Virginia Alpha nominated mechanical engineering student **Eric J. Lang** for the Laureate Award for his achievements as a swimmer. Before entering the University of Virginia, he had distinguished himself nationally in the 50-meter and 200-meter freestyle events, and he was admitted to the university on a full athletic scholarship and invited to join the Rodman Scholars Program.

For three years, Eric has had a significant impact on the success of his team. In February 1987, the team won the men's championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), Eric was named first team All-ACC for his swimming performance in the 50-meter freestyle event, and he anchored three victorious relays. A month later at the NCAA Championship, the medley relay team placed in the top 16, with swimmers garnering honorable mention All-American honors. This year the team placed second at the ACC meet, and he received second-team All-ACC honors for his efforts in two relay teams. Last April the team placed eighth in the NCAA Championship, but Eric false started in his individual event. He is this year's team captain.

Eric enjoys working with children and during the summer coaches club swim teams and organizes swim camps. During the academic year he participates in the NCAA Volunteers for Youth Program, being a “Big Brother” to an area youth from a single-parent household.

Eric served as corresponding secretary of his Virginia Alpha Chapter and last March was elected chapter president.

In recognition of his academic excellence, service, capacity for leadership and promise of intellectual achievements, Eric was elected to the school's Raven Society, founded in 1904.

**Scott P. Lichtman**, computer science graduate of MIT, was selected for Laureate status for his diverse accomplishments as a scholar, musician, writer, and student leader. The vice president of Tau Beta Pi's Massachusetts Beta Chapter was also local president of Pugwash, an international organization concerned with technology and its impact on society.

In an attempt to put engineers in the wider “human context,” he played a major role in providing the MIT community with a unique four-week inter-term course, “Seeing the Big Picture: Ethics in Professional Practice.”

Scott used techniques of system dynamics and propagational computation in composing his senior thesis, modeling demographic characteristics of modern states. His goal was to depict spheres of influence and how they interact and to theorize why countries decide to engage in conflict. In preparation for his summer internship with the Institute for Defense Analysis in Washington, DC, he helped to research options in nuclear arms verification and deterrence. He was selected a Marshall scholar and is studying international affairs at the London School of Economics this fall.

Involved in the MIT community, Scott participated in an entrepreneurial case-study group, contributed to MIT's educational reform group, was an editorialist to the student non-partisan publication, *Publius*, and served as a columnist on the campus newspaper.

Another interest in Scott's life has been music. A jazz guitarist, he performed with the MIT octet, which was invited to perform this year at Notre Dame's collegiate jazz festival. Last summer he studied at the Berklee School of Music in Boston, played in jazz clubs, and began work on a recording with a fellow jazz pianist.