



THE BEAVER SIG

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY



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Help Us Celebrate Alpha Theta's 120th Anniversary!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Alpha Theta's 120th anniversary reunion will take place on Patriot's Day Weekend, **April 12-14, 2002**, when Massachusetts remembers the battle that began the Revolutionary War and Alpha Theta celebrates 120 years of history and brotherhood. This promises to be the biggest and best reunion ever, with many, many brothers already planning to make the trip to Boston.

The fun-filled weekend of events and social activities begins on Friday night with class era dinners and a reception at the chapter house. On Saturday morning, there will be a ritual exemplification, with alternative activities for guests and children. Saturday afternoon will bring lunch and the Alpha Theta Academy, where you'll hear

about some of the fascinating fields that Alpha Thetas are currently exploring or leading. Saturday evening will of course include the formal banquet and ball, the highlight of the weekend for many.

Sunday will include a brunch in the morning, afternoon cookout and softball, and evening outings, with plenty of unstructured time for visiting and touring. Monday will feature the world-class Boston Marathon, in which seven brothers participated last year, with even more expected to run this year.

We're holding a block of rooms for the weekend at the luxurious Marriott in Kendall Square at the amazingly low rate of \$129/night. The world-famous Legal Seafoods and MIT's Coop are in the same building.

Take advantage of the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones among Alpha Theta's wonderfully diverse alumni. Families are encouraged to attend, and our past experience is that wives and children have a superb time. Boston, while always a destination city, is especially wonderful this time of year, with the excitement of the marathon, the Red Sox in town at Fenway Park, and the focus this weekend on the Revolutionary War battles of Lexington and Concord, with full-costumed reenactments, parades, and lots of other activities for families.

Invitations will be sent out shortly, and e-mail updates will be sent to everyone on our e-mail list (send an e-mail to royg@mit.edu to add your address). We look forward to seeing you in April!

The Consul Reports

The fall of 2001 started out brightly at Alpha Theta Sigma Chi. It started with a successful work week, led by brother Rory Edwards '03, during which we made several changes in the common rooms and gave the house a general facelift. Work week led into rush, which produced seven fine new members who are doing very well in the house under the direction of Magister Daniel Craig '03 and Assistant Magister Raudel Rodriguez '03. With the anticipated changes to rush at MIT next year, much of the Greek community is concerned—but Alpha Theta remains confident that our brotherhood will remain strong through this period of transition and beyond.

Another successful area has been community relations. In the first month of school, Sigs helped in MIT's City Days and returned to Camp Nokomis for Herbie's. There are also plans to become active in the Back Bay Neighborhood Association so that we may become regular

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Jon Coe, Manoj Viswanathan, and Rory Edwards enjoy canoeing at Walden Pond.

Introducing The Pledge Class Of 2005

From their social prowess to their political skill, the members of the pledge class of 2005 have already proven themselves valuable additions to the fraternity. They are the last to experience the old rush and have the opportunity to live in the house their first year. More importantly, they will play a leading role in next year's recruitment, as we transition to a new system.

Having just returned from walkout, the pledges can boast that they fit seven people in one Mitsubishi Galant all the way to Montreal and back. Suffice it to say they grew much closer under such conditions....

Now a look at each pledge:

After working a summer job with Brian Robertson's Visible Markets, **Al-Hussein Dahya** may know more Alpha Theta alumni and stories than any of the actives. With his Andover-trained intellect, he always has a large group of ladies with whom to work on his 18.02 problem sets.

Sometimes confused for *Saturday Night Live*'s Tim Meadows, **Manoj Viswanathan**, at 22, is easily the oldest person in the house after our resident adviser, Melissa Kendall. Always a "ladies' man," he helps guide his younger pledge brothers through the college world.

Hailing from Denver, Colorado, **Brady William Young** rows for the freshman lightweight crew team. He also has shown



Al Dahya pledges first in front of 532 Beacon Street.

great promise on our intramural hockey team, continuing the great Sigma Chi/Colorado hockey tradition.

Also rowing on the crew team, **Soojin Lee** seems to bring an endless supply of Simmons and BU women to the house. When he's not entertaining his friends, he can often be found scouting out area restaurants.

The politician of the pledge class, **Neelish Anand Kantak** has already announced his presence on the campus scene, winning the election for Junior IFC president.

Although quiet at times, when **Leonard Younmo Chung** speaks, his words always carry great weight. Coming all the way from South Korea, Leo also rows for

MIT crew.

Though from Pennsylvania, **Will Christopher Stockwell**'s Midwestern Nebraska roots show through. When not relaxing or writing computer programs, he can often be found searching for the nearest Bob Evan's Restaurant.

It is a great honor to serve as magister for the class of 2005. We've had some great, deep discussions during pledge meetings, and the class has grown close through walkout, Candlelights, and just living together. The pledge class of 2005 truly continues the great tradition of Alpha Theta Sigma Chi.

In hoc,

Daniel R. Craig '03, Magister

Brothers Enjoy Busy Social Calendar

Socially, the fall was quite lively. Before the term started, brothers and pledges had some time to hang out together and particularly enjoyed a trip to Walden Pond. In September we had a mixer with Alpha Phi at which brothers Devjit Chakravarti, Joshua Soong, Tae Won Kim, and our new R.A., Melissa Kendall, prepared a delectable meal. All were pleased with the turnout as well as the food—especially Eric Zhang.

Alpha Chi Omega joined us for an ice cream social, during which brothers and sisters of ΑΧΩ played a friendly game of Taboo. Our mixer with Kappa Alpha Theta turned out to be a fairly relaxing day on the esplanade. The day began around noon with a walk along the Charles River to the softball fields near Science Park. Although no one really kept score, all who attended enjoyed playing a little softball and mixing along the esplanade.

Our mixer with Sigma Kappa was quite interesting. The evening began with our usual Friday dinner in the bar. After dinner,

we all proceeded to the dining room and creatively mutilated pumpkins. The evening was full of many memorable laughs and pumpkin mischief.

In mid-September we held our Old School party. The turnout was amazing, and all the brothers had a great time. Brothers from the Harvard, BU, and Yale chapters were in attendance. The atmosphere was greatly enhanced with the purchase of a new fog machine for our dance floor. Break out the glow-sticks!

In mid-November, we had our annual sweetheart formal. After dinner, we enjoyed the late night hours by going skating, eventually returning to the house for a champagne breakfast.

We've had a great time so far this year, and we're looking forward to many more successful social events in the spring.

In hoc signo vinces,

Woojin Choi '03, Social Chair
Raudel Rodriguez '03, Social Chair

Rush 2001: The End of an Era

Last August, rush was chaotic as usual as freshmen participated in the last rush before MIT switches to a more traditional format for fall 2002. Although the details have not been finalized, the new residence system includes stipulations that require incoming students to live on campus for their entire freshman year.

Even though many houses increased their bids in preparation for the coming transition, Alpha Theta again held fast to its traditional high standards and came out of rush with seven high-quality men who had the honor of pledging Sigma Chi.

I would like to thank all those alumni who stopped by to help out during rush. I would especially like to thank Peter Hadley, Paul Shay, Richard Obert, Larry Aller, and Adam D'Amico for their extra work doing rush jobs. Without them, rush would not have been the success it was.

In hoc,

Kevin Wang '03, Rush Chair

Alumni Day Features Softball, Barbecue

The active brothers of Alpha Theta hosted our annual Alumni Day on Saturday, October 13, 2001. The events of the day began in the afternoon with a barbecue and a softball game on the esplanade. The two teams consisted of the alumni and the class of 2002 against the classes of 2003 and 2004 (the pledge class of 2005 was on walkout for the weekend and could not attend). The seven-inning game wasn't decided until the bottom of the seventh, when Jonathan Coe '02 hit a walk-off home run to score two runs and win the game.

After the barbecue most of the alumni and actives came back to 532 Beacon Street to relax and get cleaned up for the line events during the evening. By 7:00 p.m. the entire house was empty, and all of the actives and alumni had gone out with their lines for dinner.

Several more alumni stopped by the house during the evening's events and joined us for some socializing in our bar. The following alumni were present for some or all of the day's events: P. K. Had-



Actives and alums take a commemorative photo on the esplanade following the softball game.

ley '72, Mike Delaus '82, Jay Henderson '96, Charlie Wykoff '98, Kris Kendall '98, Adam D'Amico '99, Adam Kropp '99, Gene Pyo '99, Dan Frisk '99, Joe Cheng '00, John Pelly '00, Nick Bogovich '00, and Ian Sigalow '01.

Thank you to all who came by for the day. We look forward to seeing you this spring for our 120th reunion on Patriot's Day Weekend.

In hoc,
Tony Kim '03, Tribune

Sigs Find Several Ways To Give Back To The Community



Clearing the forest to make way for a new cabin.

This term, Alpha Theta has had the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to community service as well as revive an important house tradition. The term began with MIT's annual City Days event, when the Sigs joined hundreds from the MIT campus to do work in our community. In the past, this day has entailed visiting local elementary schools and working at the Cambridge YMCA. This year we traveled to Roxbury to help improve the work environment at the office of the non-profit organization Secure Sponsorship.

The uncontested highlight of the term was returning to Herbie's on Lake Winnepesaukee after an unfortunate one-year absence. At YMCA Camp Nokomis, in addition to general maintenance on the campground, Sigs and friends worked hard to clear the site for a new cabin. A late-night campfire by the beach and other festivities capped the beautiful weekend.

On behalf of the chapter, I would like to thank Fran and Herb Mower '83, who were instrumental in setting up this great event, as well as brothers Peter Hadley '72 and Adam D'Amico '99 for their hard work. It appears that this was a big step toward continuing the long and fruitful relationship that we have had with Camps Lawrence and Nokomis.

Guard well,
Nick Cohen '02
Community Relations Chair

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contributors to the well-being of our own area.

We were all shaken by the events of September 11, 2001, but we are able to report that all of our brothers in the New York area have been accounted for and are safe. We are proud to have helped in the relief effort by donating blood and money, and we remain undaunted by those who seek to disrupt our way of life.

One of Alpha Theta's current goals is to strengthen relations with brothers in the North Atlantic Province. Ties were formed at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop (LTW), as the chapter met and hung out with guys from Harvard, Boston University, Brown, Bridgewater State, Maine, and Dalhousie. Plans that were made at LTW culminated in a Columbus Day Weekend event, dubbed the first annual North Atlantic Recreational Conference (NARC). Festivities include tailgating for the MIT-Bridgewater State football game, a night out at Sunset Grill, and an event at Club Europa. Brother Daniel Kim '04 said of NARC, "I like to see brothers from other chapters. I hope we have many more things like this. It makes me proud."

We are now preparing for our 120th anniversary reunion in the spring of 2002. Event planners John Piotti '83 and Roy Gross '04 are making sure that this will be a memorable event for actives and alumni alike. And looking to the summer, some brothers have begun to plan the ultimate baseball road trip—all 31 stadiums!

We hope to see many of you this spring and hope that you'll drop by the house whenever business or pleasure brings you to the Boston area.

Always proud,
Chris Johnson '02
Consul, Fall 2001

THEODORE E. BRIDGE '30 makes his home at 91 Buckingham Dr., Moraga, CA 94556.

"World War II scattered most of us to the winds, so, along with many others, I have been in a 'disconnect' state with respect to maintaining contact with most of my Sigma Chi brothers," writes BENJAMIN PARRAN '43 (3020 Duke of York Court, Chesapeake, VA 23321; bparraniii@home.com). "The one exception was ALLEN KIRKPATRICK '43, who died last fall. Betty and I introduced Kirk to one of my favorite cousins at a Triad dance way bay in '42, so we miss him most especially." Ben worked in the defense industry most of his life and took an early retirement in 1977. He and Betty then enjoyed 22 years on Cape Cod, but they have since moved south to be near their daughter.

GEORGE DICKSON '50 writes that he and Vonnice are in their eighth year of retirement "and continue to be busier than we ever were while employed." Last year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with the help of friends and family, including their three sons, who are all healthy and doing well. Send best wishes to the Dicksons at 600 San Juan Ave., Fircrest, WA 98466 (gandvdickson@earthlink.net).

The president of Toledo do Brazil Ltda., RICARDO E. HAEGLER '52 resides at Rua Utinga, 658, Sao Paulo 04644-060, BRAZIL. E-mail reaches him at haegler@toledobrasil.com.br.

Write to RENALD RIVERO '51 at rayrivero@home.com or at 25081 Eaton Lane, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.

ROBERT W. TEMPLE '55 reports that he and JOE BRAZZATTI '54 routinely attend the Houston Sigma Chi alumni lunch the first Wednesday of each month. The CEO of Gulfcrest International, Bob can be reached by e-mail at rwt@ev1.net. He lives at 14134 Bluebird Lane, Houston, TX 77079.

"The Alpha Theta class of '62 gathered at the end of September for its first-ever reunion," writes ALFRED BELLOWS '62 (102 Glezen Lane, Wayland, MA 01778). "Unfortunately, two could not make it, but the six most determined brothers and their wives spent the weekend becoming reacquainted, reminiscing, sharing stories of lives, children, and a few grandchildren, looking at old Sigma chi composite photos, and touring a small slice of the North Carolina outer banks." Attending class members were AL BELLOWS '62, ERICH IPPEN '62, BOB JOHNSON '62, JOHN RUPERT '62, ROGER SIMMONS '62, and SANDY VON KUEGELGEN '62.

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The president and founder of Nanotechnology, Inc., BRIAN HUBERT '95 receives e-mail at bnhubert@media.mit.edu and "snail mail" at 1670 El Camino Real, #360, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

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DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

MALCOLM B. DAVIS JR. '32

ALLEN KIRKPATRICK III '43

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