LOGARHYTHMS SPRING CONCERT

MIT Logarhythms with the Wellesley Tupelos and Smith Notables.
Saturday, March 12.
Room 10-190.

The cappella concert hosted by the MIT Logarhythms Friday night was up to their usual standards of excellence. The two guest groups were equally good despite very different approaches. The Logarhythms themselves were as tight as ever, and more importantly, occasionally loose.

A very full 10-250 was first treated to the enthusiastic Smith College Notables. Their set was full of performativity, imaginative, and active arrangements that took full advantage of the group's energy. Although there was an intonation slip or two, the performance was very good. The group provided the evening's low point when their version of Loga-8, a medley heard at Bad Taste, "Butt Seriously," melded Monty, Sir Mix-a-Lot, Spinal Tap and others. The ragged performance did little to distract from the point of such awkward juxtapositions. It was funny, tasteless, clever, and perhaps a bit excessive.

After sloshing with the traditional "Annie all Ye of MIT/ Take me Back to Tech," the Logs returned to rowdy requests for encores. What they gave was a very nice duet from Will Lee '95 and Howard Rhee '97 on the Indigo Girls' "Gallivants." They returned with "Somebody," by Depeche Mode. Best Jordan '95 delivered the evening's best solo, despite a questionable presentation, wearing a pained expression for most of the song. Both arrangements were of the usual high quality expected from the Logs, but they were too usual, which may be a complaint of the whole Loga's set. The Logarhythms acquitted themselves with their usual professionalism, but there were no surprises and very few twists.

The last encore was a great close in the form of a loose "Steamroller Blues," with director Tyler Schubert '95
liking himself to a steamroller, a cement mixer, and a napalm bomb. The show was excellent, as expected, but there is more to pleasing audiences than continually living up to expectations.

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