Wilson sparkles in national distance running competition

By Ray Kwanick

Senior Ben Wilson continued his spectacular long distance run over the summer with tremendous showings against regional and national competition. Wilson capped the New England Invitational's steppechase crown in a record-breaking jaunt along with UMass' steeplechase crown in a va for two and a half laps before reaching the second and fourth respectively.

Wilson was granted the pole position in all three steeplechase races which enabled him to sprint with 19 distance run-jump. The second and third run-jumps were over the summer with larvae capitalized on Wilson's mistakes over the season. Tuttle was too strong and pulled away for the second two and a half laps before finishing in second place.

In theNew England trackmen had better times that Wilson's meet record, but three other runners, Gary Tuttle, of Humbolt State, and Steve Milligan led the MIT team to one of the most successful seasons in recent years, climaxing the-Tames, England in the Roy- al Henley Regattas.

Two lightweight shells prep for the battle at Henley by going through work-out on the Charles. The lights reached the semi-finals in England.

Photo by: George Flyer

MIT oarsmen display power at Henley but succumb to Penn boat in semi-finals

By Don Adam

The Tech lightweight varity eight made a respectable showing in their first international com- petition since 1962 last spring when they finished in the top four of twenty teams in the Thames, England in the Royal Henley Regattas.

With stiff competition from US crews as well as foreign ones, the lightweights made it through four days of eliminations to reach the semi-finals before finally being defeated by the University of Pennsylvania heavyweight eights. That same morning, Henley's defending champions, Britain's Leander Boat Club defeated the Harvard lightweights in the other semi-final heat. That afternoon Leander suc- cessfully defended its championship by defeating Penn thus re- taining possession of the Thames Cup.

In a side event of the regatta, Paul Sullivan '71 and his Bedford seven participated successfully in the spare pairs race until they lost to the Harvard spairs in the finals.

Crew enthusiasts are convinced that this year's regatta will be remembered as one of the finest. A record breaking number of boats (204) participated week of racing. Of these, 167 ac- tually qualified for a shot at the Cup. There were 46 non-American boats in the event, of which 26 were graced by one of the 13 nationals. Nineteen of these were from the US.

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