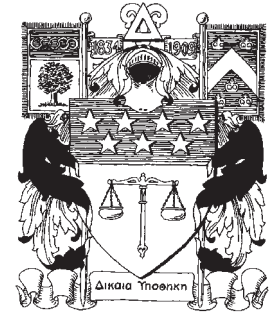


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The House Renovates The Computer Room

Living at DU is one of the most important educational experiences for our undergraduates at MIT. We ask them to take on the responsibility of running things on a day-to-day basis. Together as a group they make important decisions that individually they must live up to, while the officers are responsible for seeing that responsibilities are met and things run smoothly. The role of the alumni officers is to give advice to the undergraduate officers from time to time and to ensure the long-term future of DU at MIT by prudent management and planning.

The undergraduates are often the first to recognize the need for a major project, one where the alumni as landlords need to be involved. Here are three examples from the past 25 years:

In 1981, Skip Butler '81 had the inspiration of building a roof deck, to be coordinated with the installation of a new roofing system. The idea was to protect the new roof membrane and at the same time to provide an attractive and safe area for various activities on the roof. With the help of Scott Ranger '81, Robin Rohlicek '81, and Craig Walloch '78, a detailed proposal was prepared and presented to the alumni board, where it received immediate support. The roof deck was constructed over the summer by a team of undergraduates. It is still in service today, and is heavily used during the summer for events such as viewing the Fourth of July fireworks.

In 1988, Jeff Meyer '90 came to the alumni with a vision for a major renovation. The

previous renovation from 1960 had outlived its usefulness and the basic systems badly needed to be overhauled. The alumni recognized the need, but Jeff was the spark that made it happen. Most of the work that we did in the 1989 renovation is still serving us well today.

In 2003, Sam Sarcia '04 and Ming-Tai Huh '02 prepared a proposal for a need that was widely felt among the undergraduates, namely for a proper network in the house supported by a capable server, workstations, and printing. The undergrads called this the Bible room project, because that room on the fifth floor would be used for the equipment. I still thought of that room as the Goldblum computer room, a project organized by his classmates to honor the memory of Chip Goldblum '63 after his death circa 1984. The thing about computer systems is that they are obsolete almost the day you buy them, so Chip's memory was no longer being served.

The alumni supported this proposal and agreed that we should test out the relatively new grants program of the Independent Residence Development Fund. For many years, MIT has used the IRDF to make low-interest loans available to independent living groups for the maintenance and renovation of properties used to house students. The idea behind the new grants program is to provide a mechanism for alumni to make tax-deductible donations to MIT that are earmarked for a specific ILG. A key requirement is that grant program funds may only be used for projects that

are educational or provide access to students with disabilities. In November, we submitted a proposal to the IRDF grants program for an educational computing room, and approval was received in January. In parallel with this application, we went forward with the project, thereby harnessing the energy of Chris Child '06 and Mike Bridge '06, who researched carefully the extensive equipment purchases and then got everything installed and running.

Next we plan a modest fundraising campaign to replenish the money that the alumni corporation advanced to this project. There are special rules and special forms that are required for the grants program, needed to ensure that donations can be listed as itemized deductions on your tax returns, so you should wait until you hear from us before grabbing your checkbooks. We plan to make a special appeal to alumni who appear not to have paid all of their house bills when they were living at 526 Beacon. Donations will be credited against those debts to the house. We hope that this offer of a tax-exempt amnesty will help settle some old accounts.

So to come full circle back to where this editorial began, projects conceived by undergraduates and successfully accomplished with their intimate involvement rank among the most satisfying educational experiences at DU.

David W. Latham '61



The Bible room before, during, and after most of this term's renovations. That's Mike Bridge '06 (left) and Will Tetler '07 (right) trying out the new computers.

The Brothers Excel On Many Fronts

The 2003-2004 academic year has again been a successful one for the Technology Chapter of Delta Upsilon. Once more, the house excelled at rush, and we initiated 13 pledges into the brotherhood this March. All of the men of the 2007 pledge class plan on living in the house next year, a key component to the stability of the chapter. Much of the credit for the success of our rush and pledge program must go to rush chairman Nathan Vantzelfde '04 and pledge trainer Nick Nestle '04.

As the pledges begin their journey in DU, the class of 2004 will move on. The Technology Chapter will lose 12 brothers to graduation this spring. These seniors are taking on a wide range of new adventures next year. Some will be working in fields such as finance, venture capital, and engineering, while others will continue their education in hopes of attaining further degrees. Maybe someone will even undertake a pilgrimage around the world. The class of 2004 has helped

maintain the good standing of the Technology Chapter and will certainly be missed.

The brothers of Delta Upsilon have continued their wide involvement in campus activities. Many members participate in varsity and intramural sports, while others participate in student governments, a cappella groups, or have research positions. Of particular note this year was the success of the varsity soccer team, which reached the NCAA national tournament under the play of brothers Nick Nestle (captain) '04, Doug Allaire '04, Cory McLean '04, Josh Walton '05, and Mike Bridge '07.

The Technology Chapter has also maintained its outstanding academic record. The house had an average GPA of 4.3, which was above the MIT average and that of the entire fraternity system at MIT.

While much of the brothers' time is devoted to academics and extracurricular activities, we still manage a bit of a social life. This academic year has certainly been a fun

one, as we had a wonderful fall formal on a cruise down the Charles River, as well as our biannual message party. Such events provide a relaxing and often-needed alternative to the normally hard grind of MIT.

Once again, we are indebted to Dave Latham '61 for all of his wisdom and help in maintaining the house. Thanks to a grant organized by brother Latham, the house has recently been able to completely renovate the Bible room. We have three new computers, a high speed printer, and new furniture. Also, chef Dave Zeno continues to be a good friend and provides hearty and tasteful meals to all of the brothers. If you are in the Boston area, please stop by the house and say hello. We would love to hear from you.

Yours fraternally,
Geoff Ebeling '04
Chapter President, Fall 2003

DU JOINS FSILG COOPERATIVE

The FSILG Cooperative, Inc., was formed in August 2003 to improve the quality of life for MIT FSILGs. The cooperative works by leveraging collective purchasing power (and the attention of two full-time employees) to improve the quality, and lower the cost, of goods and services purchased by our houses.

DU joined the new FSILG Cooperative, Inc., on [date]. MIT is providing office space and startup funding for the cooperative. The cooperative is a member-owned corporation, separate from the AILG and MIT but supported by both. It is governed by a five-member board of directors elected by the member-shareholders each fall.

[Board member name] was elected to serve on the FSILG board of directors on December 1, 2004. Christopher R. Rezek '99 (Alpha Delta Phi) is the executive director of the cooperative. As of April 1, 2004, 21 (of 37) FSILGs had purchased shares in the cooperative.

Discounts range from five percent for most general contractors up to 70 percent for waste management. The cooperative will be hosting the annual conference of the National Association of Collegiate Cooperatives in June 2004. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.fsilg.coop>.

Brother Joins Judicial Review Board

One year ago, the IFC, under guidance from the administration and under its own motivation, decided to strengthen its self-governance through the re-establishment of the IFC judicial committee review board (JRB). The JRB exists to act as a panel, solely composed of fraternity members, to decide on how to deal with conflicts between fraternities and, more often, how to address violations of the IFC risk management policy. To paraphrase, our mission is to strengthen the IFC community through self-governance, independence, and standards clear to both fraternities and the community.

As a member of the JRB, last year I attended a four-hour training session, and another four hours this past February to renew my status. In this training, we were briefed on the nature of our jurisdiction, the risk management policy, and on deliberation strategies. A judicial committee review board hearing is designed to uphold the rights of both complainant and defendant, while enforcing the standards set by the IFC president's council. Both the complainant and defendant present their positions, present witnesses, and can cross-examine witnesses.

During this whole process, the five JRB members can ask questions, and the procedural officer, Steve Tyrell, makes sure violations of procedure and questioning are not permitted. After hearing the cases, the JRB members deliberate in private to determine whether or not the organization was responsible for the incident. Then a suitable set of punishments, designed to point the organization in the direction of improvement,

is chosen. If found responsible, an organization can appeal on the grounds of fact, procedure, evidence, or severity of punishment.

Many ask me why the judicial committee review board exists. They say it is a platform for fraternities to take each other down, and will result in inter-fraternity bitterness. They also say it is wrong for fraternity members to act in a manner that could bring about the folding of another fraternity. There are many answers to these issues. One way to look at it is to view the past system. The standards of punishment adopted by past presidents' councils were shapeless, and most decisions reached by the IFC community were subject to overrides by the Cambridge licensing council or the Boston licensing board.

Now, with a clear set of standards and procedures, the IFC community has not been overridden by these committees once in the past year. Now we have fraternity members who understand the situations of their peers and make decisions, instead of outside oversight groups, who are subject to more external political pressures, making those decisions. We are improving the image of the IFC in the eyes of neighboring communities and protecting the rights of fraternities. Since many of these issues are hot topics on campus, if any alumni have questions or would like clarification of anything written here, feel free to email me at ahill@mit.edu. I still have much to learn on this subject myself!

Andy Hill '05
IFC committee review board member

The Old “Bible Room” Is Transformed

Over the last several months, several brothers, including myself, have been working closely with Dave Latham '61 to transform the old, underused “Bible room” into what Dave now likes to call the “educational computing room.”

This \$20,000 renovation has nearly come to a close. The overhaul has consisted of several stages. During work week in August, all the old materials and bookshelves were removed and the shag carpet was torn up. Sam Sarcia '04, Geoffrey Ebeling '04, and Carter Powers '05 installed a new hardwood floor and repainted the walls. In addition, the air conditioner in the windowless room was retrofitted. Around this time, Michael Bridge '06 and I began working on the rest of the project. We selected and purchased new desks, cabinets, and chairs. We also worked with Dell and MIT to secure Athena and Windows workstations for the room, as well

as updated networking hardware.

After constructing the furniture and setting up the computers, we replaced the entire house network (short of rewiring, of course), including a new house-wide wireless high-speed network. We also purchased and installed a high-speed HP LaserJet printer/copier, to save brothers trips to campus to print out assignments. Finally, we installed a one-terabyte file server for the brothers and for house historical archiving.

In the several weeks since the room was opened to the brothers, it has already seen heavy use. In the evenings, there are usually between one and three brothers working in the room, and the printer has already run over a thousand pages. The two Athena workstations see particularly heavy usage, as previously the only way to run Athena programs such as Matlab was to make the long trip over the bridge.

But even with all the new technology, the main draw of the new room is its quiet, studious atmosphere, something that can be difficult to find in the house at times. Its location on the fifth floor is ideal for this, as it minimizes sounds and distractions from elsewhere in the house. Brothers who used to study exclusively on campus in the reading room now remain in the house more, drawn by the quiet room as well as the proximity of Athena machines and a useful printer, both of which were previously lacking in the hallways.

By all accounts, the new educational computing room is a resounding success, and it has already made a difference for numerous brothers, as we are sure it will for many pledge classes to come.

Chris Child '06

A Freshman’s View Of DU

Last year when I came to visit MIT during campus preview weekend, I had the good luck to get assigned to stay at Delta Upsilon. I spent the weekend having the time of my life. I attended a Red Sox game, several parties, talked to brothers, hit on other pre-frosh girls, and even managed to make it to an 18.03 differential equations lecture. The weekend with DU solidified my decision to come to MIT.

My next exposure to DU was when I first arrived on campus in August. I had played water polo all through high school and it was a passion of mine. I arrived at MIT early for pre-season, and I started becoming friends with the other polo players, who are also DU brothers. Once rush began, I was over at the house many times, meeting all the brothers and really getting to know the rest of the fraternity.

One rush event stands out in particular in my memory. We were supposed to go to Dave and Busters, and I had made plans to go to another fraternity’s rush event later that evening. When I arrived at the house, I jumped into one of the vans going to Dave and Busters, and after 10 minutes of driving, I asked John Rogers where the Dave and Busters was. It ended up being 45 minutes away in Providence, Rhode Island. I never did make it to the other fraternity, but I regret nothing because it was one of my favorite nights of rush.

I really liked the laid-back atmosphere of DU—the brothers weren’t out to pressure freshmen into joining like many of the other fraternities on campus were. They were just sincerely themselves, and that demanded my respect. But however cool the brothers I meet at the house were, it was the water polo team that really drew me in. They were just a great bunch of guys, and it was the beginning of my friendship with them that really made me decide on joining DU.



Kevin Amendt '07 puts on his new DU shirt last fall during rush.

Kevin Amendt '07

The House Manager Reports

This has been a most challenging term as house manager. Recent fires at other MIT fraternities have resulted in several inspections by the fire department. The fire department had a surprise inspection and walked through Delta Upsilon and all other MIT fraternities and sororities located in Boston shortly after our new officers were elected for the house. Since the walk-through, I have been working tirelessly to improve the status of the house. We have completed all of the needed inspections.

The assistant house managers, Zach Brewer '07 and David Friend '07, and I have also cleared out combustibles and clutter from the front storage room of the house. This room is the core of our sprinkler system, alarm system, and power grid. Recently, we showed our progress to Boston officials, and all charges for violations have been dismissed.

It gives me great pleasure to say the house is in better condition than it has been in past years. I have taken several measures to ensure this problem with inspections does not happen again. A notebook with all of our current inspections is located in the front entrance of the house in case the fire department comes by unannounced. I have also compiled an organized notebook with pertinent information, including dates of inspections and instructions for basic maintenance of heating and electronic systems around the house that will help future house managers to get up-to-speed more rapidly.

It has been very fulfilling to be house manager so far. Although all fire department orders have been dropped, I am working diligently to surpass any expectations for fire code and inspections to ensure we do not have these problems in the future.

Walton Ward '06
House Manager

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ΔΥΔΥΔΥ Delta Upsilon Alumni News ΔΥΔΥΔΥ

"I appreciate your including notes from my previous correspondence," writes WILLIAM C. REED SR. '50. "As a result, I have heard from and am in touch with some of my pledge class brothers and beginning to plan a reunion in New England next summer. I am anxious to contact other members of the class of '50 (pledge class of '47). Is there a photo of that freshman group? I remember the walls at Beacon Street were papered with former classmates." Get in touch with Bill at 1957 Main St., Fayette, ME 04349; echopond@aol.com.

THOMAS C. NELSON '56 is a retired Brig. Gen. with the U.S. Army. His new address is 5917 Still Forest Dr., Dallas, TX 75252. His e-mail address is tcnelson@sbcglobal.net.

DENNIS H. LYTLE '59 reports a new mailing address of 12 Grange Rd., Pennington, NJ 08534. E-mail reaches him at dhlytle@ix.netcom.com.

S. MICHAEL KOZUBEK '69 writes that classmates HARRY DRAB '69, MARK SHULTS '69, and BILL KLEIN '68 and spouses visited his wife and him again last summer at their cottage in southwest Michigan. In the fall, they returned the visit to the Vedder-Shults's lovely new home on Lake Mendota in Madison, Wisconsin. The sailing was good and the views were spectacular. WALT SUCHON '69 couldn't visit because of a supposed trip to France and sailing in the Caribbean. Mark continues to offer consultations in medical technologies. Bill's Alzheimer's research at Northwestern University was featured in the Sunday, October 12, issue of the *Chicago Tribune Magazine*. Harry has "switched" to a new venture. Mike continues to serve as an attorney in the Cook

County public guardian's office representing abused and neglected children. They are all looking forward to their upcoming 35th MIT reunion in 2004! Mike's contact info is: 2845A N. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60657; mkozubek@comcast.net.

"Debbie and I are still happily married," writes PETER A. "Sandman" SANDERS JR. '72, "after 27 years. Our youngest son, Michael, has received a nomination from Senator John McCain and has been accepted to attend the United States Naval Academy. Michael is all-state in soccer (one goal and one assist per game average), all-state in track (junior year mile: 4 min, 33 sec./800 meters 1:57.8), and valedictorian with the most honor credits in his class. Our oldest son, Brian, is on the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in his sophomore year in chemical engineering." Send congratulations to Pete at P.O. Box 80, Sedona, AZ 86339. His e-mail address is sanders@sedona.net.

JAMES D. COOK '74 writes, "I finally got the house on the beach—Long Island Sound." Send greetings to Jim at 1057 Fairfield Beach Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824.

ARIE-WILLEM VAN DOORNE '87 writes, "Congratulations on a successful 2003 rush. Over a year ago, my wife, Veronique, and I moved from Brussels to Amsterdam. In October 2003, we had a baby girl, Ella Victoria Grace. Mother and daughter are doing great. Still in regular touch with JESPER OTTERBECK '87, TIM JONES '87, BRIAN RALSTON '86, and BERTIL CHAPPINS '88." Arie-Willem is vice president at Bain & Company. His address is Dorpsstraat 91, 2361 BA Warmond, NETHERLANDS. Send him

e-mail at arie-willem.vandoorne@bain.com.

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THAD J. JOHNSON '93 can be reached at 1246 N. Hayworth Ave., #205, West Hollywood, CA 90046; thad.johnson@alum.mit.edu.

ROBERT J. SILVA '93 recently became engaged to Julie Koch, an attorney in the Washington, DC area. Rob is specializing in private client investment and financial planning in the McLean, Virginia, office of Smith Barney. His e-mail address is rjsilva@alum.mit.edu.

A. MARTIN SOMARRIBA '95 is president of Enerlogix Software, Inc. He receives mail at 24507 Scottsbury Ct., Katy, TX 77494. Send him e-mail at msomarr@alum.mit.edu.

ANDREW R. ALLEN '96 recently moved to 363 Brinn Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80525. His e-mail address is ara@fc.hp.com.

JEFFREY L. STEINHEIDER '99 reports a new address of 80 Allen St., Arlington, MA 02474. His e-mail address is jlstein@alum.mit.edu.

Say hello to MING-TAI HUH '02 at 698 Green St., #6, Cambridge, MA 02139. His e-mail address is mhuh@alum.mit.edu.

Note this new address for COLIN GALBRAITH '03: 1344 6th St., Boulder, CO 80302. Send him e-mail at cgalbrai@ball.com.

FROM THE DELTA UPSILON PHOTO ALBUM



Left: Will Tetler '07 and Pat Buckley '06 (right) participate in a heated political discussion between practices at the varsity rowing training trip this IAP.

Right: Nick Cordella '06 (left) and Walton Ward '06 are hard at work on paddles for their little brothers during IAP.

