West Point meet

Skiers place 8th out of 11 despite strong Nordic team

By Bill Michals

On the weekend of January 6, the varsity ski teams competed in the West Point Invitational Ski Meet, which was held on the West Point campus. It was a four event meet involving both the Alpine and Nordic teams.

The Nordic teams skiers were Rick Anderson '69, Chip Schweder '70, Bill Flanagan '70 and Tom Needham '69. Unfortunately, the engineers faced very good opposition and the top Tech finishers were Anderson who finished 2nd out of 46 in the Giant Slalom and Schweder, who finished 5th out of 46 in the slalom.

Nordic teams skiers

The Nordic team, however, fared much better, even though only half the cross country team was present. In the cross country event Captain Doug Cale '69 and Max Daanen '70 placed 3rd and 6th respectively out of a field of 50, for Tech's strongest showing of the day. Since every other school had four cross country racers and Tech's other two were sick, Flanagan from the Alpine team was a last minute entry and with a valiant effort placed 4th. Without a fourth racer Tech's strong first two finishers were wasted as they placed eighth out of 11 in cross country. In the jumping Tech also had strong finisher as Needham placed sixth out of 46, but their next placing was Rick Anderson in 25th. Overall the engineers finished eighth out of 11, partially because we were missing 2 men from our best event.

Colby meet rained out

"Three weeks later Tech was to compete in a three-way meet at Colby, but the event was rained out. Last weekend the ski team again traveled to Colby for another three way meet. Once again the cross country team led the way, as Hans Fristedt '68, captain Cale '69 and Daanen placed 3rd, 6th and 8th respectively. Also Needham placed fourth in the jumping. But the rest of the Nordic team and the Alpine team even more failed to hit their strides, as the engineers placed third overall.

Tech uses freeze for last minute win

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Charity tresses brought the crowd to 56-46, at 10:20.

Two layups by Bash gave the hosts an eleven point edge. Then Ed Hansen, who only managed a single tally for WPI in the first half went wild and scored on four straight drives. Griffith pitched in with another two baskets on drives through the key to boost the crowd at 66-48 with 5:20 remaining. After Janssen went over Spring's back for a rebound and sneaked a hook, Griffith tied the score again on a set. Bash amazedly scored four more points from underneath then Wheeler and Cannon traded driving layups twice. With the crowd at 68-71, Kammendier swished a jumper, and then the engineers went into a freeze. Demoralization fouling by the visitors enabled Tech to gain the hard earned 82-71 triumph.

Following Bash in the scoring column was Janssen, Chambers, Hill, Wheeler and Kammendier with 23, 14, 12 and 10 respectively.