



The Back Bay Beta

Beta Upsilon Chapter

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Alumni Association President Reports

Main House Renovations Completed, Brothers Return To Beta

It had been well over a year since we had brothers living in the Main house, but now I'm happy to report that the situation has changed.

While we were finishing the repairs, necessitated by the fire in January 2004, we decided to complete other major work around the house. The bathrooms on the second, third, and fourth floors were gutted in November and have been completely reworked. New tiling was installed, along with new toilets, sinks, and mirrors.

Since no one could live in the house during the bathroom renovation, which took a bit longer than expected, we proceeded with upgrades to the front rooms: refinishing floors, removing nonfunctional built-ins

(mostly in closets), replacing all baseboard heating, adding sprinkler heads, fixing windows, and painting walls. The house looks practically new.

We finally obtained the dormitory license for the house and the first active brother moved into the house during spring break. Others moved in when the bathrooms were completed at the end of March. We're also getting new furniture, including beds, dressers, and desks. By the time Campus Preview Weekend rolled around (April 15-17), everyone was settled in and now the pre-frosh can really see how good Beta can be. Alumni Weekend allowed returning brothers to see the house absolutely gleaming, as it hasn't

been seen in over 40 years.

By contrast, the Annex still needs a lot of work. The plumbing is backing up on the second floor, there many windows that are falling apart, among other problems. Your support for a capital campaign could help us renovate it so that it would be more like the Main house. You can see more pictures of the house at <http://space.mit.edu/~hermann/beta.html>.

Yours in ~kai~,

Herman Marshall '78, 703
President, Alumni Association
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Beta Upsilon Chapter Fully In Revival Mode

As I look back on the past three semesters, I am astounded at the number of incredible opportunities I have had in such a short period of time.

I have taken many classes, held multiple jobs, completed a UROP project, played and performed with numerous musical ensembles, and had interactions with people from all over the world, just to name a few. However, the most valuable part of my college life, so far, has been my experiences and friendships at Beta.

This year marks the beginning of a new era for the Beta Upsilon Chapter. An obvious physical example is the

rebuilding of the main house, but more intangible is the ascension of the Beta '07s to the helm of the organization. Brothers in my pledge class hold the offices of vice presi-

dent, rush chair, social chair, house manager, risk manager, alumni relations chair, athletics chair, secretary, scholarship chair, treasurer,

the seniors leave; living with them has helped me to grow. Each of the four '05s who still live in the house represent an amazingly broad spectrum of what Beta represents.

I look forward to spending yet another year with the '06s and hope to learn from them as much as I have learned from other older classes. They have acted as great guides and mentors to my class during our first year of living in the house, and are yet another facet of a diverse community.

Our newly initiated Betas, two of whom already live in the house, promise to add a

great deal to the chapter; even after initiation, they have continued to host pizza nights in the not-for-much-longer-hard-to

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Betas and dates smile at Christmas Party dinner. The brothers, from l. to r., are Terrence McKenna '07, Gary Dixon '06, and Dan Bercovici '04, alumni house manager.

and president. I am really happy to know that a majority of this class is dedicated to a long tenure of success for MIT Beta.

Looking ahead, I will be very sad to see

Scholarship At Beta Theta Pi

The newly created Beta Scholarship Program met with success in its first semester. The main focus of the program was to help freshmen adjust to the workload at MIT and ensure that they all achieved a strong start to their MIT careers. With help from brothers in the house, all freshmen achieved grades of "pass" in all of their classes. In addition, all five brothers with 5.0 GPAs maintained their perfect record. Yet, even with these successes, there is much work to be done to improve this new scholarship program and ensure that it will continue to be effective for years to come. The challenge this term is to broaden the program so that it is more useful for the house as a whole.

In addition to keeping up an open conversation with members of the house about their academics, the primary element of the

scholarship program this term will be weekly study and homework sessions. These meetings, led by brothers who excel in their respective majors, provide academic help to any brother in need of assistance. They also encourage brothers to get an early start on their problem sets for the week.

Finally, we are working with the alumni association on the creation of academic scholarships to encourage scholastic achievement and provide an additional incentive for brothers to excel at MIT. Donations to fund these scholarships would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, e-mail me at goldbeck@mit.edu.

We're all looking forward to completing an excellent spring semester!

~kai~

Joe Goldbeck '07, 1092



Betas on a bus trip react to something curious happening at the back of the bus.

Bringing Back The Funk

The past year has been hard on all of us living at Beta. The loss of the Main house has meant crowded rooms, almost two semesters without Jim D. Cook, and lots of confusion. Many times I have heard rumors of the Main house reopening, only to be disappointed when the expected dates passed with no developments in construction. But now, it is a proper time to reflect on the state of the house.

As Betas, we pride ourselves in being somewhat different from the other fraternities. Our brothers do not fall under any stereotype; I have never lived with a more diverse group of people in terms of backgrounds, interests, and areas of expertise. But we do have two commonalities that bind us together. One is brotherhood. The other is funk.

Every Beta displays his funk differently. Beta's current and former president play together in the Festival Jazz Ensemble, and I can honestly say that they are two of the most talented musicians I know. The ace of my class races on the MIT ski team while maintaining a 5.0 GPA. My roommate is most likely going to California for the summer to surf and do research; this will be the fourth lab he has worked in.

Separately, we all maintain the funk, but I am sorry to say that for a time, it looked like Beta was losing its collective funk. The loss of the lounge and pub hurt our social program, and it was impossible to find communal spaces that could replace the rooms in which we had spent so much time together. Over the course of last semester, the house

began to fragment and lost much of its cohesion. Good times were still had by all of the brothers, but things didn't quite feel right.

But now I am happy to say that Beta is back on track. Our newest pledge class kicked off the semester with a 50s-style party shortly before they were initiated. Our social program rode the momentum and we have seen several strong showings at pub nights so far. Most of all, the mood around the house is changing. Brothers are walking into their brother's rooms, just to talk, share a story and a laugh, and enjoy themselves. As we stand, poised to take back the Main house, Beta could not look any stronger. I think it's safe to say that the funk is on the rise.

Jake Bernstein '07



Brothers on the house trip last fall to Mount Monadnock.

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MIT Skiing Is Going Downhill Fast!

Throughout high school I had always been involved in sports, year-round, non-stop. But when I came to MIT for freshman year, I decided to take some time off from athletics, to have a year of freedom to concentrate on my own life without the constant time commitment of sports. I guess I was just burned out.

Of all the sports I participated in, alpine ski racing had always been my favorite. However, due to schoolwork, and the lack of a car and sufficient funds, I was only able to ski one day during my freshman year; this was in stark contrast to my usual routine of skiing five to six times a week during the winter. As it turned out, one day a year wasn't at all satisfactory.

That's why this year I decided to join the ski team at MIT; next to joining Beta, it was probably the best decision I've made the entire time I've been here. The whole experience was very intense; dry land training began early in the fall semester. Every day consisted of ab exercises followed by weight training, stair running, or a long distance run. Later on in the fall semester, as the snow fell, the team traveled up to Vermont and New Hampshire a few times for on-hill practices.

The season really fell into swing during IAP. The ski team is fairly unique in that the entire month of January is spent training and racing in New Hampshire. The team rented a small lodge near Plymouth for everyone to stay in, and we trained at Loon Mountain, Waterville Valley, or Tenney Mountain Tuesday through Friday, and raced on Saturday and Sunday throughout New Hampshire, Vermont, and western Mass. Each day we got up and arrived on top of the mountain by 8:30 a.m., and skied until around 3:00 p.m., with a lunch break somewhere in

between. After our snow training, we'd return to the lodge, stretch, run, and do more ab exercises. The rest of the night was devoted to eating, tuning and waxing skis (which had to be done every night), and team meetings with video analysis of the skiing earlier that day.



Jacob Stultz skiing the downhill.

Race days were equally hectic; each racer had two runs; before each run I'd have to inspect the course, memorizing the layout of the gates and the terrain features, and since the racers were also responsible for running the race (an aspect unique to our league), after each of my runs I would have to return to the course to perform course maintenance and gatekeep (watching the racers to make sure that they complete the course without missing gates).

The MIT ski team is a member of the

U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA), a national, NCAA sanctioned body. We participate in the MacConnell division of the Eastern Conference, competing against Plymouth State, UMass, Colby Sawyer, Boston College, Babson, Brown, St Anselm, UConn, and New England College. Our team has been consistently improving, and this year we finished sixth in the league behind PSU, UMass, Colby Sawyer, BC, and Babson, barely missing Regional Championships (the top five teams qualify). We were incredibly close to Babson, staging a comeback towards the end of the season and nearly beating them in the last weekend of racing.

As a testament to the competitiveness of our team and our division, at the Regional Championships, which included not only all of the divisions from the Eastern Conference, but also from the Mideast Conference, the teams from our division swept the competition. All five teams (men and women) and all individuals that qualified for the National Championships were from our division. This included our own senior team captain, who qualified for regionals individually and finished 10th, good enough to get him to Nationals.

The ski team was a great experience for me, as it allowed me to ski almost every day for nearly two months in a competitive environment. Additionally, the atmosphere at the races is one of camaraderie; all of the teams cheer each other on, friends are made, everyone is on good terms. As I said, joining the ski team was one of the best decisions that I've made at MIT, and I'm looking forward to next year's season, and, with hope, racing at the National Championships.

Jacob Stultz '07

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access Mainus kitchen. (On that note, I was recently gifted with a key to the Main House, a first step in the gradual transfer of control from the contractors back to the chapter). Members of this class have stepped up to be community service chair, IFC delegate, and assistant treasurer.

With a bit of a push from the IFC and a very large initiative by both incoming and outgoing rush chairs, we are holding an informal spring rush to try to close out some leftover bids from the fall, as well as to pursue the recruitment of some freshmen we have met over the past few months. We have very high hopes for the results of this endeavor.

The most pressing issue on my mind is the physical state of both the Main house and the annex. One could imagine that

their differences serve to bring a balance to some Bay State Road version of "The Force." The Main house will be, I'm convinced, in the best shape of almost any FSILG residence at MIT. The annex, on the other hand... will not be.

At Alumni Weekend it was great to see both recent alumni with whom I am acquainted, as well as more seasoned alums whose faces I recognized from composites hanging around the house and whose names I knew from the discussion lists. Together, the alums and active brothers are keeping our traditions alive and ensuring the posterity of the Beta Upsilon Chapter.

Yours in ~kai~,
Jonathan Kroner '07
Chapter President



Main house living room set up for Christmas Party, December 4, 2004. The carpet hadn't yet been installed on the staircase, but the walls and floors were done and looked great.

Greetings from MIT's Director of FSILG Alumni Relations

Thank you again for this opportunity to write to your alumni brothers. I am Bob Ferrara '67, MIT's Director of FSILG Alumni Relations, and in your last issue described how MIT came to create this new position, which I am fortunate to hold. In this issue, I'd like to discuss some new developments that may be of particular interest to your brothers:

- Progress on the new IRDF Educational Operating Grant Program
- Roll out of a new FSILG Alumni Toolkit web site
- Alumni Fund staff assistance to chapter fundraisers
- Plans for fiber optic connectivity for all non-campus houses

The Independent Residence Development Fund, or IRDF as it's been known since the 1960s, has spawned another way to assist the FSILGs (Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups). The IRDF Educational Operating Grants program was first announced on November 17, 2004. It was developed in response to continued financial strains on many FSILGs and can be an important factor in maintaining a sound fiscal base for all FSILGs at MIT. The program capitalizes on recent IRS case law and is designed to allow annual tax-deductible grants to chapters for operating expenses related to those areas of their houses dedicated to educational functions. Thanks to an IRDF-funded project that concluded in March, the "educational area percentage" has been computed for every MIT chapter house. A pilot grant program was also completed in March, resulting in five-figure grant award checks for each of three participating chapters (Phi Kappa Sigma, Epsilon Theta, and Chi Phi).

The operating grants program is now primed to go full bore. On the application side, each Alumni Corporation Treasurer has

been given a grant application kit. In addition, any Alumni Corporation officer may contact Chris Rezek '99 of the FSILG Cooperative, Inc. for assistance in applying for the grants. Initially, grant money will be advanced from the IRDF's accumulated interest and endowment earnings. In the longer term, however, the grants must be funded by new donations to the IRDF from alumni like us. If you wish to contribute to the IRDF, please specify "IRDF" on any MIT gift form or contact the MIT Giving Office. These tax-deductible donations are often matched by employers. All IRDF gifts are fully recognized by the Alumni Fund and an IRDF donation counts toward your class and reunion totals. The Giving Office can be reached by emailing giving@mit.edu, by calling 1-800-MIT-1865. And for more information about the IRDF or the Educational Operating Grants program, please visit the IRDF website at <http://web.mit.edu/irdf/>.

A brand new FSILG toolkit is now on the MIT Alumni Association web site at <http://alum.mit.edu/ccg/living-groups/fsilg/>. This is a collection of resources and tools that can prove useful various aspects of FSILG operations and will be of interest especially to Alumni Corporation officers. The toolkit frequently leverages the staff and/or expertise in the Alumni Association. For example, reports are available that can aid in member identification, volunteer recruitment, or event planning. Several FSILGs are already using an Alumni Association system for on-line event registration and credit card payments for their annual reunions or Founder's Days. Staff can also help with room reservations, MIT tours, Zesiger Sports & Fitness Center passes, and coordination with other MIT events. Beyond these, the site also provides ready access to a number of MIT awards and recognition vehicles for a chapter's volunteers and donors.

Recently, the Alumni Fund staff devel-

oped an FSILG fundraising guide, to assist chapters trying to raise money for capital improvements or renovations. While MIT cannot raise money directly for FSILG houses, the Alumni Fund staff can offer your chapter advice and recommended practices in the areas of identifying potential donors; solicitations by mail, phone, e-mail and in-person; processing gifts and responding to donors. Three MIT chapters have begun their campaigns with a trip to see an Alumni Fund officer, discuss options, and get a copy of this guide. Later this summer, its contents will be on the web as well.

MIT is also making a significant investment in improving data connectivity to all off campus houses, including Theta Chi. Currently MIT pays for a 1.544 megabit T1 connection to bring each of the Boston and Brookline houses into the MIT network. These T1 speeds are becoming increasingly restrictive as students depend more and more on fast and reliable networks in their off-campus learning environment. A contract was just signed with Verizon to provide connectivity at speeds of up to 10Mb/s using fiber optic technology. This will be considerably more reliable than the copper technology of T1 transmission and provides houses with future capacity options. Currently, MIT's received all the necessary permits and street installation work has begun, with a target completion date of late fall 2005.

In closing, let me thank you for this opportunity to share these new developments with you. It is indeed a privilege to be working with such an exceptional community. As you may be aware, Dean Steve Immerman was given the overall responsibility for implementing the FSILG Task Force recommendations of 2004 and I'm now working very closely with him. Many of you may know Steve from his time in the 1980s and early 90s Dean of Fraternities at MIT. Steve is thoroughly committed to Greek life and deeply appreciates, as we do, the value of the MIT fraternity experience. Our living and learning environments can be, and should be, the best college housing system in the nation.

To get more alumni input and also to share perspectives on the campus environment today, Steve and I have begun visiting several major markets around the country to meet with alums like you. So far there have been visits to New York, Chicago, Denver, and California is in the works. Generally the MIT Club in the area hosts the FSILG alumni meeting. Hopefully, Steve and/or I will come to a region near you in the future. But in any event, please feel free to forward your ideas and thoughts to me at: Bob Ferrara, Director, FSILG Alumni Relations, MIT W59-200, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA or send e-mail to rferrara@mit.edu. Thanks.



Brothers hanging out in our makeshift "lounge" in the rear of the basement.

Community Service Allows Us To Give Something Back

Beta will experiment with a new-look community service program this term to broaden its service repertoire into a program that features a communal house project while encouraging and facilitating the fulfillment of minimal individual service requirements. The communal service project will take place through Rebuilding Together, a nonprofit national organization that rebuilds and repairs homes for owners that are either physically or financially unable to do so for themselves. The weekend of physical work promises to be a good one for the otherwise pencil- and calculator-wielding brothers. The opportunity to give back as a group should be both gratifying and fun, and many members of the house have already expressed

their enthusiasm for the project.

The incentive to do work within the community, however, should not stem from the assurance that it will be either fun or fulfilling. It should result from recognition and appreciation of how uniquely fortunate we are in our abilities and the opportunities that we've had as MIT students and throughout our lives. I am hopeful that eventually, widespread and regular participation in mentorship and teaching-based programs will move to the forefront of community involvement at Beta. These types of activities incarnate that appreciation, and constitute the new Beta service initiative. There is no more appropriate way for an MIT Beta to give back than involvement in mentorship and educa-

tion. Each member of the house will be strongly encouraged to participate in two to four hours of this type of service each month. The suggested requirement may be fulfilled through a number of outlets both within the MIT community and within the greater Boston/Cambridge area.

The ultimate aim of the new initiative is to cultivate and leave each brother with a permanent and genuine gratitude for the great privilege and overall fortune they've enjoyed in their lives, and a subsequent and forever-linger-ing commitment towards helping those who have not had as favorable of circumstances.

Lyel Resner '07
Community Service Chair

Treasurer's Update

Joining the Beta alumni corporation as treasurer this past year has been a great opportunity for me to get involved with Beta again, and has hopefully made a difference during a time of great need. The fire in the Main house last year served as a wake up call for many of us that the chapter may not survive, let alone prosper, without the help and dedication of our alumni.

I'm happy to report that we are very close to final resolution of the insurance claim for last year's fire on the fourth floor of the Main house. We are fortunate that we did not suffer a big hit, financially. Our policy covered the loss in full except for a relatively small deductible. What has proven to be a much bigger expense is the additional construction and renovations that we've made in the Main house concurrently with and subsequent to the fire repairs. This work has been financed through a \$300,000 loan from MIT's IRDF (Independent Residence Development Fund). For those of you who contribute to MIT and designate your contribution as "IRDF," you can be glad to know that your money has finally found its way back to the chapter in the form of a ultra low three percent-interest loan.

In addition, we've recently applied for and are hoping to get a substantial grant from the IRDF. This comes from the same pool of funds, but unlike the loan, if we receive such a grant, it will never need to be paid back. If we receive the grant it will pay for some of the work that has been financed with the loan thus far, allowing us to make additional improvements that otherwise would not have been affordable, and also to pay back a portion of the loan.

For those of you who are not familiar with MIT's IRDF program, I will explain briefly how the program works. Whenever MIT receives contributions from alumni, we are given the opportunity to designate how the money will be used by MIT. If a donation is

designated for the IRDF, it goes into a fund that is available for independent living groups on campus to apply for low interest loans or grants to finance construction or renovations. Like any other donation to MIT, those designated IRDF are 100 percent tax deductible.

The IRDF has been around for several decades and Beta has taken advantage of it in the past to finance prior investments in the house such as the installation of the sprinkler systems. More recently, however, MIT has developed a program to allow outright giving to fraternities (rather than loans) from the IRDF, which is known as the IRDF Construction Grant program. The use of these funds is highly restrictive, however. The funds may only be used to finance construction or renovation of space which is used for educational purposes, or to make facilities handicapped accessible. In our case, we have applied for a percentage of our total project based on the percentage of educational usage space in the house (as measured by MIT), and have also applied for the funds required to make the bathrooms ADA compliant.

In evaluating our grant application, the IRDF committee looks at the eligibility of the underlying project, the availability of funds, and at the giving history of Beta alumni. In our case, we have applied for an amount that is quite a bit larger than our eligibility based on past giving history. We are hopeful that the committee will look beyond past contributions and consider a larger amount. One message I want to impart to alumni, however, is that your gift to MIT, designated IRDF, is not only tax deductible but it can make a big difference to Beta.

Lastly, I wanted to share some perspective I've gained working with MIT to help fund the work we're doing. Prior to my involvement with the alumni corporation, one of my greatest concerns about the future viability of fra-

ternities at MIT was the attitude of the administration towards independent living groups. Was MIT trying to phase out the fraternities as a result of their concerns about risk management? Quite the contrary, I've discovered. While risk management is always a concern, MIT appears to be very supportive of fraternities on and off campus, and is willing to go beyond talk and provide funds to help us in our efforts. In addition to helping us with our construction, MIT has also made funds available directly to the chapter to help assist with the financial hit of no longer having freshman in the house, and has also developed a new program to allow a certain amount of IRDF money to be used to help finance house operations (also based on the percentage of educational usage space in the house). All of this tells me that MIT believes that independent living groups such as Beta are an important part of MIT's future.

Yours in ~kai~,

Frank Leibly '93, 867
Treasurer, Beta Upsilon Association



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NEWS

HARRY T. EASTON '36 lives at 1010 American Eagle Blvd., #725, Sun City Center, FL 33573. He reports that he is still around and stays active at the age of 91.

FRANK S. GARDNER '38 writes, "Last issue I mentioned DALE MORGAN '38. I'm sorry to report that Dale passed away on October 4, 2004. Classmates will remember him as chapter president, and campus leader. He will be missed." Write to Frank at 602 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482; send e-mail to gardner_frank@msn.com.

L. WALTER HELMREICH '38 resides at 4 Fair Oaks Pkwy., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Walt writes, "My wife, Mary, died in November 2004. We were married for 59 years. She had suffered a stroke on the Russian River back in 1997. I am back in our home but a bit tired." Send Walt some cheer at walt40@alum.mit.edu.

WALTER J. SAWYER '51 has a new address: 37 Benjamin Dr., Rochester, MA 02770.

CHARLES G. BEAUDETTE '52 lives at 61 Thompson Inn Rd., South Bristol, ME 04568. Charles writes, "It is now the ninth year since I started writing my book about the Cold Fusion controversy in science. The second edition of *Excess Heat* continues to sell well. I wrote an academic kind of book that was enthusiastically received by those knowledgeable of the 3000-plus technical papers in the field's literature. The DOE Office of Science review of the field in 2004 was sufficiently positive that from here it should be onward and upward with this nascent science. As the field develops further, it will completely change the long-term picture of energy sources for the planet and for its environmental calculations as well. My planning is under way to find a research library to archive the reference material I have amassed. This is problematic because, for example, the MIT Physics department "knows" CF is impossible, and, therefore, I have to assume that it, if consulted by the MIT Library Office, would not think it worthwhile to use university resources to sustain such an archive. And so it goes— a wonderful retirement project through which I learned belatedly that I should have spent my career in academia writing books!" Send e-mail to cgbeau@gwi.net.

EDWIN C. BELL '58 has a new address: 24341 La Glorita Cir., Newhall, CA 91321; e-mail edwincbell@aol.com.

B. GREGORY BROWN '62 lives at 3201 Evergreen Point Rd., Medina, WA 98039. He reports, "Beta contacts continue to be an important part of my life. Sherri and I periodically get together with MEAD WYMAN '62, KEITH GLICK '62, RICHARD HORTTOR '62, and BILL ROESELER '65. As retirement approaches I am fighting off ageing – and I just sent in a \$42 million NIH grant request for five-plus year's funding." Reach Greg by e-mail at bgbrown@u.washington.edu.

JAMES S. DRAPER '62 writes, "Jane and James Draper have been working with the Appalachian Mountain Club on its purchase of 40,000 acres in Maine along the 'Hundred Mile Wilderness,' a new recreation area combining traditional Maine uses of hunting, fishing, and snow-mobiling with hiking, remote area camping and cross-country skiing. We have a family island in this area that brother Betas have visited over the years." Stay in touch with James at 18 Bellevue St., Newton, MA 02458; send e-mail to jsd@photon.com.

LESLIE M. BORING '64 writes, "Dear Brother Betas, Many thanks for the Fall 2004 newsletter, in which it was a pleasure to hear from and about many friends. My wife, Annie, and I greatly enjoyed seeing and renewing old friendships with MIT Betas this year, first visiting with Sue and FRED LUCONI '64 and roaming the countryside of Tuscany together in May, then with Jana and JAMES DRAPER '62 touring the Normandy countryside together from Caen to Paris in June, then visiting and spending a terrific evening together for dinner at an old Parisian brasserie with Ann and MEAD WYMAN '62. We hope to see more Beta friends here in 2005! After four years of indecision since returning in 2000 to France from two years in Saudi Arabia, Annie and I finally have decided to buy and move into an apartment. It is nicely situated overlooking the Seine west of Paris, and we hope this is the last move for a while. Our address is now 12 Rue de Seine, 78230 Le Pecq, FRANCE. My work is still focused on real estate development and large area land planning in the Middle East and North Africa, although this war business is pretty much putting a cap on it for the moment. We shall see what happens. The photos of the renewed house look great and show the value of everyone's contributions. Good work! Yours in ~kai~, Bud." Keep in touch by e-mail at LMBInternational@aol.com.

JOEL G. ROGERS '65 has moved to 651 Pine Ln., Big Pine Key, FL 33043.

JOHN P. O'LEARY '84 lives at 16 Edwardel Rd., Needham, MA 02492. He writes, "My wife, Nancy, and I were pleased to welcome our first child, a daughter, Emily, on Halloween 2004. I am working for Governor Mitt Romney as the Commissioner of the Division of Unemployment Insurance, yet another career, following consulting, a think-tank, financial service, and the Internet." Reach 'Johnny O.' by e-mail at johnoleary@alum.mit.edu.

ROBERT R. BOYE '88 has moved to 12324 Tamarac Trl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Keep in touch with Robert by e-mail at boyelynn@comcast.net.

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JONATHAN D. BENNETT '98 has moved to 23 Randolph Pl. #101, Northampton, MA 01060. Send e-mail to jbennett@alum.mit.edu.

FERNANDO CEBALLOS '02 writes, "I'm in the L.A. area working at Raytheon and going to USC, studying computer architecture, digital systems and anything that stimulates the brain. The corporate lifestyle involves the mortgaging of your soul. Next best thing to being your own boss is working with other Betas. Let me know if your company can use a young talented mind to mold. Otherwise, going out for beers is welcome, too! ~kai~, Ferny 1044." Stay in touch at 4934 E 59th Pl., Maywood, CA 90270; send e-mail to fceballos@covad.net.

DYLAN J. HIRSCH-SHELL '03 has moved to 714 Veteran Ave., #A, Los Angeles, CA 90024; send e-mail to dylanh@alum.mit.edu.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

DALE MORGAN '38
on October 4, 2004

EDMUND PEAKES '44