Hello FSILG Stakeholders,

There has a lot of activity recently on responding to priority building assembly issues, and thank you all for your attention to that. But there is other news to report as well.

**Recent FSILG articles**
The Division of Student Life has just published two positive articles about our FSILG community. Please feel free to share them wherever you wish.

- **Welcome to a 21st Century Fraternity House!** This article features some impressions and pictures from Phi Beta Epsilon’s just completed top-to-bottom renovation of their historic chapter building at 400 Memorial Drive.
- **In Face of Marathon Adversity, MIT Fraternities Stand Strong** This article is the result of input from AILG members after last April’s plenary. It recounts some of the experiences from Marathon Monday.

**IRDF Updates**
Below are three updates on the IRDF–related items mentioned at the September 11 AILG Plenary:

**Project Grants by Nov 1.** Up to $200,000 has again been allocated by the Independence Residence Development Fund (IRDF) for “small” Project Grants for calendar 2014, just as was the case for 2013. As usual, applications must be submitted to the FSILG Cooperative Inc. by November 1. Please note: this deadline does not apply to the major multi-year renovation projects that are already being discussed with IRDF Alumni Boards. The alumni involved in the IRDF Boards are thrilled that so much renovation is being planned and in construction; the past fiscal year marked an all-time record for IRDF loans.

**Fiber Upgrade Progress.** The physical installation of the IRDF financed MIT Net V3 - Fiber Upgrade is going well. As of this week, all the building-to-street connections, and all the in-street construction were completed. Over the next weeks IS&T will complete the hookups inside each house and continue to install the custom central office equipment. Once end to end testing and configuration is complete the final cut-over will occur. The entire project team would like to thank all the houses and residents that have allowed the project to proceed at a very rapid pace.

**IRDF 50th Celebration.** The date for the IRDF 50th Anniversary Celebration has been set for Saturday, April 26. Please mark this date on your calendars. A special committee, headed by Lisa Tatterson ’99, is planning the day’s activities. In the near future, Lisa will be sending more details about the day and opportunities for those FSILGS which may wish to sponsor this event.

*Cheers, Bob*

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