### Undefeated riflemen set scoring record

By Larry Krausel

Last Saturday the MIT varsity rifle team traveled to Providence, Rhode Island and returned with a sound victory over Providence College and an all-time high score for an MIT rifle team. The score was 1552 to 1317.

The team was led by Matt Swedish '71 with a 274 out of a possible 300. He was followed by Tom Milbury '73 at 273 and Eric Kramer '71 at 271. Karl Lamson '72 was the top average of the team with 262 and 266, respectively.

None of the individuals nor scores being is overwhelming great; only Sweden's and Milbury's scores rate among the MIT top ten shooters since 1963. On the other hand, all the scores are very good and well balanced. This well-balanced attack beat the old record of 1434 by nine points, the largest increase since the '64 team, and figures to give MIT its strongest team in many years.

Other members of this year's team include: Howard Klein '72, Densin Intravia '73, and Larry Krausel '73.

Saturday's victory brought the team's record to 2-0 with a perfect scoring week over Lowell Tech, 1342-1207. Scores in this match were Krausel 279, Swedish 271, Lamson 270, Intravia 261, and Krausel 261.

A match scheduled for Friday against Boston State was postponed due to a bomb scare.

### BENCH WARMER

By John Kavanajian

This Tuesday will be the first meeting of the year for the MIT Athletic Association. Generally, meetings in past years have been held only to elect new officers, but Tuesday's meeting will discuss several important policies and decisions.

The first topic under discussion will be that of the status of women's soccer. Most people know of the fine men's soccer team at the Institute, but few know that we have the finest women's team in New England. The Association will vote on the question of whether women's soccer team will be granted a men's varsity status and will be included in Inter-Athletic contests.

As given to the men's teams or if they should receive a special type. As radical as it may seem to some, there is really no valid reason why men's and women's sports should not receive the same varsity letters or in the same varsity club. As sports are proliferating into other areas (e.g., swimming and field hockey), this question has a long-range significance.

The other question to be decided is that of varsity status for the water polo club. If it is granted, letters would presumably be presented retroactive to the fall season. Since the water polo club fields almost two full teams, one of enough quality to be going to the Easterns at Cornell this weekend, there appear to be few obstacles to making it a full-fledged varsity sport.

Hopefully, a good turnout at the meeting will result in a more active role for the MITAA as a whole instead of just for the executive committee. The Athletic Association consists of Captains, coaches, faculty club officers, and IM council members.

### New defense aids booters

By Wade Minnisan

The varsity soccer team's record moved to a 3-6-1 mark over the weekend with a half in winning, tying and losing. The booters, sporting a new defensive alignment, took Brown College, tied Colby, and were beaten by Tufts.

Instead of playing their standard 4-3-3, three backfield, three fullback formation started playing a 4-2-4 offense; the four defenders were playing in a diamond with stand-in fullback Al Levine '71 as the back fullback or sweeper. The sweeper plays almost as a quartet, taking the defense in the middle and pushing up balls and men that get by the other three fullbacks, thus eliminating the final breaks up the middle that have hurt the booters all year.

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The Techmen scored at the 17:00 mark of the first period when fullback Tony Nelles '72 hit Dave Peterson '71 with a pass and Peterson set up Ackowitz at the near post. Two minutes later, Ackowitz shot and Caragian put in the rebound. The third goal came in the fourth period, as Ackowitz beat BC goalie for a run for the ball at the edge of the penalty area; Ackowitz then hit the top corner of the goal. The score spot in the game was the loss of starting defenseman Al Glendinning '72 who suffered a 12-stitch cut in the first period, putting him out for the year.

Last Saturday, a team traveled to Waterville, Maine for a game against Colby. Two over-time periods failed to produce a winner as the game ended as a 1-1 tie. Though clearly controlling the flow of play most of the time, the booters were unable to pierce the enemy nets. Outshooting Colby 26-18 did not help; Caragian got the sole MIT goal on a head ball after a corner kick and a shot by halfback Robin Petrow '73, who picked up the assist. Colby had picked up their lone goal ten minutes earlier at 3-3 in the second half.

Again the defense, with co-captain Levin and goalie Tom Aden, did hold New England to two shots, making some exceptionable saves for the team.

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This Wednesday, the Techmen lost to an excellent team from Tufts by a 5-0 margin. The offense opened up strongly in the first period and just missed on several excellent scoring opportunities. In the second quarter, though, Tufts opened up. The Tufts team poured in three goals in the first half of the period. The first two were on head balls off of corner kicks while the third was on a pickup of a loose ball. Tufts possed 15 shots on goal and only fine goalkeeping by goalie Tom Aden, who blocked some shots at point-blank range, kept the score down. Tufts scored only one goal in the third period out of twelve shots and one in the fourth. Harrison, the Tufts center forward, went for the hat-trick in getting the last three goals, although the Tech defense did hold New England facilicate Gomez to one goal in 10 shots. In all Tufts had a phenomenal 43 shots on goal.

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### Sailors edged by Harvard

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In Wednesday’s field hockey action, left wing Sue Gillard moves in on goal as Marcia Kaysen (11), Betty Kridel (7), and Cheryl Hall wait for the rebound.