Students Protest Against The Tech

With Charges of Racist Tendencies

By Zareena Houssain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A group of students distributed pamphlets in protest of The Tech. The pamphlet presented at last night's associate editors' meeting outlined the protesters' grievances of a growing atmosphere of intolerance on campus. The pamphlet included a letter addressed to The Tech editorial staff outlining the protesters' grievances against The Tech as well as a platform for increasing multicultural awareness at MIT. The protesters collected issues of The Tech from various distribution points on campus and moved them to Lobby 7.

Protest served dual purpose

The purpose of the protest was two-fold, said Joaquin S. Terentes '97, the organizer of the protest. He said the goal was to make people aware of racial issues and to highlight the lack of resources for racial minorities on campus. Part of their goals was to make The Tech more representative of the student body.

The protesters stated in the pamphlet that "The Tech's comfort in using racist humor is only indicative of a growing atmosphere of intolerance on campus." To combat this intolerance, the pamphlet listed demands for resources currently lacking on campus. Two resources that required immediate attention were an Asian American administrator to address the needs of Asian American students, and an ethnic studies program, the pamphlet said. "Currently, there are 30 classes that deal with ethnicity and race," Terentes said. "However, they are scattered across the campus."

Students don't know about them."

Some longer term goals outlined in the pamphlet were the establishment of an Asian American studies program, an increase in the number of minority students, and the involvement of more minority students in editorial decisions. The students also called for more minority professors to teach courses in black, Hispanic, and Native American American studies, an increase in the number of minorities in the administration, and a comprehensive, mandatory program that focuses on diversity for all students during the Residence and Orientation Week. "I think that it's something that will improve the color of our student body, in particular, and everyone as a whole," Terentes said.

Letter outlines racist stereotypes

The letter in the pamphlet listed "The weather. Page 2

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Groups Hold Events
At Spring Weekend

By Jennifer Lane
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Blue skies and temperatures in the high 40s this weekend had college towns outdoors to participate in Spring Weekend activities. Many dean's offices continued to host events to raise funds and provided a venue for students and guests to spend time on campus.

At the end of the evening, Jonas M. Arceletta '90, who played an impromptu set of jazz for his talent display, was declared the winner. "I won because I had the most people supporting me," Arceletta said. "They had never heard me play before Spring Weekend." Arceletta won $120 in gift certificates to The Coop.

"It went pretty well, and I had one of the best displays," said Mary C. Oelback '98, president of WILG. The event raised more than $400 for the Rape Crisis Center, and approximately 70 people attended the concert, she said.

APU Spring Carnival returns

Saturday marked the revival of Spring Weekend.
**Court Allows Baltimore to Ban Cigarette Ads on Billboards**

WASHINGTON

In another setback for the tobacco industry, the Supreme Court Monday cleared the way for Baltimore to enforce a citywide ban on billboards advertising cigarettes or beer.

The move, while not a final ruling on the matter, is likely to encourage other cities to ban public ads for tobacco products. It also suggests that the ban will not face a First Amendment barrier in seeking to restrict cigarette advertising directed at minors.

The vote was 5-4, with Justice Rehnquist acting as the lone dissenter. The Supreme Court has quickly challenged the measure on First Amendment grounds.

The Supreme Court, in its ruling Monday, did not hand down a written ruling on the First Amendment issue at stake in the Baltimore case (Penn Advertising vs. Baltimore, 96-1429), but simply refused to review the lower court's ruling. Under the Supreme Court's rules, Monday's ruling left open the possibility the high court will address the issue in a future case.

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**State Securities Officials Reach Pact on Regulating Planners**

WASHINGTON

Investors doing business with small investment advisory and financial planning firms could get some long-awaited help from regulators in their efforts to protect them from incompetent or dishonest planners.

The Securities and Exchange Commission previously had resisted attempts to regulate planners, who, until recently, have been largely unregulated, with other federal or state authorities.

Representatives of state securities regulators met with state officials who signed the document Sunday in Washington. The agreement means increasingly rely on planners and risk new rules are adopted by other organizations.

The in-association of understandings comes a year after Congress delegated to the regulatory powers over second-tier advisers and planners.

The Securities and Exchange Commission previously had responsibility to supervise advisers, but said its resources were not adequate to all the firms operating.

-- By Gerard Roe

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**Rebels Perpetrate ‘Barbarism’ Against Children, U.N. Says**

LOS ANGELES TIMES

U.N. officials Monday called it an "abominable" catastrophe that thousands of malnourished Rwandan children were receiving emergency food and that they were being loaded onto the back of a truck to be driven away to an unknown fate.

The U.N. messenger was used to inform the former prime minister of the Zairean rebel, headed by Laurent Kabila, that he had all the resources and was ready to help the United Nations in its efforts to bring back the group of children who had been left at the hospital in Lwiro, 22 miles north of Bukavu near the Rwandan border.

The Children were tossed onto the back of a truck to be driven away to a hospital where 50 severely ill and hungry children were prepared to begin a long- delayed emergency airlift Tuesday aimed at routing them to Rwanda as quickly as possible.

In another etback for the atory industry, the supreme Court has been seen as a test of whether such restrictions could survive a First Amendment challenge.

-- By John Dankszewski

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**Clintons Call on Volunteers to Help Children in Danger**

**By Blaine Harden**

THE WASHINGTON POST

The problem facing America's vulnerable children are well beyond the capacity of government to address. In comments here Monday as he called on private individuals to help solve the problem, President Clinton said: "If we're going to leave behind in lives of too much danger.

"Even if we do everything we should, and I know a lot of the problems facing our children are problems of the heart," said Clinton, delivering the keynote address for the President's Summit for Children.

One-on-one mentoring of vulnerable children by successful adults is a key principle of the White House initiative advanced by Clinton and by the for-profit private sector and by the presidents, 30 governors and more than 100 mayors attending the three-day summit.

"I'm going to ask you," said Clinton, "to find a way to get 1 million children in need of mentors in 1997.

"In terms of numbers, the task may seem staggering. But if we look at the problem as a total of the needs of children, then the task is manag-

able," said Clinton, "I believe we can make a difference".

"Let's say we know what they need. They need adults to show them the way.

To put more mentors, teachers and other full-time volunteers to work, Clinton Monday proposed a

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**Weather**

Buds of May

By Gerard Roe

THE WASHINGTON POST

Tuesday will see clearing skies as yesterday's miserable system clears out of the way to be replaced by a high pressure system build-

ing in from the west. Highs for the time in the 80s and lows for the first time in a week and the clouds on the way to a clear day.

Today: Mostly sunny. Moderate northwest winds. High 62°F (17°C), Low 45°F (7°C)

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 43°F (7°C).

Wednesday: Increasing high clouds toward day's end. Chance of overnight rain. High 62°F (17°C), Low 45°F (7°C).

Thursday: Chance of rain. High about 68°F (20°C), Low about 45°F (7°C).
Republic of Texas Hostages Set Free in Prisoner Exchange

By Sue Anne Pressley

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A couple held hostage as "prisoners of war" were released Monday morning after authorities arranged an unusual prisoner exchange with a separatist group demanding independence for Texas.

In a move that law enforcement officials have not fully explained, Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe were set free early Monday after police allowed a Republic of Texas member arrested on weapons charges to leave jail and return to the group's armed headquarters in these remote mountains of southwest Texas.

Richard McLean, the ambassador of the group, and his followers still refused to surrender to authorities, beginning day two of a standoff that apparently has police in a quandary about how to avoid further bloodshed. Joe Rowe, 51, and Margaret Ann Rowe, 47, were listed in critical condition at a Texas hospital. They were not arrested earlier.

"This man is not in his right mind," he said. "He stands no chance of winning. He might keep them at bay a few days, but the ultimate result is going to be prison or death."

Local Elections in Italy Boost Communist Conservatives

By Bertie G. Farnum

The center-left Democrats, who lack majority support in the lower house of parliament, won majority support in direct elections to mayoral offices on Sunday.

The elections also set the stage for negotiations next month on trimming the welfare state. Communist Refoundation Party has stated it will oppose any cuts.

The elections in Milan and Turin illustrate how the Communists wield influence on the government's coalition. In both cities, they ran candidates leading in the two northern cities, at the expense of the Separate Northern League, but not by big enough margins to avoid runoffs on May 11 against candidates from the center-left coalition.

Alfredo Moro, the late prime minister of the center-left coalition, was killed in a murder last year by the Red Brigades, an extreme left-wing group.

In Milan and Turin, they ran candidates, drawing 8 percent of the vote in Milan and 7 percent in Turin. The center-left coalition is comprised of the Socialists and center parties.

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By Bertie G. Farnum

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Spring Weekend Needs More Unity

This past weekend, several campus groups sponsored events for Spring Weekend. Unlike past years, there was a genuine push to sell several events under the one broad heading of Spring Weekend. Many advertisements included the whole spectrum of events, ranging from the International Fair to the Alpha Phi Omega Spring Carnival to Alpha Phi’s Alpha Phiama. The effort by Spring Weekend organizers to create an event that appeals to the whole MIT community deserves a good deal of praise and applause.

However, Spring Weekend fell short of being an event for all students. While many student activities and living groups held events, there was no unifying theme linking the different events. Most people attended Spring Weekend only for a single event. Many students who went to the Philea Market went only for the Philea Market; students who went to Mr. Spring Weekend went for Mr. Spring Weekend. While the individual activities may have done well by themselves, Spring Weekend unfortunately did not.

The APO Spring Carnival could have served to bring different circles of students to come to Spring Weekend. Booths at the carnival were offered to student activities and living groups, but in the end, only three groups participated. Certainly, booths by different student groups would have contributed to a more festive, carnival-type atmosphere than some of the events offered. The Velcro wall and the bungee run both were more popular with Cambridge area elementary schoolers than with MIT students.

Other factors could have improved turnout. Spring Weekend was hurt by the absence of a big-name band playing in the Spring Concert. In previous years, the concerts have had attendances of over 1,000. This dwarfs the small crowd present at the Battle of the Bands Final this year. Even offering food at events would have made a big difference in attendance, and it may be just one reason why the International Fair outwore the carnival. Other planned events, like “Dunk-A-Dean” and the presentation of the Big Screw, never happened.

Rarely does MIT see an attempt at an activity designed to raise school spirit. Living groups have their own parties, but those parties usually target specific groups of people and are not intended to improve the overall level of student life. And when there is an effort, it often fails, like last year’s Undergraduate Association Field Day, which succeeded only in distributing free submarine sandwiches. These undertakings all too often disappear after one try.

This year’s Spring Weekend has started the move toward becoming a big social event for all MIT students. And although Spring Weekend may not have succeeded in doing so this year, there is no doubt that organizers continue this effort, interest and participation will improve. We hope that all the groups involved this year will be back next year with the same enthusiasm to produce a Spring Weekend that will draw more interest.

To Our Readers

Last Friday, several groups protested their concerns about The Tech in Lobby 7. That protest followed criticism of The Tech earlier this term in Lobby 7 and an event in which a student held up a piece of paper. We acknowledge that people have three concerns and hope that our readers will continue to communicate their concerns to us, both to our editors and in our opinion pages.

We are open to dialogue and encourage any interested individuals and groups to come to talk to our editors, at any time, about any issues. The Tech is committed to reporting on the full breadth of issues affecting all MIT students, and, with the help of our readers, we welcome new staffers, in all departments, throughout the year.

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complaints against The Absolut Tech, which "consistently resorted to stereotypical depictions of people of color for its humor," the letter said.

"The letter also said that "racist humor has always had a place at The Tech," including the "Rhino Man" comic the paper ran. One of the characters in "Rhino Man" was considered by the protesters to promote anti-Asian stereotypes."

"Comics such as "Rhino Man" can cause resentment toward people of color," Terrones said. "In a racist society like the U.S., it takes very little to rile people up against people of color," Terrones said.

The letter was signed by the Asian Pacific American Caucus, La Union Chicana por Aztlán, the Black Students Union; the MIT Arab Alliance Against Racism; the Committee for Social Justice; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Friends at MIT; the Alternative News Collective; Student Party for a Progressive Movement; and Black Graduate Student Association.

Protesters threaten to boycott

The letter later said, "We are also within our rights to boycott a newspaper that reiterates the same stereotypes that are used to oppress us daily."

"The point of a stereotype is that you don't have to think" about the person being stereotyped, Terrones said. "You've dehumanized them."

"We are sending a copy of this letter to all your advertisers to let them know why we will not be reading your newspaper anymore," the letter said.

The protesters have sent the letter to MIT offices and departments and are currently compiling a list of advertisers to whom to send the letter, Terrones said.

Individual leaders of most of the groups that signed the letter refused to comment on the protest, instead each issuing this statement separately: "Since we are currently boycotting The Tech, we do not feel that it would be appropriate for us to respond to your questions. We have no desire to continue any dialogue within the pages of your newspaper. Until we see a substantive change in your newspaper's attitudes towards people of color, we will work with you only with the administration as an intermediary."

The Alternative News Collective and the BISA could not be reached for comment.

The Tech responds to accusations

Editor in Chief of The Tech David D. Hsu '98 responded to accusations of anti-Asian sentiment within the pages of the newspaper.

"I am an Asian American," Hsu said. "I do not consider myself insensitive to the issues of Asian Americans."

"The Tech has always tried to be objective in its coverage in its coverage of issues involving the MIT community," Hsu said. "There has never been any racially malicious intent on the part of Tech staffers or editors."

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The letter also stated that The Tech's response to calls for dialogue at a forum held by some of the student groups on the issue of racism in the media was "not only to recirculate [The Tech's] racist stereotypes of Asians, but also to target other minority groups."

"No Tech staffers or editors were personally invited or invited as a group" to the forum, Hsu said. "Dialogue can be achieved in better ways than a pillar poster."

"I think I've differentiated him from a caricature," Emig said. "I don't think people should promote anti-Asian stereotypes," Emig said, adding that the protesters efforts were "misguided."
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**SOLUTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TECH**
Weekend à la MIT

Photos by Rita H. Lin and Gábor Csányi

Students Boost Cultures at International Fair

By Max K. Tao

Students from 56 groups created a diverse universe of culture and entertainment last Friday, at the annual International Student Fair (I-Fair). "I-Fair is an event unique in the life of MIT students. It's the one and only event that brings together so many students from so many different cultures," said Rita H. Lin '99, co-chair of the UFAS Committee, which organized the event.

The I-Fair was held on the Student Center steps during the week, as part of the annual Spring Weekend. "It was an exciting event this year and we had a lot of students who came," said Ania W. Mierzejewska '98, president of the European Club.

The event featured cultural performances, food, and games. "It's been a lot of fun," said Kim Van '99, president of the International Students Association.

"I-Fair was a huge success this year. It's been the largest event, and it really fulfills the goal of ISA," said Aniko Salamon '99, ISA's president.

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"You learn about the culture, music, dance, and art," said Sharon D. Mussalli, a Tufts University junior. "It's been in her family for quite a while."

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Bike Police Receive Additional Training

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The Tech campus when it was founded in 1992. At the time other urban police departments were just beginning to find their own bicycle units, but the practice has become increasing common among urban departments. Currently, the Campus Police are working on organizing joint bicycle patrols with the Cambridge Police.

When the unit was first proposed and organized, Chief Anne P. Glavin had some doubts. "I worried a lot about accidents. There have been a couple of accidents over the years, but nothing wildly serious, and nothing that would make me rethink the unit."

Also, Glavin could see the positive side of the new project. "The benefits were obvious from the start. We get increased mobility, and we get much better contact with people in the community."

Outfitting the officers to patrol on bicycles costs about $1,000 per officer, including costs for uniforms, bicycles, and equipment. The officers wear special uniforms designed for bicycle duty, and their bicycles are equipped with headlights for night patrols. On the back of each bicycle, the officers carry a first-aid bag, since MIT officers are also certified emergency medical technicians. The bicycle unit's ability to carry this equipment is an advantage over traditional foot patrols. In all, units carry 40 to 50 pounds of equipment with them, including gear worn by the officer.

Each year, officers volunteer to be part of the bicycle unit, which currently consists of seven patrolmen and a supervising sergeant. Officers are expected to stay with the unit for several years. "We're looking for dedication over the longer run," Glavin said.

Many of the officers who volunteer ride bicycles recreationally, although not all of them do. Peterson, who can often be seen patrolling the west side of campus during the day, was a regular mountain bicycle rider before he joined the unit. He decided to volunteer both because of the extra exercise and the extra contact with the community.

Officers receive special training

New members of the unit receive several days of intense training before they can go out on patrol. Officers learn to ride their bicycles through shallow water, jump logs, and ride up and down inclines and stairs. "It's pretty wild," Baratta said.

Learning to patrol on a bicycle also means adjusting attitudes toward both the equipment and learning new methods of law enforcement. During training, officers are taught to throw their bicycle over barriers before climbing over, and ride it up and down stairs, without worrying about possible damage to the bicycle, Peterson said. "You're not there to protect the bicycle."

Officers also have to learn how to deal with problems situations when arriving on a bicycle. These officers often arrive before other units, so personal safety is a concern. When confronted by someone with a weapon, bicycle officers cannot use their vehicles as a shield the same way officers responding by car might, using the bicycle to get some distance is often a better idea, Peterson said.

Despite being a regular bicycle rider, Peterson didn't find the training easy. "I got an award for being the most motivated — I guess they never saw a 50-year-old guy fall off a bicycle that many times."

MIT has also used the bicycle unit to focus on bicycle-related crime problems. Last summer, to combat an increase in bicycle thefts, plainclothes officers on bicycles were used to bolster enforcement efforts.

With the bicycle unit entering their fifth year on campus, Glavin is happy she decided to approve their formation. "They've been very well received by the community," Glavin said.

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Plan Would Reopen Dorm Dining Halls

Dining halls may be reopened

The dining group has consensually
agreed to reopen many of the closed
west campus dining halls, Walsh said.

In the process of determining
what level of support to give to dor-
mitory-based dining, the group
found that some dormitories were
structured to favor dining halls,
while others were structured toward
personal cooking.

Under the proposal, six dormi-
itories would become known as "din-
ning hall residences," including
Baker House, Next, McCormick
Hall, MacGregor House, and
Ashdown House. In these dormi-
tories, "the focus of dining in the
community would be the dining
hall." Sher said.

Unlike the other dining facilities
on campus, the dining halls in resi-
dences would all be bid to one con-
tractor. Dormitory dining halls have
a "different philosophy" than other
facilities on campus, and have other
needs besides the maximization of
profit, Sher said.

In the remaining dormitories,
which would be labeled "personal
cooking residences," MIT would
provide cleaning and maintenance
facilities for group kitchens to
encourage more community cook-
ing.

In addition, members of all dor-
mitories would be encouraged to
"expand beyond its designation" by
creating special "community meals"
in the dormitory or in other dining
facilities, Walsh said. For example,
Senior House residents could work
together to have an occasional com-
mon meal in the dormitory or in
nearby Morz Hall.

Over time, the group hopes that the "dining program in a house
would become part of the culture of
the house" that could be considered
by residents selecting dormitories
during Residence and Orientation
Week, Walsh said.

Concerns expressed about dining

Many of those present at the
meeting expressed their concern that
members of the current dormitories
would not support the reopening of
their halls.

"We're setting some standards
for what we'd like to happen," Walsh
said. "We feel [the dining halls] need
to be utilized."

Because serious financial invest-
ment may be required for some din-
ning halls to reopen, the plans are
subject to change, Walsh said.

The McCormick dining hall is
likely to reopen very soon, possibly
as soon as this summer or fall, said
John S. Hollywood G, a member of
the working group. McCormick resi-
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support for the dining hall, he said.

In other halls, such as Burton-
Cromer, equipment has become out-
dated since the hall was closed. In
addition, the social implications of
reclaiming space that has been con-
verted to other uses will have to be
discussed, Walsh said.

Reopening other dining halls
may adversely affect Baker
House's dining operation, which
is currently almost breaking even,
said Jennifer R. Bautista '98, presi-
dent of Baker.

"If you serve good food, other
people will show up and start to
use" dining facilities, ensuring
their continued profitability, she
said.

Concerns about dining halls
reopening come from many sources.

"We will address this concern,
" generate solutions to problems as
" they present themselves," Walsh said.

"This concerns us in addition to
" other issues we have to deal with,
" such as cost," he added.

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The varsity heavyweight crew team expanded their spring season record to 5-2 with a solid victory over the University of New Hampshire on the Charles River on Saturday morning. This record by the 1997 heavyweights puts them among the best two or three crews in the past 10 years at MIT.

On Sunday morning, the team raced University of New Hampshire at home on the Charles River. In the first race of the day, MIT’s second novice boat placed second to UNH. In the first novice race, MIT’s boat rowed an aggressive race finishing just a second behind UNH.

Mount Holyoke Takes NEW 8 Crew Trophy

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An awards ceremony followed the day of races. Points were awarded for each race based on the finishing place of each crew. For the first time in five years, Mt. Holyoke (34 points) managed to beat MIT (30) for the points trophy.

MIT races against UNH

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In the varsity eight race, MIT lost to UNH. Although the team felt that they had rowed an aggressive race, they all felt slightly tired from racing the previous afternoon.

This week the team will focus on preparing for the New England Championships this coming Saturday in Worcester. The races will give the team the opportunity to race against some of the schools they had lost to earlier in the season.

“I am very excited for this upcoming weekend. All season we have been picking up speed, and I am confident that we will beat some of the crews we have lost to earlier this year,” Frech said.

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Women’s Crew Finishes Well in Weekend Races

By Amy Gieffers Staff Writer

On Saturday afternoon, the varsity women's crew team finished in second in the New England Women's Eight regatta against Mount Holyoke College, Wellesley College, and Smith College. Mount Holyoke placed first.

The race had originally been scheduled for the previous weekend but was postponed because of inclement weather. The day began with MIT placing second in a time of 6 minutes 47 seconds compared to Mt. Holyoke’s 6:44 in the varsity race.

The Engineers raced into a two-seat lead over Rutgers in the first 500 meters. Mount Holyoke followed in 7:08, and Smith finished second in a time of 7:15.


The first varsity lightweight boat leaves Rutgers University behind in their victory Saturday on the Charles River. MIT won the race in 6:21.5, while Rutgers finished in 6:26.9.

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Lightweights Defeat Rutgers for Important Victory

By Erik S. Baleshy Staff Writer

The varsity lightweight crew team had a solid victory over Rutgers University Saturday on the Charles River to end their regular racing season with a 4-3 record. The team has won the past few years for the squad and won by 8:04.3, while Rutgers’ third varsity finished in a time of 8:04.3, while Rutgers’ second varsity boat, from bow to stern, of Steve Huang ’97, Samore Shah ’97, Felix Lam ’97, Haiwei Guo ’97, and Bill Chen ’97 (coxswain), defeated Rutgers in a time of 7:59.0.

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The team will next race at the Eastern Sprints on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Sunday, May 11.

Men’s Track Record Prevails for Undefeated Season

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Women’s Track Record Prevails for Undefeated Season

By Jennifer Yang Staff Writer

The first-ever sweep of the meet was also at the event. Harvard University, Boston College, Babson and Bentley Colleges were among the teams that the MIT players would be out-

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