



THE BEAVER SIG

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY



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New Year's Greetings To Alumni And Active Sigs

Dear Brothers,

I hope that this issue of *The Beaver Sig* finds you healthy and having enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends. Inside this issue you'll find reports from the undergraduates on activities and life at Alpha Theta Sigma Chi over the past term, which, by all accounts, is thriving. The chapter continues to provide a supportive and enriching environment for a fine group of young men with diverse interests and talents, from various fields of study (the chapter boasted the highest MIT fraternity GPA last spring!) to strong varsity and intramural athletics, to numerous other interests outside of the classroom.

Also inside this issue you'll find information about a wonderful reunion the "1949 Era" Sigs held in Boston this past spring, the receipt of the presti-

gious Significant Sig National Award by Alex d'Arbeloff '49, and a great Scholarship Dinner. We've also included a guest column by Bob Ferrara, MIT's new Director for FSILG Alumni Relations. As you can read in Bob's letter, MIT is firmly committed to a strong future for fraternities and is taking several steps to ensure this, a number of which are detailed in the recently released FSILG Task Force report (see Bob's letter for web site URL). This renewed emphasis on support for fraternities is great news for the system and for Alpha Theta.

As reported in my letter earlier in the fall, this past year saw an increase in annual contributions from you, the Alpha Theta alumni. Ongoing support at this level will help to keep the corporation and chapter in good shape in the

near future. The larger scale Alpha Theta capital campaign we've spoken of in the past is still on the horizon and will be kicking off in the not-too-distant future, as we help to ensure the long-term financial and physical plant well being of Sigma Chi at MIT.

Finally, as MIT Chancellor Dr. Phil Clay remarked at our Scholarship Dinner in June, Alpha Theta Sigma Chi continues to be one of the strongest fraternities at MIT, and with all of your continued support it can remain so. Wishing you and your families all the best for 2005,

In Hoc,
Karl Büttner '87
Corporate Board President
kbuttner@alum.mit.edu

Alex d'Arbeloff '49 Receives Significant Sig Award



Alex d'Arbeloff '49 receives the Significant Sig Award, presented on behalf of the Sigma Chi National Fraternity by Alpha Theta Consul Will Stockwell '05.

Alex d'Arbeloff '49 has been awarded the honor of Significant Sig by the Sigma Chi National Fraternity. The National Fraternity bestows this as one of its highest honors. It recognizes "those alumni members whose achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi." The award was presented to Alex in recognition of his many achievements including his founding of Teradyne, leading it for over 30 years, growing it to a billion-dollar world leader, and for his

many other accomplishments, such as his work as Chairman of the MIT Corporation, and participation in numerous industry and philanthropic organizations.

Will Stockwell '05 (Alpha Theta Consul, Spring '04) presented the award to Alex on behalf of the Sigma Chi National Fraternity at the Alpha Theta "1949 Era" Reunion Dinner on June 2. The Alpha Theta active and alumni chapters congratulate Alex on receiving this very prestigious honor!

Alpha Theta Sigma Chi Online!

<http://sigmachi.mit.edu> is a source of information and a communication hub for both undergrads and alumni. The alumni section of the website provides contact information for alumni, correspondence and other information (some parts require you to sign in). If you haven't yet visited, please do, and verify that your contact info is up-to-date. And please send any suggestions or requests for enhancements to the webmasters (contact information at the web site).

Work Week Goes Off Without A Hitch

In preparation for the fall semester and anticipation for the upcoming week of rush, work week began on the Monday, August 23, and continued through Friday, August 27. The summer months had certainly imposed some wear and tear on the Alpha Theta Chapter house, but the brothers took care of the house from top to bottom, leaving it cleaner than ever at the end of the week.

Major projects at the house included the reconstruction of the zero-floor bathroom, including new fixtures and

tiling, a re-sodding of the front lawn and the planting and maintenance of a mulched garden out front, the constructing and staining of new dining room chairs, the painting, staining and general repair of the front windows on the first and second floors, and the polyurethaning of the dining room and bar floors. Minor projects included installing new toilets in various bathrooms, basic repair and maintenance of various appliances and machinery around the house, and the cleaning of

everything not in the bedrooms. We are also the proud new owners of a fully functioning dryer in the laundry room.

The intense heat made much of the work difficult, but it did have at least one positive aspect. Brother and Chapter Editor Edgar Torres '07 was pictured in an article about the weather in the *Boston Globe*, cooling himself with the hose on our new lawn.

Michael Fitzgerald '07



Brothers stop for a picture after a long work week.

Pledge Program Strong At Alpha Theta

The pledge program this year started off strong, welcoming nine young men into the fold. The 2008 pledge class of Joshua Campoverde, Ian Wolfe, Kevin Krsulich, Nick Haschka, Stephane Essama, Ryan Dean, Jack Field, Asiri Ediriwickrema, and Ben Pope has experienced many of the unique aspects of Sigma Chi already, and will continue to do so throughout their pledgeship. We have been having the traditional weekly pledge meetings followed by a candlelight that they wholeheartedly enjoy, since the early weeks of September. The corporate board dinner, followed by formal pledging and a line event at Emack and Bolio's Ice Cream shop was another huge success as the newly formed big brother and little brother combinations

immediately hit it off. In the first days of October, we took a day trip to Salisbury beach for a day of rest and relaxation away from MIT that provided the pledges with a good chance to hang out with brothers and each other in a very relaxed setting. Looking forward, the pledge class has many great events ahead of it, as both recent and older alumni have invited us to their homes to further integrate the pledges to the Sigma Chi community. Overall, the new pledges are a quality group of young men who exemplify all that we are looking for in the next generation of Sigma Chis.

In Hoc,
Magister Joseph Sikoscow '06

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The newest additions to the king line find out who their new big brothers are.

From front to back: Ben Pope '08, Aaron Doody '07, Bryan Deleon '06, Will Stockwell '05, and Danny Craig '03.

The Tradition Continues At Alpha Theta

The Alpha Theta Chapter started the school year with high expectations and lots of energy. Tackling yet another new rush system led by Recruitment Chair Jin Suk Kim '06 and Assistant Recruitment Chair Alex Chernyakov '06, Alpha Theta emerged with nine men who exemplified those qualities becoming of a Sigma Chi. The recruitment period proved to be more intense than in previous years, but we met the task with ferocious dedication and energy. Our efforts were successful; our new 2008 pledge class is already one of the strongest in recent memory.

Our pledge program is in full swing with Magister Joseph J. Sikoscow '06 in charge of our award-winning program. The entire brotherhood has been helping to integrate the pledges into the house, with notable events such as our day retreat to Salisbury Beach planned by Pro Consul Bryan J. DeLeon '06 while Social Chairs Aaron L.

Doody '07 and Edgar Torres '07 fill our calendars with various social and brotherhood events. We are all looking forward to the rest of the term that will include our annual Sweetheart Ball and Holiday Dinner in addition to tailgating with alumni, faculty dinners, and community service events.

However, our focus on strengthening the brotherhood does not take away from our other commitments. I am proud to announce that our house GPA is currently the highest among all fraternities here at MIT. Our dedication and success in all facets of college life, such as schoolwork, extra-curricular activities, after-school jobs, social life, and Sigma Chi sets the men Alpha Theta apart from the rest of the undergraduate body.

The fate of fraternities, not only at MIT, but nationwide, rests in our hands. As we read about the tragic losses in Oklahoma, Colorado, and Arkansas, we ask ourselves

how these types of tragedies happen. The Interfraternity Council has been implementing new risk management initiatives such as sending Risk Management Consultants to social events in order to assist in event handling. However, these actions merely supplement our already steadfast commitment to risk management. We have many safeguards in place to ensure that our social events remain safe while still being able to have fun. Lapses in risk management can only lead to tragedies. This is why we emphasize sound risk management procedures. As we enter the second half of our semester, we look forward to continuing the proud tradition of Alpha Theta Sigma Chi.



Phil Hum

Phillip W. Hum '06
Consul

You Find It Here!

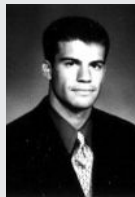
Once again, Alpha Theta has been recognized as the leading house on campus! Under the leadership of Bob Ferrara (MIT Director of FSILG Alumni Relations) and Danny Trujillo (Associate Dean for Community Development and Substance Abuse Programs), MIT is undertaking a program aimed at house corporations called: "Alcohol Abuse: a Discussion of a Persistent Campus Problem and What MIT is Doing About It." One goal is to have each House Corporation assign a "Risk Management" person who will interact with the undergraduates. Presently about six houses have such a person, including Alpha Theta. However, we are probably the only house where that person takes such an active role with the undergraduates. Each fall, our risk management officer meets with the pledges to review such things as alcohol use and abuse, drugs, hazing, and related matters.

Bob Ferrara, in preparing for the MIT initiative, uncovered in the MIT files a copy of the "Alcohol Awareness" seminar that we ran for our undergraduates at the National Heritage Museum in 1998. No other group has sponsored such a program involving alumni and undergraduates. As a result of our active program, I have been asked to serve on the committee with Bob and Danny. The membership also includes Erika Ebbel '04 (MIT Club of Boston) and Will Fowler '05 (IFC Judicial Committee Chair).

Herb Mower '65 ('82)

Meet The Brothers Of Sigma Chi

It's hard to accurately portray the character of Sigma Chi without describing the characters of Sigma Chi. The brothers of Sigma Chi shine in many different areas, keeping the fraternity strong and playing a major role in on-campus activities. Here are some of the brothers, and what they are up to now:



Joseph Sikoscow '06

Joe is not only the Magister at Sigma Chi but he is also a varsity soccer player. Even with his double major in computer science and mathematics, he still has plenty of time to make it seem like he never does any work.



Michael Fitzgerald '07

Mike was recently accepted into the "Logarithms," MIT's premiere (and only) *a cappella* group. Mike is also the webmaster of Sigma Chi, and has recently realized that knowing html and having a good voice do not benefit each other at all.



Adam Miller '06

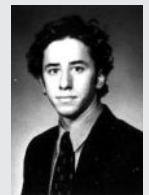
Adam has been a member of MIT's renowned improv comedy group, Roadkill Buffet. His troupe has been so successful, Adam and another member have been given an MIT improv radio show, which is struggling for ratings, so please tune in on Mondays at 4:00 p.m.



Joshua Lake '07

Josh, the assistant house manager, is involved in the Soldier of Tomorrow competition, a military technology contest. In addition, he is currently doing two UROP's (undergraduate research opportunities program).

These are a just a few of the members of Sigma Chi. With both their off and on campus activities, they are not a select group of Sigma Chi, but rather, a small representation of all of its members.



Dan Scolnic '07
Annotator

“Our Era” Reunion Was A Great Success

Alums from Alpha Theta classes 1945 through 1954 came back to Boston for an “Our Era” reunion this past June. The reunion, coordinated by Carl Bergmann ’49, attracted roughly 30 alumni and spouses from near and far. The three-day event included tours of new MIT facilities, presentations by MIT faculty, a banquet

dinner, attendance at Alpha Theta’s annual Scholarship Dinner, and concluded with the “Tech Night at the Pops” concert at Symphony Hall. Most important, of course, the event was defined by lots of laughter, reminiscing, and catching-up since their last get-together. One of the many highlights was singing Sigma Chi

songs around the piano at the Wednesday evening dinner —a demonstration to the younger guests in attendance that some fond memories of 532 Beacon aren’t easily forgotten. Congratulations to the “Our Era” Sigs for holding such an enjoyable and successful event! *(Most reunion photos courtesy MIT Alumni Association.)*



More Scenes From The Reunion



A Special Scholarship Dinner Held “At The Pops”

The 2004 Alpha Theta Sigma Chi Scholarship Dinner was held in June at a special venue: Symphony Hall. This annual event is an opportunity for Alpha Theta Sigma Chi alumni to demonstrate their support for the ideal of scholarship and reflect on the role that Alpha Theta Sigma Chi played and continues to play in brothers' educations and lives while at MIT and afterwards.

The main focus of the evening were the Robert A. Swanson '69 Memorial Scholarship and the Professor S. Curtis Powell Memorial Scholarship which were presented by Jim Black '69 and Rolf Brauchler '69 to deserving undergraduates.

Moving speeches reflected on the lives of Bob Swanson and Curt Powell and on what Alpha Theta Sigma Chi has

meant to generations of MIT men.

In an indication of the importance of this event and the strong support MIT is

Clay noted the significance and achievements of the MIT fraternity system, the strong history and present status of Alpha Theta Sigma Chi as unquestionably one of the top fraternities at MIT, and spoke of the important and permanent role that the administration sees residential fraternities continuing to play at MIT.

Attending the dinner were well over 70 alumni and guests, from both near and far, representing a diverse range of class years including “1949 Era” brothers and spouses. Following the reception, dinner, speeches, and scholarship presentations, the evening concluded down

the hall (joined by other MIT alums) for a special “Tech Night at the Pops” concert.



Rolf Brauchler '69 (center) presents the Robert A. Swanson 1969 Memorial Scholarship to Dennis Van der Staay '04 (left) and Devjit Chakravarti '04 (right).

voicing for fraternities today, MIT Chancellor Dr. Phil Clay joined the group and delivered keynote remarks. Chancellor

A Message From MIT's New FSILG Director

We're pleased to include the following letter of introduction from Bob Ferrara, MIT's new director of FSILG alumni relations. We welcome Bob to his new role at MIT, see this new position as a very positive development for the fraternity system, and look forward to working closely with him in the future.

— Karl Büttner



Bob Ferrara

Thank you for this opportunity to be introduced to the Sigma Chi alumni. Some of you I knew from living just two doors away on Beacon St., but many more of you I have yet to meet. I am Bob

Ferrara (Theta Chi, MIT 1967), MIT's new director of FSILG alumni relations. I'd like to explain how this new position came to be, a little about myself, and some things MIT is committed to doing for our fraternity community, especially in connection with the new IRDF Educational Operating Grants program.

The story of the new position starts toward the close of 2003, when the need for someone to focus specifically on FSILG (fraternity, sorority, and independent living group) alumni issues became apparent to several senior MIT officials during the deliberations of the FSILG Task Force. This 18-member commission was appointed by then-President Chuck Vest in mid-2003. The charge was to "consider the status and future development of the Institute's 37 Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups which together serve roughly 1,000 current students and inspire the affection and loyalty of tens of thousands of alumni." There was general recognition that MIT needed to increase staff to implement the recommendations of the task force, particularly those relating to alumni. The recommendations were delivered to the MIT community on September 17, 2003, and the details are available for review at <http://web.mit.edu/dsl/aurora/home.html>.

After an uncharacteristically short incubation time, the new position was established last April by Dean of Student Life Larry Benedict and Alumni Association Executive Vice President Beth Garvin and structured to report to both of them. They were looking for someone who was an FSILG alum, knew how to "get things done" at MIT, and was already active in alumni affairs. I felt that I met these criteria and asked to be considered. For openness, there was my Theta Chi membership. I am a member of the Theta Chi Alumni Corporation and even have a brother-

brother, my twin, Ray Ferrara '67, who was our house president when we were undergrads years ago. Second, I had worked at MIT for several years as director, IT delivery, after a 20-plus year career at Raytheon and various local governments. Finally, alumni affairs has always been a special joy for me. I have participated as a 1967 class officer, reunion chair, past president and treasurer of the MIT Club of Boston, vice president of the Friends of DAPER (athletics), and co-founder of the Reunion Challenges Games, which have been held every commencement for the last dozen years. Prior to taking this new position, I was also a vice president of the MITAA board and member of the national selection committee.

At first I did not grasp the importance of this dual reporting arrangement to Beth and Larry, but now I wouldn't have it any other way. This structure keeps you aware of many of the on-the-ground day-to-day issues of the chapters while affording direct access to all the talent and tools in the alumni association.

This partnership has already led to fruitful collaborations in a number of areas. Here are some:

- * Creation and distribution of a "living group options fact sheet" for the 2,500 educational councilors, part of larger effort to facilitate a stronger rush and increase awareness among incoming freshmen and parents of the strength and variety of the fraternity/sorority/ILG community here
- * Development of an FSILG fundraising toolkit, leveraging the data and professional resources of the alumni association
- * Expansion of alumni association recognition for FSILG activities
- * Hosting the board meetings of the AILG (Association of Independent Living Groups)
- * Supporting AILG plans for two IAP courses for undergrads, Treasurers 101 and House Managers 101
- * Scheduling three seminars/discussions with interested alumni on alcohol education at MIT
- * Working with my former MIT department, Information Systems and Technology, on ways to deliver more IT services to the FSILGs, especially higher bandwidth to Boston and Brookline houses.

These efforts have all happened quite readily. Despite perceptions to the contrary, there really is an extraordinary amount of goodwill in the MIT administration toward the FSILGs. Our task is to figure out how to tap that goodwill.

Beyond the above items, however, my first top-priority assignment from Beth and Larry was to work on expanding the Independent Residence Development Fund (IRDF). As attentive members of the alumni corporation of Phi Kappa Sigma pointed out, recent IRS case law allows new options for our tax-deductible IRDF donations. MIT has now responded with a new program that should provide some relief for the operating budgets of the chapters.

The IRDF was begun in the 1960s and has been the source of many, many long-term, low-interest loans for almost all of MIT's FSILG chapters. In the late 1990s, an IRDF Project Grant program was introduced, but only six chapters have taken advantage of it to date. The project grants permitted special treatment of the "educational area" portion of an FSILG construction project. Normally, tax-deductible donations given to a 501(c)(3) educational institution, like MIT, cannot be used to improve the property of a non-501(c)(3) organization, like a fraternity. In practice, the IRS educational area calculation proved difficult to determine, requiring lots of legal interpretation, and this discouraged many applicants. Also, there simply has not been that much construction activity as many houses adopted a wait-and-see posture.

As much as our chapters want help with capital improvements, there is an even more compelling case for annual operating budget assistance. This is where the new IRDF Educational Operating Grants program comes in. IRS case law also permits grants to be given for building maintenance of the "educational area" of the structure. The potential dollars are clearly smaller than in typical construction projects, but they can recur year after year. Clearly, it was necessary to standardize and simplify the area calculations for this new program to work effectively. Working with the treasurer's office, we called on the facilities department and invested in taking an inventory of all the FSILGs and the development of standard methodology approved by MIT's lawyers. As of this writing, all 35 houses have complete floor plans on file, and most have completed the final step of assigning the educational areas in each room. Two important byproducts of this activity are 1) that you now have a CAD archive and drawings will not be "lost" and 2) that applying for educational

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Alumni Send News From Far And Near



ROBERT E. SPOERL '46 writes, "I entered MIT in 1943 (while in the U.S. Navy) in the accelerated program and graduated in February 1946. Though I never lived at 532 Beacon, I was Consul in 1945. My wife, Marilyn, and I are in excellent health, which is a particular blessing at our age (I'm 76 and she's 75). We sold our very large house in Exeter, New Hampshire seven years ago. It was ideal when our four children and three dogs lived there now all the kids are married and gone and the dogs are in canine heaven, We designed and built a smaller, but perfect, home for us in Hampton, an adjoining town. Congratulations on the new pledge class. I'm very pleased that you continue to stress character in your selection of young men." Stay in touch with Bob at 31 Gale Rd., Hampton, NH 03842; send e-mail to spoerl@aol.com.

JAMES M. ORR '48 lives at 410 Fourth Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631. He writes, "Having read the recent *Beaver Sig*, with news of JIM VERAS '49, JOHN MAIN '50, DAVID STALLARD '49, and NORM MEULLEN '47, I feel it's time for my update. I have been fully retired from pediatrics for almost five years. I am still active in a barbershop chorus (a bit of a carry-over from singing at dinner and parties at MIT). I also serve on my local symphony/theater board. We manage five concerts a year, which take place in a beautifully restored 100-year-old theater. My wife and I have been married for over 52 years. We have five children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson. I still sing in our church choir and my wife and I

dance. At my 55th Reunion, I was the only Sig present. I enjoy every issue of the *Beaver Sig*. It is far better than the one I put together in 1946!" You can reach James by e-mail at jam677@charter.net.

ROBERT J. GILLMEISTER '49 lives at 36 Palomino Dr., Pittsfield, MA 01201. He writes, "Many thanks must go out to CARL BERGMANN '49 and ALEX D'ARBELOFF '49 for a very nice reunion of Sigs from the classes of 1945-'54, called the "Our Era Reunion." Carl organized it with the help from two young ladies at the Alumni Association. We gathered for dinner on June 1 at the Cambridge Marriott. A songfest followed, led by two piano virtuosos, WIN HAYWARD '46 and BUFFY MARX '49. Next morning we toured the Stata Center, guided by John Guttag, a professor who had a major role in developing the building's design philosophy in a series of discussions with the center's renowned architect, Frank Gehry. Following a faculty club luncheon, we heard from professor Hal Abelson. He told us about educational initiatives at MIT, including the OpenCourseWare (OCW) project, which aims to put all of the institute's courses on the web. Back at the Marriott for dinner, Alex received a Significant Sig Award, presented by Consul WILL STOCKWELL '05. Alex entertained us with reminiscences of his years as MIT Corporation Chair. For those of us who stayed over for 'Tech Night at the Pops' it was also a pleasure to attend, at Karl Büttner's kind invitation, the annual scholarship dinner Boston-area alumni put on for Alpha Theta graduating seniors and undergrads."

JAMES G. VERAS '49 writes, "CHESTER PATTERSON '49 and I met at a lab class in the summer of 1943, our first term at MIT and just before being inducted into the army. As fate would have it, he and I went through our service with the 86th Infantry Division (Blackhawk) and were discharged in Ft Dix in April 1946 on the same day. Chester, who was initiated into Alpha Theta in '43, and a dear mutual friend, STANLEY KURYLA '49 (died in 1971) talked me into pledging when we returned to MIT in June 1946. Chet and I met in New York on May 29, 2004, after a hiatus of many years and it was the greatest brotherly reunion. We owe so much to the Alpha Theta Chapter, of which I was the Consul in '48-'49. Chet attended the 55th Reunion of our class and called me recently from Costa Rica, his home, to tell me what a wonderful experience it was, thanks to the organization of events by brother CARL BERGMANN '49. My pledge master was HOWARD HENDERSHOTT '49, with whom I have been fortunate to retain the closest lifetime brotherly friendship possible. May all new brothers of Alpha Theta have similar exceptional relationships." Stay in touch with Jim at 3610 S Ocean Blvd., #508, Palm Beach, FL 33480; send e-mail to jim.veras@earthlink.net.

RAYMOND W. SAUER '53 lives at 1520 Sequoia Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241. He writes, "I'm moving in on the 'all-bionic man' title. I now have had three total hip replacements (go figure) and one total knee, but I'm walking three to four miles
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A Message From MIT's New FSILG Director

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construction grants is much easier. When Sigma Chi goes ahead with any renovation plans, your house corporation will surely be applying for one of these grants as well.

Three pilot houses have completed their applications, qualifying for grants ranging from \$14- to \$30K. In the process, the allowable expenses have been defined, and the administrative support structure for everyone else is now in place. There are enough funds in the IRDF pool to fund all applicants, including the sororities, for the next few years. In future years, donations given to the IRDF by a chapter's alums will likely be a factor in awarding grants, so your alums are encouraged to check off the IRDF box when donating to MIT. If you do choose

this route, please ensure that you are properly coded in the alumni database so that your IRDF gift amounts are correctly noted. You can do this by verifying that "Sigma Chi" is your living group on your Infinite Connection account at <http://alum.mit.edu/index.html>. If not, you can edit your personal information using the on-screen aids. By the way, all IRDF gifts are fully recognized by the Alumni Fund, and an IRDF donation counts toward your class and reunion totals.

In closing, I would like to say how fortunate I feel to be in this new position. All the stakeholders are really working together well, and many positive things are starting to happen. For example, a recent development is the accomplishment of recommendation five, one of the six major FSILG Task Force recommen-

dations; Steve Immerman was just appointed the overall leader in implementing the task force agenda over the next two years. He has been the co-chair of the FSILG Task Force. From my viewpoint, there simply could not be a better choice. As a former dean of fraternities at MIT, Steve is thoroughly committed to Greek life, and, as a veteran of two decades here, he knows MIT inside out. Like us, he deeply appreciates the value of the MIT fraternity experience and what it can mean for today's and tomorrow's students. Like us, he expects the best. The bar is set very high because this is MIT. Our living and learning environments can be, and should be, the best college housing system in the nation.

Bob Ferrara '67

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per day just to prove I can!" Send Ray e-mail at rayhelensauer@earthlink.net.

W. CHANDLER STEVENS '55 lives at 2617 State Rte. 97, Lexington, OH 44904. He writes, "I remarried two years ago. I now have 14 grandchildren. Between us we have nine sons—a rather large family. I'm still going on in golf cart sales, service, and rental on the islands of Lake Erie—a fun way to spend the summers. We sold our Island shopping center the first and only one on the islands—no big deal, plus I sold the garage. Now I'm building a carriage house behind our home for a garage-showroom with three apartments above for our kids or tourists. So if any Sigs come to visit, we can sleep 45 to 50!"

DAVID J. PACKEY '77 has a new address: 502 Poinsettia Rd., Melbourne Beach, FL 32951.

BASIL C. SAFOS '80, president of Safos Systems, lives at 34-50 87th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Send e-mail to bsafos@hotmail.com.

JAMES L. STURDY '86 writes, "My wife, Gwen, and I moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, with our four children last fall just in time for our house to be blasted by hurricane Isabel. I am now working for Raytheon, supporting air traffic management research at NAS Langley." Stay in touch with Jim at 304 Yorkshire Dr., Williamsburg, VA 23185; send e-mail to jsturdy@alum.mit.edu.

GREGG K. MOTONAGA '92 writes, "I just finished my residency at Johns Hopkins in anesthesiology. I got to work with JOHN SAPIRSTEIN's brother Adam, who also attended MIT. I will be at the Mayo Clinic doing a one-year fellowship in cardiothoracic anesthesiology. Then, I'm off to my job back in my home state of Alaska. I got married last year, but no kids on the horizon yet. Keep in touch with Gregg at 852 Fourth Ave. S.E., Rochester, MN 55904; send e-mail to gkm@alum.mit.edu.

ANTHONY CHANG '95 writes, "Brittany and I have just moved to Chicago to start my academic career at the University of Chicago in the department of pathology. Come visit anytime!" You can write to Tony at 1215 W Lexington, #J, Chicago, IL 60607; send e-mail to anthonychang@alum.mit.edu.

KENNETH S. SONG '96 has moved to 7337 24th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98115.

WALTER V. VON KOCH '98 has a new address: 2600 Second Ave., #705, Seattle, WA 98121. He works for Microsoft. Send Walter e-mail at sigmachi@vkvk.mailshell.com.

DUSTIN L. De QUINE '01 was married on June 19, 2004, to Marketa Vochoskova in Trebon, Czech Republic. Attending the traditional Czech wedding in the small Bohemian town were 12 Alpha Theta alumni: IAN SIGALOW, CHESTER BAI, MITCH HESLEY, ROGER NIELSEN (all '01), NICK

COHEN, JASON POFF, CHRIS JOHN-SON, THOMAS QUAEY (all '02), and DANNY CRAIG, MIKE KAHAN, RAUDEL RODRIGUEZ, and TONY KIM (all '03). He notes, "The presence of my brothers in that foreign land was the greatest honor of my life. During the party, the Sigs sang the sweetheart song to Marketa in perfect tune—much to the amazement and delight of the rest of the guests." Since graduation, Dusty has been working in advanced composites for a small UAV company recently bought by Boeing. Pledge brothers Mitch Hesley and Roger Nielsen are also working for the same company, but in different disciplines. Stay in touch with Dusty at 22206 Caminito Escobedo, Laguna Hills, CA 92653; send e-mail to dusty@dequine.com.

ROGER N. NIELSEN '01 has a new address: 922 Oak Glen, Irvine, CA 92618; e-mail to rogern@alum.mit.edu

IAN D. SIGALOW '01 has moved to 750 Columbus Ave., #9E, New York, NY 10025; send Ian e-mail at idsigs@alum.mit.edu.

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We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

JOHN G. LESCHEN '40
WILLIAM J. BALDWIN '41
EDWARD BELCHER '46
BRUCE L. CALHOUN '49

Brothers On The Beach

After yet another successful rush, the brothers and pledges of Sigma Chi decided to spend a day away from MIT. Although most people had a lot of work to get done, the brotherhood, as usual, was eager to leave it behind. This year, Columbus Day provided the perfect excuse and time to leave MIT and go to Salisbury Beach in Salisbury, Massachusetts. The purpose of the trip was to leave the stress and pressure that life at MIT is synonymous with and enjoy a day at the beach. The ultimate goal would be to build bonds between the new pledge class and the rest of the house.

Once the cars were packed with food, drinks, and volleyball net, they set off to find the beach. The day started off a bit more chilly and windy than expected, but the brothers and pledges took it in stride. The swirling winds made a perfect environment for an exciting game of beach volleyball. Being so late in the year the beach was rather empty except for about 20 seagulls. The setting was great for playing pickup games of football, playing catch, and burying some brothers neck-deep in sand. In the late afternoon, the skies cleared, and it turned out to be a beautiful day. However, that occurred at about the time we were about head back to Boston. MIT was out of sight, but not totally out of mind.

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From the beaches of Massachusetts to the mountains of New Hampshire, Sigs are everywhere! Brothers reach the summit of Mount Washington: from l. to r., Aaron Doody '07, Josh Lake '07, Mark Vodhanel '06, Dan Scolnic '07, and Eddie Scholtz '07.