Women's crew shows mixed results at Holyoke

By Anh Thu Vo

The MIT women's varsity crew team captured second out of four places in the Mount Holyoke all-women's regatta last Saturday. The first novice team placed first in a field of 13 boats in the competition, held on the Connecticut River in South Hadley, MA.

The Varsity

At the Mount Holyoke Regatta, varsity coach Mayrene T. Earle had put together a varsity team of four that she felt could have won the race. However, the Simmons College crew enjoyed a very well-rowed race and could not be caught, Earle said. Simmons' winning time was 6:06.0, 13 seconds ahead of the MIT boat. Northeastern University and Williams College followed in third and fourth place.

The MIT team rowed a rough race and did not set up the boat well because of a harsh tail wind, commented Coxswain Audra A. Noel '88. The MIT team did not race up to its potential and could have rowed a much better race, Earle added.

The fall season began at the Head of the Textile Regatta, at the Textile while the three other MIT novice teams came in within 10 seconds of each other. The "A" boat then repeated its performance at the Mount Holyoke Regatta, beating the other three MIT teams and 15 others to take home the first place plaque. The other teams came from Simmons College, Smith College, University of Massachusetts, Radcliffe College, Williams College and the host school, Mount Holyoke College. The "A" team's winning time was 6:19.7, while the "D" team finished in 6:36.0. MIT "B" came in at 7:51.7, and MIT "C" finished in 8:06.1. Rowing in the MIT "A" boat were Wendy Rowling '90, Beth Jones '90, Becky Dumas '90, Laura Opsasnick '90, Alixson Hochstein '90, Jerelys Watanabe '90 and Gayle C. Benson '90. The MIT "A" boat repeated its success at the Head of the Charles.

The Novices

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The real test for the novice team will come at the Dartmouth Invitational Regatta on Oct. 26, noted Conch Tom Tiffany. Racing against Dartmouth College, Boston University, University of New Hampshire and probably Trinity College, the novices will face tougher competition and will have to push themselves harder than before.

The novice team will not be racing at the Head of the Charles regatta since only varsity crews can compete. Instead, the novices will be training for their own Foot of the Charles regatta, a spoof of the Head of the Charles. The regatta is slated for late November this year.

Sports Update

Golf wins spot in championships

Team finishes second in ECAC qualifying meet

The golf team won one of the two qualifying spots in the Northern Division for the Eastern Championships of the Eastern College Athletic Conference at Portsmouth, N.H., Country Club Tuesday. Both Boston College (308) and MIT (314) qualified. MIT freshman Brent Beall was runner-up for the day with 74. Gary Zentner '87 had a 75. Captain Eric Aas '87, 80. MIT finished fifth at the Dartmouth Invitational, led by Aas' rounds of 78-72, and Rick Chlebowski '96, 78-75.

MIT finished 13th out of 40 teams at the New England Championships, the best finish for the team in several years.

Sailing takes second in MIT invitational

The men's varsity sailing team placed second in the MIT Invitational race held Oct. 12. The team also finished seventh out of 16 teams in the Hood Trophy competition at Tufts University the same day.

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