LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Frosh must learn about AEPi, DPhi

Rush is over for most fraternities. But while brothers from most houses are relishing the relaxation of the past two weeks, many are just beginning the recruitment process. Two fraternities which face controversy this fall are Delta Pi and Alpha Epsilon Pi. Both distinctive communities from other fraternities because they each lack a house. The events which caused this should be made known to all students before they choose to join either organization.

Last year, the brothers of DPhi were known as the Mu Tau chapter of AEPi. After years of disagreements between the undergraduate brothers and the national fraternity, the chapter was reorganized. During this process, only 10 of the 55 brothers were asked to return to continue the fraternity. All of the remaining brothers were made "instant alumni." Of the ten brothers who were asked to stay, only one accepted. This one was a senior who was to graduate in June. Everyone else was immediately evicted from the fraternity house on Bay State Rd.

The reasons given for this action were three violations of the insurance policy which covered the chapter. One was the possession of an empty keg. Another was the chapter's posture in order to publicize a party. The third happened on a trip, when several brothers made a sign from a school in China.

We, the former brothers of the Mu Tau chapter of AEPi, never denied any of our actions. We always took whatever actions were necessary to change our policies when we were made aware that they violated our insurance regulations. When we were told that the national organization felt that our actions were extremely serious and required strong punitive action, we did not imagine the type of discipline that the national had planned. We agreed that action was necessary, and were very willing to be thoroughly educated about the insurance policy in order to avoid any further violations. The surprise expressed by the brothers regarding the decision to reorganize was only exceeded by the complete shock toward the decision to evict the brothers from the house.

Several other motives have been suggested for the actions of the national office of AEPi toward its chapter at MIT. The one which is most controversial is that of discrimination. AEPi is, nationally, a Jewish organization. A strong majority of its chapters boast a total or almost total Jewish membership. Of the 55 members of the Mu Tau chapter, only seven were Jewish.

Although we no longer have a house, the actions which have been taken against us have made us realize that we need to make our fraternity. The bonds of friendship and brotherhood which existed between us will exist forever. This is the reason why we have formed a new fraternity, DPhi. With the support of many alumni, we have decided to continue our fraternity organization.

If you are thinking about rushing or pledging any fraternity, especially one of these two, find out all you can about its history first. Get all of the facts by speaking to many people with different viewpoints. Only in this way will you be able to make an informed decision.

Lawrence P. Lubowsky '92

AEPi began its rush on Tuesday, Sept. 4. According to one brother, they rushed, 26, and pledged several students before their first day of rush had ended. While the new Mu Tau chapter is not recognized by the MIT fraternity council, it has the right to seek new members for its organization. AEPi

Wolfe will teach 9.00 this term

In an effort to staunch the flow of phone calls on this topic, let me make it clear that I am teaching Introduction to Psychology this fall. It is not known if the course will be taught by anyone else. If we need to restrict enrollment, this will be done by lottery among those attending the first lecture on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 3 pm in 10-259.

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