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*The Class of 2006 discusses the finer points of beer, women, and sports over a nice Oriental dinner.*

## ΦΚΘ FOUNDERS DAY

Saturday, May 1, 2004  
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## Physical Plant, Image, and Philanthropy Are Goals

As we strive to improve our chapter, we look to provide a stable, mature instrument to personal growth, and I believe that we deliver this. The fraternity GPA, 4.22 for the fall 2003 semester, continues to be above the all-fraternity average. We have 11 outstanding new brothers. We have improved our pantry as we offer by far the best selection of items in our open pantry in recent memory. Also, new work week projects have made the house feel even more like home.

While the chapter is in great shape, the pressures we face are unrelenting, and we must continue to strive for improvement. Aside from continuing what we already do well, the chapter needs to focus on the physical plant, on its diversity and campus image, and on its commitment to philanthropy as a group.

The house managers of recent years have done an outstanding job maintaining the livability of our chapter house. However, there are many problems that are reaching nearly urgent levels but are beyond the scope of even our talented house managers. Windows are incessantly drafty; the roof leaks in numerous locations, and brick work needs repointing, to name a few. Serious alumni financial and directorial support is needed in the next few years to complete these projects.

Diversity and fraternity image comprise another issue that the brothers must address. A culturally, racially, and socioeconomically diverse group is central to developing well-rounded, cultured young men. This is the ideal environment to compliment MIT's otherwise erudite education, and we do a good job delivering this. Currently our chapter is diverse; it closely resembles MIT's population at large. Our image on campus does not fit with reality though. It is commonly

thought that we are "the Asian house" and that we all fit this mold. While this clearly is not the case, the implications for such a stereotype are serious. Maintaining a diverse brotherhood will be much more difficult if prospective new members have an incorrect preconceived notions about us. The chapter must work to address this issue through greater campus involvement and appropriate rush tactics.

Philanthropy, a possible venue for campus involvement, is a third area where the fraternity can significantly improve. Every year individual brothers of our chapter contribute hundreds of hours of volunteer work from tutoring students in the South End to teaching in South Africa. As a full brotherhood, however, we do much too little. We "Walk for Hunger." We sell balloons for the Children's Miracle Network another small community service event each year. This term, that will be working with Habitat for Humanity for a day. With the vast resources of time and talent our brotherhood has, we owe it to society to do more. One way many other fraternities and most of the sororities at MIT do this is by organizing a large benefit event each year. In the coming year we need to start such an event and make it an annual tradition. This will require a great deal of effort, especially from our next Community Relations Chairman. I feel confident that he and the brotherhood are up for such a challenge.

If we quickly address these issues without losing focus on the things we already do well, I believe MIT students will continue to look to us for an enriching life experience.

Greg Gryzwa '04, President

# Winter Work Week Yields a Restored Ceiling

Winter work week went pretty well this year. We were able to get many things done around the house and make it much cleaner for the upcoming term. The main project of the work week was an overhaul of the walls and paint job up the front stairwell. This took a large crew the entire week, but the walls are in better shape and are clean and white for a change. The painting project also included a new paint job to First Front. The walls and trim around the pool table and ping-pong table now closely resemble our house colors. Additionally, the ceiling in First Middle received some final work to complete our ceiling restoration project.

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Peck, the chapter room fireplace received the marble tiles to cover up the exposed brickwork. Erik Stockham '03 prepared the fireplace to be tiled last winter, and professionals installed the new marble. The job was done very well, and it adds very much to the look of that room.

Over IAP, our '07 pledge class began working on their pledge project. This year the pledges decided to do some work on our first floor bar area. They built a mobile DJ table with the equipment mounted in it, so one can move the whole thing as needed for events. They also added a laminate top to both the



*The new "light box" in the remodeled First Front ceiling finished the ceiling project in January. Restoring the original ceiling added about two feet to the height of the room and improved the overall look, as well.*

front and back counters behind the bar that matches the top bar surface. They completed the job by refinishing the trim around the upper section. It has made the bar look much better for our parties and other social events.

While all of those projects have been completed and have improved the house, there is still much to be done. I would still like to

replace the front door to better match the neighborhood houses, and I will be working with Craig Wildman '03 to get our back lot paved. As always, I hope all of the alumni will come by to see all of the changes that have been made to the house.

Ladd Horvath '05, House Manager

## Yoke Tanaka '84 Reminisces and Lends Advice



*"PKT Irvine," Summer 2002. Charles Han '05, John Wang '04 (rear). Yoke Tanaka '84, Jeff Perryman '83, Ray Covert '84, Brian Anderson '04, Phil Hou '04 (middle). Kay Tanaka, Meg Tanaka, Abraham Hsu '05 (front). Phil worked for Ray at Aerospace Corp.*

Yoke Tanaka '84 has been hiring PKT undergraduates for internships at Canon in Irvine, CA for the last three summers. We caught him for a quick interview when he was at the house.

**Charles Han:** What have you been up to?

**Yoke Tanaka:** I've been up to no good.

**CSH:** What was the best moment at PKT?

**YJT:** There were so many good moments. It's very hard to pick just one. The summer of 1983 certainly ranks as a continuum of "best moments." However, I will have to go with the initiations. It is quite moving what all the brothers do for the pledges on that special night, topped off by a nice breakfast cooked and served by the brothers for the pledges. After initiation, the house becomes one without the class distinctions. And if I have to pick just one, I'll pick our initiation. :-)

**CSH:** If you were a freshman again, what would you do differently?

**YJT:** I would try to avoid earning the mug name, "Gas Ass."

**CSH:** Yoke, do you have any advice for graduating seniors on life after PKT?

**YJT:** It was very difficult for me to suddenly be without 35 brothers. At least today, there are email, mailing lists, and IM which we didn't have in our days. However, it's still not the same as living with 35 other brothers. The year after you leave, you'll know 75% of the house. This becomes 50%, 25%, and know 75% of the house. This becomes 50%, 25%, and, finally, 0% in just 3 years. It's easy to feel that you have lost connection with the house after 3 short years. But no matter how long you've been away, I recommend you at-

tend Founder's Day. I attended my first one 17 years after graduating, and it was eye-opening.

**CSH:** Why did you start interviewing for internships for Canon at PKT?

**YJT:** After attending my first Founder's Day, I wanted to somehow give back to the house. I thought summer internships might be something that would help some of the undergraduates. Unfortunately, I can only help 6.3 and 6.2 majors currently. Because of the character of the current brotherhood, I have absolutely no qualms about recommending the current brothers and house friends to my employer. I couldn't have said that about many of the brothers from my era. (Just joking.)

**CSH:** Some other memorable moments?

**YJT:** Composing the lyrics and performing "The Andy's are Beats" with Steve Uhl as our Big Brother story for Andy Maltaric and Andy Olma, to the tune of "Sunshine of Your Love." Losing a D-league hoops game when the opposition had only 4 players. Road trips to Ray's aunt Martha's in Holmdel, NJ. Winning our division in B-league football only to have the tournament cancelled. Helping out with Bob Cooley's hack of reversing seats in 2-190.

**CSH:** Hey, thanks for your time, Yoke.

**YJT:** Sure, Chuck. Anytime.

Charles Han '05 and Yoke Tanaka '84



## Phi Kaps Improve in IM Hockey and Soccer, while Rebuild in Basketball and Football



The PKT IM hockey team went 4-1-1 and may move from up from C league next year.

Phi Kappa Theta intramural sports have had much success in the past three or four years. Usually this success is in sports such as football and basketball, but this year has been a complete reversal. While we struggled in the aforementioned sports, PKT dominated sports that we have not always participated in. Nonetheless, the Phi Kaps stood their ground in both the football and basketball seasons.

Under the leadership of the new quarterback, Ben Kendall '06, PKT squeaked into the playoffs as the last seed, one year removed from our championship run. Our first round match against the top seed and eventual champs came down to the wire, as we made sure their trip to glory was not an easy one. Playing more like Buccaneers that were coached by Tony Dungy in the late 90's, we

managed to pull out to an early 13-point lead on two defensive touchdowns. However, defense can only carry a team so far, and we ended up losing 14-13 in a nail biter.

PKT basketball featured a team of "aging" veterans accompanied by a young supporting cast. Captain Greg Gryzwa '04 provided the offensive firepower and point guard Sisir Botta '04 led us to .500 record. Hopefully, during Rush 2004, we can find some great basketball players to return PKT basketball back to the glory days.

Despite the lowlights of the intramural season, let's celebrate the amazing success of soccer and hockey. Led by third year veteran Ladd Horvath '05, the soccer team raced to an astonishing 6-0. He and fellow junior Abraham Hsu were aided by a trio of up and coming superstars, Bo Feng '07, Bernard "Buddy" Michini '07, and Raymond Tong '07. What makes this season more exciting is that the team is only losing one key senior, so unless there is a jump in leagues, this success could go on for years.

Not to be out done, the C-league IM Hockey team was an exceptional 4-1-1 season. Defensemen, Captain Bobby "Orr" Aspell '06



Aaron Wippold '05: a cracked rib but a super fan.

and Buddy Michini, also provided the offensive firepower to lead us to our amazing record. There is no question we would have notched another win if not for a forgotten sixth game, and there is no doubt we will have the same success next year.

This year participation in IM's has been exceptional, with people competing in not only those four sports, but Tennis, Bowling, Table Tennis, Billiards, and soon to be Water Polo, and a shot at defending our Softball championship. While many view the sports as a just break from the stresses of MIT, I can definitely see the bonds of brotherhood growing stronger and stronger and with each passing game.

Ben Kendall '05 Athletics Chair

## Great Socials Highlight the Year

This year, Phi Kappa Theta social events have been bumpin,' to use the parlance of our time. The year started off strong, when despite the best efforts of the Boston Fire Department, brothers entertained new freshmen at the Smoothie Social Hour and shook their groove things at this year's PKT Ice Party. Weekly social hours have been well attended, such as the Karaoke Social Hour and the first annual Anti-Utopia Social Hour. With memorable moments from Bo Feng's stellar table dance to Britney Spear's "Hit Me Baby One More Time" and Steve Maltas's Alex Chang-like ding-bloop, to Greg Gryzwa's



Bo Feng '07 belts one out at Karaoke Social Hour.

wearin' the No. 4 jersey and spinnin' the tunes, the social events stay lively.

Our fall semiformal may have been the most enjoyable semiformal in recent years. Brothers and their lady friends enjoyed a terrific dinner prepared by Chef Derek Evans. Next, smaller groups of 10-20 brothers and their dates went out for a high-class dessert at places like Radius, Finale, Icarus, and JP Lick's. Finally, we all gathered back together at the Skating Club of Boston, for a night of Ice Skating. The highlight of the night was definitely Ben Kendall, as he led the entire group in dancing to the Village People's "YMCA." Dan Moon '00 even showed up...alone.

Through the year, PKT has built a solid reputation as one of the most fun places to be at MIT, with girls constantly asking, "When is the next social hour? Oh golly, I just can't wait!" Hopefully, this social momentum will only build on itself.

Bob Aspell '06, Social Chair



Nerds on Ice: The fall semiformal featured dinner at the house and skating after desert. It was a hit. Ben Kendall leads the group dancing to "YMCA."

## ΦΚΘ Alumni Donations Class Competition 2004 (as of 3/1/2004)

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10	1961	\$145.00
11	1964	\$100.00
12	1996	\$100.00
13	1987	\$100.00
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Write CARLOS DURAN '94 at 18 Exeter St, Apt. 8, Boston, MA 02116 (cduran@partners.org).

PHILIP M. LALLY '48 writes, "Alumni from the classes of 1945 through 1951 may remember my wife, Mary Ann, who was a frequent visitor to the house. She is a victim of Alzheimer's disease. In 2003, I had to place her in a residential care facility. It took a couple of months to recover from feelings of guilt. Even though I see her everyday, I miss her very much. Send your wishes to: 738 De Soto Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94303 (plally@ev1.net).

Writes JOHN F. GAHRAN '55, "Have recently downsized to half the cubic footage of our previous home of 40 years. Otherwise the consulting continues, and all is well." Drop Jack a line at 808 Hopkins Ave., Audubon, NJ 08106 (jack@gahrn.com).

Address correspondence to THEODORE CHA '98 at 622 E20th St., 4D, New York, NY 10009 (tedcha@alum.mit.edu).

ALENN J. SELTZER '74 writes, "Cleaning up a previously-troubled payments outfit,

NASDAQ: ECHO. Having logged many miles on JetBlue LGB-IAD, am finally relocating to Moorpark, CA — 50 feet from the wildfires. I joined Moorpark CC and started to get my game together. When in So Cal, please me look up and bring your sticks. Yuka is heading west as soon as we unload the No VA house. Miki is hanging out at a second-rate liberal arts school in New Haven. Learning to "par-tay, just like frat boy." Contact Alex at 9105 Lucky Estates Dr., Vienna, VA 22182 (aseltzer@echo-inc.com).

Greet EMILE H. HOULE, Jr. '54 at 5466 Dana Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (i3mile@aol.com). He writes, "Enjoying retired in Sonoma County's wine country. Lots of volunteer work, old British car repair, wine tasting, beer making, and bird watching!"

Contact ARTHUR L. WILDING-WHITE '77 at 150 Pleasant St., Arlington, MA 02476 (awilding@alum.exeter.edu).

Write ANDREW Y. CHEN '01 at 1 Devonshire Pl., Apt. 1212, Boston, MA 02109 (acbazuka@alum.mit.edu).

## DECEASED

OSCAR L. MORGENSTERN '59 writes, "I need to let you know that my brother HANS MORGENSTERN '58 died this past year on April 5, 2003. He died of pulmonary failure, although he was not a smoker. (Der Meusch deukt mud Gott lenckt: *Man proposes, God disposes*). Address condolences to 10101 Garrettt Street, Vienna, VA 22181-3145 (oanda@wans.net).

We regret to report the death of EDWARD WELLS '27 in June of 1999.

We regret to report the death of TAPIO L. KUUSINEN '79 on July 23, 2003 after a long battle with cancer. With a bachelor's and master's in technology and policy, Tapio served at Hammermill Paper, at the EPA, and at Pacific Northwest Laboratories. Three weeks before his death, Tapio achieved his dream to return his mother's remains to the family cemetery in Finland. An avid golfer and fly-fisherman, Tapio is survived by his wife, daughter, and father.

MILES MCCOO '93 is compiling an alumni roster to improve communications. If you have not received an email from him, he is looking for you. Please email Miles at miles.f.mccoo@intel.com Even though you get the Peck, you may be able to help us find other brothers with whom we have lost touch.