Can Track & Field become a true team sport? Can it generate the spirit and interest similar to some of our other sports and regain the prominence it once had as MITY? Can the competitive desire and the will to win not just participate, be installed within each man? The answer is a qualified "yes" to all questions in this essay. Some very definite positive signs have been making their way through the clouds of double necessity. In the last half of the indoor season with the combined varsity and freshman squads totaling 30, a new fervor began to rise. The team members were practicing more regularly, a greater acceptance of difficult training routines was noticed, and more pride in individual and team accomplishments was showing up, despite losing meets.

There were some members who quit or dropped by the wayside and still others were dropped from the team for incondi- tional efforts or neglecting to come up to the mark. The list of "injured" workout members had dissipated. Those remaining on the squads knew where they stood — perhaps they were not the best, but to be sure, but they wanted to compete.

Track and Field is a sport which demands a great deal of personal effort and sacrifice. To many, it's just plain "hard work" and draws the casually a parallel to their academic demands. However, there is tremendous satisfaction gained from top performance and winning a personal or team victory is worth the struggle and discipline put forth. Some of our varsity and freshman squad members stood out for their loyalty and hard work and shined as inspiration to others. For example, Steve Banks, co-captain, has put in four years of devotion to the sport and his own personal fitness. Tom God- dard, '53, distance star has shown exceptional courage and dependability this season despite suffering a painful leg injury earlier in the season; Chuck Sipos, '54, has practi- cally wiped out the term "hand- cuffed" by his unbeatable running (this despite the loss of sight, fence, and hearing de- fects); Gary Luck, '54, another more recent has been responsible for some fine performances, highlighted by his first place in the Greater Boston Championships and friendly as- sistance to other varsity runners on the team; Weight man, Bill Harper, '54, Jerry Dzulak, '54, and Dick Blything, '54 have been working since early Fall to perfect their specialty, with patience, firmly paying off at all as have increased their throw some five feet in the 50 lb. weight throw this year. Gary Luck, '54, has provided loyal side assistance in so many countless ways. His worth, while not counted in points cannot, is invaluable to the coach and team. Three unusual Freshmen, Al Pachulski, Terry Dorschner, and Ken Morash are top examples of the fine prospects coming up. This trio has scored a total of 150 points, collectively, while competing in eight different events through- out the season. Above and be- yond their point totals, and im- pressive wins, was their spirit of competitiveness, will to win, and a sincere desire for team suc- cess.

Of course, it is still necessary to have men with real running ability. - There's no substitute for speed — none home is — others don't — and there's not much you can do to get it for it's a natural trait. We need experienced track and field men — those who know what it's like to push themselves to ob- tain the necessary conditioning. The future of the sport is in the hands of the students. The qualified "yes" to the opening questions may be a rounding, unquestioned "yes" if we can com- pete with the new spirit now prevalent, more depth to the squads, devotion to daily prac- tice, more self-discipline, loyalty to the team's effort, and a sincere desire to be good!