By Kevin Knoedler

The weather was awful, but the men's track team still was victorious against WPI and RPI on Apr. 11. Temperatures in the low 30s and a steady rain made for a grim day, but MIT prevailed with 93 points to RPI's 70 and WPI's 40.

The day began with the 400 meter relay, run by Elliot Mason, '94, Ed Paterson, '95, and Brad Geilfuss. This event was won by default, as WPI and RPI could not even keep hold of their bats. The 3,000 meter steeplechase followed, with David Doyle '94 taking second in a personal best time of 10:06.0. Rob Casadonte '94 came fourth in a time of 10:00.5.

The distance runners had another race, the 800 meter, run by Tom Washington '92 and Jesse Darley '95. Darley was second at 1:58.57, his best time of the year. Chip Goetzinger '95 took fourth in 1:58.27, his best time of the year. Geilfuss came back from the 400 to take second in the 800 meter with a blazing time of 2:31.1. Paterson placed fourth in 2:31.4. Pete Ronco '92 placed third in the 800 meter with a time of 1:56.14. Jesse Darley '93 placed fourth in 1:56.20. Finally, Fleming took third in the discus with a throw of 12.54 meters. Flemming also took the hammer throw with a toss of 16.37.

The next running event, the 1,500 meter, run by Jack Bogan '93 and Knoedler beat the nearest opponent in second place behind Mount Holyoke and 4.2 seconds ahead of Simmons. The MIT junior varsity eight could not race Simmons, who have only a JV four. However, they were a strong crew by taking the second novice eight did not have a chance to race Simmons. However, the second novice eight had a solid row, coming in second behind Mount Holyoke.

Although the MIT women lost the Brunelle Cup, awarded to the winner of the varsity eight race, they are aiming to bring the cup home next spring. This weekend, the MIT women will be racing Boston University and Northeastern on Saturday and Tufts on Sunday.

Sprint Puts Women's Crew in Second

By Amy Bowen

The MIT women's crew team traveled out to Holyoke, Mass., Saturday to race against Mount Holyoke and Simmons. Although the clumps of melting snow made it seem more like winter than spring, there were no waves and so wind on the river. The Holyoke course is directed against a substantial current, but to compensate, the course is substantially shorter than the standard 2,000 meters. Each crew took advantage of the excellent water conditions and short course to row well together.

MIT sided ahead of Simmons at the start of the varsity eight race and continued to steadily move on them down the course. After extensive illnesses, all of the rowers in the first eight were healthy, and they consequently had a good row. A strong sprint at the end brought them in second place behind Mount Holyoke and 10.8 seconds ahead of Simmons. The MIT junior varsity eight could not race Simmons, who have only a JV four. However, they demonstrated how much speed they have picked up in the last couple of weeks by finishing much closer to Mount Holyoke than at their last meeting on Apr. 4. Both crews raced at higher stroke ratings than they have for so long this spring.

The first novice eight had a very exciting race. Intent upon beating rival Mount Holyoke after losing to them on Apr. 4, MIT proved they were a strong crew by taking the lead in the first 20 strokes. MIT kept a firm hold on that lead for the body of the race and pulled even further ahead in the last 500 meters for a well-earned first place, 3.8 seconds ahead of Mount Holyoke and 4.2 seconds ahead of Simmons. Just as in the junior varsity race, the MIT second novice eight did not have a chance to race Simmons. However, the second novice eight had a solid row, coming in second behind Mount Holyoke.

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