Pistol team sets three NRA records

By Rich Achen

The MIT pistol team has set two collegiate and one junior record this season, two of them in Sunday’s National Rifle Association (NRA) competition. In addition, Tech swept the team competition in this Saturday’s collegiate sectional tournament.

The Engineers have been highly successful in each of their areas of competition. In the New England Intercollegiate Pistol League, the premier pistol league in the country, they are on their way to maintaining their status as the number one collegiate team in the country. In Saturday’s collegiate sectionals, MIT placed first in all three of the events: free, standard, and air pistol. Jim Showalter ’80 placed first in both the free and air pistol individual competition, and captain Bob White ’79 finished second behind Showalter in those two events. Ed Seidman ’81 (11) placed second in the standard pistol event. Their scores from this tournament will now be entered into the junior category so that they will receive national ranking.

In the Greater Boston Pistol League, the MIT varsity team leads the division with a 10-3 record. The junior varsity team, led by captain Jonas Alekkin ’80 and shortstop Calvin Griswold ’80, is in first place in the D division with an 11-2 record. Last month, the junior varsity team of Alekkin, Griswold, Showalter, and White set a new NRA collegiate record in the free pistol with a score of 1872 of 2400. On Sunday, Showalter, White, and Alan Windchorthen ’80 broke the NRA four-man collegiate record, which MIT had earlier this year, with a total of 2224 of a possible 2800. Finally, John Blanchard ’82, Spencer Wash ’80, and Duncan Huetter ’83 set a new three-man鞬en-rifle record in the junior division under 20 years of age. MIT is being held in Phoenix this June. The winners in the national competition would represent the United States at the Olympic team in 1984.

Needless to say, it has been a very successful season for the MIT shooters. Traditionally one of Tech’s strong teams, MIT has had a strong All-Americans in the 1970s.

Sports Update

Fencers 60-0 in NE’s

Men’s fencing — MIT usually established itself as the best team in New England in this Saturday’s championship at Brown. Not only did the Engineers defeat its nearest New England rival during the regular season, but MIT centered the Northeast Championship title for the 16th straight year, winnning all 60 of its matches. In the team competition (not based on the individual events), MIT also placed fifth of the six fencers in the last two events in each match. Captain George Contepruder ’81 took first in sabre, Eric Debevo ’82 and Jim Fratul ’81 placed first and second in foil, and John Rodriguez ’80 and Geoffrey Brown ’81 took first place in epee.

Indoor track — Paul Nevis ’81 placed second in the 1000-yard run with a time of 2:03.3 in the New England Championship at Boston University this Saturday, and then maintained that position for first place in the National College Championships in Detroit later this month. MIT’s two-mile relay team, captained by Chris DeMatta ’80, Jack Martin ’79, Jeff Lukis ’81, and Nevis, placed seventh and set a new MIT record of 7:41.67. Though he did not place in the competition, Martin Taylor ’82 set a new MIT freshman record in the triple jump with a 45’4” leap.

Pistol — MIT shooters set two NRA records this Sunday and went on their collegiate sectionals Saturday. Jim Showalter ’80 placed first in both free and air pistol.

Men’s gymnastics — MIT placed fourth in the New England Championships this Saturday in different events. Earlier in the season, John Linn and Robert Loomis ’80 placed third and fourth in the all-around, with Mark McLaughlin ’81 tied for fifth in the floor event.

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Room 401 of the Student Center. Telephone is x3-2696.

Loan Interest Rates May Double

President Carter is pushing for a raise of the interest rate on student loans. The current rate is seven percent — Carter wants to raise it to ten percent, one percentage point over the Treasury Bill rate. This is part of a program being considered by the President to change the current federal financial aid system for students. At MIT, where loans constitute a relatively large portion of the financial aid given to students, this proposal should not be well received. We need to coordinate our efforts with students in the Senate and also with the UA administration.

UA News

The UA News appears in The Tech on most Tuesday issues. It acts as a voice of the Undergraduate Student Body. Space is available to campus organizations for announcements. All submissions should be sent to the UA News Editor, Chris MacKenzie, on the prior Friday to the issue in which the announcement is to appear. Deliver all submissions to the UA Office.

UA Officer for Undergraduate Teaching

B. Baker Award

Spring Weekend ’80

The MIT Spring Weekend Committee needs help! Please call the UA office x3-2686 to sign up.

Class of ’83

Steve Lazar ’81 will be coaching freshmen on class projects in the coming spring season. If you are interested, please call the UA office x3-2686. A luncheon will be scheduled soon.

Class of ’82

The Class of 1982 officers wish to thank everyone who helped with the sales. It was a great success!

Stop By

The UA has many projects in the workshops. Please call or stop by if you have any ideas or would like to help. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Jonathan Harada (UAIP) or Chuck Markham (UAVP) or leave a message with the UA Secretary. The UA Office is located on the 4th floor of the Student Center room W20-401. Telephone x3-2696.

UA OFFICE

Finance Board Meeting

The UA Finance Board will hold a hearing on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30pm in Room 401 of the Student Center. The purpose of this meeting is to fill various vacancies on the board. All interested students should attend.

Mitchell Brook (Besley) and David Reeseeboom (DLI) have been elected as the General Assembly Representatives to FBF.

Researchers Needed

A few students are needed to do some investigative research for the UAIP at Archives and Historical Collections. This environment is quite interesting. Call Chuck Markham at x3-2686.

Class of ’81

Junior Nite

Thursday, March 6
8:00pm - 7:00am
B. Dining Hall
Free Pizza, Beer, etc.

See you all there!
Valid ID required