Swimmers win one, tie one

by Mike Chrzanowski

The varsity swimming team soundly defeated their varsity counterparts from RPI last Saturday. With three events left, the Engineers already had the victory clinched. The final score was 56-39, a substantial margin, even though Tech did not use its best swimmers as often as it could have. On Tuesday Tech could manage no more than a tie against UConn.

The Tech squad looked very strong against RPI. Excellent times were turned in by several swimmers. Junior Alan Graham swam the 200 yd. freestyle in 1:54.4. This is comparable to the time Lee Dickey was turning in this time last year. Lee went on to win the New England 500 yd. freestyle championship. Graham also turned in an excellent 2:15.5 in the 200 yd. backstroke. In the 200 yd. IM, captain Jim Bronfenbrenner '70 turned in a 2:15.5 to take a first place. Bronfenbrenner also took first in the 200 yd. butterfly.

One very promising new addition to the team this year is sophomore Pete Sanders. He won the 50 yd. freestyle in 23.0 and the 100 yd. freestyle in 52.0. In the diving, Jesse Heines '70 seems to be doing as well as ever. He failed to find any serious competition in the first meet of the year.

This year's freshman team also looks very promising. Last Wednesday they defeated tough Phillips Exeter 46-47. The meet's outstanding swimmer was Ed Kavazanjian who swam the 200 yd. freestyle in 1:50.9 and the 400 yd. freestyle in 4:20.9. This is the first time the freshmen have beaten Exeter since the 1966 season.

On Tuesday both the freshmen and the varsity met always tough UConn. Although the freshmen had some good efforts, they lost 71-30. First places were taken by Doris Pasi in the 1 meter diving and by Bob Paster in the 500 yd. freestyle. The varsity fared better although no one was pleased with the final result. Tech was far behind for the first two-thirds of the meet. But after taking first and second in the 500 yd. freestyle, the 200 yd. breast stroke, and the 3 meter diving, Tech was leading 52-45 with only the final relay left. The relay was the most exciting event of the evening with the final times differing by only three tenths of a second. However, Tech lost and the meet ended in a tie 52-52.

Several outstanding performances were turned by Graham, who took firsts in the 200 yd. freestyle and the 100 yd. freestyle, by Dave James '71 and Larry Markel '71, who took first and second respectively in the 500 yd. freestyle and by Sanders and Lawrence who took first and second in the 200 yd. breaststroke. The diving was spectacular with Heines picking up first in the one meter and the three meter diving, and Charlie Gronauer '72 taking second in these events.

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