Semester of violations outst 60 year old fraternity
By Melissa Pros
TechNews Greek Writer

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a two part series. Next week will look at personal reactions from members of the fraternity and a series. Next week we will look at personal reactions from members of the fraternity and a series. This loss of recently lost its status as a recognized university. These violations did not constitute directions of a University official; Violations of Federal, State or Municipal laws in a way that adversely affects the functioning of the university. These violations did not result in a fine or probation: “Alpha Epsilon Pi will immediately lose its status as a recognized IIT student organization. This loss of status will remain in effect for a period of five years. Alpha Epsilon Pi house will cease operations and close permanently on the IIT campus at the end of this Fall Semester,” \footnote{7} The two (though Judicial Process mandates there be three) student representatives were selected by the powers that were seeking removal of the Lambda Chapter. One of them, a non-Greek, had previously filed a complaint with the national chapter replaced study groups. Informed by the administration that they had only two weeks to vacate and find new housing, the AEPi’s turned to friends, family, and alumni for help. They had five days to appeal the ruling, and scrambled to do so with only basic information about the coming changes. Properly written in the list of actual violations, there were a few distinct events that led to the Judicial Board’s decision, along with some personal histories.

There were a few counts of hazes and hazes and hazes. More seriously, there was “an on-going illegal ID card-producing operation in AEPi” and the one member who was producing these IDs was arrested and his fate is still within the hands of the Illinois State Court system. There was the student who went to the hospital for “alcohol poisoning.” The house was, shortly after, placed on social probation for the remainder of the semester by Kevin Raederman, Director of Greek Life. Finally, there was an altercation with IIT Public Safety after the Halloween party, when a drunken AEPi pledge got violent with an officer after stealing a street sign. The officer suffered from a broken leg in two places. After this event, the pledge’s membership in AEPi fraternity was terminated, but due to overcrowding in the dorms, he had to remain living at the house until other arrangements could be made. There is an appeal based mostly on whether or not the entire house should be held accountable for the actions of a few. The decision to remove a 60-year-old organization from campus remains a popular topic among students and TechNews will cover the appeal process.

Let’s eat! Commons completes campus center
By Richard Duncan
Managing Editor

Nearly six years since the Campus Center architectural contest was finished, the final piece of the McCormick Tribune Campus Center project, the renovation of the Mies van der Rohe-designed Commons building, has finally been completed.

Serving its first meal Saturday, January 17 at brunch, the new resident dining program looks to revamp and improve what most residents see as the most lacking side of IIT life over the past decade. Originally designated by van der Rohe to be the campus’ resident cafeteria, the Commons building previously housed the campus bookstore, barber shop, Hawkeye and Parking Services, Housing, the campus 7-Eleven, and Luís’s Pizza. With the exception of Luís’s and the barber shop, all have since been relocated to space either in the campus center, or in the case of the Housing Office, SSV Middle.

The Commons now offers three meals a day during the week for all members of the IIT community and serves as the primary offering in the resident dining plan. A patisserie offering has been added to the dining options which were previously available in the now closed McCormick Student Village cafeteria. Brand new equipment has been installed, and new eating utensils are also in place.

Residents are still permitted to eat in Center Court, however, maintaining the compromise with Sodexho Campus Services, Housing, and Campus Centers struck last semester by the Residence Halls Association Food and Housing Committee.
By Richard Duncan
MANAGING EDITOR

It is truly amazing what a change a few new brand names can bring. If you had the chance to eat in the newly completed resident dining hall that is the Commons, you probably still think that eating there is a journey around food. First week jitters and lack of familiarity for the staff aside, the food was much improved from that served in the old MSV Cafeteria. And while Lori's can still give you a better meal, for the price, the Commons food service finally proves to most Illinois Tech students that Sodexo Marriott can produce good food, given the proper facilities and motivation.

The completion of the Commons now officially marks the end of the campus center project, and not five years too late. We now have a state of the art dining facility and architecturally unique and path blazoning campus center (though, admission officials can become the path less traveled and few would complain). But more importantly, whether you're realizing it or not, we have what those who were here before the project would consider an enriching difference.

Alright, I'll promise up front not too go far in praising the administration in a completely shameless way to the chance to eat in. If you haven't had the opportunity to eat in, you can do with amazing what McCormick Lounge was re-carpeted, new sidewalks come only two or three years a time.

Richard Duncan
MANAGING EDITOR

The McCormick Lounge was re-carpeted, as well as the Reading Life Office and Cohen Lounge, and the new school color spread to the walls of the old MSV Cafeteria at the kiddin', but it does sometimes make wonder if we are Illinois Tech or Uni-

versity of Illinois.

TechNews has a new website, with forums and polls (sorry, shameless plug).

And in the development of the de-

cades, MSV apparently doesn’t look anymore.

Add the Commons, SSV (for the most part), the new student office in the MTCC, the recently reno-

vations in Wishnick Hall and Crown Hall, repairs to Keating Hall, the start of the Illinois Tech soccer program, and an ever-growing enrollment and list of program offerings, and you’ve got one of the best times to be an Illinois Tech student in a long time.

We almost have reasons to have a (gasp) school spirit.

My high school in the far reaches of Kentucky had a football championship and ever football state championship this past fall, despite being known as one of the premier women’s basketball teams. And despite the 66-year old building which won’t be replaced for another two, the community went wild.

Every, one from resident to business, came out to support the Belfry Pirates. Pi-

rate Nation, as they were termed, be-

came known throughout the state for coming from all over to Louisville to watch the game.

Needless to say, school spirit isn’t a stranger to me. And I don’t think it’s too much of a stretch to guess that there aren’t many here who have much Keating Hall pride, aside from those involved in athletics or the few people who aren’t too lazy to go to a game at Keating or the soccer complex. But that has changed lately.

People do seem to have a bit more things positive to say about the school, and some, especially the newer students, show quite a bit of potential for becoming quite proud of being an IIT alum in a couple years.

But there’s still work to be done. Just as we started last semester with a charge to make things happen, so we must keep that going this semester. A handful of students proved quite con-

vincing last year that we don’t have to settle for mediocre. If we want some-thing to happen, it’ll get done, so long as we go about it in an orderly and well-thought manner. The university is there to serve us, not the other way around. And while the ad-

ministration has done quite a bit to try and improve us, there are still things we can do with new facilities and offerings, how, and when, and those facilities are used.

As a freshman, I was astounded at the number of student organizations here. That quickly after Orientation Week, that astonishment turned away from the number of student orgs to the number of active student orgs. Too many of those on the official list weren’t very active at all. And even if they were active, as a new student, the prime subject for organizations to recruit, had no idea whether they were active or not.

So here comes the rant. If I, a TechNews editor is that a wonderful organization which serves the Illinois Tech community by pro-

viding a voice to students and inform-

ing the community of news and events in a timely, effective manner while checking the efforts of student govern-

ment and the administration through well-thought, insightful journalism (let the shameless plugs continue). But if I have a point to make on campus, and you don’t like writing or photography or freedom of the press, there has to be something that you can do with like that can give you a jump to join you in one of the many organiza-

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New Sorority Joins IIT Greek Community

By Andrina Joseph

The Greek Council of Illinois in its role to introduce to the campus community its newest associate member, the national sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. The associate membership of Sigma Gamma Rho brings a new dimension and many new opportunities to IIT's Greek Council membership as well as the overall IIT campus community. Sigma Gamma Rho has consistently promoted unity among women as well as providing leadership, service, and resources focused on removing barriers and inequalities so that all people may develop their potential and exercise full citizenship. This sorority is unique in that it offers membership to both undergraduates and graduate students. Sigma Gamma Rho currently has over 400 chapters worldwide and continues to expand and spread its goals and ability to better the lives and communities where chapters are located.

The inclusion of Sigma Gamma Rho and its membership opens many new doors for the IIT community. This organization brings a history of community service, willingness to be active members of the university and larger communities, and a desire to be significantly contributing members to IIT.

The sorority was founded on November 12, 1922 at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN by seven teachers. Sigma Gamma Rho is highly active in many organizations and lends its support and time to various causes including OPERATION BigBookBag, a program designed to address the needs, challenges and issues that face school-aged children who are educationally at-risk in local homeless shelters and extended care hospitals. Other national projects include Wee Savers, Project Reassurance and Habitat for Humanity. Soror Kimberly Hardy, a representative of Sigma Gamma Rho, says, “Sigma Gamma Rho is very excited about the opportunity to bring the sisterhood, service and scholarship of Sigma Gamma Rho to the IIT community and use our organization as another bridge to Greek life for the women of IIT. We hope that by bringing a National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organization to campus we can add a new cultural dimension to the Greek and IIT communities. It is our hope that our addition to IIT can be seen as a vehicle for creating the kind of diversity and unity that makes communities thrive and grow stronger.”

For further information on Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. please view the sorority website at http://www.sgrho1922.org.
Last semester, TechNews stood up tall, and yelled out loud, "We will not sit by and watch." We took a pressing issue in the minds of IIT students head on, going straight to the public with the complaints and concerns of numerous student organizations. Though tumultuous at the onset, the response we received was full of class, dignity, and respect. To the student leadership of the Student Government Association and its Finance Board, we say thank you. It takes true leadership to admit a shortcoming and work to better serve those who elected you.

To our colleagues in other student organizations, we pledge to continue the work we started to improve the state of affairs here on campus by providing a check on the efforts of all organizations, including the student government and administration.

And to the general student body of IIT, we pledge to continue to be your voice.

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