Swimmers finish 9-3 season

By Jeff Goodman

Tech's varsity swimmers finished their season last Saturday with a 22-0 victory over WPI, and a slightly more impressive 9-3 record. The engineers managed to break even record at the beginning of the season.

Two events were initiated during the season: MIT defeated both Bowdoin and Williams for the first time. Tech's outstanding meet of the year was against Wesleyan; the teams edged out the opposition by one. After being disqualified in the first relay, the Beavers rallied under Mike Crane '67 who did the 50 and broke the 100 yard freestyle record. He received backup from Luis Claes '69 and Lee Dilley '69, Bill Stage '69, and McCarron '69, who broke the 400 freestyle relay record, which stood at 3:53.1. The swimmers lost a squeaker to UConn 48-49 as John McCarron '69 was outpumped by UConn's Sullivan in the anchor leg of the last relay. Tech's most memorable meets were at New London, Tuffs, RPI, Trinity, HC, and UMass as they finally placed the en masse.

Depth in Freestyle

The team itself was anchored by depth in the freestyle with outstanding individuals in the butterfly, backstroke, and breaststroke. While Tech had no super swimmers, the team finished 9-3, with five who could break 21 seconds. Crais and Tim Merrill '81 swam the 200 and 400 freestyle usually comprising the 9-3 freestyle due. Freestyle relays were made up of some of the best of Tech, McCarron, Dilley, Stage, and Merrill. Dan Gentry '86 provided continuity at 200 and 400 and was 2nd in the New England 4x1 relay.

In the rear, Mark Stanley

Luis Claes was the outstanding individual in the backstroke as he broke the record these times. This year, driving backstroke, he was Steve McFarren '69 and Bill Wagstaff '69 who were first and second in the New England meet in 1982. The team of Larry Preston '86 and Tom Neesh '87 proved to be formidable this season.

The loss of Mike Crane next year will put a dent in the Engineers' lineup, but even so, the men remain as the best possible description. The class of '70 cagers this year will include four of Crane, McFarren, Tim Merrill '69, and Tim Merrill '69 who broke the record three times during the season. The Techmen managed to outscore the worst defeat two-thirds of the men's opponents this season. They outscored MIT 78-65 in their first meeting, downed WPI, 97-79. On the other hand, Harvard dealt Tech its worst defeat ever, 114-63. Two other losses came from MIT, 99-89 in their first meet, and 89-62. Over all, Harvard won 114-63, but even so, the score was never really close. The Techmen fell to RPI 53-42, Bucknell 56-47, the University of New Hampshire 63-42, the University of New Hampshire 74-60, RPI 83-44, Brandeis 90-38, and Wesleyan 78-72.

The Techmen managed to outscore many of their opponents, including the best universities. Further, Tech controlled the boards very well in many of their matches. Coach and Steve Chamberlain were the most respected coaches in the conference, both in scoring and rebounding.

Mermen and season

The MIT swim team finished their season with record of 6-6. Their victims included Holy Cross 65-31, Roanoke 54-48, Illinois 52-45, and New England 6-6. The tie was against Tufts 67-67, while the most close win was to RPI 54-52, Connecticut 63-32, Phillips-Exeter 57-32, Bates 54-69, Springfield 55-46, and Brown 73-63.

The best for the event was in diving, in which the freshmen showed exceptional ability in being consistently victorious, thanks chiefly to the efforts of Jeff Goodman who, with the relay teams, particularly the medley, fared well during the season.

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Ski Bumming

Vermont lures vacation skiers

By Ted Nygren

There are 23 separate ski areas in the "ski country" known as Vermont. Of these, ten are "big" areas; the others, varying in size from 300 to 3000 feet, can be considered local or beginner areas. The "big" areas have a number of advantages for the true novice. He can either ski on a very easy slope at a modest price Chittister, Lone Pine, and Barring- ton’s, to name a few, or take the "big nine" are located in South- ern Vermont. Lift tickets range from $6.00 to $7.50, with the "big" areas offering the largest selection of slopes and prices for these areas:

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