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HLS Men's crew team pulled past the Business School team to finish 11 seconds ahead.

HLS Rowers Best B-School at Head

By Ben Lehrer

The Law School men's crew team humiliated the Business School last Saturday at the Head of the Charles Regatta, besting the MBA candidates by a full 11 seconds.

A technical violation reduced the official margin of victory in the 16-minute race to one second. "We were assessed a 10-second buoy violation," said team captain Bill Mone '99. "I'm appealing it — my first appeal as a lawyer. Still, the Business School knows we beat them by 11 seconds."

Something of a rivalry exists between the two Schools. "They usually win the race," said Mone, "and they have a serious attitude about us."

Women's crew team captain Sheila Findley '00 pointed out that whereas most teams have some school emblem or sign on

their oars, the Business School teams' oars are adorned with dollar signs. "Everyone wants to beat them because those dollar signs are just a little much," she said.

"We've been working all season for this," said Jason Markham '99, who was on the team last year.

Team member Sam Caspersen '99 expressed satisfaction with his boat's performance. "We only really got organized and practicing daily about 10 days before the race," he said. "We performed better in the race than in any of our practice pieces. We responded well to the pressure of the event and it was a good team effort."

Mone agreed, adding that he expected a better showing from the Business School. "We thought they were going to be tough, but maybe they were a little too big and out of shape and our fitness carried us through,"

he said.

Both schools competed in the Club Eight division, a field of 79 schools and rowing clubs. The Tideway Sculler's School, a British team, won the division.

HBS Swallows Defeat at Post-Race Bash

While at a Business School party that night, Caspersen got "the impression that [HBS] had beaten us, judging by someone who had timed us and what other people had said."

An HBS student told some

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HLS Telephone Cartel Under Fire

LSC to Mount Offensive Against Administration Stranglehold

By Justin Herdman

The Harvard University telephone service is about to be challenged by a few of America's budding antitrust lawyers.

Through its Committee on Facilities and Services, the Law Student Council (LSC) is spearheading a drive to challenge the current long-distance service provided jointly by Harvard Student Telephone Office (HSTO) and MCI. The Council is initiating a "concerted effort to break the monopoly," said LSC President Dan Fridman '99.

In defense of the current scheme, Director of Telecommunications Nancy Kinchla outlined the administration's position. Due to the University's campus-wide direct dialing system, which was installed with heavy finance costs during the early 1990s, HSTO's greatest

concern is retiring the debt incurred by this project.

Since HSTO operates as a non-profit corporation, it has been forced to retain high long-distance service fees. "We do mark [long-distance charges] up, simply because we have to. It's the only income" for the office, Kinchla noted.

These rates are dependent upon which plan a student chooses. Option A allows for a sliding long-distance rates for calls within the United States, descending from 29 cents per minute during peak hours to 12 cents per minute during weekends. Option B presents the student with a flat rate of 15 cents per minute, no matter the hour.

However, the prospect of lower rates is not an impossibility. "As we are retiring debt, the [charges] are going down," Kinchla added.

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Hersh Blasts Missile Attacks

By Dusan Stojkovic

"This is the bottom." By the time Seymour M. Hersh uttered these words to describe the current U.S. political climate, each member of the audience was well aware that the erstwhile New York Times investigative reporter did not come to the Law School to give a pep talk on the State of the Union.

Under the auspices of the HLS Forum lecture series, Hersh spoke on a wide array of political topics last Tuesday in Pound 102, and mainly focused on the U.S. bombings of alleged hotbeds of terrorism in Afghanistan and Sudan.

Winner of the 1970 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for his coverage of the My Lai massacre, Hersh criticized the

two bombings as rash and unsubstantiated.

In Hersh's view, Osama bin Ladin, the Saudi multimillionaire whom the U.S. government has blamed for the prior attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, is "not nearly as big as they made him out to be." Given that Hersh's sources claim that the alleged terrorist's main source of money is the Saudi-Arabian government, Hersh asserted that shutting down bin Ladin's funding faucet would have been a more effective way of thwarting further terrorist activity.

Can You Wag the Dog?

"My friend basically told me that U.S. intelligence sucked. Even Janet Reno [64] said 'Hold off, guys,' there's not enough evidence," Hersh said, citing

anonymous sources who could not be quoted in the newspaper articles he has written on this topic. "People were very angry in the CIA when I talked to them.

"Many people believed 'Wag the Dog' was an element," Hersh went on to say, implying that it was more than a convenient coincidence that the bombings came three days after the President's grand-jury testimony.

"We're treating the symp-

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Rep. Frank '77 Combats Religious Conservatives

By Klaus Hamm

Repeatedly attacking the right wing for defying public opinion, Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank '77 brought a spirited defense of President Clinton to HLS last week.

The right wing has used its powerful grip on the Republican party to push its agenda — particularly the impeachment attempt — in defiance of the public's will, he said.

"They hate Bill Clinton. They really are obsessive in their hatred of him. They have been terribly frustrated that he got re-elected," Frank said.

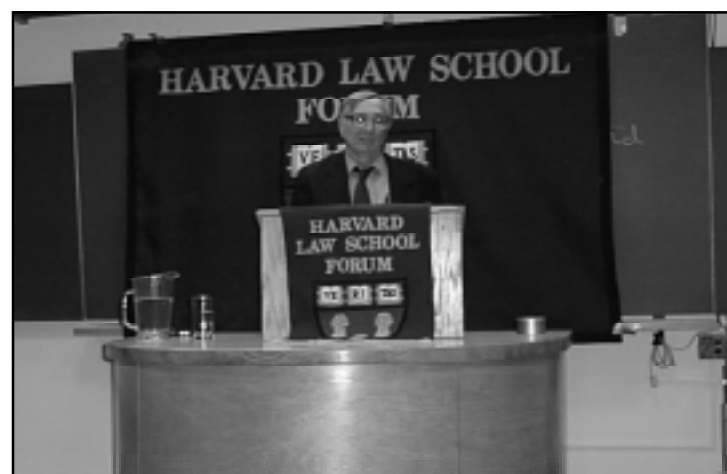
As Congress wrapped up a session marked by fierce partisan discord, Frank returned to Massachusetts and to HLS last week, speaking for about an hour to a crowd of 100 in an event sponsored by the Harvard Law School Democrats. Most of the Newton congressman's remarks focused on the impeachment process, although his continual criticism of the right occasionally touched on other issues such as gay rights.

A staunch Clinton ally and the second most senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, Frank has emerged as a key player in the impeachment debate. Frank believes most Americans do not want the President impeached for covering up his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Frank warned, however, that a strong primary showing has shifted the Republican party even further to the right. The far right's dominance of the GOP has intimidated Republican moderates, Frank said, and has resulted in the right's power to dictate national affairs to an extent far out of proportion to its relatively small numbers.

Frank said that such strong influence by such a small group is rare, recalling that when liberals controlled the Democrats in the 1960s, conservative Democrats still had a geographic base in the South from which to challenge their liberal colleagues.

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Hersh criticizing US antiterrorist policies at HLS Forum

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