Cornell seniors Craig Holm (#34) and Scott Meyer (#59) lead the Big Red pack through the 3/4 mile mark against Harvard.
DEDICATION

We of the Spiked Shoe Society

of Cornell University

dedicate this issue

of the WASTEBASKET to

Charles E. Treman, Jr. '30

While at Cornell, Mr. Treman was captain of the 1930 Track Team (half miler) that tied with Penn for first place in the IC4A indoor championships and defeated (with Princeton) Oxford and Cambridge in England (July 1930). He was a member of the Quill and Dagger, Aleph Samach and the Spiked Shoe and he is a native Ithacan. Mr. Treman graduated from Cornell in 1930, and from the Cornell Law School in 1934. Presently, he is chairman of the Board of Tompkins County Trust Company and is active in New York State banking circles as well as in Ithaca and Tompkins County civic affairs.

Mr. Treman also holds a number of other distinguished positions. He is a Cornell University Trustee, Chairman of the Bequest Committee of the Cornell University Council and is a member of the Track Committee supervising the Jack Moakley Endowment Fund. He also served as referee of our home track meets for many years.
Front L-R: J. Bender, Bamford, Keefe, Ritson, Fischer, Zamojski, Meyer, Capt. Holm, Stinson, Figard, M. Murray, Pfitzinger, Pannell, P. Clark, G. Bender
Absent: Buchholz, Allen, Caputo, D. Clark, Cohen, Coy, Eldridge, Glitzenstein, Hall, Martin, McGraw, D. Murray, Mulkern, Murphy, Nadeau, O’Neill, Schurman, Shaw, Washburn
Season Summary

The Cornell Harriers this year fell to their first losing season in seven years. But their 3 and 4 dual meet record for the 1975 campaign did not truly reflect the effort and potential of the team. The Red's three victories were over Colgate, Rochester and Yale, while they were defeated by Syracuse, Army, Harvard and Bucknell.

In the first outing against Colgate, Captain Craig Holm showed great potential by placing first and defeating Colgate's top man, Bruce Mason, by 17 seconds. Holm also set a new course record of 27:00.6 on a temporary Cornell cross country course, made necessary by three days of heavy rain and a slightly overflowed Fall Creek running through the gorge loop. Cornell went on to place five men in the top seven finishers and defeat Colgate 20 to 39. The next week, the Cornell harriers traveled to Syracuse to meet their strong, undefeated Orange Pack. Holm continued to perform well for the Big Red by defeating SU's top man, O'Brian, by a hair at the finish line. Cornell ran well, and their chances for a victory looked good up through the three mile mark, but the Orange proved too strong and went on to win 22-36. For the third outing of the season, Coach Warner's runners looked forward to a win against Army. The Big Red again gave a fine team effort, leading up to the four mile mark, but they were trailing by three points with a half mile to go. Sophomore Bill Buchholz ran a fine race in finishing in front of Army's fourth man, but the Red were hurt when their fourth man, freshman John Ritson, suffered a side cramp early in the race and never fully recovered. Army, running behind powerful Alitz and Trujillo, went on to squeak out a victory over the Red by a score of 27 to 38. The following Friday Cornell faced even greater aggravation in their meet against Harvard. The Big Red fought Harvard to a 28-28 tie, but due to a new scoring system the race went to the Crimson 17-20. This new system drops the fifth man from each team from the scoring in the event of a tie. The top four men's places are then added up, and the victory went to Harvard. Despite this, the race was by far Cornell's best team effort of the season. Six out of our top seven runners set personal bests on the Moakley course and Cornell had the fifth fastest team time ever run on the course in its 20 year history. Freshman John Ritson set a new frosh course record of 25:49, while another freshman, Pete Pfitzinger, also broke the old frosh record of 26:04.

Traveling to Yale the following week, Cornell's hard training and determination paid off as the Red went on to defeat Yale 19-42. This put their season record to 2 and 3 with only a triangular meet left the following week against Rochester and Bucknell. At this meet, Cornell's last chance for a winning season went down the drain as they were defeated by a strong Bucknell team 22-34. The Red easily defeated Rochester 17-44, and finished up their season with a 3 and 4 record.

At the Hep's and IC4A's Cornell finished 8th and 16th, respectively. The top Cornell individuals were Holm (34th and 18th), senior Scott Meyer (38th and 79th) and Ritson (40th and 72nd). Holm, with his 18th place finish in the IC4A's, qualified for the NCAA's and was named to the All East Cross Country Team for 1975. In the NCAA's held at Penn State, he finished 101st out of 265 other nationally ranked runners.
The entire Cornell Track and Cross Country Teams and I would like to wish former Cornell Assistant Coach Edward "Ted" McLaughlin the best of luck at his new assistant track coaching position at the University of Texas at El Paso. Coach McLaughlin was offered this position late this past summer, to take effect in early Fall. This left the Cornell Track Program without an assistant coach for the second year in a row, but even though Coach McLaughlin was only with us for one year, we came to know him as an excellent coach and close friend. Oddly enough, it was Coach McLaughlin who introduced Coach Warner to the new Cornell Assistant Coach, Michael S. Muska, before he even knew he would be leaving Cornell. In any case, we again wish Coach McLaughlin the best of luck in his coaching career.

Captains Comments

While looking back over this season's record of three wins and four losses, it would be easy to sum up the season as disappointing. However, this season has too many bright spots to leave it at that. To begin with, only two upperclassmen, Scott Meyer and myself, have had any consistent college varsity experience. Despite this, a good group of freshmen filled in the gaps so that by the end of the season, four of our top seven runners were freshmen. Also, the entire team had a positive attitude throughout the season, as was shown after disappointing races when instead of being downcast and depressed, the team was looking forward to the next meet. A good example of this occurred in the IC4A's, where almost everyone ran one to two minutes faster than they had the week before in the Heps. Another bright spot about this season was that we were only one point away from victories over Army and Harvard and a five and two season.

For next year, the forecast looks good, with five out of our top seven returning. Cornell will still have a young team, but they will have a very fine nucleus with which they can develop depth and an excellent team attitude. Hopefully, everyone will train heavily next summer, and come back to Ithaca relaxed, healthy and anxious to go undefeated in the fall. I wish everyone the best of luck and success next season, where I hope you can finish in the top two in the Heps and in the top five in the IC4A's.

Craig Holm

Jack Moakley Endowment Fund

The grand total of the fund to date is $27,546.75 received from 152 alumni, 10 company matching gifts, 1 foundation and 4 non-Cornellians. To all who have contributed this fine sum goes the sincere thanks of the Committee. Plans are now underway to contact all track alumni early in 1976 for the next phase of the campaign aimed at doubling the current amount. The income on $50,000 to $55,000 can be of tremendous benefit to our track program for items not covered in the University's athletic budget.

Hunt Bradley, Chairman
A New Assistant Coach

If a visiting alumni or a potential recruit wanders into the Cornell Track Office, they are liable to discover a smiling and deceptively young-looking man behind the desk of the assistant track coach, his dress and action in tune and typical of the present Cornell trackman. "Where is the assistant coach?" they might ask, and they will certainly blush with embarrassment when they discover that the man behind the desk is the new assistant coach, Michael S. Muska.

If one were to look at the track qualifications of Coach Muska, they would certainly discover that they do not reflect his age. For a man only 26 years old, he is vastly experienced in the track and field area. Coach Muska is a native of Endfield, Conn. He graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1973 with a BA in history, and is presently in the process of finishing his master's thesis in physical education through the University of Massachusetts, where he has coached the past two years. While still an undergraduate, he was appointed to the New England Seeding Committee in track, initiated and compiled the New England cross country poll, organized and conducted the New England College Track rankings and served as a correspondent for the Track and Field News. Coach Muska also kept active in high school for the past four years by serving as assistant state meet director for Mass. and Conn., and by coordinating the Conn. AAU Championships in '74 and '75. It was evident that for Mike Muska track and field was more than just a sport, and for his efforts the New England Track Association presented him with a distinguished service award in 1973.

Also in 1973, Coach Muska was appointed assistant coach of track and cross country of the University of Massachusetts, with duties in the field events and in recruiting. During his two years with the University of Massachusetts, every school jumping record was broken, his long and triple jumpers were ranked among the best in the East, and three different vaulters under Coach Muska's coaching lowered the Massachusetts vault standard four different times. From all these qualifications, it can easily be seen that Coach Muska is an excellent choice for our new assistant coach. At Cornell he will handle the field events and recruiting, the latter being the spot where Coach Muska feels most confident because of the added benefit of the small age difference between he and the recruits.

So far, Coach Muska has had nothing but praise for Cornell and its track program. He states that Cornell's program is obviously a stable one as can be seen by the large number of students who participate and by the strong alumni support it receives. There seems no doubt that Coach Muska's past dedication and initiative will carry on and become an intricate part of Cornell Track's winning tradition.
COACH'S COMMENTS

The 1975 cross country season was our first losing season since 1968. However, it was a losing season only in the sense of the won-loss record of 3 and 4. In my opinion, it was much better than that record indicates. We had a young, inexperienced team that matured as the season progressed and we should have the nucleus of a fine team for the next few years. I was very proud of the job that our young men did as well as that of our upperclassmen. Captain Holm especially has to be singled out for his fine development over the past four years into an All-East selection and his great efforts in the IC4A and NCAA meets. A leader leads best from the front and that is where Craig was all season long.

If we are fortunate enough to enroll another group next Fall as talented as the class of 1979, then we should be in for several fine seasons just ahead. Having lost the top Frosh leader for the last three years (Curtis '76, Hunter '77, and Lynch '78) this left us severely handicapped these past two seasons. With those three on our team this Fall, I have no doubts that we would have been undefeated and Heps contenders. Hopefully, that trend will cease, and our strength might build from year to year which is what we are striving for.

The 1976 Indoor season is already underway after a very successful debut at the Syracuse Relays on December 6th which saw a new Cornell Distance Medley Relay record of 10:13.8 established by Frank Spinella '76 (1:59.6), Jeff Osborne '76 (:50.2), Dave Pannell '79 (3:06.9), and Dave Washburn '78 (4:17.1). Freshman Ron McCray broke the Frosh Indoor long jump record with a 23'3 1/2" and held it until teammate "Bo" Baker also a Frosh, came down the runway and did 23'4". Frosh Greg Witherspoon tied the Frosh high jump record of 6'6". The team spirit was high and the enthusiasm was terrific. It is a young team, but has much promise, and if the Syracuse Relays meet is any indication, we will have another good Indoor season!

Plans for our annual Spring trip are well underway as well as our fund-raising efforts. We will fly from Ithaca to Charlotte, N.C. on Sunday, March 28th, rent two maxi vans to drive to Greenville, S.C. where we will stay and train at Furman University until Wednesday. Furman will give us housing Sunday thru Wednesday and we will have a meet with them on Tuesday either a regular meet or a practice meet. On Wednesday, we will drive the vans to Columbia, S.C. and then compete in the South Carolina Relays on the 3rd of April. The following day, the 4th, we will drive back to Charlotte and then fly back to Ithaca. We plan to take about 22 men if we are successful in raising the needed funds.

Our next Indoor meet will be here at home on January 17th (not the 1st as it was incorrectly sent out in our letter to you officials). This is our 9th Annual Cornell Invitation Meet which has grown to be quite a meet in its own right.

With another large budget cut looming over our heads for 76-77, we are all at a quandry over what the outcome and effects of that will be. Two of our best Cornell coaches have resigned over this constant chipping away at the program. We have all tightened our belts over each of the last four years and to tighten it any more just might choke off what life we do have left. The coaches have become bus drivers, accountants, etc. all in an effort to save. Perhaps some letters from you men out there to President Corson indicating your wishes for or against a strong athletic program would be helpful to him as he struggles with this difficult task.
DO YOU KNOW THAT......In the 1901 IC4AAA championships, running through a sea of mud Bernie Gallagher '01 captured the two miles in 10:00, and Frank Sears '04 won the 220 yards in 0:22 3/5 after winning his trial Friday in 0:21 3/5. These were Cornell's first Individual winners on the track. Sears took fourth in the 100; D.S. Bellinger '03 second in the 880 and C.P. Wales '02 fourth in the hammer (127' 1 1/2").....A joyous student body met the team at the train, loaded it on a livery wagon, paraded up State Street to the Ithaca Hotel. With band playing and Captain E. L. Robertson '01 of the baseball team leading cheers, Sears and Gallagher were hoisted on shoulders and begged to speak; horse and buggy traffic was deflected to Seneca Street by Patrolman Tom Shannon, as the entire student body and half the townspeople - out to greet local boy, Bernie Gallagher, cheered Moakley and his first great team. (Bob Kane in John F. Moakley - 40 Years at Cornell)

ALUMNI PROFILES

Grandin A. Godley '36, 25231 Kathy Drive, South Bend, Indiana 46619
Mr. Godley, in addition to placing in the 1934 IC4A high jump and in the 1936 IC4A high hurdles, was selected as the New Jersey Track Athlete of the Year in 1935. He was also a member of the team that made the Oxford-Cambridge trip to England.
Mr. Godley was married on graduation day to Virginia Phillips '36. They have a son, a daughter, seven grandsons and a granddaughter. Mr. Godley is the construction manager for Armco Steel Corp., specializing in horizontal boring for underground utility lines. He also farms, is a pilot with 3000 hours of flying experience and is also involved with many church and civic activities.
Mr. Haselton calls himself a "perpetual also-ran" but adds that he had "fun galore" for three and a half years while running for Cornell.

One particular incident Mr. Haselton recalls was when he fell asleep while waiting for the 880 of a fall try out meet. He woke up just in time to see the start of his race, but fell in the back of the pack to run anyway!

Another incident was after Mr. Haselton had just run the fastest 440 of his life at the try outs for the Penn Frosh meet. After the race, Jack Moakley sent him to the doctor because of some suspicious red spots... German Measles! He was quarantined and missed the trip to Philadelphia.

Dr. Daniell lettered in cross country four years and in track in 1949-50. He claims to hold the Cornell record for the most consecutive non-scoring fourth place finishes (nineteen) in the two mile. Dr. Daniell took up running once again in the spring of 1973 and now consistently places in local road races. He recently broke the three hour barrier for the marathon.

Dr. Daniell is married and has two daughters, one of which is a runner. As an internist, Dr. Daniell's avocation is clinical research having identified relationships between smoking and skin wrinkles as well as smoking and weakening of the bones.

Mr. Westfield's forte was the intermediate hurdles with a personal best of 51.8 seconds, the second best ever recorded by a Cornellian. He placed in the Heps three years, the IC4A's two years and placed sixth in the NCAA's. He also performed well in all short and long sprint and hurdle events as well as the long jump and high jump. In addition to excelling in track, he was the starting half-back for the football team in 1962 and 1963 but was injured for the 1964 season.

Mr. Westfield is married with three children of his own and two adopted girls. He is currently running an alternative high school for drop outs and other troubled students and, on a part-time basis, is a recreation instructor at a prison for the Michigan State Department of Corrections.
As in previous years the Big Red Track Team will return from the semester break ready to run in our own Cornell Invitational, held in Barton Hall, January 17th. The meet will begin at 1:00 including such teams as Seton Hall, Penn State, University of Rochester, and Queens University, a Canadian team. Dominated by Cornell last year, the meet is non-scoring, but provides an excellent way to open the new track year. Each event is open to four contestants from each school, giving the coaches a fine way to enter many of their runners. The meet is an all day affair with the dinner break being filled by Ithaca High School Invitational Indoor Track Meet. Again this year, a few women's events will add to the variety and excitement of the meet, and Cornell's own women's Track Club will participate.

Southern Trip
This coming spring, approximately twenty-two Cornell trackmen will fly to Charlotte, South Carolina for a week of training and top notch competition in sunny southern weather (hopefully). From Charlotte the team will drive to Greenville, S.C., for a dual meet with Furman University. There the team will be housed by the University for a few days before they leave for Columbia and the South Carolina Relays. The last few years the Cornell two mile relay and distance medley relay teams have been the only Cornell participants in the meet, but this year the Big Red will invade the South in full force determined to continue a winning tradition. The cost of the trip will be around $250. per man, $5000. for the group, a very reasonable rate considering the housing accommodations some of our southern hosts will provide. The money used for the trip is raised through our team dues, parental and alumni contributions, the sale of T-shirts and jackets by the team members, and interest from the Jack Moakley Endowment Fund.

Note: Of course, we hope to meet any Alumni and family of our team members who reside or will be in the South Carolina area during our spring trip, and we extend a cordial invitation to come and watch us run. We run Furman University on March 30 in Greensville, and the South Carolina Relays on April 3 in Columbia.

To anyone who desires to contribute to our Southern Trip, we ask that checks be made payable to the Cornell University "Track Development Fund."

1975-1976 DUES NOTICE

Dues: $5.00 (June 1, 1975 thru May 31, 1976)
Sponsor: $10.00 or more
Make Checks Payable To: Cornell Spike Shoe Society

Spiked Shoe Society
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Ithaca, New York 14850

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Red Runners
6th in State

Syracuse remains the choice as the top cross country team in New York State in the final poll of the state's cross country coaches.

Syracuse was named first on seven of 12 ballots and saw its wide mid-season margin narrowed to only 12 votes over second place Army.

The Cadets, the top New York State finisher at the IC4A, were up two spots to second with two first place votes, three votes ahead of Fordham. Remaining third with two first place votes.

Columbia and Cornell were both up two spots to fifth and sixth.

The voting (first place in parenthesis):
1. Syracuse 17
2. Army 16
3. Fordham 12
4. Manhattan 11
5. Columbia 10
6. Cornell 9
7. Pittsburgh 8
8. St. John's 7
9. Colgate 6
10. Marist 4
11. Washburn

Washburn
Red's X-C Captain

Junior Dave Washburn was named captain of the 1976 Cornell cross-country team Tuesday evening at the team's end-of-the-season banquet at Moakley House.

Washburn also won the "Fifth-Man" Award, an honor given in recognition of the importance of the fifth man in the team scoring.

Craig Holm won the Moakley Award, given to the runner who has done the most for Cornell cross-country, and the Most Valuable Player Award.

Bill Buchholz was named the Most Improved runner for the Red, and John Ritson won the Most Valuable Freshman Award.

Cornell was 3-4 in dual meet competition this fall.

Cornell’s Craig Holm
Named All East Harrier

Cornell cross country captain Craig Holm was named to the All-East cross country team off his outstanding performance in Saturday's IC4A Championships at Van Cortland Park in New York.

Holm finished 18th in the field of more than 180 runners representing 28 colleges. Holm was one of 25 harriers from 15 colleges named to the All-IC4A Eastern team. Holm's performance also qualifies him for next Monday's NCAA Championships at Penn State.

Holm's finish paced the Cornell team to a 16th place finish. Other Cornell scores included Jon Ritson (72nd), Scott Meyer (79th), Pete Pfitzinger (116th) and Andy Fischer (142nd). Cornell's performance was encouraging as the teams behind the Big Red included defending champion Massachusetts.

New Ass’t.
Cornell
Track Coach

Michael S. Muska, assistant track and cross country coach at the University of Massachusetts the last two years, has been appointed assistant to Cornell coach Jack Warner, Dean of Athletics Robert J. Kane announced today.

Muska, 26 and single, succeeds Ted McLaughlin who resigned his assistant's post, after serving here a year, to take up similar duties at the University of Texas at El Paso. Muska reports Oct. 1.

"We are delighted that Mike is coming with us," Warner said. "Over the last two years he's contributed greatly to UMass' becoming a power in New England circles. He's an extremely versatile young man."

Muska is a 1973 graduate of the University of Connecticut where he was awarded the B.A. in history with honors. Besides participating in track and cross country, he was sports editor of the campus newspaper and assisted the sports Information director. At St. John's Prep in Danvers, Mass., he had been captain of track and cross country and was an all-state finalist in the 880.

At Massachusetts he completed his masters thesis in sport studies and was freshman cross country coach and assistant track coach. He also taught classes in jogging and conditioning as well as weight training.

In 1974 his freshman cross country team placed second in the New Englands and fifth in the IC4A. In track, UMass won the Yankee Conference indoor title in 1975 and took the New England championship, for the first time ever, outdoors in '74.

Last August, during the National Junior Olympics here, Muska was the public address announcer at Schoellkopf Field.
Penn's Merrick, 
Princeton Win In Heps X-C

NEW YORK (AP) — Dave Merrick of Penn, recovered from an injured right foot that prevented him from running last year, broke his meet record in winning the gold medal for the third time Friday in the 57th annual Heptagonal cross country championships.

Princeton won the team title. Ithaca's Tom Hartshorne helped with a 13th place finish. He was Princeton's fifth man.

Merrick, who led all the way, crossed the finish line 160 yards ahead of Curt Alitz of Army in 24 minutes, 15.4 seconds. Alitz was timed in 25:47.

The clocking by the 22-year-old senior from Mokena, Ill., topped the 24:31.8 he established in 1971. The following year, Merrick was ineligible after transferring to Alabama and returning to the Ivy League meet. Merrick also won in 1973 in 24:32.8, but the foot injury kept him sidelined last season.

Larry Tractenberg of Princeton was third in 25:04. He helped the Tigers win the title for the first time.

Princeton posted 40 points. While Navy, the defending champion, was next with 80. Dartmouth was a surprising third with 83, while Penn, the favorite, edged Army for fourth place 91-92.

Cornell Harriers Start Season

Cornell cross country runners will begin their season Friday over the Moakley course. Both the varsity and the junior varsity will meet Colgate.

It will be the second run for Colgate, which defeated Cornell and lost to Bucknell in a triangular.

Two freshmen who have been showing well and who will compete for the varsity are Peter Pitzinger of Pittsford and Jon Ritson of Oswego. Freshman Dave Pannel of Ithaca will be out of this one because of a leg injury.

Another who has been doing well for Coach Jack Warner is Capt. Craig Holm. He just might lead the pack home. Other Redmen in the varsity meet will be Paul Clark, transfer from the New England championships, was third with 113, while Penn, the defending champion, was next with 91-92.

Dartmouth was a surprising fourth, two more Redmen, Scott Meyer and Andy Fischer, 66th.

Cornell Harriers Now 1-3

For the second week in a row, a one-two finish by an opposing team proved too much for Cornell's cross country outfit, as the Red lost to Harvard, 17-20, Friday at the Moakley Course.

It was a four-man team score, which was necessitated when the two schools finished in a 20-40 tie on the five-man score. Under NCAA rules, the tie-breaker is a four-man score.

Cornell dropped to 1-3 in duals. As last week, the Red was also squeezed, 27-28, by Army.

Harvard's Jeff Campbell was the individual winner, in 25:42, with Peter Fitzsimmons of the Cantabs second.

Cornell freshman Jon Ritson was third, in a freshman school record of 25:49, followed by Cornell's Craig Holm, in fourth.

Cornell's team time of 2:09:58 was the third fastest Cornell effort in 20 years of competition at Moakley. The record is 2:08:54, which was set in 1971 vs. Colgate.

The Cornell junior varsity was also involved in a close meet. Only this time, Cornell came out on top, 27-28, over Morrisville Ag Tech. Ithaca's Dave Stinson was the leading finisher for Cornell, taking second.

The top ten:


Cornell Wins In Cross Country

Cornell cross country runners easily defeated Yale, 19-42, at New Haven Saturday, breaking a string of three defeats. They will take a 2-3 record to Rochester Saturday where they will meet Rochester and Bucknell. Then they come the Heps in New York, Nov. 7.

Capt. Craig Holm and freshman Pete Pitzinger were one-two for Cornell although in the same time of 22:50.2. Then after a Yale, Jim Schiller, took third, two more Redmen, Scott Meyer and Jonathan Ritson were third and fourth.

Other anyone...

Bucknell Tops Red

The Cornell cross country team suffered its first losing season in seven years Saturday after splitting with Bucknell and Rochester at Rochester. Cornell was a winner over Rochester by a 17-44 score, while losing to Bucknell 22-34.

Like every other loss of the 3-4 season, the Big Red was in the thick of the race the whole way, only to have Bucknell take the win away in the final mile, as the more experienced Bisons ended their season 12-4.

Bucknell's Lou Calvano held off Cornell senior Capt. Holm for the win, and three straight Bucknell finishers sealed the verdict. Pete Pitzinger, Scott Meyer, and Jon Ritson took the next three slots for Cornell but it was not enough to stop Bucknell's high finishes.

For Cornell Head Coach Jack Warner, the loss was taken with mixed emotions. "We had a losing season by tenths of seconds. Both the Army (27-28) and Harvard meets (23-28 tie loss) could have gone our way, and we were in the race with both Syracuse and Bucknell until the end. We have a championship kind of team, one that will pack several runners in some pretty good spots and I'm looking forward to the next few weeks (Heps, IC4A, NCAA). This is a good team, and I think our performances in the next few weeks will show it."

Penn Dave Merrick added the IC4A champ to the Heps title he had won a week earlier, breaking the Van Cortland course record by nine seconds. Curt Alitz of Army and Larry Tractenberg of Princeton trailed Merrick in the next two spots, just as they had a week earlier at the Heps.

Team honors went to Northeastern, with four finishers in the top thirteen, with 57 points. Hep champ Princeton was second with 85, including a 32nd place finish from Ithaca's Tom Hartshorne, while pre-meet favorite Providence, a three point victor over Northeastern in the New England Championships, was third with 113.