Brutality and pathos juxtaposed

(Continued from Page 1) Pious area cricket pitch argues strongly against the sanity of the men involved, of their commanders, and of the war they are fighting. And that is Leeston's point. War is made to appear both foolish and insane. General officers are made bubble-gum guys. A colonel rants about fighting the "Willy Patans" of India. When reminded that the Germans are the enemy, he insists that anyone familiar with British military history knows that the British are always fighting "Willy Patans." After landing in Africa, this same colonel laments the scarcity of "Willy Bedouins." "Lawrence of Arabia" is spoofed in a cross-desert trek. "Bridge on the River Kwai" takes a beating as the bridge pitch roundabout, bolstered by the nearly weaponless, uncharacteristic-to-the-British grace to the strains of that movie's catchy theme. The Italians, averted, lay down their arms and surrender. Brutality and pathos are juxtaposed to devastating effect. John Lennon, his pants opened by a machine gun, turns slowly to the audience and quite incredibly remarks, "I know this would happen. You know this would happen, too, didn't you?" A German officer sells the bridge over the Rhine he is supposed to blow up to Michael Crawford, the platoon leader, for nineteen thousand pounds. As the Germans stand waving the check, the colonel mentioned above rolls over him in a half-truck, the first vehicle across the bridge. Crawford's comment is that the check would have bounced anyway. The film is an over-under, and interwoven flashbacks and flash-forwards generate occasional confusion. But Leeston's electric direction and Charles Wood's lighting screenplay combined with a first-rate cast including Michael Crawford, John Lennon, Roy Kinnear, and Lee Montague, makes for a "war movie" that, in its razor-edged brilliance, surpasses an effective, though regrettably hopeless, case against war movies and the wars they espouse them.

Pistol team edges Navy; first win over Middies

No Tech varsity pistol team had beaten a military academy in 29 years, and this year's squad set out to erase that black mark. Sporting an unblemished season record, the pistol team, which is considered one of the best Tech has ever had, tackled Navy Saturday in an effort to reverse the 2156-2270 loss last year.

The two teams remained neck and neck throughout the match, and tension mounted. When the final round was fired, the engineers found they had won by 2 points, 2203-2201. The victory was even more sweet as navy was national champion last year.

Leading the Tech onslaught was team captain Edith Buncy '68, with all-American Debbie Swanson '68 following. Rounding out the final count were Mlike DeManche '68 following. Rounding out the final count were Mike DeManche '68 and Evan Fuhro '68. Another military academy, Coast Guard, faces the Tech team Jan. 3.

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