By Danny Orange

The MIT varsity rifle team had a long weekend of shooting at Norwich Academy in Vermont. The Engineers shot in the New England College Rifle League finals on Friday. The team scored a 2113 out of a possible 2400 and was led by Cliff Eskey ’85 with a 561, followed by Greg Buliavac ’83 with a 549 and Bob Cooley ’85 with a 525. Other shooters at the match were Adrian Wang ’85 and Danny Orange ’85.

MIT’s score—the high for the year—was bested by scores posted by Dartmouth, Coast Guard, and UMaine, and topped scores with a record of 7-10, good enough for fourth place in the league.

The squad also shot in the NRA Collegiate sectionals in air rifle and small bore held over the weekend. Eskey captured the gold with a career-high 377 out of 400. Captain Greg Buliavac followed with a 355. Felixa Goldenberg ’85, after having shot for only four weeks prior to the competition, gave the team a pleasant surprise by shooting a 318. Bob Cooley followed closely with a 313. The air rifle squad finished second out of five teams.

In the small bore sectionals, Eskey again copped the gold with another career-high of 377 out of 1200. Buliavac took the silver with a 1108, and the team shot a 4246 to take third place. Eskey’s scores virtually assure him a spot in the NCAA national championship.

With so much young talent available, the rifle team can look forward to dominating the league in the years to come.

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