MacG wins Richards; '72 cops class victory

By Brad Biddleseux

MacGregor House won the race for senior eights to highlight MIT crew's annual Class Day Regatta last Saturday on the Charles River. In the traditional interclass event, the Class of '72 came through like champions—defeating their sophomore and junior underlings.

This marked the second consecutive triumph for the MacGregories, rowing under their "Sunken Looms" colors, in the Richards' Cup race. Coxed by varsity veteran Dave Burns '72, the MacGregor eight held off continued challenges by Delta Upsilon to win by a little less than a length over the 1500 meter course. DU was stroked by former lightweight varsity captain Bruce Anderson '69.

"The Lightening Crew" of the Class of '72 got out in front by a length and held that advantage in the race for the inter-class championship. Rowing in a windy chill, the seniors had a good start and gradually moved to a considerable lead over the juniors in the first 500 meters. Then a battle ensued as the sophomores challenged and passed over the faltering juniors. The "Fifoon Rombers" (Class of '74) moved steadily on the "Petey mother Express" (Class of '73) and then made a bid for the lead as the crews passed on the Pierce Boathouse. But the more experienced seniors successfully maintained the edge in the last 500 meters, winning by about a length. The victorious Lightening Crew was composed of Steve Chester, cox; Mike Rowley, stroke; Gary Stahl;7; Vance Smith; 6; Larry Bahler, 5; Joe Chessin, cox; Mike Rowny, 4; Charles Goodrich, 3.

Above left, the MIT women's crew rows in the junior eight race. They qualified for the final by finishing second in their heat, and placed fourth in final, competing against all male crews. Above right, the "Lightening Crew" of the Class of '72 (background) begins to move out in the inter-class event. Class of '73 stroke Pete Billings looks over at the sophomore boat in the picture at right. Coxswain of the boat is John Malarkey '71, ex-light varsity captain. Open your eyes, John! Below, the stern four of the women's eight holds a four-seat advantage over a group of hard pulling Wellesley girls. MIT won by 1/3 of a boatlength.

Sailors first in coed event

MIT's men and women sailors closed out their regular season this past weekend, as they participated in two intercollegiate regattas on the Charles River. Although both all-male and all-female teams were present at both events, most schools entered teams comprised of members of both their men's and women's squads.

On Saturday, Tech's representatives placed first, besting runner-up Harvard by seven points. The morning races were plagued by light and variable winds, but a brisk northeast breeze in the afternoon made the competition more interesting.

Maria Borzato '73 and Walter Frank '74 co-dipped MIT's A-Division entry, tying for first place in their division. Lynn Roylance '72 and Randy Young '74 sailed in Division B, winning low-point honors. Participating schools were MIT 26, Harvard 33, Northeastern 44, Boston University 47, Coast Guard 47, Tufts 61, Yale 65, Newton College 71, Amherst 82, Stonehill 83, Skidmore 112.

On Sunday, in a regatta shortened due to lack of wind, Shelley Bernstein '74, Martha Donahue '75, Steve Shantzis '73, and Frank Keil '73 sailed the MIT squad to a fourth place finish in the seven-school fleet. Due to the conditions, only three races were sailed.

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