





# Executive Committee Meeting Feb. 6th 1978

## Members present:

Genie Hainsworth      Nancy Levoy      Katy Malcolm  
Debye Meadows      Bev Schluckebier      Sharon Plon

## Members absent:

Cheryl Seelig

pres. read agenda + amend

discussion on weather stripping not necessary

Bev look into new washers from company -

discussion postponed on buying wash + dry.

meetings remain on Sunday if house agrees

<sup>+ tutor</sup> discussion on Talbot House -

subsidy discussed

if we don't have enough people

a) give "package" to Burton

b) invite specific group

c) invite friends

new food policies:  
try cooking crews

closed kitchen - Sharon says not much more economical

Katie objects ~~to~~ to mess

no coffee

set up committee to plan sizes of meals

~~proposal for~~ <sup>bring up</sup> proposal for breakfast + lunch stewards

and " " repeated 2-wk menus

Chris suggests talk about expectations of House



bring up prospective Herald article  
announcements from Bev, Sharon  
discussion of accepting 5th-year students - <sup>depends on</sup> numbers  
proposed next meeting Tues 21st



# House Meeting

Feb 4

## Members present:

Genie	Lynn	Michelle	Bogie	Cindy (late)
Rebye	Sharon	Liz C.	Maureen	
Chris	Gay	Liz N.	Marianna	
Bim	Julie	Sue B.	Colmen	
Nancy	Susan T.	Katy M.	Bev	
Kate	Mary	Linda	Karen	
Janet	Robin	Dianne	Donna	
Hee-Young	Barb	Genie (late) ex.	Liz W (very late) ex.	

Members absent: Cheryl, Carolyn, Lei-Ching, Beth,  
Maggie, Joanne<sup>ex.</sup>

## Announcements

- ① House bills 3 wks - pay 2 wks
- ② Save electricity
- ③ list on BB for radiator prob.
- ④ schedule on kitchen door for clean-ups  
& sign up for guests
- ⑤ sign up to make lunches
- ⑥ Gay - 4th-floor kitchen is a pit
- ⑦ House meetings continue Sun. nights -  
next one will be Tues. Feb. 21st
- ⑧ Phone bills will be posted

## Discussions

- ① Proposal to be in "Boston Herald"  
vote<sup>verbal</sup> - against



## ② Tutor

- talk to Maureen about suggestions
- possible to interview dorm applicants - decided yes

## ③ Talbot House

- cost is \$29.50/person for min. of 15 people  
\$13.50 base price + fraction of \$150

- suggested house subsidy

- cost = \$75/night for house

\$5/person for linen

~~\$2?~~

BLD Sat + BLSun

\$25.50/person providing own lunch

- Sue - House pay food portion (all but \$5 + <sup>fraction of \$150</sup>)

- subsidy would be only for money <sup>house mem.</sup>
- 10 people would go w/ subsidy

- should 3 drivers outside house get subsidy?

- vote to subsidize food: 25 for

5 opposed

- consider how to fill extra spaces

1) specific friends

2) then open to general - ADP, etc.

- people going will decide who else goes as guests

## ④ FOOD proposals

① cooking crews: 4 or 5 people w/ paid resp. for meals

② closed kitchen w/ set meal times

③ no coffee

④ set up food committee to plan meals ~~set~~

⑤ 2 stewards - lunch + breakfast

⑥ repeat 2 wks. meal plans



discussion over food budget by ~~\$800~~ \$500 (due to wasted meals)  
prop. #3 coffee -

- too expensive + wasted with machine
- ~~proposal~~ <sup>suggested</sup> to get small pot for dinner
- suggested 40-cup hot water container
- suggested buy own coffee +/or tea = luxuries?
- House buy initial coke + coffee with consumers pay into fund to rebuy

proposal:

for coffee, tea, + soda the House will buy initial supplies + users will put  
yes 24 money in fund to rebuy  
no 1 PASSED

### ① cooking crews

- Pam - work well + is fun
- with # of people, time conflicts can be worked out
- Sharon - will make better meals
- try 5 + if need more we'll reschedule
- <sup>where</sup> <sup>can</sup> would extra cook money go?
- Julie - like to see everyone involved
- Liz - rotate
- Genia - foresee problems - may slide - <sup>doesn't want</sup> to cook
- SUE T. - we have enough cooks
- Chris - things start well, but get worse
  - people sign up to convenience
  - people cooked for money



① cont.

opy - volunteered to put together groups  
- need to try + anticipate running smoothly  
- need to be more efficient

Nancy - more than a financial matter - bring house together

Sue - we idealize too much - people not dependable +  
or responsible enough

Katy - try for a month + then reassess

Lann - did similar at Stanford - build morale

Sharon - MOTION - Try cooking crews for a month  
starting Monday.

vote yes - 22 no - 2

Chris - doesn't like all-or-nothing plans

opy - tired of pessimism - cause of downfalls

Susan<sup>T</sup> would like to be in a cooking group.

- Karen - write down exactly what you use  
in the kitchen.

② Closed kitchen -

suggested 7-2 set lunch + breakfast + kitchen closed

Sharon - doesn't cost much + is convenient

Sue - problem of using things not in small refig.

Barb - limited open kitchen

~~opy~~ Chris - 24-hr. open but encourage clean <sup>self</sup>

Kathie - closed kitchen between aft. clean-up + dinner

opy - close 2 to 4



④ cont.

Barb - suggested limited lunch menu

Karen - don't go back into main kitchen

Julie - limit snacks

Maureen - cannot be totally flexible

Debye

MOTION - Open kitchen & can use small refrigerator  
& replenish refrigerator & items set out on menu.

favor - 18 against - 8 <sup>remained</sup> missed

4-5-6 MOTION to table discussion on  
food. yes - 22 opposed - 2

— introduction of 3 new members:

Linda Faulk - 5th floor

Bogey

Mary

⑤ Chris - discussion of House expectations  
problem of people moving out  
against peer pressure to be sorority-type group

Lann - put off by "crew" group

Sharon - basic complaints of house

prefers cook + cooking on own

Liz - friends (guests) feel uncomfortable

Sue - problems ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~house~~ from

having 50% new people

Karen - time makes more social



Mawleen- peer pressure

Marianna- not social because not co-ed

Latanya- not from co-edus, non-co-ed-  
problem is w/ central area. 4time

MOTION to adjourn meeting.  
passed



# House Meeting

Feb. 19

## Members present:

Robin	Linda	Nancy	Sue	Liz C.
Debye	Beth	Karen	Liz N.	Cindy Cole
Bojia	Kate	Genia	Pam	Donna
Carolyn	Marianna	Mary	Chris	Barbara
Lann	Maureen	Bev	Hee-Young	Joanne
Latonya	Janet (late)	Gay (late)	Genie	Cheryl

absent - Carmen, Sharon, Julie, Maggie, Hei-ching, Widne

## Announcements

1. next h.m. March 5
2. work weekend <sup>sat</sup> March 18
3. sign up guests for meals
4. Feb. 25 IFC Symposium

Hee-Young - proposal to change house meeting postponed

5. give Debye address & B-day
6. meet Brenda

— ~~Cheryl~~ - MOTION - ~~act to have alliance with sorrority~~: NO alliance with sorrority, discussion PSS representative not come  
 Carolyn - find advantages - talk to rep. yes - 10  
 Beth - PSS is service sor. no - 10  
 Sue - hear her out abs. - 7  
 Pam - don't have her come if we don't want her to. w/Pres. - 11 yes.

— Committee to decorate lounges: Katie, Karen, Liz N., Joanne, Lann, Beth



- Sue - committee to look for piano?  
Liz M., Chris, Linda, Sue, Sharon

- Sponsor Dance marathon

Sue + Maureen be in charge

Patriot's Day weekend, Fri nite →

proceeds to charity

campus-wide dancers

Katanyd - pick charity

19 in favor of sponsoring

1 against

to abstain

Carolyn - discuss spending of money later

19 willing to work

— phones

answer 1st floor

2nd floor use 3rd floor #

4th " " 5th " "

Liz - propose move 1st floor <sup>phone</sup> into 2nd

— dinner exchanges - 16 interested

— Cheryl - return glasses, silverware, dishes, lamps

— elect 2 large members + ass't stewards

nom. ass't steward: ~~Betty~~, Linda - elected

nom. lg. mem.:

Chris

Beth

Lohn

Sue

elected - Chris + Beth

Pam



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Maureen - MOTION: Cook (Patti) for a week  
for room & board & no pay.

vote yes - \_\_\_\_\_ no - 1 PASSED

new day for house meetings  
day can ~~not~~ make h.m.

	8	9	10
Sun	5	4	3
Mon	8	5	6
Tues			

- cooking crews set up

- discussion of social members

Cheryl - make up an amendment

Maureen - people moving out don't want to cooperate

Bev - keep back

Cindy - social fee for functions

Marianna - Pika has social members

~~Patricia~~ Katanya - don't make it specific

Liz - develop social aspect of house



Liz. N. MOTION People not <sup>(paying house bill)</sup> ~~living in house~~  
do not get keys. PASSED

yes - 18 no - 9 abstain - 2

- Jay - ~~suggested~~ 4th-floor kitchen

- Chris - consider signing up for kitchen

will be sign-up sheet for 4th-fl. kitchen



Members present:  
Katie, Deby, Gene, Chris  
Carmen, Beth, Bev

## Exec. Com. Meeting

March 5

### Agenda

① PSS rep.

Bev suggested 5 min discussion limit

Carmen - against limit

② Rush policy discussion - put off

③ that Liz, Sue + Cindy should have keys - scratched

④ Talbot house - ~~put off~~ Barb

⑤ vote on <sup>make motion</sup> date of work weekend from Mar 18 to Mar 11

⑥ furniture loan to Cindy - debate of loan

Katie took burden - scratched

⑦ Energy conservation - Julie

⑧ Cook - Patti will cook 1 week + leave

pay - \$25/wk - not discussed at meeting

up to Sharon

⑨ recycling - Beth

PSIC - papers, cans + bottles } ~~not~~ take vote

⑩ Amita - upset because we didn't invite them to a function - should recognize them

Carmen - sug. ted

2 functions

cocktail party Fri nite after vacation inviting

lecturers, TA's, etc. personally

separate function for Amita?

⑪ lei-thing - new food steward

⑫ set up committee for food policy



# House Meeting

March 5

## Members present:

Dianne	Beth	Tom	Michelle (late)
Robin	Genie	Katanya	Maggie (late)
Ganet	Nancy	Begie	Sue T. (late)
Debye	Hiz C.	Lei-Ching	Julie (very)
Karen	Maureen	Donna	Carolyn (late)
Katie	Sue B.	Hae-Young (late)	Genia (extremely)
Carmen (left early)	Beverly	Lann (late)	Marionna (late)
			Linda

## Members absent:

Chris (ex.)	Julie <sup>ex.</sup>	Sharon <sup>ex.</sup>	Mary <sup>ex.</sup>	<del>Sharon</del>
Jay	Cheryl <sup>ex.</sup>	Kate <sup>ex.</sup>	Liz T. <sup>ex.</sup>	Joanne
Barb	Genia			

- PSS. - Janine Goldberg rep. presentation
- Patti wants to cook one week  
YES
- Recycling  
Vote to support IFC  
yes-
- work weekend set for March 18  
Motion to move to 11<sup>th</sup>  
yes-6      no-8      abstain-4  
work weekend ~~is~~ stays March 18  
Bew - try to make it  
contact Bew or Lann for alternative ~~days~~ <sup>arrangements</sup>
- Wednesdays OK for dinner x?  
just put them up - Maureen
- nominations for new assist food steward  
Katie - unanimous
- wine & cheese for professors Fri. after vacation  
yes-19  
tell Carmen who to invite
- energy conservation
- committee for proposals for food policy yes-15  
no-2  
Katanya Genia Beth
- party Sat. - invite friends 8:30



## Exec. Comm. meeting March 19

### Members present:

Chris	Gene	Beta	Katie
Debye	Sharon	Bev	
Nancy	Carmen	Cheryl	

### Members absent:

discussion of rush policy  
bid vs. open rush

### Agenda

- Cheryl - motion - end of yr. rush for upperclassmen with basically open rush policy but extend bids
- washer + dryer  
Either buy one + rent one  
OR change companies  
discuss between Bev + Sharon
- cooking crews  
Cheryl - suggestion for modified cook - pay \$5 to organize + others in crew do rest  
mention to trade people around  
Sharon - alternative: go back to paying cook but pay a little less  
Gene - divide to main cook + aft. cl. up  
+ help cook + set-up  
exec. comm. 1 early cl. up  
plan 2 late cl. up  
5 people do clean-up  
+ pay cook \$10.00
- pep talk - off
- Liz W. key - something will be done  
get the key - Bev
- guest committee  
proposal - guests not be charged under 3 meals/wk  
+ charged for over 3 pay per meal



be more strict about signing up for meals  
having guest w/out being here



# House Meeting March 19

## Members present:

Genie	Carmen (left early)	Maureen	Robin (late)
Chris	Karen	Lann	Michelle (late)
Debye	Beth	Liz N.	Linda (very late)
Bev	HEE-Young	Pam	<del>Genia (extremely late)</del>
Sue	Sharon	Bogie	
Cheryl	Barb	Mary	
Katie	Joy	Donna	
Nancy	Julie	Latonya (late)	

## Members absent:

Carolyn <sup>ex.</sup>	Genia (most of it)
Liz C.	Kate Mulrone
Lei-Ching	Dianne
Maggie	Joanne
Janet	Marianna

## Announcements

- return Liz N's iron
- late dinner -  
LEAVE SOME
- water polo  
games Fri 4:30 - need players + cheerleaders  
practices Th.
- Don't steal food in refrigerators  
label everything over spring break
- Beth - March 29 telethon  
Call people accepted to MIT from  
Bush Room
- April 26  
general meeting of corporation - invite to dinner 1st  
- discuss fin. sit. + continuity
- page in residence book  
give things to Katie  
basically last weekend of vacation
- no meals over vacation
- people who didn't do work-day - over vacation  
or do jobs some weekend



- Katie - Spring Push
  - ① have to know who won't be here  
talk to her or put note in box
  - ② pass 20 openings next term  
have spring rush
    - invite all upperclassmen to dinner
    - favor - yes (verbal)
- proposal: Members not charged for 3+ under  
guests per week & be charged for over 3 <sup>guests</sup> ~~members~~.  
tabled to another meeting.
- pay Janet for bike fund
- propose - get a soda machine - Barb  
proposal - order your own  
Barb check into it
- Barb - dinner exchanges
- Talbot House - Barb  
try to get money back
- Latonya
  - Dean's forum - talk about issues + problems  
give input to Latonya on graffiti board
  - IM Softball sign up before Th. nite C-League
  - A. Wilg ping-pong tournament  
sign up according to reg on board  
first weekend after spr. br.
- cooking crews
  - Cheryl proposal - pay cook \$10 nite + crews <sup>sun-Fri eve.</sup>  
clean up + make salad. Brunch cooked + <sup>by volunteers</sup> served <sup>or not at all</sup>
  - yes passes  
cooking crews hold till vacation
- Linda - tea + coffee - buy your own
- Joanne doesn't want to be known as  
a special student
- Sun. nite after long weekend will be  
next weekend
- Fri after vacation 4-7 April 7  
sign up to invite faculty



## Executive Committee Meeting April 9, 1978

### Members present:

Genie Nancy Beth (late)  
Bev Sharon  
Katie Chris  
Kebye Carmen

### Members absent:

Cheryl

- next meeting April 23rd
- Maureen's announcement about Romeo & Juliet
- pay Janet for Cakes
- return dinner glasses
- announce meeting of cooperation Wed Apr. 26
- talk about faculty wine & cheese
- party - Barb + Genie
- tutor
- boyfriends w/ key - K.H. - Chris give horror stories
- write Bev notes
- Katie - need to know who's leaving
- elect new treasurer
- Spring Push  
  emphasis on transfers
- discussion of why would move out
- Talbot house
- fines for missing house meetings



## House meeting

April 9, 1978

### Members present:

LIZ N.	Beth	Latonya	Konno
HEE-Young	Bogy	Maureen	Michelle
Karen	Carmen	Opj	ex. Mary (late)
Julie	Robin	Liz C.	Linda (very late) 10:30
Chris	Bev	Dianne	left at Joanne (very late) 10:40
Barb	Nancy	Katie	ex. Kate (very late) 10:50
SUE B.	Genie	Genia	Cardym (very late) 10:40?

### Members absent:

ex. Cheryl	Carolyn	Linda
Joanne	Janet	Pam
Maggie	Lei-Ching	ex. Sharon
ex. Lann	Kate	Marianna

- next meeting April 23
- Romeo + Juliet Apr. 23 - 8pm - see Maureen
- Katie - if planning not to come back in fall, see Katie
- Debye - please pay for Cokes to Janet  
tell Barb if you want to get case - pay in advance
- Bev - return glasses to kitchen
- Maureen - corporation to dinner Apr. 26  
meeting 7pm all officers write report
- Carmen - faculty wine & cheese  
first Friday in May 5-7:30  
barbecue on balcony  
sign up when invited
- ~~Latonya~~
- Katie - put ad in Tech talk about piano  
if you want to go see it - Tues. at 8  
go buy Oriental prints w/ Katie at Coop Thurs. eve.  
- Sharon? Karen
- look at prints - Fabrications Sat. morning
- leave Bev notes about houseman. stuff
- Maureen - about tutor  
study break - Wed.
- Karen + Julie - new Bboard



- Chris - Lock the doors!!  
don't steal detergent  
Bew will look into ~~the~~ front door
- elect new treasurer + ass't. treas.  
nom. Sue Babcock Barb Michelle Hee-Young
- house purchase memo board for phones  
on each floor stairwell - Carmen will get
- don't walk at night alone
- 2 water polo games on Fri  
#4 4:30 PLP
- Talbot house - sublet to Chinese Student Club
- Spring Rush  
tell Katie or anyone on Exec. Comm. if moving out  
rush party? - first weekend in May - Sat  
coffeehouse
- ET party - last Sat in April here



# House Meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Members present:

Robin	Karen	Nancy	Lann (very late)
Debye	Hee-Young	Carmen (late)	Bojie ("")
Michelle	Dianne	Ganet (late)	
Beth	Maly	Gay (left early)	how 5 min?
Latonya	Kate	Julie (late)	
Genie	Sharon	Maureen (late)	
Katie	Linda	Sue	
		Lei-ching (late)	

## Announcements

- Sharon - Don't buy things for house without clearing it first.
- Corporation meeting here wed. - dinner, then meeting at 7
  - Soda is \$3.84 case - ask Bobb (add deposit?)
  - Sign up guests for meals
  - " " " BBQ
  - If want to buy colds or stationary from Unicef see Debye

Sharon - Treas. report

Don't abuse Sharon! Her job is not to set policy.

- Lat. - Sign up for late dinner beforehand
- election for treas. postponed
  - nom. for summer house managers

Lat. proposal to have 4

Debye          Dianne  
Dianne        Liz N.  
Lann

- Motion: Discussion shall be limited to 5 min and at the end of 5 min, a vote shall be taken ~~and~~ and discussion may be extended at a majority vote. YES - 0 NO - 8 ABSTAIN -
- Suggestion that members make motions to end discussion.

~~10 min~~

FOR - 4      AGAINST - 8      defeated

Motion to amend to 10 min.

FOR - 5      AGAINST - 9      defeated



- Rush policy postponed
  - Sue's suggestions
    - Early dinner starts later
    - Late dinner abolished & plates set aside
    - One clean-up
    - NO cooking crews - have definite jobs
- aft. cl. up - 4  
 Set 45 min before - dinner - & make salad  
 brunch cl. at 11:30  
 1 clean-up after dinner

Katie - aft. cl. up + set-up should be one job  
 Motion - that we go back to the old system of  
 clean-up, setup by house manager.

FOR-12 AGAINST-2

Motion - that we have one dinner and save  
 later dinners on <sup>individual</sup> plates set aside in oven by cook.

FOR-10 AG. - 5

- General Assembly meeting  
 volunteers - none
- ET party  
 how many will be there Sat? 3
- Rush policy  
 Rush party Fri.

Motion proposal to have meeting Fri. nite after party of interested  
 80% of people at meetings <sup>must vote yes</sup> to bid. house members

Have a 3 person veto.

YES-15 NO-0

- Brenda Pomerance  
 YES-9

will be bid

Room Assignments

MOTION - Room assign. done by <sup>lottery by</sup> pledge class! <sup>by class spring</sup> ~~by term~~ <sup>within</sup>

Room assign. be finished by ~~the~~ end of spring  
 Membership coordinator has final word.

YES-16 NO-3

- Maureen - tutor - invite Evelyn (give her Cindy's room?)



## House Meeting May 7

### Members present:

Katie	Genia	Beth	Sue
Robin	Dianne	Linda	HEE-Young
Debye	Nancy	Joanne	Barb
Julie	Mary	Carolyn	Liz C.
Genie	Donna	Sharon	what about Latanya coops
Kate	Liz N.	Bew	
Karen	Michelle	Carmen	
Chris	Lann	Gay	

— next house meeting one wk from today @ \$10

— work week starts Sat Aug 26 at noon

\* fine of \$3.00/hr for time missed based on 8 hr day

— ~~if some~~ vote on Cindy's return  
— YES

### — nominations:

food steward - Linda Falk

ass't food steward - Robin Woodridge,  
Barbara Masi

historian - Pam Pollen, Genie

vice president - HEE-Young, Bogey, Karen,  
Gay

social chairman - Debye, Sue B.

— Julie - party Fri. May 12 after 8 bring friends  
bring your own

### — Push

Debbie Fong - bid - Sue B. & Liz

Nora Fong - bid - Karen + Linda

Grace Harrell - bid - Robin + Debye

Pam Wolf - bid - Barb + HEE-Young

Nancy Bustion - bid - Chris + Bogie

Diane Williams - bid - Michelle + Dianne

Debbie McKechnie - invite back



p. 2 May 7

Room assignments 31-2 41-2 51-2

Motion: That front optional doubles not be used as doubles but as singles.

11 singles desired - 10 in house

opt FOR - certain classes of room in the house - considered <sup>opt</sup> double rooms in front - pure doubles

AGAINST - get higher priority every year discriminating against doubles also best doubles in house

FOR - largest singles in house

more people want singles than doubles

AGAINST - consideration of squatter's rights out of reach for ever + ever

~~FOR~~

AGAINST - discrimin. against doubles - makes no difference

squatter's rts. not in yet

~~FOR~~ change proposal that if pulled up will be a double

Baub -

FOR - Lann -

1-3 are going to bring friend in

4-6 give male of a chance

Michelle - will never get large single

vote - 14 for against - 14

against

Motion - One sets be singles, other two be dble.

for - ~~11~~ 11

against - 14

Motion - Two sets be singles, other one dble

for - 16

against - 9

PASSED

Motion - That the first set chosen as dble = dble

PASSED

Motion - That for lottery purpose doubles

overedge roommates lottery #.

favor - 0

against - 28? NOT PASSED



p.3 May 7

MOTION - Beginning fall 1978, squatter's rights.  
for - w/out, room improvements discouraged  
against - stop people from moving around  
for - people won't get stuck  
less phone problems  
against - never get nice rooms.

~~for~~  
vote - for - 6                      against -  
NOT PASSED

- Furniture - have 3-5 thousand dollars on budget
  1. lights for rooms
  2. space heaters
  3. meat slicer                      washer + dryer
  4. color TV
  5. file cabinet
- Room Selection due Tues.



Exec. Comm. Meeting  
April 23

Members present:

Kebye            Nancy  
Genie            Carmel  
Katie            Beth  
Sharon

Members absent:

Cheryl  
~~Chris~~  
Bew

discussion of motion to limit discussions

Sharon - suggestion to have short meetings  
weekly after dinner. Shot down by Katie  
decide on summer house manager.

discuss rush policy

have meeting after rush party - 80% yes votes

Katie will bring up

decide on Brenda Pomerance

80% of the people who've met her

Sharon - housebill announcement

Pop Session

Room Assignments

Katie is in charge -  
proposal

finish room assignments by end of spring  
lottery w/in each pledge class

send someone to GA. meeting. Take volunteers

Sue - suggestions

Elect treasurer



p.2 Apr. 23

proposal for squatter's rights  
TABLED

vote for treas.

elected Sue Babcock

asst treas. Election later.

~~Sue~~

phone bills - sign up

will call on Wed.



## House meeting 14 May

### Members present:

Katie	Hee-Young	Mary
Debye	Bew	Julie
Karen	Sharon	Latanya
Bogey	Grace	Kate
Genie	Dionne	Joy (late)
Liz C.	Sue	
Nancy	Janet	

### Absent:

Cheryl  
Barb  
Lann  
Joanne  
Maggie

### Announcements

- turn in key to Debye or Bew with name
- sign up when you're leaving
- storage room in basement + 4th floor
- Constitutional amendment proposed  
That beginning Dec 1978 elections be held every term - Dec. + May.
- Elections
  - food steward - nom. Linda elected
  - 2 assistant food stewards - nom. Robin + Barb elected
  - historian - nom. Pam + Cindy postponed
  - vice president - nom. Hee-Young Bogey Karen Joy postponed till end of meeting
- Push
  - Debbie McEchnie - not bid
  - Joan Ludlum - bid - Sharon + Bew
- Elections
  - ~~Bus~~ social chairman: nom. Debye + Liz N. postponed to work week still
- House will pay 1/2 for paint to paint your room, ~~and pay 1/2 for cost of brushes + rollers turned in~~ PASSED
- Katie  
Committee to pick TV -



- mattress pads - \$4.50 @ - Katie will order
- look for piano
- stereo - ceiling of \$1000



## Exec. Comm. Meeting

~~Elections~~

Members present:

Sharon

Bev

Debyl

Genie

Beth

Katy

nancy

- Elections

- Push

propose constitutional amendment to  
have elections ~~by~~ each term.



Aug 28

Th. - airport shuttle - pizza + salad for trans.?

Fri. - freshman picnic  
party

champagne + cheesecake 10:00

Sat. - brunch - french toast

open house all day

outings

crêpe dinner

hired musician? - folk singing?

Sun. - first time car bid

brunch - fruit salad + bagels

picnic - Fresh Pond

send rep. to transfer orientation

Exec. Comm. meeting at 9am

→ dinner - BBQ, quiche.

pundek - Alpha Delta Phi disagreement  
proposed that all events be planned  
inside + keep doors open  
objections - interference with rush  
I'd be open + negotiate BBQ

Mon. - dorm preference cards  
talk about pledging  
first time can pledge

Satanya - head of I-shit committee  
formal dinner

see Sue B. if any questions, comments, etc.  
about budget

make a banner - ~~Tom~~ + Cindy  
schedule leaflet for after picnic - Becky  
bid board - pictures, names, addresses  
Koren Heller  
athletic equipment - Satanya



airport shuttle

setting up phones - Oprie

transportation - Bev S.

freshman picnic - Dianne

Fri. nite - champagne + cheesecake - Bob.

overnights - michelle

Sat ~~breakfast~~ bunch - ~~friz~~ mary

Sat. tripping - Sue B.

crêpe party - Boggy

Sat. nite party - Deby

Sun. breakfast - Joanne

Sun. picnic - ~~joy~~ genia

Sun. eve. cookout - Pam W.

Sun. night party - Joy

Mon. breakfast - Nancy B.

Mon. lunch - Chris Taylor

chopper mobilizer - Linda J.

Everyone in charge of anything - have list to Linda by Tues dinner. ~~for~~

~~charge of~~  
Fri + Sat plan for 150

Sun "60  
less breakfasts

Mon. - 60



Bathrooms - Sue B.

Sue B. - sign up for long distance calls

work week starts tomorrow at 10 AM.



# House Meeting Aug 30, 1978

Jim Snyder - rush rep. to Jud. Comm.

## \* Amendment

Motion: That all offices will run for one term, except that ~~book steward will run Aug - Aug~~ and treasurer will run Feb - Feb.

passed

Sue B. - brought up possibility of legal binding contract. Will talk to Dottie Bean.

## Elections:

Vice Pres.: Joy Bogy Hee-young Janet Chris Michelle

Elected: Bogy

House manager: Debye - Elected

Ass't house manager: Mary Nancy Linda

Elected: Katanya Joy

Historian: Pam Polten Katy Malcolm

Elected: Liz Newman

Elected: Liz N.

JFC reps: (3) Dianne Karen Mary

Elected: Kate Pamyp. Becki

Alumnae Rep: Gemma Linda Liz Bogy

Elected: Gemma

Secretary: Bev Robin Katanya

Elected: Bev

Social Chairman: (2) Janet Debye Michelle

Elected: Sue B. + Janet

Members-at-Large: (2) Robin Janet Barb

Elected: Michelle Katanya Liz Karen Joy

Elected: Joy tie: Karen, Katanya

Elected:  
Kate  
Dianne  
Pamw.



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Total No. Rented Rooms: *33*

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APR 25 1979

*[Handwritten signatures of three Board of License Commissioners]*

Board of License Commissioners

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Term Expires May 1, 19<sup>80</sup>



## MASS. GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 140

### LODGING HOUSES

Section 22. "Lodging house", as used in sections twenty-two to thirty-one, inclusive, shall mean a house where lodgings are let to four or more persons not within the second degree of kindred to the person conducting it, and shall include fraternity houses and dormitories of educational institutions, but shall not include dormitories of charitable or philanthropic institutions or convalescent or nursing homes licensed under section seventy-one of chapter one hundred and eleven or rest homes so licensed, or group residences licensed or regulated by agencies of the commonwealth.

Section 22A. Notwithstanding any provision of law or any regulation, ordinance or by-law to the contrary, a lodging house where lodgings are let to more than five but less than twenty persons may furnish individual cooking facilities for the preparation, serving, eating and storage of food; provided that no such facility shall be furnished in a room having an area of less than one hundred fifty square feet. Such facilities shall, in a single room, consist of a gas or electric plate, a refrigerator and hot and cold running water and in a unit consisting of two adjoining rooms shall consist of a gas or electric range, a sink with hot and cold running water, a refrigerator and storage area for food. Any facilities furnished under this section shall comply with the building code applicable thereto. This section shall apply only to cities and towns which accept its provisions.

Section 23. Licensing authorities may grant licenses for lodging houses which shall be for the period provided in section four, and shall charge for each license such fee, not exceeding twenty dollars, as the city council or selectmen may establish, otherwise the same shall be granted without charge. \*see Ch. 212 set forth below.

Section 24. Whoever conducts a lodging house without a license shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three months or both.

Section 25. Premises occupied, used or controlled by licensee under sections twenty-two or thirty-one, inclusive, or under an innholder's license shall be subject to inspection by the licensing authorities and their authorized agents, and by the police on request from the licensing authorities.

Section 26. Whoever, being licensed as a lodging house keeper under sections twenty-two or thirty-one, inclusive, or as an innholder, or being licensed under sections thirty-two A to thirty-two E, inclusive, or being in actual charge, management or control of such lodging house, inn or premises for which the license is issued, knowingly permits the property under his control to be used for the purpose of immoral solicitation, immoral bargaining or immoral conduct shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than one year, or both. Evidence that a room in a hotel or lodging house or that the premises licensed under sections thirty-two A to thirty-two E, inclusive, were not actually used for immoral conduct shall not prevent a conviction under this section of a person in actual charge, control or management of the hotel, lodging house or premises who permits the occupation of such a room or such premises knowing or having good reason to know that the person occupying such room or premises intends to use either for immoral solicitation, immoral bargaining or immoral conduct. If it is required that registers be kept, as provided in sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight, evidence that the person in actual charge, control or management of the hotel, lodging house or premises has knowingly permitted the occupation of a private room of less than four hundred square feet floor area or of premises, containing a bed or couch, by the same woman on different occasions within a period of thirty days with different men, or by the same man on different occasions within a period of thirty days with different women, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

Section 27. Every innholder, and every lodging house keeper required to do so under section twenty-eight, and every person who shall conduct, control, manage or operate, directly or indirectly, any recreational camp, overnight camp or cabin, motel or mobile home

park shall keep or cause to be kept, in permanent form, a register in which shall be recorded the true name or name in ordinary use and the residence of every person engaging or occupying a private room averaging less than four hundred square feet floor area, excepting a private dining room not containing a bed or couch, or opening into a room containing a bed or couch for any period of the day or night in any part of the premises controlled by the licensee, together with a true and accurate record of the room assigned to such person and of the day and hour when such room is assigned. The entry of the names of the person engaging a room and of the occupants of said room shall be made by said person engaging said room or by an occupant thereof, except that when five or more members of a business, fraternal, or social group or other group having a common interest are engaging rooms, they may designate one person to make said entry on their behalf and prior to occupancy. Until the entry of such name and the record of the room has been made, such person shall not be allowed to occupy privately any room upon the licensed premises. Such register shall be retained by the holder of the license for a period of at least one year after the date of the last entry therein, and shall be open to the inspection of the licensing authorities, their agents and the police. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three months, or both.

Section 28. Every person conducting a lodging house shall within twenty-four hours after he is ordered to do so by the licensing authorities keep a register. The said authorities may issue such order at any time, and shall do so upon receipt of an affidavit of a commissioned officer of the United States Army or Navy or a police officer stating that the affiant knows or believes such lodging house is being used for immoral solicitation, immoral bargaining or immoral conduct.

Section 29. No person shall write or cause to be written, or if in charge of a register knowingly permit to be written, in any register in any lodging house or hotel, recreational camp, overnight camp, cabin, motel or trailer camp, any other or different name or designation than the true name or name in ordinary use of the person registering or causing himself to be registered therein. No person occupying such room shall fail to register or fail to cause himself to be registered. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars.

Section 30. A license issued under sections twenty-two to thirty-one, inclusive, or an innholder's license, shall be revoked, if at any time the licensing authorities are satisfied that the licensee is unfit to hold the license. They may suspend and make inoperative, for such period of time as they may deem proper, the licenses mentioned herein for any cause deemed satisfactory to them. The revocation and suspension shall not be made until after investigation and a hearing, or after giving the licensee an opportunity to be heard; notice of the hearing shall be left at the premises of the licensee not less than three days before the time therefor.

Section 31. All innholders and all lodging house keepers who have been ordered to keep a register, shall post in a conspicuous place near the register a notice, to be furnished by the licensing authorities, containing the provisions of sections twenty-seven and twenty-nine relating to the entry of names and residences in the register, together with the penalty provided for their violation.

Section 32. The clerk of a court where any person is convicted of a violation of any provision of sections twenty-two to thirty-one, inclusive, shall forthwith send a copy of the record of the conviction to the licensing authorities in the town where the offense occurred.

\*Chapter 212, Acts of 1969, Mass. General Laws

Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the fees to be charged by the City of Cambridge for the issuance of the following licenses shall be such as may be established from time to time by the License Commission of said city: auctioneers, common victualers and lodging houses.



# Alternatives to Isolation:

READ THIS!!

## A Women's House at M.I.T.

by PAULA TAVROW

Yes, Virginia, there are women at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In fact, women comprise about fifteen per cent of the school; roughly two hundred undergraduates out of a total of fourteen hundred, are female. But what is perhaps more surprising is that M.I.T. has been admitting women for over fifty years, and has given them full access to libraries, classes, and resources — unlike Harvard. However, whereas Harvard's male/female ratio has substantially declined in the past five years with the advent of the sex-blind admissions policy, M.I.T.'s has remained high.

"It's strange," commented one M.I.T. senior woman. "Everybody I know back home kidded me about the incredibly high ratio here, assuring me that it would be 'fantastic' for my social life. It's not fantastic; it's not even fun. I've found that I need female relationships just as much as I need male ones, as does any person, but that the females here are dispersed all over the campus. There's too few of us. And the result is that women feel particularly lonely and isolated, while at the same time overwhelmed by male companionship."

### Women's House Proposed

Five years ago, one female student decided that this situation should be rectified. She proposed that some type of women's living group be established. At the time, there was only one all-female dormitory, which had been founded with money donated by an alumna expressly for that purpose. Considered one of the most luxurious dormitories on campus, McCormick has consistently had a waiting list.

M.I.T., which has never been able to house all of its undergraduates, expressed some interest in the student's idea. The following year a viable building was discovered. Although the five-story brick apartment house on Massachusetts Avenue needed much renovation and was partially inhabited by a fraternity, it was convenient to the campus and accessible by public transportation.



The women who had conceived of the women's living group immediately circulated a letter to all female M.I.T. undergraduates, inviting them to participate in the planning stage of the house. Ten women responded. One of them wrote, "The situation then still strikes me as very unique and daring. Here we were, ten women who had never met, and yet we were making a commitment to live together and form a workable house that would gradually attract more women — our ultimate goal was forty-five. Each of us brought her own hopes, her own fantasies. There were so many different objectives and ideas to incorporate. Some wanted a cooperative,

which would mean shared responsibilities. Others hoped that the house would have a social bent, somewhat like a sorority, and would be a place where friends could gather and party. Still others desired private apartments with small shared kitchens. Some wanted the house to have a feminist orientation, but some did not. Some wanted the house to be open to all women on campus, while other preferred

fully operative. Instead, they turned to more concrete issues, such as designing a living arrangement for forty-five women, writing a constitution, assessing taxes, and ordering quantities of food. They negotiated at length with M.I.T., the fraternity on the lower floors, alumnae, a contractor, a consultant, an architect, and the church behind the building. They decided to reject the overtures of a sorority, believing that they had no need to affiliate themselves with some larger, national organization. They were "independent" of sororities, of M.I.T.

The name for the house grew directly out of this independent spirit: the "Women's Independent Living Group," or WILG, was born. The members impulsively listed themselves in the telephone book as "Alice Wilg." And despite the fact that many male students find it amusing to refer to WILG as "WIGGLE," which many of the residents feel is offensive, the name has stuck. Only later did they discover that their name alienated those freshmen from the house who thought that "independent" connoted "women independent of men", or "radical feminists." One older member ruefully remarked, "It's rather ironic that our name could be a hindrance to us. I wonder whether we would draw in more freshmen if we called ourselves 'Women's Dependent Living Group?'"

### Physics on the Stairwell

From WILG's inception, one of its principal concerns has been the recruitment of new women. During the first year, the core group of ten was able to persuade eight freshmen to join them. The women lived in unrenovated

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limiting it to its residents.

It was a difficult, creative time. I wanted simply a place where women would support women, where women could grow strong. I envisioned us working together, each doing her share spontaneously, happily. We would be a clearinghouse of information for other women at M.I.T. We would be friends."

### An Alternative Becomes a Reality

Due to the diversity of its founders and their tastes, the house evolved slowly. After much initial discussion about the ultimate purpose and role of the house in the M.I.T. community, the women elected to leave these matters undecided, to be dealt with later when the house was

PLEASE PUT COMMENTS/REACTIONS IN STEPHANIE'S BOX Thank you

## M.I.T. Women's House

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quarters and cooked in back kitchens. The floors were carpeted with remnants; couches easily consisted of two large pillows which had been sewn together. The residents took turns "backpacking" to Haymarket. They formed a crew team and played softball regularly. One house member recalls, "I took pleasure in our day-to-day existence. Talking late into the night. Sitting out on fire escapes and watching Mass. Ave. go by. Working on problems sets around a kitchen table with butternut squash cooking on the stove. Studying physics on the stairwell."

A corporation was formed to handle WILG's finances. It consisted of ten alumnae and women connected with M.I.T. "They supported us through our growing pains and joys," remembered a founder. Looking back, old members believe that WILG's chief appeal the first year was its relatively low cost; it was considerably less expensive than any other dormitory on campus.

Another attractive aspect of the house was the freedom the residents had in shaping WILG to suit their purposes. House meetings to discuss future renovations and goals were well attended, and everyone's opinion was respected. "We were not all intimate friends," recalled one woman, "but we certainly were a close-knit bunch!"

### M.I.T. Renovates

Over the summer M.I.T. extensively renovated the building. Interior walls were knocked out to open up spaces for lounges on every floor. A huge central kitchen and dining hall were created. Each room was newly furnished. The lounges were stuffed with modern couches, lamps, and tables. An elaborate intercom was added to the house. In only a few months, WILG's interior appearances were radically transformed. That new appearance would have implications more profound than the founders could have anticipated.

First, WILG was obligated to take out a 99-year loan to reimburse WILG for the renovations. Each resident consequently was required to contribute towards both the rent of the building and its alterations. The cost of WILG rose accordingly, bringing its price up to the level of most of the other dormitories, and above that of some of the co-ed cooperatives. This had the effect of discouraging less affluent students from living at WILG.

### Other New Developments

In addition, the renovations allowed for a much larger group of women at the house. The size of WILG doubled that year to a record thirty-six members, half of which were freshmen. These new residents were attracted to the house primarily because of its spaciousness and modernity, along with its "friendly, supportive atmosphere." One woman said that she chose WILG because her parents would not allow her to live in a co-ed dormitory, and, given this criteria, she opted for WILG over McCormick.

Older members were disappointed by the fact that only a small number of these new recruits considered themselves "feminists." They wondered if they were right to have provided so little direction to the house, to have opened their doors to all women. Not having participated in the spartan beginnings of the house, the freshmen were more likely to complain about conditions and food. House meetings, conducted every two weeks, became mired in "trivial gripes."

The founders soon realized that the expanded house could not function properly without definite rules and policies. Every house member was assigned specific house duties, such as vacuuming the stairs or cleaning the bathrooms. One resident was appointed monitor, and was supposed to extract fines from irresponsible house members. The women also decided that the cooking should no longer be done cooperatively.

Rather, core cooks from the house are now paid fifteen to eighteen dollars for every dinner they cook. (Residents assemble their own breakfasts and lunches from food kept in huge communal refrigerators.) A resource person was selected to keep the members of the house informed about events of particular concern to M.I.T. women. A hierarchy of positions, ranging from house president to steward, was deemed necessary.

### The Compromise

Today, after four years, the house has its full quota of forty-five members, and appears to be running smoothly. Residents proudly point out that a new guide to American colleges recommends WILG to students. One member wrote, "I've lived here for two years now, and I think that they have been two interesting years. The initial lack of direction of the house caused a great deal of confusion my first year here. Some people felt pressured to be a social unit, and resisted vehemently. Every problem that arose was as complex as the forty women involved... Although some people became disappointed with the direction that emerged, at least it was a direction! I am happy living here. There is no WILG image to conform to. I go to classes that have 27 men and me, and occasionally I am overwhelmed. It's nice to come home to WILG — there's always someone around to talk to, someone to make you feel a little less alone."

Despite current member's overall satisfaction with WILG, some regret that the immediate needs of the residents seem to have taken priority over the larger issues that have been foremost in the minds of the original members.

One of the founders reflected, "We tried to build a house and make a home for many women in a short period of time. We did not fail, but many dreams were not realized. However, the fact that the house is still growing, changing, and finding itself, gives me hope for the future."



research just exactly what their profit margin was. But during our half-hour lunch breaks the miners would talk about Homestake profits and the news that oil company profits were up 81% and 91% over the previous quarter. There was no question in anybody's mind as to who was screwing who: Corporate control was something everybody understood. You don't work in a mine for five to 35 years without realizing that you do the work, they make the profits, and then, as topping on the ice-cream, they boast about providing you with a company library and recreation room while they raise the price of your electricity. (Homestake has shares in Black Hills Power and Light.)

There are about 1500 miners at Homestake, in a town of about 5,000. That spells company town. It used to be there was even a company store until it was burned to the ground. The stores now have "payday sales" and "gold dust

ther women. we all gathered at the top of the elevator shaft and got our instructions from the bosses who sat in a row behind little ticket windows. Then, and in the shower room before and after shift, we women could talk together; otherwise, we never saw each other, because in the mine people work in groups of two or three in their own separate areas.

#### Bad-Luck Woman

The first problem I encountered in working with all these men was sexist attitudes. There is a theory, for example, and it's as old as the hills, that it's bad luck to have women down in the mine.

Then there was this problem: Even in my baggy mining clothes and outlandish-looking safety-glasses, some men still saw me as a sex object. One guy asked a male friend of mine who worked there if I was his "piece." Every morning as the miners rode to the individual work areas, they would pass around *Hustler* accompanying it with various and sundry adolescent

work than if he were working with another man. It's not fair to him.

#### Musclelessness

Before I went underground, I thought I could do any work that a man could do, and do it just as well. Running a 140-pound drill 8½ hours a day and shovelling 3½ tons of sand in that amount of time taught me otherwise. Yes, I could do it, but even when my muscles got adjusted to it and developed for it, I was still at a disadvantage physically. At 57½", 130 pounds, I'm no shrimp, but I was still smaller than most of the men the tools were designed for. I would have had to work out in an exercise room every day for ten years, before I would have had the same muscles those guys had automatically developed at puberty. I guess I can only blame evolution for bringing my body to this state of musclelessness.

Equipment could be made that would lighten the job a lot—equipment designed for the physical structure of both men and women. There certainly is no lack of technology and capital for such a conversion. But the company doesn't even care enough about the fact that most of its long-term male miners have to have back operations and treatment for arthritis, so they're not about to care if their equipment makes it harder on women than it does on men.

#### Sexist Boss

I found that company sexism was actually much more systematic than the sexism of my fellow-miners.

I was assigned to a boss who had a reputation as one of the bosses who least liked the idea of having women working down in the mine. He assigned me to work with two experienced miners, Ernie and Henry, who had a long-standing reputation as the most hard-working miners in my side of the mine. This, the other miners told me, was because he was trying to "break" me.

your fate was being sealed or not. But you worked as if it was.



Nancy Krieger

#### Company Tricks

Another company trick was to give retirement benefits at a very late age, so that miners had to keep working even when they were too old and beat to continue with the harder work. So the older miners looked for easier jobs in the mine, such as driving the train or doing maintenance.

Since women started working there, about ten years ago, though, they have taken many of the easier jobs, which makes it harder on the men when they get old. That is why Henry didn't like me working down there. But it's not women's

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## Starting Over

the point, we wonder why the filmmakers choose her as an example of shining womanhood.

#### Gallery of Misfit:

In contrast to the two major characters, the minor characters in *Starting Over* actually add to the entertainment. They are interesting and often comic. Potter's ex-wife Jessica (Candice Bergen), for example, sings terribly but is strikingly beautiful and plays the part of the narcissistic and manipulative "rich bitch" very well. The other characters include a sex-starved divorcee who makes a pass at Phil, and the gruff yet friendly bunch of misfits who make up his divorced men's support group. One of Phil's only friends is a pest exterminator who is about to marry his

own ex-wife for the fourth time. Although they are very diverting, these characters can't singlehandedly redeem the movie.

**The bottom line:** *Starting Over* is a moderately entertaining film featuring some fine acting by Burt Reynolds. It is much like a remake of *An Unmarried Woman* with the sexes reversed. Yet *Starting Over* is less effective than the former because neither its plot, nor its characters, nor its theme, is as fully developed. But its major problem lies with the central theme itself. While the movie's portrayal of the "new man" is an inspiring one, that of the "new woman" is discouragingly just the traditional image in disguise. Today's woman acts aggressive, but her toughness is revealed

to be only a facade, ultimately undesirable and silly. She never displays genuine assertiveness. Hidden underneath that menacing exterior is a very fragile creature, after all. We may have come a long way, baby, but we're not there yet.

The movie's basic premise, that "we're all in this together, so men and women should help each other," is fine as far as it goes. However, it isn't enough to sustain our interest and doesn't enable us to ignore the film's defects. In the end, one is tempted to tell the creators of *Starting Over* to go back to the drawing board, start all over again, and this time—in the words of one of Jessica's eminently forgettable songs—"do it til they get it right."

## School

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about six or seven students in the class. This intimate size would lend itself to developing personal trust. When I opened my classroom door my first morning and thirty heads turned to look at me, my heart sank. I nearly fell over my own two feet as I walked to the front of the classroom. The blurred mass in front of me finally gave way to individual faces and I caught a few friendly smiles. Before I knew it, I was telling them how nervous I was. I told them about my upper middle class background and about the development of my feminism at Dartmouth.

By expressing my problems and questions about feminism from the beginning, I could show them that I was not bound by preconceived answers. I told them I could not totally suppress my political beliefs, but that I encouraged differing opinions. I wanted to expose the students to new ideas, but not to indoctrinate them. When one student asked if I expected everyone to come out of the class as radical feminists, I immediately assured her that this was not

The first few classes went unbelievably smoothly, although I still wanted a smaller class. The students suggested we extend the class through their lunch period in order to have more discussion time. I was moved by their dedication. We decided to spend the first few weeks getting to know one another. We then planned an outline of contemporary women's issues. We chose as topics: 1) What it means to be a woman, 2) The socialization of women in the media and in literature; 4) Mothers and Daughters, 5) Rape and Self Defense, 6) Homosexuality, and 7) the Politics of the Women's Movement. I gave them background reading for each topic and then we shared personal reactions. We also arranged guest speakers, films, and field trips.

#### Individuals

The class consisted of a diverse group of individuals. There was Janet, our radical socialist-feminist, whose life revolved around her political activities. Kathy's mother was a committed feminist, but Kathy had rejected feminism. Susie had a three-month-old baby whose father she hadn't seen in a

but were afraid to say so. Fortunately she stayed in the class and forced us all to question and substantiate our opinions.

Another student felt alienated by the focus of the class. She told me that the class meant nothing to her and was boring. She said that her "problems" did not stem from being a woman, but had more to do with day-to-day living: "when you don't know where your next meal is coming from is when you've got problems, not when you feel that men are looking at you as a sex object."

I tried to make some quick, defensive, political connections to our class discussions, but her argument rang true to me. Her present situation seemed much more real than the socialist ideal. I supported her for her feelings and told her she could do an outside project rather than come to class if it was too frustrating. She decided to stay in the class and added an important realistic dimension to our discussions.

#### Problems with Politics

The students had the most difficulty grasping the political implications of women's issues. I had left politics until the end, when I had expected group



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT  
M.I.T. WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUP CORPORATION  
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 26, 1978

On December 22, 1977, the Articles of Organization and the By-Laws of the M.I.T. Women's Independent Living Group Corporation were filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bringing this Corporation into existence. However, Founding Members of the Corporation previously worked on an informal basis with the students who were responsible for organizing the Women's Independent Living Group (WILG) and bringing it through its successful first two years of existence.

Early in January 1976, the possibility of MIT's acquiring the apartment building and property at 351-355 Massachusetts Ave. in Cambridge from the Northgate Corporation for conversion into student housing was considered. A plan for renovating the building into two separate residence houses was formulated. The scheme, suggested by Russell Cox of the Alumni Association, involved demolishing the rear portion of the middle of the building above the first floor. Thus the remaining upper floors of the building could overlook a central courtyard on the roof of the ground floor. The renovation of the building then became more attractive and plans for identifying possible groups interested in starting new residence houses proceeded.

Interest in the possibility of a residence house managed and occupied by a group of women students has been discussed from time to time in the past by MIT women. The possibility of a residence becoming available quickly renewed this interest. In February 1976, Zorrie Zimmerman distributed a letter to all women students at MIT to try to get some feedback on the level of interest in such a project. On March 2, 1976, over dinner at the Student Center, a few interested alumnae and students discussed the concept. Dotty Bowe of MIT had been working with the students and took an active role in encouraging and facilitating the project. A further meeting between students and alumnae was held on March 28 in the Emma Rogers Room. At that meeting, general discussions about the possible nature and goals of the group were discussed and Jim Eacker, who would be the MIT Project Manager, and architects Harry Ellenzweig and Jane Weinzapfel discussed preliminary plans and feasibility evaluations.

Later in the Spring of 1976, planning progressed to the point where a nucleus group of women students decided to proceed with the formation of what was to become WILG. At that stage, the



preliminary plans involved dividing the structure into a 45-student house at 355 Mass. Ave. and a 55-student house at 351 Mass. Ave. The women decided to opt for the smaller house and a group of men became actively interested in forming a chapter of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity in the larger house.

A group of interested alumnae, including myself, and Dotty Bowe, enthusiastically agreed to assist the WILG by forming an alumnae corporation to be legally responsible for the operations of the living group. The Founding Members will be replaced by more WILG alumnae as that group increases in number after a few years.

The building itself was acquired by MIT around July 1. It was decided that MIT would retain responsibility for the structure during the renovation and would turn the property over to the two alumnae/i corporations at a later date. Throughout the Summer of 1976, the nucleus group of about ten students worked with architect Jane Weinzapfel and Project Manager Jim Eacker over the plans for renovation. Several of the Founding Members also met with the group periodically. Marjorie Pierce, our renowned architect from the Class of '22, was the source of much wise advice and creative ideas during these sessions. Plans were also made for the financial, social, and managerial structure of WILG.

By August 1976, most of the apartments in the building had been vacated. Renovation plans were nearing completion. The 355 Mass. Ave. portion of the building was to be renovated first; at the same time, small groups from ADP and WILG would occupy the other half of the structure.

On Saturday, August 28, several alumnae joined students in a clean-up day so that the well-worn apartments would be in decent shape to greet freshmen. The first Rush went smoothly and eventually fifteen students successfully completed the first year of operation of WILG, including the Spring 1977 move of WILG and ADP to the renovated section at 355 Mass. Ave. The total renovation was almost completed in time for Rush Week 1977; after another successful Rush, the members of WILG totalled 37.

During 1977, MIT applied to HUD for a special low interest loan to finance the renovated property. HUD has indicated to MIT that this loan will probably be approved by the end of May 1978. Once the loan is approved, MIT will execute a lease with the M.I.T. Women's Independent Living Group, Inc. and this Corporation will assume financial responsibility for the operations of WILG.



For the past sixth months, in anticipation of incorporation, Katherine Hendricks '71, a lawyer with the firm of Palmer and Dodge, and other Founding Members have met several times to develop the Articles of Organization and the By-Laws. On December 19, 1977, a pre-incorporation meeting of Founding Members was held at WILG. At that meeting, final revisions in the Articles and By-Laws were approved and it was agreed that the thirteen Founding Members, comprising the initial Board of Directors, would stand for re-election at the first annual meeting for two year terms. To avoid the situation where the whole Board would stand for re-election at the same time, it was agreed that seven of the thirteen original Directors would resign prior to the second annual meeting and the Board would then accept nominations for the next two year term. The seven vacancies would be filled with two Founding Members, two Student Members, and two Alumnae Members. Finally, Kate Hendricks was requested to file, as sole incorporator, the revised Articles of Organization and the By-Laws. This was accomplished on December 22, 1977.

The Corporation is most grateful to the Association of MIT Alumnae, who paid the legal costs associated with the incorporation, and to Kate Hendricks who donated much of her professional time in providing legal advice to the other Founding Members.

In the coming year, we plan to execute our lease agreement with MIT for the WILG residence house and to form a working organization in accordance with our By-Laws. In particular, we look forward to a year of close interaction and cooperation with the students who are working so hard to assure the continued success of the Women's Independent Living Group.

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