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FROM THE HOUSE CORPORATION

A reminder about the importance of annual dues. The contributions from alumni are an important source of funding for the corporation. They allow us to publish the *Beaver Sig* twice a year, host the annual pledge and senior dinners, and fund capital improvement projects. There is also the need to keep rent for the brothers low and to be competitively priced compared to other housing options. The increased debt we took on to partially fund our recently completed house renovation (I cannot believe that it has been five years!) resulted in higher debt payments for the corporation.

In addition, the financial need still exists for a number of projects. We are planning to replace the dining room tables, which have served many generations of Sigs but have reached their end of life. Also, repairs to the front stoop, which were not part of the renovation, need to move forward.

Our thanks for your past generosity and for your future giving.

In hoc,
Mike DeLaus '82

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Brothers Contribute to Campus in Diverse Ways

by Aaron Makikalli | Consul '21



Now that the fall semester is well under way, the brothers of Alpha Theta have had several opportunities to celebrate our class of 2019 as they move on from their time as undergraduates. This year, our recently graduated brothers are pursuing careers and further education around the world in cities such as Boston, New York, Boulder, San Francisco, Amsterdam, and Lima. We look forward to following our brothers as they use their experiences as Alpha Thetas to create a positive global impact.

only regret is that we didn't find her sooner!

This semester, we are also excited to announce a new chapter academic advisor. Kimberly Benard is Assistant Dean of Distinguished Fellowships at MIT, and she is a fantastic resource for brothers seeking career or academic advising. Several Alpha Theta alumni have spoken highly of the individual guidance she has provided, so we are excited for our brothers to work with her in a more official capacity.

As always, our brothers are constantly impacting the MIT community outside of our house. This year, our brothers are particularly involved in Camp Kesem, a summer camp supporting children whose parents have cancer; *Infinite Magazine*, a student-run fashion magazine; and Little Beavers, a running team

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As we celebrate last year's seniors' successes, we simultaneously welcome our newest pledge class to the house. In pledge order, they are Kael Kordonowy, Haran Nadarajah, Eli Kramer, Aaron Fuchs, Matas Masys, Tim Kostolansky, Dylan Ryan, and Rafael Fernandes. We are excited to see the contributions they make to the chapter over the next four years.

One of the most popular updates in the house this fall is the reimplementing of a chef-based dining service. For the past few years, the house has relied on catered food for weeknight dinners, which at times can be unreliable, expensive, and insufficient in quantity. With our new chef, Ana, we have consistently had delicious, plentiful meals every night and are getting much more food for what we pay. The brothers in the house unequivocally appreciate Ana's cooking; our

for children ages 6-13 on the autism spectrum. In addition, our brothers are leaders in countless other clubs and activities such as ROTC, motorsports, rocket team, UPOP, the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program, and UROPs.

Finally, our brothers are valuable players on varsity and club athletic teams that span the entire academic year. Currently, our brothers on the football and soccer teams are in season, while other brothers prepare for their seasons to begin in basketball, lacrosse, squash, track and field, volleyball, golf, and curling. Sigs can be found cheering each other on at athletic, academic, and club events year-round.

Sigma Chi continues to be a highly involved and positive force on campus, and our brothers are constantly seeking new ways to increase their impact. We're all excited to see what this semester brings and we aim to continue the tradition of Alpha Theta excellence!

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Athletics Update: MIT Club Golf Tees Off

By Pat Ryan '21 | Athletic Chair

In addition to brothers' robust participation in varsity athletics, Alpha Theta Sigma Chi has recently become heavily involved in MIT's Club Golf team. Brothers involved include Patrick Ryan '21 (President), Brennan



Pat Ryan '21

Rosales '20 (Treasurer), Cameron Burnett '20 (Social Media Chair), Van Coykendall '20, and Mark Heatzig '21. Patrick, Brennan, and Cam have helped grow the club from 48 members last spring to over 90 members this fall. Much of this growth has come from undergraduates, as the previous club board was comprised of all graduate students. The club competes in National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA) tournaments throughout New England in both the fall and the spring.

On October 26, MIT Club Golf hosted its first ever service event at Stone Meadow Golf. This service event consisted of MIT Club Golf members helping anyone from the MIT community improve their golf game. The club rented out a portion of Stone Meadow's driving range and provided free access to the range from 9:00 a.m. to noon in addition to lessons. The club was looking forward to a big turnout to make this event an annual occurrence. Overall, the house's participation in the growing golf community on MIT's campus is strong and will hopefully continue to grow as more brothers learn the game of golf.

Sigma Band In Full Swing

By Vedaant Kukadia '21 | Sweetheart Chair

As the summer winds down, the brothers of Sigma Chi are back on campus pursuing their various activities, both in the classroom

smooth jazz. You can often find them opening up for a cocktail party, or just jamming late at night.

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and through extracurriculars. Although the diverse set of passions and interests vary year after year with each new incoming class, our love for music always holds.

Sigma Band is an integral part of our house. Often, you will find senior Rishabh Yadav '20 improvising a solo on his alto saxophone, while junior Paul Ruh '19 keeps a beat on the drums. Both players playfully dance around each other, adding notes and fills where they see fit. To us, music remains a creative outlet. In an environment as demanding as MIT, with constant pressure to perform exceedingly well, music offers the chance to express ourselves and forget about the stress of everyday life. Music is relaxing, freeing, and empowering. With a drummer, pianist, guitarist and sax player, Sigma Band is equipped to play almost anything from heavy metal to

With each new class comes a diverse set of talents and interests, and I am excited to see what the future of music looks like for Sigma Chi.



Sigma Band (left to right): Cole Baker, Aidan Einloth, Grant Miller.

The Tremendous '23s: Meet Our New Brothers

By Grant Miller '22 | Assistant Magister

As Aidan and I prepared for the pledge program this year, we were once again wary of the brevity of P4B; I recalled my pledgship and remembered how quickly it seemed to go by. As we welcomed our recently initiated

brothers into our house, we were delighted to see how quickly they grew together as a class and how effortlessly they became a part of our house. Hailing from all over the world, this diverse class has already shown excellent

potential and it warms our hearts to see them being comfortable within the fraternity. The white cross will certainly gain new luster through the tremendous '23s; I look forward to seeing what they will do.

Matas Masys

Major: Undecided

From: Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Activities: Basketball

Tim Kostolansky

Major: Course 8

From: Walnut Creek, California

Activities: Basketball

Rafael Fernandes

Major: Course 1

From: Miami, Florida

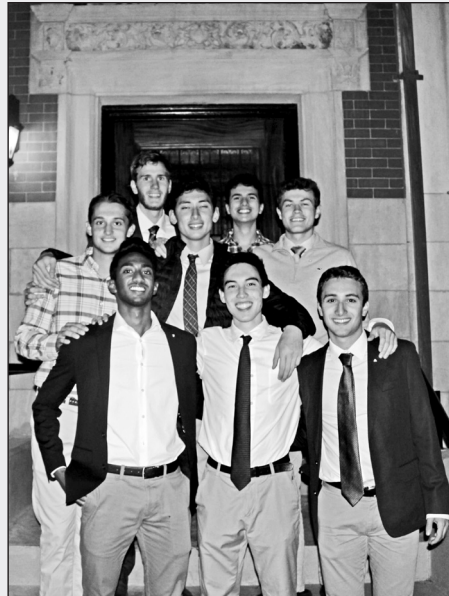
Activities: Rugby

Eli Kramer

Major: Course 9

From: New York, New York

Activities: Squash



Haran Nadarajah

Major: Course 6.2 or 3 and 15.3

From: Frederick, Maryland

Activities: Hurdler and sprinter

Dylan Ryan

Major: Course 20

From: Oviedo, Florida

Activities: Volleyball

Aaron Fuchs

Major: Course 6-14

From: Tokyo, Japan

Activities: Basketball

Kael Kordonowy

Major: Course 15.3

From: Wichita, Kansas

Activities: Basketball

Family Lines Celebrate Big Little Reveals in Usual Style

By Dan Pilsbury '22 | Chapter Editor

With our eight new brothers in the class of '23, there was a perfect matching for the eight brothers in the class of '22 to all get littles. After the reveals of bigs and littles, we all went to JP Licks for some ice cream and celebration of the new members to the family lines.

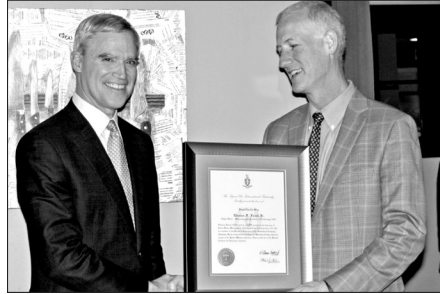


Tom Faust '80 Named Significant Sig

Earlier this year, Alpha Theta's very own Tom Faust '80 was named a Significant Sig by the Sigma Chi Fraternity. To celebrate this great honor, over 40 Sigs gathered recently with Tom and his family.

The Significant Sig Award recognizes those alumni members whose exemplary achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought great honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi. It is unlike other honors and awards, which are more directed to service to Sigma Chi.

While Tom has done much for the house, including his service on the corporation board and his support of our capital campaign, it is his role of the leader of Eaton Vance that earned him this honor. Eaton Vance Corp. is one of the oldest investment management firms in the United States. Tom joined Eaton Vance in 1985 and serves as the chief executive officer, president, and chairman



Mike DeLaus presents the award to Tom.

of Eaton Vance Management. Eaton Vance is headquartered in Boston and strongly supports the community, including its sponsorship of the Fourth of July fireworks.

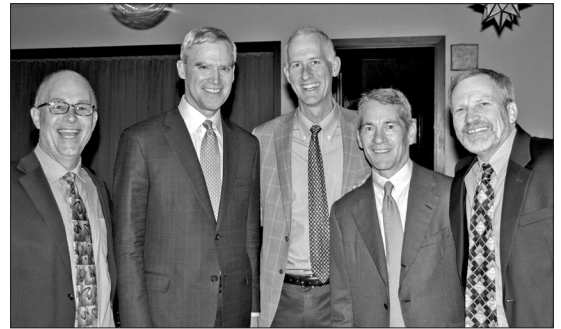
In addition to the undergrads, over 20 alumni were in attendance, a number coming from out of state to join the festivities. Many alumni who could not attend shared their congratulations with Tom.

In his remarks, Tom expressed his appreciation for the award and discussed what Sigma Chi and the Alpha Theta Chapter have meant to him.

Tom is the 10th Significant Sig from the Alpha Theta Chapter. Others include James Killian '25 (10th president of MIT), Alex D'Arbeloff '49 (founder of Teradyne), and Bob "Chip" Swanson '69 (co-founder of Genentech). Tom is certainly joining a distinguished group. We are all very proud to have Tom as a brother.



Tom and his family enjoyed the evening.



Tom and Alpha Theta brothers at the dinner.

Sigs Laud Unique Experience at KTLW

By Dan Pilsbury | Chapter Editor '22

This past August, I had the amazing opportunity to experience the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. This is the annual summer conference where undergraduate chapter representatives from the U.S. and Canada gather to learn and practice skills they can bring back to improve their chapters. I was accompanied by brothers Aaron Makikali '21 (Consul), Evan Pasko '21 (Pro Consul), Paul Ruh '21 (Quaestor), Ben Wolz '22 (Brotherhood Chair), Peyton Greve '22

(Steward), and Alex Cai, our chapter advisor. We each went through a different track where we met in small groups with members of different chapters and Sigma Chi alumnus, and discussed the tactics we each use to run our chapter smoothly, and how we can improve. The different tracks included consuls, pro consuls, and members of risk management, recruitment, and ritual.

I went through the risk management workshops, and it was great to hear different perspectives and strategies that other chapters use. In addition to the individual tracks we each went through, we had daily meetings with the chapter from the University of Arkansas in which we discussed how we run our chapters, and we created action steps to improve our chapters. It was fascinating to hear a different perspective from a school that is so different from ours in size, location, and culture.

From this experience, I realized how diverse the members of Sigma Chi are in personality, interests, and ambitions; yet, we are still all united through this fraternity and the values we share.



Some of the brothers who went to KTLW. Left to right: Dan Pilsbury, Evan Pasko, Peyton Greve, and Paul Ruh.



"How to Dismantle a Nuclear Bomb"

MIT researchers, including Ruairidh MacDonald '12, far left, have successfully tested a new high-tech method that could help inspectors verify the destruction of nuclear weapons. The method uses neutron beams to establish certain facts about the warheads in question and, crucially, uses an isotopic filter that physically encrypts the information in the measured data.

Read the full article at news.mit.edu/2019/verify-dismantle-nuclear-bombs-0927

The Class of '69 Celebrates its 50th at Reunion Weekend

Alpha Theta class of '69 alums and wives got together June 7-9 to celebrate their 50th Reunion, in conjunction with the annual MIT Reunion Weekend. Major activities included the MIT '69 class luncheon on Friday, a private tour of the Swanson Biotech Center at the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, and an open house and special catered dinner at the house (and of course, meals and unstructured time to just hang out and catch up!).

Attendees included Jim Black, Rolf Brauchler, Al Davis, Bruce Donath, Tom James, Dave Kiser, and Pete Zacharias.

highlighted were his major leadership roles at MIT: MIT Corporation member, key player in creating the Sloan School's Entrepreneurship Center, and member of multiple visiting committees.

Friday afternoon featured an open house at 532, with local alums from various classes as well as the attending '69ers. Doug Bailey, chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee, led a tour of the house, describing key improvements and structural changes. A catered dinner in the house dining room followed, with lively conversation and per-

Swanson Biotech Center, arranged by Doug Bailey, highlighting the center's cutting-edge research and test equipment. A group of a dozen Alpha Thetas and guests saw firsthand how the SBC is playing a pivotal role in moving research forward in a variety of life sciences fields, both within the Koch Institute and elsewhere on campus.

Saturday's activities concluded with a dinner at a restaurant in Cambridge, with the usual camaraderie, joking, and swapping remembrances of life at 532 (some of which may actually have happened!). Overall, the

"The Friday class luncheon at the student center, the most highly attended event of the 50th Reunion Weekend (250 class members and guests), was highlighted by a tribute to our late brother, Bob Swanson. Bob was unanimously agreed by the Class Reunion Planning Committee to be the most notable, impactful member of the institute's class of '69 (and perhaps of the past 50 years)."

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The focal point was a video tribute featuring Genentech Co-Founder Herb Boyer, Genentech CFO Fred Middleton '71, institute professor and Nobel Laureate Phil Sharp, and Judy Swanson. Tyler Jacks, professor of biology and director of the Koch Institute, offered live comments highlighting Bob's seminal role in co-founding Genentech in 1976 and kick-starting the biotech industry.

Rolf Brauchler then offered personal remembrances of Bob, "the guy we knew as undergrads," accompanied by a slide show illustrating how life at 532 and MIT prepared him for his later milestone achievements. Also

sonal updates. Special guests included Fred Middleton and Judy Swanson, as well as Doug and Sara Bailey and Mark and Debbie Curtiss, who were instrumental in the house renovation project of several years ago.

Saturday began with a private tour of the

weekend provided a great opportunity for the class to renew friendships, catch up on recent activities and accomplishments, and celebrate the life-changing experience of our years at Alpha Theta. All are now looking forward to the next 50!



Members of the class of '69 enjoying the Friday class lunch at the student center on campus.

Seeking Alpha Thetas in the News

Have you seen an Alpha Theta in the news who should be recognized in the next *Beaver Sig*?

Let Dan Craig '03 know at drccraig@alum.mit.edu.

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ALPHA THETA ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES



Austin "Buff" Marx '49 writes, "After 33 years of retirement after 25 years at Hewlett-Packard Co. enjoying corporate planning, economics, and forecasting, I've finally ended up with my lovely wife, Ruth, at Sunrise Senior Living in Carlsbad, California, recovering from a recent successful hip replacement. Son, John, is a retired high school science and engineering teacher from Ipswich, Massachusetts, married to a preschool special ed. teacher, now moving to Sedona, Arizona. Daughter, Kathy, practices acupuncture in Santa Barbara, California. Still have lots of good memories of Alpha Theta, playing piano in the music room, clambakes at Ipswich beach, Wellesley dates, **Carl Bergman's** ('49) wonderful five-year reunions, and many

lifelong friendships. Thanks to Sigma Chi for many memorable, irreplaceable years!" Get in touch with Buff at 7020 Manzanita St., #25, Carlsbad, CA 92011 or amarxa@gmail.com.

Alan "Al" Brennecke '61 writes, "Thanks for including my article in the last *Beaver Sig*. However, the article used an obsolete South Carolina mailing address. [*Our apologies, Al! We have corrected our records.*] If you have a mailing address for brother **Winn Martin '62**, he would appreciate receiving the *Beaver Sig*." [*We have an Atlanta address for him—we'll make sure he's sent this issue!*] Al's correct address is 2477 Winding Brook Ct., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or abbottbrennecke@comcast.net.



DECEASED

We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

ROBERT H. JENKINS '48

June 13, 2019

PAUL UCHE '13

June 19, 2014

Brothers Gather Annually for Nearly Three Decades to Camp and Strengthen Bonds

Greetings Campers,

It all started in 1992 when a small group of brothers from the classes of '80, '81, and '82 decided to go to Moose Head Lake for a weekend of camping. The headcount was probably a dozen people. A good time was had by all, and the next year the group went to Acadia, and it got a little larger, and then in '94, the group was larger still and we ventured to Vermont.

This has been going on for 28 summers (with one * in the record books—in '95 it was canoeing trip, and not recognized by some as an official camping trip) and we have been to all the states of New England, plus New York. The numbers fluctuate, with a maximum of around 50 people in the early 2000s. Brothers and families have traveled from Washington, California, Utah, Florida, South Carolina, Ohio, D.C., and New York, as well as the New England states, to join in.

Everyone pitches in: setting up tents, stringing up tarps for the kitchen area, planning meals, cooking, washing dishes, gathering wood, feeding the fire, planning hikes or other excursions, kibitzing, entertaining the masses....

There are countless stories. Dock '79 conducting bioluminescence studies off the dock in Acadia... The Knife Edge hike on Katahdin in 2011 that ended well after dark for a few... The legendary dutch oven dessert competitions... Endless Uno games at the picnic table... Amazing food... Potato cannons... Hack sawing a spare tire free while the ladies partake of a wine tasting... Torrential downpours... Securing the tents before they float away... Late night campfires....

The bonds are real, the brotherhood endures, and the banter is endless.

In hoc,
Digger



Acadia 2000: Sigs and kids.



Mt. Greylock 2019. Front row: Curtiss '87, Willi '83, Safos '80, Dock '79, Morris '82, Gailus '80, Wilber '81; back row: Piotti '83, Travis Faust, Faust '80, Gow '80, Dillo '82; photo Bomb: Ellie Wilber.

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