Bjalland eyes nationals

By Tom Thomas

Bjalland Bjalland '67 has developed into one of the top skiers in New England this winter. The native of Oslo, Norway, along with his fellow countryman and teammate Peter Wesström '66, will attempt to qualify for the NCAA nationals in the Middlebury Carnival this weekend at Middlebury, Vt.

Chances for a trip to Boulder, Colo., and the national meet are slim for the 23-year-old veteran appeals. Modestly, he says, "The other fellows think I have a good chance." However, Olympic skier Kjetil Andres terms his chances "extremely.

The 130 lb. elder has el- elevated all of his opposition at Mit- diety in meets this season. His only loss was to a U.S. Olympic- siber in the Lyndonville Range. In two subsequent meets at College, the Cranes 1 major took first han- dily in this long distance speciality. In the EISA he beat every competitor except one defeated by seven minutes.

Bjalland is 5'8" in shape for the six seasons by running on the cross country team this fall, the all- around athlete ran in 4.5 posit- ion and lettered in his first year as a freshman.

The Norwegian star reminds coach of Bent Aasnaes '64, probably the greatest skier in MIT history. Aasnaes, also a Norwegian, won the jumping this in this Middlebury meet in '67 and qualified for the national meet. He did not compete, however.

Bjalland may surpass his countryman as the greatest skier in MIT history, according to Mar- cle. Publicity Director Pete

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Bjalland stated that "he could be the best athlete at MIT while in relaactively unpublicized sport.

The fight over the NCAA am- morial rule having finally come to a head. In a ruling effective Jan- uary 1, the NCAA set a 1.5/40 grade requirement upon all competing in NCAA - sponsored events.

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The JV grapplers traveled to Brandeis Tuesday to take on the Brandywine�s. The Engineers were looking to last meet of the season, the Tecmen came away with the vic- tory. 1-0.

The Tecmen won seven match- es, four of them pins and three by technical falls. The only loss was to Louis Offen '68, who pinned his man in the second period. At 130, Jack

Raymonds took a close 2-0 de- feats. Tom Hall '66 swamped his man 12-4 at 140, and Dick Farrell '68 swept with a pin at 132. At 150, Dean Pepere '81 pinned his man, and Jeff Smith '69 swept with a decision, 12-0. At 177, which was the last weight to be wrestled, Jack Elder pinned his man on four points. By this time, there was no doubt about the outcome of the meet.

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