W sailing 2nd in Sloop Shrew

By Chris Donnelly

Despite high winds and driving rain, the Tech varsity sailing team captured second place in the Sloop Shrew Trophy last weekend. The team did it the hard way, earning the victory after losing the opener.

The Shrew Trophy opened at Redcliffe on Saturday afternoon following the crew races. From the outset all nine teams had to work very hard in the final races. However, URI handled the conditions well and hung on top to MIT and Radcliffe in the nine race round robin series. The MIT women took second place honors in both divisions.

The men also competed in a two day regatta, the Friis Trophy hosted by Tufts in Larks. The nine teams fielded the top five nationally ranked teams and all of the major sailing powers in New England. The combination of strong wind, the large number of schools, the relatively small size of Mystic Lake, and the quick Larks made for extremely tight competition throughout the regatta.

The Tech also finished second in the Friis Trophy, but missed out on the overall win. No previous experience is required; awards will be given out for both Novice and Experienced sailors. Frats, dorms, departments, and all other groups are invited to enter three car teams in the Kaledoscope II Rally to be run by the MIT Auto Club on Sunday, May 1. Individual entries are also encouraged to compete for the overall win. No previous experience is required; awards will be given out for both Novice and Experienced sailors. Frats, dorms, departments, and all other groups are invited to enter three car teams in the Kaledoscope II Rally to be run by the MIT Auto Club on Sunday, May 1. Individual entries are also encouraged to compete for the overall win.

The rochdale date for the I.M. track meet tonight is April 30. For a schedule of events, the best time to watch the INM track meet tonight is 9:30am-12:30pm on Briggs Field. Take your pick. (Weekend Sports is a new feature of The Tech which will appear every Friday. It is designed as a spectator’s guide to sporting events in the area, professional teams as well as MIT teams.)

Grad booters tied in first game

By Tom Stagliano

(Tom Stagliano ’73 is a member of the graduate soccer team.)

In Saturday's season opener the newly formed MIT graduate soccer team played Stone and Webster to a 2-2 tie on a rain soaked Briggs Field.

The game started cautiously at midfield as both teams tried to adapt their playing style to the poor conditions. Short passing was almost impossible and the game quickly evolved into a series of long crosses and fast breaks. The opening MIT tally came after two direct free kicks were awarded to the Beavers just outside the S&W penalty area. Bob Lada ’70 blasted the second free kick into the defenders and the rebound came to All-American Professor Peter Huber ’74 from Switzerland and Charlie Young ’77, who was able to place his shot inside left. The booters face a team from Arlington this Saturday at 2pm on Briggs Field. The Engineers’ medal scores were 2-3.

The Engineers’ team ran into tough opposition at the Brae Burn Golf Course last Monday, losing to both Bowdoin and Lowell by scores of 2-3 and 4-2, respectively. The double defeat left the Engineers’ spring record at 7-3, with three matches remaining.

The first day of MIT was Mark Hughes ’79, who swept both his matches with an excellent score of 74. Hughes was shaken by a quintuple-bogey nine on the long fourth hole, but he recovered quickly and returned to his usual consistent form with nine pars in the last 14 holes. Other winning performances were turned in by number one player Mike Vaneel ’79 with a two-up victory over Lovell, and by Mark Swenson ’79 with a two-up against Bowdoin. In addition, Doug Wegner ’79 lost his low OPP.

Once again, several of the Engineers’ matches could not have easily gone either way. Leo Bonnell ’77 was even with both his opponents with one hole to play, but a wayward tee shot on the 18th led to an eventual double bogey for Leo and two heart-breaking one-down defeats.

Doug Wegner ’79 also lost his Birdie shot with the same slim margin.

The Engineers’ medal scores were excellent in the losing cause, with Vaneel the low man with 80 and Hughes and Bonnell close behind with 82. In view of the poor conditions, prospects for a high finish in the Greater Boston championships next Tuesday are the best in several years.

The MIT rugby football dropped a game to the Boston Pilgrims by the score of 22-3 last Saturday.

Boston dominated the game, racking up a goal, a try, and another goal in succession for 16 points. The Engineers scored. The Pilgrims were held to a try while returning the kickoff for a goal. John Kavanagh ’72 put the MIT team back in the game by booting a penalty goal for the Engineers’ first score of the afternoon.

This weekend the MIT rugby club plays the Mystic River RFC at East Braintree in the first round of the New England Tournament.