Sailors cop Moore Trophy

On Sunday, eleven members of the Varsity sailors, captained by Skipper Peter Kattes '70, rendezayed to the Coast Guard Academy to participate in the first sailing of the Harvy Moore Trophy, formerly the Coast Guard Island Interscholastic. Each of the teams from Coast Guard, Harvard, MIT, New England Institute, Tufts, and Yale had to field two dinghy crews, plus one reserve, and were divided into four classes: Navy, Green, Black, and Pink. They sailed at 1-1 in the first race and 2-3 in the second. Consequently, MIT athletics are put into a unique position. These races, rating from the MIT standpoint was a victory for the school, MIT athletics exist for the students who participate. The coaches at MIT are relieved of the added pressures of recruiting high school athletes, the athletic department’s “no cut” policy. Every student who goes out for a varsity sport, regardless of ability, is given equal opportunity to play. However, seldom do Tech varsity coaches leave the school to coach at other institutions. And rarely are Tech coaches relieved of the added pressures of recruiting athletes. Thus, Tech coaches are hired on their ability to coach a particular sport, not on their ability to recruit athletes. Consequently, MIT athletics are put into a unique position.