Track and field enjoys success

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Women’s track and field placed second to Monmouth last weekend at the Lehigh Invitational. They won several events and came in second in many others ending up with 173 points.

Senior Tina Gill won the discus and placed third in the shot put. Jen Riley, senior, won the pole vault and placed eighth in the high jump. Sophomore Pam White won the 800m.

The men came in fourth at Lehigh with 161 points. Okahsola Ijalana won the discus, placed fourth in the shot put and fourth in the hammer. Junior Brandon Hicks won the 110m hurdles, placed second in the 100m, and seventh in the 200m. Freshman Jamal Harris won the 200m and placed third in the 100m.

Also, Alexis Wood, Amy Sura, Medine Mechea, Megan O’Halloran, and the women’s 4x400m relay all had second place in events. Bob Broomehead had second in the 3,000m steeplechase and Robin Mesina placed second in the 800m.

Both teams have had a successful season so far. They had a meet at Delaware University recently where they had half the team there and the other half was at the University of Virginia. At Delaware, the women placed fifth and the men placed sixth. At Virginia the men placed ninth and the women placed sixteenth.

They are currently at the Penn Relays, which will be continuing until Saturday, April 26. Once they are done with that they have to head over to the Lions Invitational.

After this year, he’s finally going to call it quits. He has touched many lives throughout the years with his actions and displays of greatness. Everyone he has come in contact with is the better for it, and he challenges us to aspire to improve ourselves. No, I’m not talking about Michael Jordan, but Bart Luedeke, president of Rider University.

While Jordan may defy gravity and walk on air, he still can’t reach the heights of achievement that Luedeke has come to. Jordan sells more Nikes than anyone else around the world, but Luedeke still leaves bigger shoes to fill.

While many athletes have not thanked him personally for the wonderful job he has done, in a way they all have without even realizing it. Every time they give a maximum effort in whatever sport they play, Luedeke can be nothing but pleased. With that in mind, let’s reflect on some events of this year that have brought a smile to his face.

The field hockey team, under the excellent guidance of Head Coach Lori Hussong, has been to the NEC Championship all three years of her tenure, winning it twice. This past year, they received several votes to be ranked nationally, featured one of the best offenses as well as goalie in the nation, and fell one game short of reaching the sweet sixteen. With only one starter graduating, the team looks to repeat as champions.

Sarah Artale broke the women’s all-time scoring record for soccer, a stat she’ll be sure to pad as she is returning for her junior year. Her scoring helped propel the Broncs into the second round of the playoffs, after upsetting the number one