By Amy Tsou

The men's varsity heavyweight crew announced the Coast Guard Academy on Sunday on the Thames River in New London, Connecticut, while the men's junior varsity team lost its race against Coast Guard. At the start of the varsity race, Coast Guard got a three-seat lead but MIT easily caught up by the 500-meter mark and steadily increased its lead. MIT won by two-and-a-half lengths with open water.

The men's lightweight varsity team lost a race against Beall. The winning eight were Alex Hahn '88 (stroke), Richard D. Weiss '88, Geoff Kelisch '87, Bill Malicki '88, Jay Best '89, Rob Smith '87, Chris Nolts '90, and William Van Doezic '90 (bow). Brian Douglas '88 coxed.

The men's lightweight varsity eight lost a race of a second, according to Beall. MIT had a good start but lost to Coast Guard at the end, despite a surge back after the first 1000 meters. The men's lightweight varsity team lost in the Biggin Bowl Saturday to Harvard and Dartmouth on the Charles River. MIT finished last, narrowly defeated by Dartmouth, while Harvard led throughout the race.

The men's lightweight varsity and JV teams also lost to Coast Guard on the Thamer Sunday by approximately 12 to 15 seconds, according to Beall. The men's freshman lightweight first boat won its race against Coast Guard Sunday after losing badly against Harvard and Dartmouth on Saturday, according to freshmen lightweight coach Andy Taylor.

The best freshmen eight showed extreme resilience in their victory over Coast Guard. Ziga said "a good and intelligent race." Rowing in the winning eight were Michael Dickens '90 (stroke), Francesco Galliotti '90, Andrew Nish '90, Anthony Budz '90, Joseph Buhler '90, Tan Viet Hia '90, Kodore Warkocz '90, and Joseph Oszlak '90 (bow). Burris Jackes '90 coxed.

The second eight came in second on Saturday after Harvard and Dartmouth were in front of Dartmouth in their race, losing to Coast Guard on Sunday.

Women's novice teams beat Rutgers, Colombia

Both of the women's novice crews won their races against Rutgers and Columbia in Princeton on Saturday with the women's varsity crew lost both their races to the same teams. The women's novice teams had two eights entered in the races and won both by clear margins. Women's novice coach Tom Tiffany said the first eight showed a great deal of growth and maturity during the last week. The rowers showed a lot of focus and will continue to grow into one of the top five or six crews in the Northeast by the Women's Eastern Sprints Regatta in May, Tiffany added.

Rowing in the winning eight were Beth Jones '90 (stroke), Jennifer Watahan '90, Allison Hochstein '90, Mary Catherine McCormick '96, Beverly Miller '90, Stephanie Patrick '90, Becky Demus '90, and Wendy Fassett '90 (bow). Chad Wolf '88 coxed.

Tiffany commended the second eight in coming from behind to easily wrestle back the lead and keep it, despite several challenges from the Rutgers eight. The winning second boat had Annette T. Laws '90 (stroke), Sheila Neville '88, Beth P. Schonberg '90, Laura N. Gospodarich '90, Deborah Miller '90, Elizabeth Williams '90, and Erika A. Jones '90 (bow) rowing. Paula Han '90 coxed.

Both varsity eights came within two or three seconds from defeating Columbia, who came in second both times. According to women's varsity coach Mayrene Burris, "the teams showed remarkable characters by hanging in and not losing confidence with their opponents."

The junior varsity eight raced side by side with the other two teams and only lost in the last few hundred meters. Earlier coxed the team for being able to turn the course back from behind.

By Marcia Smith

The women's softball team swept a double-header Saturday against Regis College to raise its record to 2-3. MIT topped Regis 9-4 in the first game and 11-5 in the second.

Tri-Captain Karen Kraus '88 allowed Regis only six hits during the first game, contributing to their loss. The umpire had a consistent strike zone, so I was able to get the first strike, then play the corners to get the better swinging," she explained.

Without many hits, Regis could not bring the runners around and left a total of ten Regis players stranded on base. The first run of the game came in the third inning when Regis had a single, a walk, and then two line drives up the center to bring in three runs.

MIT did not come back until the fourth inning when it counted up eight runs. Regis pitcher Carolyn Duda had control problems, walking six batters. MIT also had three singles off the bat of Paula Ferguson '90, Terry Lowrenstein '89, and Tri-Captain Carol Coates '91.

MIT scored its ninth run in the next inning when Ferguson led off with a walk, advanced when the catcher misfielded her ball, and came home on a sacrifice fly by Vivian Ma '88.

Regis tried to come back in the last inning, but only came up with one run. "We concentrated on our defense, and were able to come up with the plays when we needed them," said MIT Coach Jean Heinen.

In the second game, both teams walked their batters. With the bottom off for MIT was Linda D'Angelo '90, who made her starting debut. Regis was off to a good start when the second batter was walked. The third batter hit to third baseman Kim Gentman '90, who threw to second to get the forced out. The Regis pitcher then took two strikes in a row before smashing a two-run home run over the right field fence. Regis kept their two run lead for three innings.

The fourth inning was once again a lucky one for the MIT players; they took a lead which they never gave up. Once again Regis had pitching problems; six of the ten batters up that inning were walked. The walks along with a sacrifice bunt by Kraus and mistakes by the Regis catcher brought in four runs.

In the fifth inning, MIT switched pitchers, going back to Kraus. The Regis runners hit by a wild pitch by Tiffany commended the second eight for continuing to stay strong in the final innings.