First in 7 years

Pi Kappa Alpha colonization set

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The possibility of a 7th fraternity has been raised by the formation of the Boston chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Club. The move was announced Monday night at a meeting of MIT administration, the IFC, and alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha living in the Boston area. George Katsiaficas, ’70, chairman of the IFC Building and Expansion Committee, said that one prerequisite for admitting any fraternities is that they have a strong local alumni group. PKA’s move removes one of the last stumbling blocks to their admission.

“There is a good possibility of their starting a colony next term,” Katsiaficas commented. And although the IFC has not taken any definite action yet, he expects to see either Pi Kappa Alpha or Delta Chi, another of the nationals seeking acceptance at MIT, to be rushing next fall.

Sorenson pleased

Dean Richard A. Sorenson was pleased at the hopes of expansion. He said that except for the reorganization of Zeta Beta Tau in 1961, there has been no expansion since 1952; although interest in the frat system has always been high. Asked why, Dean Sorenson noted, “It’s a heck of a good fraternity system.”

He said that high standards were expected of any national desiring a place at MIT. National Fraternity members are not allowed to have admissions on race, creed, or color, and they are not allowed to place too many restrictions on the fraternity itself, for example.

The present expansion move started last June by George Katsiaficas, who wrote letters to various national fraternities asking them if they were interested in colonizing at MIT. Of the 3 replies, 2 have shown major interest.

The interest in PKA was spawned by Englelady, a graduate who belonged to PKA at Case Institute of Technology.

The final decision rests with the IFC, the administration, and the national fraternities. Although official decision has been zoned a few times by the IFC, the fate of the 1968 expansion should be known the first of the year.

7. What do you think you ought to have bought me more than a month, Chie? When you see a great book coming out your way, you have to get it.

8. What happened to your Viper Mark I? I just couldn’t identify with that car.

9. That’s what you said about the Skyliner Eight. But a Python is something else. Four-speeder, six-horsepower, convertible, and what a stee!

10. Don’t you think you ought to have a light or two more than a month, Chie? When you see a great book coming out your way, you have to get it.

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