Baker wins track championship

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Baker and Wiess battled down
to the last event Saturday in
the Second Annual Inter-College Track Meet. Wiess showed
its usual strength in the sprints
and surprising development in
the field events, but Baker was
able to win the meet on the
basis of its traditional strength
in the longer races and its
sheer depth.

Three records were set in the course of the afternoon, and two others were tied. Bob Olson won the mile run in 4:38.8 in a race which saw the first four men, all from Baker, break the former record. Olson's well-paced effort beat even the unofficial intramural record, set by the legendary Duncan Mason in 1964 at 4:39.7.

Greg Peters (53.5) beat Chuck Young (53.8) in the last turn of the 440-yard dash, as both men broke last year's standard of 54.3. The Baker mile relay team bettered last year's mark by almost 4 seconds as they won in 3:40.5.

Wiess's Stuart Long tied his records in both the 50 and the 100 yard dashes on his way to becoming the meet's high point man. He also won the long jump and anchored the winning 440 relay team, finishing the day with 17½ points. His victory in the 100 this year marks at least his third in four years, all in 10.1, and he will be back next year as a fifth-year.

Baker jumped off to an early lead in the competition with a second in the opening 440 relay and the mile sweep. Wiess quickly established itself as the major challenger by winning the sprint relay. As the after-

noon wore on, Baker rolled up a commanding lead in the running events by placing in every one.

Meanwhile, however, Wiess was making a strong showing in the field events, taking more points there than all the other colleges combined. When these results began to come in, late in the afternoon, it became obvious that the last event, the mile relay, would be decisive.

In that race both teams were fairly even throughout the first lap, but during the second, Wiess developed a five yard lead over Baker. In the third lap Allen Spencer put it on ice for Baker, passing Wiess at the head of the backstretch and posting an excellent 53.8 lap. Greg Peters held a comfortable lead throughout the final lap, finishing with a 40 yard lead for the record and a Baker victory.

Between the men's events, the first women's inter-college track and field meet ever was run off between Jones and Brown. Jones fielded a much stronger team (18) than Brown (5), and won chiefly by strength of numbers. Neither team was managed efficiently, but perhaps a foundation for further rivalry was successfully laid.