Track Season Has Begun; Individual Efforts Noted

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Both the men's and women's track teams opened their outdoor seasons this weekend. The men split a tri-meet with Virginia and Madison on Friday and then took several places at the Atlantic Coast Relays the next day. The women placed a number of individuals at the relay meet.

The men's tri-meet with Virginia and Madison was scored as a double dual meet. The scores were Tech vs. Madison—118 to 54 and Tech vs. U. Va.—58 to 108.

"It was not a good performance teamwise," commented coach Russ Whitenack, "but there were some great individual efforts for the first meet."

Some of the top performers for the Hokies were Bob Drum in the hammer throw and Dave Steranko in the shot put. They took two of Tech's five first places. Drum set a school record of 171 ft. 9 in. in the hammer and Steranko threw the shot 52 ft. 1 in.

Other firsts went to Ken Muller, who triple jumped 45 ft. 6 in., Dennis Scott, who clocked 10.5 sec. in the 100 meters and Tom Goode who ran 1 min. 55.3 sec. in the 800 meters.

All of the track events were run in metric distances because the NCAA has officially changed to that system this year. Runners must have times for metric distances to qualify for national this year. All of the meets in which the Hokies compete this spring will be in meters except for the one home meet that they have.

There were several other notable performances by the Gobblers. Dan O'Conner took second in the hammer with a heave of 158 ft 11 in. Alan Carwile and Guy Crane finished second and third in the 10,000 meters. They ran 31 min. 28 sec. and 31 min. 40 sec. respectively. J.B. Brown placed second in the 3,000 meter steeple chase with a 9 min. 27 sec. clocking.

Both the men's and women's teams took several individuals to the Atlantic Coast Relays.

For the men, David Sage took fifth place in the javelin by throwing 202 ft. Drum finished sixth in the discus with a toss of 157 ft. and Steranko finished sixth in the shot put with a heave of 49 ft. 9 in.

The women's team took four places. Selena Daughtrey and Eileen McCarthy took fourth and fifth in the 100 meter hurdles running 17.1 sec. and 18.1 sec. respectively.

Irene Spieker took over 30 sec. off the school record in the 3,000 meters. She finished fourth in 10 min. 25.9 sec.

The 440 yard medley relay took fifth place. The team composed of Daphne Palmer, Gail Kelley, Kim Michael, and Sue Cook ran a school record time of 1 min. 55.5 sec.