MIT crew prepares for new season

By Jay Damask

The varsity heavyweight crew began the season this past Tuesday with their first practice on the water since the Intercollegiate Rowing Association championships on June 4 in Syracuse. An estimated 40 oarsmen and crewmates will be returning to the varsity team this fall, making it the largest MIT crew team on the water since the early 1970s.

MIT's performance at the IRAs last year was its strongest in more than 15 years. Having lost to Boston University by 16 lengths at the Eastern Championships, the Tech first varsity boat raced competitively at the IRAs. This fall will be marked by the Head of the Charles Regatta, to be held in late October. Last year MIT's championship four captured tenth place out of 40 in its heat, qualifying them for the race this year. Only the first 15 boats in any given heat are guaranteed qualification the following year. MIT will also hold an eight this year. Eligibility will be made based only on ergometer scores as opposed to seat racing as in the spring.

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The freshman eight also had its best showing in years. In the first round heats they were only nine seconds off the freshman course record. Although they beat the times of Columbia, Dartmouth, and Rutgers, a second heat worked to their disadvantage and they were consequently seeded below Columbia and Rutgers. Nonetheless, they clinched Dartmouth for the fourth time since last spring in their final heat.

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