Rugby football club splits with Quincy

By George Walrod

The MIT men’s rugby club split a two-game series with the Quincy Rugby Football Club Saturday, the “A” side winning the opening game 12-7, while the “B” side dropped the second game 40-4.

The “A” side game was a hard-fought defensive struggle up to the final whistle. Quincy started the game by committing several penalties in a row, one of which was in front of its own goal posts. MIT fullback Mike Hunter ’84 converted the penalty into a successful kick, and the score stood 3-0.

Later in the half, Quincy boot-ed a penalty kick to even the score at 3. The game remained tied until MIT’s Robert Whitelaw ’85 made a penalty kick to give the Beavers a 6-3 lead.

The lead did not last long. With ten minutes left in the game, Quincy back Ed Hannaway dove into the corner of the MIT try zone to go ahead 7-6. The Beavers were not about to settle for a third consecutive one-point loss, and spent the rest of the game hammering at the Quincy goal line. Persistence finally paid off when, with three minutes left, MIT’s Reg Gott dove in for a try. Hunter’s con-version made the score 12-7.

The “B” side game was the complete opposite of the defensive “A” side contest. Quincy came out in a first-half scoring flurry that left MIT in a daze and the halftime score at 26-0. The only bright spot for MIT was graduate Sean Rouscher’s 40-yard scamper to score the Beavers’ only try.

MIT rugby captain Leo Casey G (center) watches for the ball to squirt free from the scrum during Saturday’s game against Quincy.