Trackmen Fourth At Marshall

By Charlie Aschmann

With only 14 members participating, Virginia Tech’s track team took fourth place at the Marshall Invitational. There were 15 schools present at the West Virginia school.

“If we had brought a full team,” commented Coach Russ Whitenack, “We would have won.”

According to Whitenack, Tech’s best performance came from Mike Burns, who clocked 3 min. 52 sec. in the 1,500 meters. He finished fourth.

Burns also ran the 800 meters, finishing fifth in 1 min. 57.7 sec. His third race came in the mile relay. The team of Burns, Steve Sawyer, Clyde Blueford and Macon Sizemore took fourth with a time of 3 min. 25.9 sec.

In field events the Hokies took two first places. The distances and heights suffered because of an intermittent rain.

Keith Neff won the pole vault at 16 ft., and David Sage took the honors in the javelin with a throw of 209 ft.

Larry Wheeler nabbed the Hokies sole second place. He heaved the shot 50 ft. 5 in. Also in the shot put, Dave Steranko finished fifth with a throw of 49 ft. 11 in. Steranko also took second in the discus with a throw of 156 ft. 5 in.

In the 400 meters Matt Davis took third place with a time of 48.5 sec.

Ed Wills took two placed for the Gobblers. He finished fourth in the long jump, jumping 21 ft. 2 in. In the high hurdles he was fifth in 15.1 sec.

Robbie White led the Gobblers entries in the 5,000 meters. He clocked 15 min. 7.8 sec.

Whitenack said the meet was “really interesting. There were a lot of schools there we had never heard of.” The only familiar school there was VMI which finished sixth.

Next week the Gobblers will travel to Ball State in Muncie, Indiana. Because of a postal mix-up they will have no entries in the Penn Relays.