Women’s crew 2nd in opener

Rowing at a disadvantage, MIT’s women’s varsity eight (2nd in opener) returned to Connecticut College in their first race of the spring season. Unfortunately, the MIT women had to row three miles upstream and against the Coast Guard Academy dock in New London, Connecticut just to get to their race course. As neither of their opponents had a boat able to handle the wind, they obviously rowing with a handicap so the races were also against the current.

New Hampshire soundly defeats thincal, 101-53

By Dave Dobos

The University of New Hampshire, displaying great depth, overpowered MIT’s varsity track team, 101-53, last Saturday in the Engineer’s first outdoor meet of the season.

With only minimal amounts of practice, both teams prior to the meet, MIT was able to take but five firsts in the 18-event meet. Cold, windy weather and the soggy condition of the Briggs Field track deterred good performances in most events but the distance events.

Leading scorer for MIT was co-captain Gary Wilkes ’71 with 9 points (1st-javelin, 2nd-shot put) each. New Hampshire’s best take on Bates here at Briggs and 880 for 6 points.

The varsity eight was boated as follows: bow-Roseanne Marx ’76, 2-Mary Jean Huber ’74, 3-Diane McKnight ’75, 4-Katrina Wooten ’77, 5-Chris Flint ’75, 6-Christine Tracy ’75, 7-Ingrid Klaus ’76, stroke-Susan Ashworth ’75, and cox-Chris Santos. In the four were: bow-Dallas Abbott ’74, 2-Rean Beckmann ’72, 3-Becky Herbert ’75, stroke-Julia Marks ’77, and cox-Debbie Draper ’77.

In discussing the races, Coach Bums noted that his women need to work on the middle 500 meters of their race. It is that period, when the athletes are winded and tired but not yet near the finish, that makes a demand characteristic of the challenges of rowing. And it is such demands that make the entire year of training important.

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