LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AEPi unjustifiably reorganized by national

According to the 1986 edition of the pledge manual of Alpha Epsilon Pi, the blue center of the pledge pin of the Mu Tau chapter "stands for honesty, which is the center and base of everything Al- pha Epsilon Pi represents and strives to teach." Robert H. Rich '90 asks for a chance to "show what AEPi really is all about," "AEPi justifiably re-organized by national fraternity." May 13. It seems that from his account of our chapter's "long and non-stop history," that he has forgotten both this theme of hon- esty and the ideals of the national fraternity by which he seeks to condemn our brotherhood.

As part of our pledge pro- gram, Rich was interviewed last fall. He said that our entire fra-ternity was certainly the best on campus. His most critical criticism of the house was that the cook did not make enough tuna fish salad. I do not understand his change of heart.

AEPi was founded because the Greek system was not open to Jews, but as a founding father of the Mu Tau chapter recently wrote to us, "If many of the fraternity's national members now include members of all races and religious groups, then I believe that justice and what is right was done, and is an accep- tance that men can be a true brotherhood by history." According to our alu- mni, the decision to pledge non- members was the result of demands, not simply the desperation of de- clining membership. Like other founders of AEPi described in the Pledge Manual, they were "free from the debt of the past" and sought to create a di- verse brotherhood, not a "daring and imagination" which we hope to continue.

If our distance from the national fra- ternity was the issue, then surely they should have re- organized the chapter in the 1970s when the nation was not putting up and was avoiding all contact with non-Jewish men. Sidney Dunn, the executive vice presi- dent, explained that the reorgan- ization was timed to coincide with the retirement of Andrew S. Bor- ans, their "organization specific- ally." Evidently, the restruc- turing of the MIT chapter was to be the crowning achievement of his career.

Contrary to Rich's claim that we "became isolated" from other chapters, the Mu Tau chapter has been represented at every nation- al convention since 1986, and has always welcomed members of other chapters including brothers from New York University, Uni- versity of Virginia, University of Delaware and others in the past year. Last fall, when the col- leges at Emerson College needed help, we lent them equipment for their rush and hosted them and their pledges. We offered them our encouragement and moral support at a time that they felt that they were struggling for something real.

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The answers submitted by the Mit fraternity's national representa- tives reorganized, but not by the national representatives. At the meeting before the in- terviews, Dunn and Borans, rep- resenting the national fraternity, did not make enough tuna fish salad. I do not understand his change of heart.

We object to the presence of national representatives at R/O Week because we believe that the local chapter should predi- cate the future character of the brotherhood. The Jewish character of AEPi was not emphasized during rush because race and religion are not considerations for consideration of AEPi membership. We fail to see how the national fraternity could reach the conclusion that the eth- nical tapestry of our chapter is not unique, but rather a mandate from the national fraternity. We have been represented at every national convention since 1986, and have always welcomed members of other chapters including brothers from New York University, University of Virginia, University of Delaware and others in the past year. Last fall, when the col- leges at Emerson College needed help, we lent them equipment for their rush and hosted them and their pledges. We offered them our encouragement and moral support at a time that they felt that they were struggling for something real.

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