**Heavyweight crew defeats Columbia**

By David E. Kats

The MIT heavyweight crew continued its winning ways as it took victory over Columbia last Saturday. The Engineers began the race with a strong start, opening a length and a half over 200 meters. They slowly moved away and lowered the cadence to finish in a time of 6:12.0, followed by Columbia in 6:32.0.

The freshmen also rowed to victory but had to work harder. Columbia started very quickly, but MIT had to work harder. MIT faced a tough fight but had to work harder. MIT followed by lunch to tie for second overall. Both teams placed first in the final two races, with MIT finishing first in the varsity sailing team.

**By Chris Donnelly**

This past weekend, the varsity sailing team hosted six schools to compete in the Geiger Cup and two individuals for the New England Slalom Association (NEISA). The varsity team finished in the top 10 in the varsity sailing at MIT.

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**Men sailors, women third**

By Paul R. Giguere

The MIT men’s tennis team continued to show strong early season form and qualified for the NEISA-Singletary Invitational at Wesleyan University by identical 8-1 scores last weekend. These two wins, combined with last weekend’s loss to Harvard (8-1) and a 7-2 upset win over the University of Connecticut last week, pushed the team’s record against New England opponents to 3-1.

Although this year’s team must do without last year’s top player, William Young ’73 (New England singles champion, 1974 NEIMA Athlete of the Year, and the best tennis player at MIT in 15 years), the team has continued to improve, with new additions filling the gaps nicely.

Captain Lee Simpson ’75 is playing outstanding tennis at the number one position in both singles and doubles, having lost only to Reister of Harvard in an excellent match. Jon Axson ’75, in his first year playing for MIT, has scored four consecutive wins, including an upset over Harvard’s number two and a tiebreak over UVCC at number one.

Freshman Neal Rockowitz has worked his way up to the number three position this spring and has three wins this fall, including a 6-1, 6-0 rout of a tough Boulder opponent.

**Men’s tennis wins two; season record now 3-1**

By Paul R. Giguere

The varsity women’s crew team, competing in the first annual Eisenberg Cup Regatta, and the JV women’s eight, each placed third last Saturday in races against Princeton and Yale.

The junior varsity, in the first women’s competition, rowed a highly competitive and exciting race, sailing in the last 500 meters of the 1500-meter course to make up more than two lengths between themselves and Princeton. After getting off to a rather choppy start, coxswain Casey Torg ’77 called a "silent twenty" at the MIT Sailing Pavilion (near the halfway point) with the prearranged commands of "Pete, you’re skying, skying again, now!" This signaled to the bow crew to follow strokes Julie Malake ’77 in taking the stroke up slightly and finding just a little extra effort to give. The tactic proved to be a sound one, as it got the boat together and started it moving on an even keel. Yale rowed the course covering in 5:39.2; Princeton was next at 5:43.8, followed by MIT one length behind. The Princeton lightweight boat finished last.

The varsity faced a very tough opening competition of the season --- there is only one other race in the National Champions, Radcliffe — and they rowed a strong, if not very smooth race, and moved away from Yale rowers immediately off the starting line in a surprise show of strength. MIT and Princeton were neck and neck for a long time, neither willing to give way, but the Princeton women finally began to pull away. MIT was unable to make up the lost ground and finished 5th in the 500-meter mark, despite a "silent twenty" on the part of MIT. MIT rowed the bow of the race at 34, with stroke instigating Eliot ’76 bringing it up to 36 for the last 500 meters, then up two again for the last 20 strokes of the race.

Yale, which was never really challenged, finished in 5:38.1, Princeton was next at 5:43.8, followed by MIT one length behind. The Princeton lightweight boat finished last.

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