**Sailors disappointed, take 3rd in NE races**

*By Hazel Brown*

The varsity sailing team finished a heart-breakingly third in the New England Team Racing Championships held last weekend at MIT.

Unlike standard sailing competition, the Team Racing Championships pit three crews from one college against three crews from another college. MIT finished with a record of 7-2, which is not enough to secure the North American Championships in California. Tech's losses (to Yale and Tufts) were by only a fraction of a point in each match, and the actual difference in finishes was only a matter of inches at the finish line.

In the matches against both Yale and Tufts, the MIT team held a narrow lead starting the third match to be overcome when the opposition adopted reverse courses strategies just before the finish. Tech's victories were over Harvar, Brandeis and Boston University, and varsity of Rhode Island, Coast Guard, and a trio from the New England Northeastern.

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**Golf's season successful**

*By Doug Wegner*

The varsity golf team is looking forward to the fall season, according to the coach, a "favor in the second half, and BC goalie made numerous saves and the scoring Boston College MIT goal "saved us" a few times in the game. Alessi stated after the game, "If you can't score, you can't win." MIT forward Rich Okine '78 "had a great chance" but was cut off by a goon pull; however, he is expected to be ready for today's game at Holy Cross, and if his past play is any indication, the offense might be able to pick up a little momentum with him in the game.

By Michael Tarvis

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**Field hockey newest MIT sport**

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