Pub features relaxation

By Steven Kahnman

The Muddy Charles Pub, which serves inexpensive beer and wine to members of the MIT community over 21, is open to all and provides a place to relax, have a beer, meet new people, listen to music, "...it is subsidized by the Graduate Student Council and is officially a non-profit venture, thus allowing it to maintain its prices at significantly less than local restaurants and bars. The Pub is entirely a graduate student operation, from the eight paid bartenders to those who keep the books and sponsor special activities.

Complete with wall-to-wall carpeting, crayons, comfortable chairs, music, and a dart board, the Muddy Charles is located on the first floor of Walker, in the northeast corner. Students can bring their meals from the Walker cafeteria, or eat in the Pub by just going through the doors at the bottom of the stairs. At present, all students, undergrads and grads alike, are welcomed at the Muddy Charles (which is open Monday through Friday 11 am to 2 pm and 4:30 pm until everyone leaves.

The beer is Budweiser at a quarter per oz, cup or $2.50 for a gallon pitcher. The Pub also stocks various Almaden wines at 40 - 50 cents for seven oz., and Boone's Farm for a quarter for the same amount. Soft drinks, nuts, potato chips, and other salty snacks are also sold.

Bartender Paul Engel stressed that the Muddy Charles can handle parties, degree celebrations and such. Given a little advance notice, they can supply almost any quantity of Bud.

Recently, the Pub has been doing fairly well. Lunch and Thursday and Friday nights are usually crowded while other times vary. A large number of faculty also visit, and Secretary of the Graduate Student Council Laura Hawkins noted that the Pub is very popular with those in Physical Plant.

However, business is not as good as it could be. To increase interest, special events are being planned. On Registration Day a pub party was held, complete with barmalads. Since then, the presence of barmalads has been erratic, but any girl who admit to drinking age and would like to try their hand at the volunteer job are urged to contact Judy Conforth of the Graduate Student Council at 354-7717. Other events are being arranged for the future, including Monday Ladies Night, dart tournaments, and total consumption contests.

If you're over 21 and thirsty or underaged but just don't like the bustling atmosphere of Walker, try dropping by the Muddy Charles sometime soon.

Tech takes big winks tilt

By Peter Rubenstein

The MIT tiddlywinks team journeyed to Cornell for the continental championships from February 19-20, and came back an overwhelming victor on all fronts. The 'A' team won the A division competition by a wide margin. Contrary to popular belief, the main object of the game is not to put winks in the pot as fast as possible. At the beginning of the game, the object is to cover your opponent's winks. This is called squopping and goes on for a time limit of 25 minutes. After time expires, each player gets five turns in which the winks start to pot. Each potted wink counts for three points; each unSquared winks is one point.

First place finisher gets 4 tournament points; second gets 2; third 1; and fourth none. If one player pots all his winks, everyone must shoot for the pot. In this case one point is transferred from the losing team to the winning team, making a 7-0 game possible. If one were to attempt to pot out early in the game, the likelihood is that his remaining winks would be squopped, leaving him helpless.

At the continentals, the top pair from MIT's 'A' team, Schiller and Christ, took the pair's honors in the 'A' division, while Callon and Hinsh easily walked away with the pair's honors in the 'B' division. The issue was not in doubt for long as MIT 'A' booked 46 points (of a possible 63), against all but one opponent. The 'B' team was just as devastating, finishing far ahead of the second finisher, MIT 'C'. The 'C' team was closely followed by Toronto, but clinched second place by demolishing Hyyh 'D', an independent team, in their last matchup.

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