**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 10-minute race to one second. "We were assessed a 10-second buy 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."

Word of the crew team's triumph spread quickly within the HLS community. Sheila Findley '00 pointed out to the Harvard Law School to give a pep talk on the State of the Union.

"They hate Bill Clinton. They think he can't lead the country," 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 really got organized and practic- ing daily about 10 days before the race," he said. "Iperformed 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. "They 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 Scullers' School, a Brit- ish 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 a some

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**Hersh Blasts Missile Attacks**

By Dusan Stojkovic

"This is the bottom." By the time Senator 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 re- porter 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 politi- cal 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 un-substantiated events.

In Hersh's view, Osama bin Ladin, the Saudi multimillion- aire whom the U.S. government has blamed for the prior attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, is "not nearly as big of a terrorist as people think he is."

Given that Hersh's sources claim that the alleged terrorist's main source of money is the Saudi-Arabian government, Hersh as- serted that shutting down bin Ladin's funding faucet would have been a more effective way of thwarting further terrorist ac- tivity.

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**HLS Telephone Cartel Under Fire**

LSC to Mount Offensive Against Administration Stranglehold

By Justin Herdman

The Harvard University tele- phone 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 spear-heading 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 Friedman '99.

In defense of the current scheme, Director of Telecommu- nications Nancy Kinchla outlined the administration's posi- tion. Due to the University's campus-wide direct dial sys- tem, which was installed with heavy financial costs during the early 1990s, HSTO's greatest concern is retiring the debt in- curred by this project.

Since HSTO operates as a non-profit corporation, it has been forced to retain high long-dis- tance service fees. "We do mark long-distance charges up, sim- ply 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, declining from 29 cents per minute during peak hours to 12 cents per minute during peak weeks- end. 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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**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 spir- ited defense of President Clinton to HLS last week.

The right wing has used its powerful grip on the Republican party to push its ideologies — par- ticularly the impeachment at- tempt — in defiance of the public's will, he said.

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

As Congress wrapped up a session marked by fierce parti- san 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 re- marks focused on the impeach- ment process, although his con- tinual criticism of the right occasioned touched on other issues such as gay rights.

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**LSC President Dan Fridman**

"President's grand-jury testi- mony. A stray Clinton ally and the second most senior Demo- crat on the House Judiciary Committee, Frank has emerged as a key player in the impeach- ment debate. Frank believes most Americans do not want the President impeached for cover- ing up his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Frank warned, however, that a strong priming showing has shifted the Republican party even further to the right. The far-right dominance of the GOP has intimidated Republic- an moderates, Frank said, and has resulted in the right's power to dictate national af- fairs to an extent far out of pro- portion to its relatively small numbers. Frank said that such strong influence by such a small group is rare, recalling that when lib- erals controlled the Democrats in the 1960s, conservative Democrats still had a geo- graphic base in the South from which to challenge their liberal colleagues.

**Hersh criticizing US antiterrorist policies at HLS Forum**

By Dusan Stojkovic

"Many people believed 'Wag the Dog' was an impossibility," Hersh said. "We were fighting a war that we went on to say, implying that it was more than a convenient co- incidence that the bombings came three days after the President's grand-jury testi- mony."

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