Championship Sharpshooters Have Three All-Americans; Tanner Elected New Captain
Tech Sweeps Series Of Matches

On Friday evening, May 11th, the M.I.T. Rifle Team held its annual banquet. The first item of business to be transacted at the banquet was the election of officers for the 1951-52 season. Allan Tanner, a senior in Course XII and this past season's manager, was elected. Next, the mass of awards that had accumulated over the season were distributed. Mr. Geiger, Director of Athletics, presented M.I.T. varsity awards and letters to the men who had earned them. Col. Charles B. Voelcker presented awards to the high scorers in the New England College Rifle League. The Tech team not only won the League Championship, but also took all three individual awards, with first place going to Mel Bowers, second place to Allan Tanner, and third place to Herb Voelcker. Col. Bowers also awarded first-place medals to the three-man team of Voelcker, Bowers, Tanner and McDonald which won the Citizens' Henry Trophy.

Tech Paves Three On All-American
Col. Harold R. Jackson, Chief of Staff of the New England Subarea and former PMS&T at M.I.T., then presented Herb Voelcker with a plaque in commemoration of his High Individual score in the District of Columbia Championship Match. To climax the award presentation, Col. Jackson announced that the National Rifle Association had selected Herb Voelcker, Mel Bowers, and Allan Tanner as members of the ten-man All-American Rifle Team. In recognition of this honor, the men were each awarded a coveted Golden Bullet by the NRA.

Col. Jackson stated that the school could produce more than one man on this elite shooting aggregation; the remaining schools supplied the remaining All-Americans. The Tech team is notable that Tech was the only school to place more than one man on this list.

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Student Aid Comm. Formed To Integrate Financial Assistance

The new Student Aid Committee was created to "integrate the forms of financial assistance," and to "provide a package system of help," according to Dean Thomas F. Pire.

The new committee will work side by side with the Scholarship Committee, the Loans Board, and the Student Employment Office. Mr. William H. Curtis, Jr. is now headed by Mr. William H. Curtis, Jr. Although the policies of the new organization have not been fully formulated yet, its purpose is quite clearly defined—to work toward creating more and more opportunities to give aid to deserving students at the Institute.

"Equilibrium Balance"

As economic conditions change, the relative importance of each of the forms of assistance also varies. The Committee will treat each case individually and provide the proper proportion of loans, scholarships and employment for each man. All professional schools like the Institute no man should allow part-time employment to interfere in his obtaining the full value of his education. The newly established unit will help find an answer to this problem in every case. Must limit the use of money. Even though the employment will be a great help, it is the hope of everyone that the 1951 Olympic Rifle Team will be at least partially a Tech rifle team.

Vocational Projects Trophy
To climax the evening, retiring Captains Herb Voelcker presented to the school an inspirational trophy established by the five-man team which won the Intercollegiate Championship. The trophy is entitled "Sarge Trophy" to commemorate the event which the Tech team established, and will be presented annually to the outstanding contributor to the M.I.T. Rifle Team. In this, its initial year, the award was presented to Jim Brahe in recognition of his outstanding work as coach, leader, and "head of guys."

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