Fijis involved in thefts

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Three Phi Gamma Delta members accused of stealing approximately $70,000 in computer equipment from MIT laboratories have been expelled from the fraternity, Fiji corresponding secretary Marc A. Indexa '92 said. The three former Fiji members "acted solely on their own behalf," Indexa said. He added that the chapter is "actively pursuing students involved in the thefts, which reflect poorly on the fraternity as a whole," Indexa said. He added that he did not know the status of the proposal and would not comment on specific details.

"The three students are accused of stealing computers over the past year from the Technology Laboratory for Advanced Composites (TELAC), the Space Engineering Research Center (SERC) and an advanced engineering laboratory in Building 3, Campus Police Detective Eugene H. Salois said. He added he was fairly certain that the students were tied to thefts in two other laboratories, but was waiting for positive confirmation. Salois declined to identify the other labs.

No criminal charges will be brought against the students, Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin said. Instead, the Dean's Office is handling the case internally, at the request of Associate Dean for Student Affairs James MeHugh. This spring, 189 firms have made requests for computer science majors and 186 asked for electrical engineers. Yet fewer than five firms requested MIT students majoring in architecture, urban studies and planning, political science, humanities or linguistics.

Weatherall maintained that because MIT students are the best in the nation, the Office of Career Services could help students of any major — "including majors like humanities." One senior majoring in economics who found a job only last week told a different story. "The MIT career office gives MIT students no comparative advantage," he said.