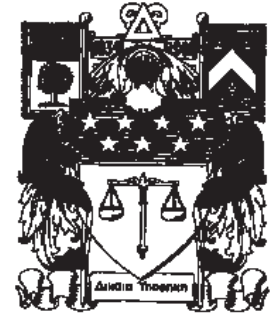


# The DU Beacon

Newsletter of the Technology Chapter  
Delta Upsilon Fraternity



BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

WINTER 2004-2005

## DU Receives Two Awards At The IFC Banquet

As the class of 2004 said their final goodbyes to four great years in the Technology Chapter, they left the chapter standing tall. This spring we not only said our goodbyes and good lucks to the 12 brothers in the '04 senior class, but also had the pleasure of initiating 11 new members of the class of 2008. These new members come from many places throughout the United States and even from across the world: Boston to Texas to California and even South Africa! Although we are still adapting and evolving to the new rush system in which freshmen cannot live in the house during their first year, the '07s are energized and ready to move into the house as sophomores.

Although they are exceptional individuals, the presence of the "O-Force," as they have come to be known, will be greatly missed. The '04s left their legacy by leading the MIT varsity soccer team to their first appearance in the

NCAA Elite 8 and entertaining audiences in MIT's premiere a cappella group the "Logs." These individuals will not only be missed at DU, but will be missed throughout the MIT campus.

On top of our academic and extracurricular responsibilities, the brothers of DU still manage to make time for social events and community service projects. Last spring, the brothers of the Technology Chapter continued to take on new challenges in the Interfraternity Council (IFC), varsity and intramural sports, and academics. We made a big push to extend our presence on campus through community service projects like the Mystic River project and increased communication with the IFC and the administration.

Our efforts did not go unnoticed, and I am happy to announce that our brotherhood was awarded two honors at the IFC awards banquet: Best New Mem-

bership Education and Most Outstanding Alumnus. We are very proud of these awards, and we feel that they represent the strength of the brotherhood for years to come. Dave Latham, the alumni president, was finally recognized campus-wide as the Most Outstanding Alumnus for all of his wisdom and support—not only for advising DU, but also for his role in guiding the evolution of the FSILG system for all fraternities. We are forever indebted to Dave, and we would like to congratulate and thank him personally for all of his efforts and insight that continually make DU one of the strongest fraternities in the Greek system.

As always, please feel free to stop by the house if you are in the Boston area. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me at powersac@mit.edu.

Carter Powers '05  
President

## Successful Rush Brings In A Large Pledge Class

As the fraternity system and recruitment process continues to change at MIT, Delta Upsilon continues to adapt well, resulting in a successful rush of 11 members of the pledge class of 2008.

This year rush's format changed once again, with MIT now trying to move back towards the early, short, and intense format of years past. Rush happened over a two-week period beginning Sunday, September 5, and ending Friday, September 17. In addition to the early rush, MIT also brought back some of the old rules and restrictions, including the stipulation that fraternity members don't tell freshmen what house they belong to

until rush officially begins.

Fortunately, we still found ways to



Nifoghale Ovuworie '08 (foreground) is welcomed by brothers Constantine Tsoucalas '05 (left), Dave Levenson '06, and Cory Zue '05 into the fraternity after pledging this fall.

meet lots of freshmen without breaking the rules. Pre-orientation leader Pat Pettiti '07 and orientation leaders Adam Was '06 and David Friend '06 got to meet freshmen before the rush period started, and they formed some early friendships. Additionally, members of the various MIT athletic teams were having practices and getting to know the freshmen well.

Rush began with a kick-off event attempting to model the famous "Killian Kickoff" of previous years. Although the event was more low-key, it was still a success. Our main goal at the kickoff was to get as much publicity for that night's event

(continued on page five)

**T**hank you for this opportunity to be introduced to your alumni brothers. I am Bob Ferrara (Theta Chi, MIT 1967), MIT's new director of FSILG alumni relations. I'd like to explain how this 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 last year, 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 President Chuck Vest in mid-2003. Their 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, and the details are available 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 openers, 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. For the second criteria, I had worked at MIT for several years as director of IT delivery after a 20-plus year career at Raytheon and various local governments. Finally, alum-

ni affairs have 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 this new position, I was also a vice president of the MITAA board and member of national selection committee.

## A Pledge's Perspective On Rush

I was pretty stunned by the whole rush process, I think, because I had no idea what to expect. Even before kickoff, there were hundreds of guys I didn't know being incredibly nice to me and taking me to do some awesome stuff. For most houses, rush seemed to be a very extravagant event. Every house was trying to out-do the one next to it in scale and expense. DU had its hand in this game of one-upmanship, but not as much. I wasn't sure if this was on purpose or due to laziness or a lack of resources. However, the effect was that while I remembered the events of the other houses, I remembered the men of DU. And I wasn't joining an events committee, I was joining a house. I was lucky to realize that the most important part of the house is the brothers who make it up, and not the fancy lobster and steak dinners with boat cruises and paintball trips. By the end of rush, I knew many of the DU brothers by name, most by face, and had probably shaken all of their hands in genuine introduction.

There was something else about the DU fraternity that caught my attention. The brothers worked hard to get freshmen interested in joining, but they didn't do it with the heavy sense of urgency that I felt at other houses. They were always

ready to include me in activities or help me out with anything that I needed while not pressing themselves or the necessity of pledging on me. I still felt like it was my own decision, and that they trusted me to make a good decision when I decided on a fraternity. They really wanted me to join up, but even as it came down to the wire, they still finished their conversations with, "Go wherever you feel will be best for you."

Being on the waterpolo team, I personally had an advantage because I had already spent a couple weeks with a dozen DU guys. So I went into rush expecting to find high-quality fellows in DU like the guys on the team, and I did. I saw a lot less run-of-the-mill MIT and a lot more down-to-earth character in the brothers. This was exactly what I was looking for.

I am really stoked to be a part of DU and am even more excited about my pledge class. The DU boys did well during rush. They succeeded because they had the character that all the pledges knew would counterbalance the wear of MIT. It is a house of guys worth spending four years with, and I don't doubt that for a second.

Morgan Laidlaw '08

## The Condition Of The House Keeps Improving



*Matt Theis '05 uses his climbing gear to clean windows during work week this August.*

This is my second consecutive term as house manager. No, I was not tricked into this position again. Being house manager last term was a tremendous experience for me, and I am glad to have been elected again.

The condition of the house continues to improve. As always, there is a typical list of major and minor action items. The major action items are new floors for the first and second floors of the house, revamping the walls to the front stairs and parts of the back stairs, and checking into the necessity of additional sprinklers below any lofts. These projects do not have a specific time constraint, but we hope they will be completed by the end of the IAP. Concerning minor projects, an air conditioner has been installed in the educational computing room, a new Coke fridge is due this week, one of the hot water storage tanks has been replaced, and a putting green was installed on the front lawn by Nick Cordella '06 and his esteemed group of greenskeepers. Peter Coles '07 continues to be an upstanding night watchman for our local two-hole course, keeping away possible thieves. So far, we have lost only one of the pins and one of our two rush signs.

A recent inspection by the Boston Fire Department resulted in a few minor repairs. The fire department is very pleased with the state of the house, and we have received many compliments from the local police regarding our new lawn. Overall, the house is in good condition. With the help of the assistant house manager and house meteorologist, midshipman John Rogers '06, I am confident that the house's present condition will be maintained.

Yours fraternally,  
Walton Ward '06

The DU Beacon is published regularly by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Chapter of Delta Upsilon. News contributions, changes of address, and photographs are welcome and should be sent to Alumni Records Office, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, P.O. Box 390528, Cambridge, MA 02139-0006.

## Two Brothers Travel Through Europe

With a stuffed suitcase and large backpack, I landed at Heathrow Airport in London to start a new life. I was bewildered, tired, and still contemplating the sense in my decision to leave the hallowed halls. I had left behind the life I knew to begin again in a foreign land. I was trading cheeseburgers for fish and chips and football for rugby.

In the fall of 2003, I left Boston to study abroad for a year at Cambridge University. I was hesitant to leave behind the brothers I had become so close to. I was weary of missing out on Toga,



*Matt Theis '05 and Thomas Becker '03 take refuge on a mountain.*

drink of the week parties, Dave Zeno's food, and the combination of amusement and a sense of belonging that DU is so good at providing. I knew I was going to miss the house.

My anxieties were soon displaced by the quaint traditions of Cambridge, and I became immersed in a whirlwind of adventure. I visited Thomas Becker '03 and Collins Ward '03, who were in Germany on Fulbright scholarships. We spent Thanksgiving together at Collins' apartment in Berlin, reliving the hearty American traditions of large servings of pecan pie and mashed potatoes. There, Tom and I decided to take Europe by storm. In the following months, we traveled as far east as Moscow and as far south as Istanbul. We chatted over the politics of Turkey joining the European Union with hotel owners in small villages on the Mediterranean coast and exchanged views with a Red Army commander in a train crossing the desolate Russian landscape. We went hiking in Switzerland and sampled the beers at Oktoberfest.

My year abroad was spent learning about more than engineering in Cambridge, but about culture and life in Europe. My traditional learning was complemented

with personal edification. I discovered new perspectives and a sense of self-reliance. I learned how to say anything with wild hand movements and how to say "thank you" in numerous languages.

However, I am thrilled to once again reside in the hallowed halls. There is something about communal living DU-style that Europe cannot quite match. I hope to bring the benefits of my experiences abroad back to the house, and I hope to inspire adventure in future DU travelers.

Matt Theis '05



*Matt Theis '05 conquers Eiger Monch and Jungfrau.*

## MIT's New FSILG Director Introduces Himself

*(continued from page two)*

cilities 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, 34 of 35 houses have complete floor plans on file. An important byproduct is that all now have a CAD archive, and drawings will not be "lost."

Three pilot houses are now completing their Operating Grant applications and the application process is pretty much debugged. The allowable expenses have been defined and the administrative support structure is largely in place. The full program commences late in 2004. 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 that 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. This can be done by checking your Infinite Connection data at <http://alum.mit.edu/index.html>. "St. Anthony Hall" should be your living group. 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 am to be in this new position. All the stakeholders are really working together well and many positive things are starting to happen. For example, we recently accomplished recommendation five, one of the six major FSILG task force recommendations: Steve Immerman, co-chair of the FSILG task force, was just appointed as the 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 bet-

ter 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 students today and tomorrow. Like us, he expects the best. The bar is set very high because this is MIT. Our living and learning environments can—and should—be the best college housing system in the nation.

Bob Ferrara '67  
 Director, FSILG Alumni Relations  
 Telephone: 617/253-7495  
 Cell: 617/513-9355  
 Email: [rferrara@mit.edu](mailto:rferrara@mit.edu)  
 Home Page: <http://web.mit.edu/rferrara/www/>  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 77 Massachusetts Avenue, W59-200  
 Cambridge, MA 02139

# ΔΥΔΥΔΥ Delta Upsilon Alumni News ΔΥΔΥΔΥ

“Not much new with me,” writes ALBERT F. CLEAR ’42, “I’m just recovering from a fall that fractured discs one and two à la Christopher Reeve—except I’m not suffering from any long-term effects. I’m proud to report that my grandson, class of ’05 at Harvard, is working hard with a small group keeping DU viable at Harvard.” Send best wishes to Bert at 344 Westmont, West Hartford, CT 06117.

ROBERT L. KLAUSMEIER ’48 writes in that “we are adjusting to retirement living.” He can be reached at 2723 Shipley Rd., #104, Wilmington, DE 19810-3296.

ALBERT W. “Bill” HECHT ’53 reports that he retired as a pilot from United Airlines in 1980. He retired as a squadron commander from the USMC Air Reserves in 1975, and he retired as

the principal lead engineer on the B-777 from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group in 1995. “I currently own a small consulting company doing aircraft structural analysis and fly a Beech Bonanza for recreation.” Bill’s new mailing address is P.O. Box 9583, Albuquerque, NM 87119. Send him e-mail at awawhecht@aol.com.

Note this new address for HERBERT J. SCHOLZ JR. ’53: 1 Bishop Gadsden Way, #C26, Charleston, SC 29412. His e-mail address is hscholz@alum.mit.edu.

DONALD A. CARLSON ’54 reports a new address of 9915-108 Street, Suite 1420, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 4R4 CANADA. His personal e-mail address is donc@dcarlson.com.

BARRETT B. ROACH ’62 writes,

“I’m still on Sonoma Mountain producing pinot noir at our Jewell Vineyards. Partnering with Tony Coturri—check out [www.coturriwinery.com](http://www.coturriwinery.com) for our write-up. My day job is as head of the services group for a startup software, services, and data products company, Claim IQ, serving the property and casualty insurance industry. Founded in 1999, ClaimIQ has weathered the dot-com collapse, the nuclear winter of no VC funding, and is steadily building a presence in the market space. Three kids are in northern California—all employed, no small feat—Molly is a teacher, Sarah is an even manager at Nicholson Ranch winery, and Dan is with Food Maxx. Kate and I, with assorted dogs and cats, manage the 50-acre ranch on Sonoma Mountain.” Berry’s mailing address is 7420 Sonoma Mountain Rd.,

*(continued on page six)*

## Successful Rush Brings In A Large Pledge Class

*(continued from page one)*

as possible. Realizing the importance of meeting people on the first day, we decided to have a huge party on the beautiful roof deck of DU with live music from Typhoon Ferri. The band was great, led by a cousin of Stefano Young ’06, and the roof was packed. We even had people on other roofs standing around watching our band! The band played great music, from covers of Sublime to long original jams, and the night was highlighted when Stefano Young and Peter Coles ’07 got up to play a melody with the band.

The roof-deck party was great for meeting people, but the next day we wanted to get to know freshmen more personally. Thus, we took a trip to Crane’s beach with nearly every brother and a handful of freshmen we really liked. The weather was beautiful, and we had a great time playing football, whiffleball, and relaxing in the sun. The trip was highlighted by a visit from local alumnus Geoff Ebeling ’04, who brought small groups out to go tubing on his motorboat.

That night we had a steak dinner prepared by our chef, Dave Zeno. He grilled the steaks on the front walk, prompting hungry freshmen passing by

to come in our door. The dinner was capped off by a bet among freshmen, brothers, and girls to see who could chug a bottle of ketchup the fastest. It was hilarious to watch Carter Powers ’05 get beat by a freshman in this contest. Following the dinner was a poker tournament, where all of the brothers and many freshmen competed in a game of wits and luck. The tournament was taken by Davin Fan ’08, who got to take home a brand-new X-Box for his room.

The next day was the canoe trip, which is always fun. A relaxing cruise down the river was interrupted by bouts of boat-tipping and mud-fighting, and everyone had a good time. Following canoeing came the lobster dinner on the roof, a staple of rush in years past. This was a great event, and the lobsters, cooked by Dave, came out fantastic.

Wednesday was a low-key day, as everyone had their first day of class, and jaunts during the day were prohibited—but that didn’t keep us from having fun at night. A group went to Jillian’s for bowling and a Red Sox game. Thursday was our drink of the week party—rush style. While the drink of the week was non-alcoholic punch, the music was good and people had a great time on the

dance floor.

Bids went out Friday morning, and that night we took all of the freshmen to Dave and Buster’s in Providence for a night of pool, good food, and great entertainment. On Saturday the bidding began, and it was largely tamer than it has been in years past. Most of the class of 2008 pledged within the walls of DU, but there was some excitement when Thatcher Clay ’08 decided to pledge from Providence! The brothers got to take a little road trip, and Thatcher got himself a free ride back to Boston.

This year’s rush was a difficult time, with high levels of intensity required for an extended period of time. We also struggled, having nearly a third of the house gone to polo tournaments during both weekends of rush. Still, the brothers who remained were able to juggle classes, work, and athletics, and still put in a great effort for rush. Every brother devoted one-hundred percent of his effort to rush, and that is what enabled us to get a great pledge class this year. We look forward to getting to know them better throughout the term and to formal initiation next semester.

Cory Zue ’05

# ΔΥΔΥΔΥ Delta Upsilon Alumni News ΔΥΔΥΔΥ

(continued from page five)

Glen Ellen, CA 95442. His e-mail address is [barryroach@earthlink.net](mailto:barryroach@earthlink.net).

DAVID S. STARE '62 recently moved to 5325 Wikiup Bridgeway, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Reach him by e-mail at [dstare@drycreekvineyard.com](mailto:dstare@drycreekvineyard.com).

DONALD J. ALUSIC '64 can be reached at his new home: 9 Chandler Lane, Amherst, NH 03031-2015. His e-mail address is [donalusic@aol.com](mailto:donalusic@aol.com).

DONALD H. CARLISLE '65 writes, "I work at Strategic Advisors Corp. managing assets for individuals and families. Still enjoying the work with no thoughts of retirement. I have five children, of whom four are married. Six grandchildren with more coming—apparently it's raining kids! My interests include fitness, travel, sailing, the arts, and friends." Send greetings to Don at 8 Highbourne Rd., Toronto, Ontario M6P 2J2 CANADA. His e-mail address is [boris1@rogers.com](mailto:boris1@rogers.com).

When WILLIAM C. SAMUELS '65 wrote in, he reported he was working hard on the Kerry race and would attend the convention in Boston. Keep in touch with him at 139 East 19th St., New York, NY 10003. He receives e-mail at [wcs@nyc.rr.com](mailto:wcs@nyc.rr.com).

ROY D. TALUS '67 writes, "I enjoyed our brief visit to 526 on July 4th of last year on my wife's first trip to Boston. If not exhausted from touring all day, we would have also enjoyed the invitation to view the fireworks from the roof. My daughter, a senior at UNC, also spent time during spring break in Boston, toured MIT, and visited the Beacon St. bar where the 21st birthday 'massacre' occurred in April 1966." Roy's current address is 1015 Summerlin Falls Ct., Wilmington, NC 28412. Send him e-mail at [r.talus@att.net](mailto:r.talus@att.net).

ROBERT C. GAMMILL '69 recently moved to 190 Mountain Brook Rd., Livingston, MT 59047.

EDWARD KAVAZANJIAN '73 reports that he has accepted a faculty position in civil/geotechnical engineering at Arizona State University. "Leaving south-

ern California was difficult, but I am excited about returning to academia, and there are many fine golf courses in and around Tempe. My new home address is 1415 S. Oakley Pl., Tempe, AZ 85281. My e-mail address remains [edkavy@alum.mit.edu](mailto:edkavy@alum.mit.edu)."

JOHN F. DOLAN '80 writes, "It's hard to believe that I've been out of school for 23 years working for Exxon-Mobil. We spent about a month in Argentina over Christmas visiting my wife's family and friends. Hope all is well with everyone. Please contact us if you visit the DC area." John's contact info is: 9214 Jeffrey Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066; [jfdolanjr@aol.com](mailto:jfdolanjr@aol.com).

MARKUS A. WHITLEY '80 can be reached at 352 Salem Rd., Moorestown, NJ 08057. His e-mail address is [lwhitley@comcast.net](mailto:lwhitley@comcast.net).

STEVEN D. BARRETT '89 has a new address: 49 Lynn Rd., Needham, MA 02494. Send him e-mail at [steven.barrett@wilmerhale.com](mailto:steven.barrett@wilmerhale.com).

BRADLEY E. LAYTON '92 writes that he is an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Drexel University in Philadelphia. "Stop by anytime!" he says. He receives mail at 145 Merrybrook Dr., Havertown, PA 19083; e-mail at [blay@alum.mit.edu](mailto:blay@alum.mit.edu).

JACOB E. PECHENIK '94 is president of Yellowjacket Software, Inc. His new address is 39-25 51st St., #5A, Woodside, NY 11377. His e-mail address is [jppechenik@yellowjacketsoftware.com](mailto:jppechenik@yellowjacketsoftware.com).

DAVID A. BRANDENBURGER '95 writes, "Shelley and I are celebrating the

arrival of our first child, Brooke Rae, born on June 12, 2004. Adding to the excitement, we moved to Sacramento in July. We can be reached at 1531 12th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95818."

Bryan J. Sanderson '96 resides at 1330 West Eddy St., #1, Chicago, IL 60657.

BRIAN J. BANASZAK '97 writes, "I recently finished my PhD in chemical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and moved to Mannheim, Germany, to work at BASF AG. Please feel free to get in touch if you are in Europe. My new address is P2, #6, 68161 Mannheim, Germany, and my e-mail address is still [banaszak@alum.mit.edu](mailto:banaszak@alum.mit.edu).

JULIAN E. ORBANES '97 reports a new address of 52 Trowbridge St., #5, Cambridge, MA 02139. His e-mail address is [joules5@comcast.net](mailto:joules5@comcast.net).

JEFFREY D. STAMLER '00 writes, "I'd like to announce my engagement to Susan Kim (Sigma Kappa '98) in March. She will be starting at Meharry Medical College in Nashville this summer. I am starting my anesthesiology residency at Vanderbilt in July. Looking forward to next year's five-year reunion!" Keep in touch with Jeff at 2025 Woodmont Blvd., #218, Nashville, TN 37215. His e-mail address is [jdstamler@alum.mit.edu](mailto:jdstamler@alum.mit.edu).

AARON B. BEALS '02, who is a software engineer at Nelezza Corporation, reports that he got married on October 2, 2004. His new wife is Laura (Boudreau) Beals. Send Aaron congratulations to 60 Hopedale St., #1, Allston, MA 02134. His e-mail address is [beals@alum.mit.edu](mailto:beals@alum.mit.edu).

## Send In Your Newsform!

The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of our alumni. Please take a moment to fill out your newsform and return it to the address on page X. If possible, include photos and news of other alumni you've seen recently. We'll look forward to sharing your news in the next issue of *The DU Beacon*.

