefrosh said the weekend did successfully dispel some of their negative assumptions about MIT.

"Campus Preview Weekend was really different from my preconceptions," said Joyce Wei, of Warren, N.J. Pearl Chin, of San Jose, Calif., also had similar feelings. The weekend "kind of changed my perceptions about MIT," she said.

"I was surprised at how friendly people were," said Yu Zhang, of North Haven, Conn.

"When I visited other schools and told people I was considering MIT, people told me not to go to MIT, and they gave me these images about MIT being a place where people walk around with pocket protectors. But I found they were wrong."

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were allowed to spend the weekend at FSILGs. In the past, students have expressed concerns that the weekend could turn into a rush pool.

But hosts in FSILGs felt that every consideration was taken to ensure that this would not be the case. "Our house manager told us that we were rushing for MIT and not the house," said Student House resident Chun Hua Zheng '96.

"I was more concerned about whether [my prefrosh] was getting a chance to meet MIT," said Ryan S. Chavez '00, a member of Chi Phi fraternity. "He can make a housing decision when he gets here."

Noting the value of allowing FSILGs to host, Pilar resident Rosa Villalobos '96 said that there's a real variety of living groups and the prefrosh should have a chance to see them.
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By LSC Price Hike

Overall, student reaction to the planned price increase varied between unhappy and unconcerned. "I think it's silly because other universities show movies for free and even bring in bands," said Roopa Das '98. "MIT doesn't offer us anything but instead charges us. People won't do anything about it because they're apathetic and they'll still go. I'm not going to boycott it or anything.

For others the price increase didn't make much of a difference. "It's still substantially cheaper than movie theatres," which also have the "added cost of transportation and time," said Olufemi A. Omojola '98. Jamie P. Vinsant '99 agreed. "It's still worth it (compared to) spending $7 at a movie theater," he said. "I understand that they need to do this to keep their business going."

"I go at least five times a term, and I'll still go," said Ericka Moreno '99. "We get free previews and an eclectic selection of movies."

Despite the price increase and the financial losses, Marchant said that he does not expect any drastic changes. "What we are doing is not unreasonable," he said. "We did not see any other way to ensure we could continue to show a wide variety of the newest and most popular films on campus."

Marchant said that LSC is "looking into something new for the fall. Also, plans for new discount programs for living groups and frequent attendees are in progress to offer price reductions."

"We [also] have bigger titles coming up than we did earlier this term," he said.

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Although the weather was wet and drizzly, the water on the 2,000-meter course, on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, was flat with a slight tailwind. The conditions made for excellent rowing conditions.

The first freshman eight race was the first event. Five hundred meters into the race, Holy Cross had edged out a slight lead over MIT's freshman eight comprised of Sahar Amousparg '90 (coxswain), Seth Newburg '90, Chad Brodel '90, Eric Bevan '99, Jim O'Donnell '93, Harald Hoegh '00, Joshua Kaufman '90, Kartik Mani '00, and Ben Booth '99.

Holy Cross slightly increased this lead during the rest of the race to cross the line first in 6:25.4. MIT's first freshman crossed about a boat length behind Holy Cross in a time of 6:29.5, but ahead of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, which finished third in 6:39.6.

In the closest and most exciting race of the day, the lightweight second varsity boat edged out a 0.1 second victory over Holy Cross: The boat comprised of Andrew Woz '97 (coxswain), Joel Johnson '98, Shawn Hwang '99, Jeff Muero '99, Jean-Paul Polish '97, Haiwei Guo '97, Felix Lam '97, Sameer Shah '97, and Steven Huang '97 finished in 6:27.2.

The two boats overlapped for most of the course, with MIT behind for the first half of the race. In the third 500 meters, MIT made a drive to earn a boat-length lead over Holy Cross as they entered the final 500 meters of the race.

At that point, Holy Cross began to make a strong move into MIT, but a well-calculated early sprint by MIT allowed the boat to hold off the Holy Cross drive for their victory.

The final two races of the day were dominated by MIT. The second freshman eight, of Jeff Haidar '98 (coxswain), Jeremy Hui '00, Jason Sharma '00, David Haggerty '00, Amr Kendale '99, Veeral Shah '00, Mark Mosse '00, Stuart Jackson '00, Francisco Tamayo '00, had a strong start which placed them solidly ahead of Holy Cross by the first 500 meters. The boat, gradually built upon the lead to finish in 6:42.6, while Holy Cross finished more than a boat length of water behind in 6:49.2.

The varsity boat of Joe Irineo '96, Garrett shock '97, Chris Liu '98, Erik Bailey G, Paul Crippled '99, Kris Kendall '98, Dan Frisk '99, and Jorge Broggi '97, had a solid start and was ahead by half a boat length by the time their start sequence had finished. From there, the boat steadily increased its lead to finish in 6:07.1, while Holy Cross finished over two boat lengths behind in 6:17.8.

The varsity put together a solid race that corrected some of the problems they experienced in Saturday's race against Harvard and Dartmouth on the Charles River.

Harvard wins Biglin Bowl Saturday's race, The Biglin Bowl, has been won by Harvard for the past two years, and they have won the bowl 37 times since the cup was established 43 years ago.

The conditions for the race were very good. Although the races began relatively late in the morning, the water was flat with a slight tailwind down the course.

After the start of the varsity race Harvard had a solid six-seat lead over MIT and Dartmouth, which grew throughout the race. For the first 1000 meters, it was a close race for second between MIT and Dartmouth, with MIT having a slight two-seat advantage over Dartmouth for much of this time.

However, in the third 500 meters of the race, Dartmouth handled the weather efficiently and took advantage of a drop in the speed of MIT, to move ahead by eight seats.

However, the Engineers refrained and made a solid move back into Dartmouth. Unfortunately, the drive was not enough to pass Dartmouth and into second place.

Harvard finished in a time of 5:31.6, followed by Dartmouth in 5:59.3, and MIT in 6:02.2. Although the varsity lost, it was the closest they have finished to both Harvard and Dartmouth in many years in the race.

Dartmouth finished first in the remaining three races of the day. MIT's second varsity finished in third in their race with a time of 6:47.7 to Dartmouth's 6:03.3, and Harvard's 6:09.4.

MIT finished third in the first freshman race with a time of 6:36.8, while Dartmouth finished with a 6:14.2 and Harvard with a 6:21.6.

The second freshman finished fourth in their race with a time of 6:44.6 while Dartmouth finished in 6:22.9 and Harvard in 6:30.0. Harvard's third freshman boat finished in a time of 6:40.2, while their fourth freshman boat finished in 6:50.8.

The team races Columbia University and Cornell University in New York City on Saturday, and the varsity will race Yale University and Boston College on Sunday. The team's next home race is Saturday, April 26 against Rutgers University.

**Upcoming Home Events**

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- Men's Tennis vs. Brandeis University, 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 17**
- Men's Lacrosse vs. Massachusetts Maritime Academy, 3:30 p.m.
- Women's Lacrosse vs. Elms College, 6 p.m.