By John Blascovich
Editor’s note: John Blascovich was last season’s men’s tennis team captain. The varsity pistol team capped a very successful season last weekend, capturing two team medals at the National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships held at West Point. In addition to the medals, two Tech shooters received All-American honors.

The Engineers finished second behind the Air Force Academy in the air pistol competition, accumulating 1458 out of a possible 1600 points. Duncan Hughes ’83 led the squad with a career-high score of 372 out of 400. The other top three team members were Dave Martin ’84, who shot a career-high 369, Joe Mayo ’83, who fired a 360, and Larry Deschaine ’84, who had a 357.

Hughes turned in another fine performance in the free pistol event, scoring 521 out of 600, to lead MIT to a third-place showing, just two points behind Army’s 2014 (of a possible 2400), and 83 points off of Navy’s record-setting 2095. Mayo added 513, Deschaine 492, and captain Joe Williams ’83 contributed a 486 to the total.

The team finished fifth in standard pistol, with Mayo setting the pace at 532 out of 600. Martin was right behind him at 520. Hughes had a 511, and Williams shot a 502 to bring the Engineers total to 2075. Navy, Air Force Army, and the Citadel captured the top four places.

Two other MIT shooters — Roberto Landreau ’85 and Jerry Martin ’86 — were also invited to the championships and competed as individuals.

A pair of the Engineers’ most consistent marksmen were named All-Americans at the conclusion of the weekend. Mayo earned a berth on both the free and air pistol teams, each of which consists of the top nine shooters in the country. Martin was awarded a spot on the five-member standard pistol squad. The two were instrumental in achieving the Engineers’ 7-1 league record, including the squad’s first victories over Army and Navy in more than five years.

Pistol pair recieves All-American honors

Joe Mayo ’83 (left) and Dave Martin ’84 (right) captured honors at the National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships last weekend.

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