Institute Honors Simmons '53

Construction has started on the new 350-student undergraduate residence on Vassar Street, which will be named Simmons Hall in honor of Richard P. Simmons '53 and his family in recognition of their major support of student life and campus activities. The $40 million dormitory is expected to open in the fall of 2002, when all freshmen will be required to live on campus.

The new dorm will incorporate suites for a housemaster, associate housemaster, graduate resident advisers, and visiting scholars. The design is rather innovative in its use of open spaces for lighting and air, almost like a sponge. We can be proud that a DU has chosen to support undergraduate life at MIT so generously!

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Our Newest Pledges Take a Bow

Doug Allaire Sanford, ME Aeronautics/Astrophysics
Shang Chou South Pasadena, CA Electrical Eng.
Geoff Ebeling Winchester, MA Mechanical Eng.
Michael Kurd Bedford, NH Mechanical Eng.
Christopher Leung San Diego, CA Electrical Eng./Computer Science
Cory McLean Kalispell, MT Electrical Eng.
Nicholas Nestle Ormond Beach, FL Electrical Eng./Computer Science
Sam Sarcia Carlisle, MA Mechanical Eng.
Mark Sellmeyer Lincoln, NE Chemistry
Peter Van Buskirk Wayne, PA Electrical Eng./Computer Science
Nathan Vantzelfde Andover, MA Electrical Eng./Computer Science

Left: Mark Kastantin '03, Aaron Beals '02, Dave Hensle '03, Aaron Fernandes '03, and our cook, Dave Zeno, hang out in the kitchen.

Right: Tim Egan '01, Michael Frakes '01, and Alex Johnson '03 serenade the rush women during the fall semiformal.
House Garners 11 Strong Men

Delta Upsilon started the year with a very successful rush, adding 11 new pledges to the house roster. This was an outstanding achievement on the part of the brotherhood. We didn’t know many frosh because of the low number of pre-frosh visits last term, but brothers went into rush full of energy and enthusiasm, and we ended up with a solid pledge class.

Alumni were also very helpful during rush. Brother Dave Brandenburg ’93 continued his tradition of passing his rock-climbing expertise on to freshmen. Brothers Tim Zue ’99, Juan Arauza ’00, Andres Hernandez ’00, and Jeff Steinheder ’99 (sorry if I forgot anyone) also helped out by driving vans to the events.

Here is a little information on this year’s pledge class: Three of the freshmen are playing varsity soccer this term, and another three are on the water polo team. This ensures Delta Upsilon’s continued dominance of these sports in the future. Another couple of freshmen are keeping up the crew tradition in the house as well.

A class of 11 leaves the house slightly crowded at the moment yet puts us in great position for the 2002 change in rush policy. At that time all freshmen will be required to live on campus.

Andres Hernandes ’00, and Jeff Steinheider ’99 continued his tradition of passing his rock-climbing expertise on to freshmen. "I’ve been very busy between work and church responsibilities," pens JEFF FREY L. HAWK ’75 (8706 Fernald Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053; e-mail: jhawk@kraft.com). "In January 2000 I was honored to be elected president of our church congregation and have been involved in a number of building projects and community outreach efforts."

Mike Berry ’01 Ben Powers ’02

DU's Flex Their Muscles in Water Polo

This year brings a record number ofDU water polo players into our house (or at least the most players in recent memory). With the addition of Peter Van Buskirk ’04, Nate Vantzelde ’04, and Shang Chou ’04, we now have seven members of the MIT varsity water polo team living at 526 Beacon Street. For those of you who aren’t familiar with the sport, that’s enough players for a starting lineup.

In the pool, we’ve had big wins against Brown and Harvard. The Harvard home victory was especially sweet because of the fantastic support of the fans. Dave Zeno, the house cook, brought dinner to the game, and the entire house came to cheer us on.

The team took a big step this year by traveling out to California for the first time. We played in a tournament at Redlands University as well as a scrimmage at UCSD. Besides enjoying the beautiful California weather, we had a great opportunity to prove ourselves. In general, California water polo teams are given preferential treatment in the coach’s polls. By posting a 3-1 record in this tournament, we gained a great deal of respect from the California coaches, which was reflected in our rise through the Division III rankings.

This season, we captured the title of Division III East Coast champ from Johns Hopkins (who barely beat us in last year’s finals). Matt Hausmann ’01, Jeff Colton ’02, Jamie Brady ’03, Peter Van Buskirk, Nate Vantzelde, Shang Chou, and I (along with coach Jeff Ma ’96) all represented DU well.

Thanks again to all our fans, Stefan Bewley ’01 Captain

O-force: Shang Chou ’04, Nate Vantzelde ’04, Chris Leung ’04, Sam Sarcia ’04, and Michael Kord ’04 hung out in a freshman room.

Our Alumni Report Their News From Far And Near

Reports DAVID N. LINDBERG ’39: “My wife, Ellen, died this past April. I have just sold our house, and I have moved into an apartment. I remain active with my church work, but I took 15 days off to visit my son and his family in Alaska.” Get in touch with Dave at 4030 McClain Way, #87, Carmichael, CA 95608.

From May through September, write EDWARD H. CUMPSTON JR. ’44 at 108 Hemlock Brook, Williamstown, MA 01267; from September through May, write him at 760 Bald Eagle Dr., Naples, FL 34105.

Send your best wishes to ALBERT F. ANDERSON ’69 (150 Lincoln St., #3C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail: anderson@ilp.mit.edu). “Doug is a hot-shot business lawyer here in Boston, and I just resigned as director of MIT’s industrial liaison program, so we have great access to some of MIT’s best. Our first start-up is for an all-optical switch for the Internet.”

Reach JAMES P. GLOWIENKA ’71 at 50 Prince’s Pine Rd., West Norwalk, CT 06850.

“I’ve been very busy between working at Kraft, where I’ve been for the past 17 years, family life with three children, and church responsibilities,” pens JEFF FREY L. HAWK ’75 (8706 Fernald Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053; e-mail: jhawk@kraft.com). “In January 2000 I was honored to be elected president of our church congregation and have been involved in a number of building projects and community outreach efforts.”

COURTNEY J. McCracken ’76 writes: “My wife, Lynn was ordained a Methodist minister in 1999 and assigned to a church in Rhode Island, so we moved to Providence. I’m still working on the Big Dig in Boston and recently took up sculling at the Narragansett Boat Club. JACK VanWoerkom ’75 and I recently spoke about trying to get a DU reunion together, perhaps at Tech Day 2001. I’d like to hear from other alumni (77 Pitman St., #205, Providence, RI 02906; e-mail: cmccracken@excelsior.com).

CRAIG T. WALLACH ’78 reports a new address of 22 Norwich Circle, Medford, MA 02155.

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Keep in touch with JOHN DiBACCIO JR. ’96 at 455 Hope St., Unit 2D, Stamford, CT 06906.

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WILLIAM NOON ’00 receives mail at 7300 Brompton St., #3811, Houston, TX 77025.

We regret to report the following deaths:

RICHARD B. AYER JR. ’49 December 30, 1999

G. NORMAN JENNINGS ’44 August 19, 2000

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