

The officers of the MIT Class of 1957 met via teleconference from 10:01 - 11:06 AM on Friday, September 26, 2008.

Attending: Art Bergles '57, President; Bill Salmon '57, Vice President; Don Roellke '57, Secretary; Ron Keefe '57, Treasurer; Martin Zombeck '57, Webmaster; Nelson Disco '57, Immediate Past President; Robert Dimmick, Alumni Association staff

INVENTORY OF 50TH REUNION MEMORABILIA: At this time Robert Dimmick is holding the following:

- Hats, CDs, and Brass Rat Paperweights: TBD -- with apologies gentlemen, I have not been able to get to the Association's storage unit in Bldg. WW15, where another large box of your hats is being kept. I am scheduling a trip over there for this and other reasons after Martin Luther King Day.
- Pins: 32
- Books: 0; NB: the book is viewable (and perhaps downloadable?) from the 1957 class Website, but is password protected.

Robert was able to sell 80 hats to the MIT Class of 1953 for their 55th reunion at \$10 per hat. The \$800 needs to be journal vouchered into the 1957 holding account at the Institute. Additional discussion took place on how to sell the remaining inventory, including a mention in Class Notes, the Web site, etc. Robert will also check with Donna Savelli Orlemann, who is working with the 60th, 65th, and 70th reunions to see if those classes would be interested in a purchase. [UPDATE: These classes have not expressed an interest in the inventory.]

CLASS OF 1957 CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROFESSORSHIP AND CLASS OF 1957 SCHOLARSHIP: Robert reported that the 1957 Career Development Professorship has been awarded to Associate Professor of Anthropology Heather Paxson, author of "Making Modern Mothers: Ethics and Family Planning in Urban Greece." Robert will circulate fuller information on Professor Paxson for Martin to include on the Class Web site. [see [http://web.mit.edu/anthropology/faculty\\_staff/paxson/](http://web.mit.edu/anthropology/faculty_staff/paxson/)]

Endowment fund activity for the period of July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008:

Book Value: \$549,727.71  
Market Value at July 1, 2008: \$4,189,941.74  
Gifts Received: \$2,175.00  
New donors to the Fund: 5  
Income: \$161,994.07

At this time the 1957 Scholarship has not been awarded.

Book Value: \$534,421.35  
Market Value at July 31, 2008: \$1,074,171.55

For an explanation of book value, please go to [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book\\_value](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_value)  
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[UPDATE: Art has requested current information in light of the recent economic downturn; this information will be forthcoming.]

IMPRESSIONS OF ALC: Martin Zombeck reported on attending the Alumni Leadership Conference September 19-20, noting particularly:

- Strong presence of MIT Class of 1956 at Cardinal and Gray reunion planning workshop.

- Enthusiasm in talking to MIT's youngest alumni who are all starting their own companies.
- Susan Hockfield's keynote address, including her lack of reference to nuclear energy when speaking of energy.
- Overall good impression of what's happening at MIT today.

LOBDELL AWARD TO EDWARD HOYT '57: Robert Dimmick reported that Ed Hoyt '57 received the Harold E. Lobdell '17 Award at the very elegant ALC awards dinner, which went splendidly.

NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICES AT 600 MEMORIAL DRIVE: Martin reported on the tour of the Alumni Association's new headquarters that Robert had given him over the summer. He said that it was very lovely, but far removed from the center of campus; it's next door to the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Martin expounded on the Tech Shuttle, which includes a stop near the building. Robert added that, since the Institute's entire fund-raising apparatus has relocated to 600 Memorial Drive, that the shuttle schedule has been increased to accommodate everyone. Robert also confirmed for Art Bergles that there are parking lots in front of and behind 600, for the added convenience of alumni volunteers. [In addition, the Alumni Welcome Center will officially open after Columbus Day.] [UPDATE: The facility has been fully occupied for several months now and reviews are favorable.]

CARDINAL AND GRAY SOCIETY EVENTS: Martin shared some of the information he learned over ALC about events for Cardinal and Gray, including that he had added a link to the Class Web site. Robert interposed that the next Cardinal and Gray event is in October, a luncheon with Dean of Admissions Stu Schmill '86 at the Nashawtuc Country Club. [There are also Cardinal and Gray events during Tech Reunions every year, to which all of you are more than welcome. The next event will be April 28, on the MIT campus.]

CLASS NOTES: Don Roellke reported that, over the last six issues, he has received notes from 38 classmates (about themselves and sometimes others) and ten obituaries. He is always able to fill his 1,200 word limit, though sometimes news is delayed an issue if he receives news in big batches from classmates. Extensive discussion took place about the publishing delay at Technology Review (Don is getting more information from TR) and privacy issues on the Web. [UPDATE: Art reports that Don has received info from TR on this; Don, can you share this info?] Art has deputized Don and Martin to devise a solution and report back. Some discussion of content for the Web site also took place, including whether or not to post the 50th reunion book online. Robert will confirm the largest sizes of files the Association can permit on a Class Web site and e-mail links to other classes who have posted their books on-line.

52.5TH REUNION IN 2009: Art reported that Dave Clunies expressed interest in organizing a mini-reunion on a Mississippi River boat cruise like the Delta Queen. General interest was expressed in polling the class to determine interest (and also solicit Class Notes). Robert will create a SurveyMonkey survey for the approval of the officers. Additional mini-reunion options may also be considered besides a riverboat cruise. [UPDATE: In light of changes to the economy since September, we might want to revisit this.]

55TH REUNION IN 2012: The principal topic of interest here was whether or not to schedule a retreat along with the campus activities in June, 2012. The general concensus was YES, and Bill Salmon reported that Bob Gal was interested in pursuing locations in the Berkshires. The officers agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

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