Delta Pi Rechars Sigma Nu Colony

By Brian Rosenwein

Local fraternity Delta Pi is no more. On Dec. 21, its members accepted an invitation to join Sigma Nu, a national fraternity. As a result, DPI has become a colony of Sigma Nu.

Sigma Nu "offers us a lot of support and resources — the strength of a national organization, other chapters to go to around the country," said Kasdan K. Yang '94, president of the SN colony. Yang and the approximately 10 other colonists hope to recharter the Epsilon Theta chapter of SN. The chapter was active from 1922 until 1974, when it began admitting women and broke off from the SN national organization to become the independent living group Epsilon Theta.

ET Commander Albert S. Fischer '94 said ET found out about SN's recolonization last week. "Our reaction is basically, 'Congratulations'," he said. "They have a lot of work ahead of them," he cautioned. Fischer commented that his title is a relic from ET's days as an SN chapter.

DPI members first considered joining a national fraternity in early 1991, only a year after they banded together following their expulsion from the Mu Tau chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi. This year, "the younger brothers who didn't have the bad experience with AEPi thought it was a good idea," Yang said.

In September, William J. Park '93, then DPI president, met with Neil H. Dowd, advisor to fraternity, sorority, and independent living groups. "They indicated they were thinking about affiliating with a national, so I gave them names of groups that had previously had chapters at MIT as well as some background about them," Dowd said.

Park said Dowd focused on Sigma Nu. Dowd explained by saying that SN "had contacted our office off and on in the last couple of years and in the last couple of years was thinking about affiliating with us or with another national, so I gave them names of both DPI and the fraternity's corporation.

Despite Resecession, Students Find Jobs

By Babal T. Rano

Although the number of companies recruiting at MIT was down 25 percent from previous years and the economy only recently emerged from a long downspiral, students continued to receive many interviews and job offers over the last year.

By Nyn Soo Kim

Since the 1991-92 annual report of the Office of Career Services indicates changes in the demographics of the corporations recruiting at MIT's oldest and largest newspaper, the student newspaper published by The Tech in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139.

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Funeral services for Festus M. Moore '94 will be held tomorrow morning in New York City. MIT will operate a bus to the noon service at the St. Francis of Rome church at Brownwood Avenue and East 236th Street.

The bus will leave from 77 Massachusetts Ave. at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, returning afterward until noon. According to Robert M. Randolph, associate dean for student affairs, "There's no cost and anyone who wants to go is welcome to take the bus back," he said. The 47 seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will also be a wake from 4 to 9 p.m. at McCull's Funeral Home at Brownstone Avenue and East 227th Street in New York.

Robert K. Weatherell, director of the Office of Career Services, said, "MIT students have continued to land good summer jobs and good jobs for after graduation." The success of engineering and management majors has been particularly strong, he added.

"Many students are much more concerned about their prospects in those times than need be," he said. Jean H. Kim '93, a civil engineering major, said, "I haven't seen a need to worry. Everyone I know has gotten at least some [job] offers although it might not have been their first choice.

Weatherell said there are two major reasons why MIT students have been "recession proof." He explained, "First is that companies have reduced their recruiting efforts by focusing on students from the better schools ... and MIT is always on the top of their list. Second, MIT students have the ability to work with computers and make them perform regardless of their major." Weatherell has observed that a considerable number of students from all majors get jobs involving software.

Shift to management and finance

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MIT Will Organize, Host World Industry Summit

By Jackson Jung

Top international leaders in industry, government, and academia will be meeting in Cambridge this September for a four-day industry summit. The World Economic Forum, MIT, and Harvard University will organize the summit.

The forum, the first of its kind, will provide opportunities for discussion among the participants on the latest knowledge, trends, technologies, and challenges facing industry. Activities will take place on the MIT and Harvard campuses from Sept. 9-12. The forum was announced Saturday.

According to David R. Lampe, travelling director of the industrial Liaison Program and editor of the MIT Report, the focus of the summit will be dialogue rather than formal presentations. It will be a "relationship building meeting" where the participants can draw on their particular expertise to contribute to the forum, he said.

The summit will focus on 11 key industrial sectors: automotive, engineering and construction, financial services, food and agriculture, health, information technologies, media and communications, textiles, transportation, and mining, and materials.

Faculty will help plan summit

Fred Mouawadreh, professor of civil and environment engineering, will head a team of 30 MIT faculty members who will help plan and organize the program. Mouawadreh is currently attending the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland and could not be reached for comment.

According to Lampe, the ILP expects to play a significant role in the organization of the summit. The major role of the ILP is to reach out to the community. He also emphasized that efforts will be made to get students involved. Since the summit is still in its planning stages, specific opportunities for students will not be identified yet.

Maria Cateau, managing director of the World Economic Forum, and MIT President Charles M. Vest will head the summit at a news conference in Davos last Saturday.

Vest said, "The World Industry Summit is a new kind of event. It is an opportunity for corporate leaders and MIT faculty to share their perspectives on the challenges facing our industries, and to discuss ideas on how to meet them. Participants in the summit will take a broad look at how the latest knowledge, trends, and technologies will affect global industry strategies.

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