The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is an important student body here at MIT. It is primarily concerned with promoting the general welfare and concerns of graduate students and communicates with the MIT Faculty and Administration on their behalf. The GSC also sponsors many social, cultural, and athletic events throughout the entire year.

The GSC representative is a voting member of the GSC General Council, the representative for Sidney-Pacific, who brings the concerns of Sidney-Pacific and its residents to the attention of the Graduate Student Council and its committees. The representative also reports back to S-P on the activities of the GSC and other Institute-wide issues that affect graduate students.

As far as requirements go, there is only one required meeting per month, the GSC General meeting, held on the first Wednesday of each month. Each representative is allocated $250 per semester to organize activities or purchase capital items that promote community in Sidney-Pacific.

This is a great way to get involved with not only Sidney-Pacific, but also in the Graduate Student Council!

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The Sidney-Pacific Committee for Scholarly Interactions adds a new dimension to community life in a graduate residence. While social events and parties definitely make a residential community vibrant, the goal of this committee is to create an atmosphere for very informal interaction between faculty and students with diverse backgrounds and also encourage scholarly and topical interactions between residents themselves. As a part of this mission, we have been organizing a series of lectures by some of the most distinguished MIT faculty and intellectual pioneers at our residence. These lectures are aimed at a general audience and provide glimpses of the different kinds of research on-campus. Some speakers featured last year included Professors Robert Langer, Wolfgang Ketterle, Noam Chomsky and Millie Dresselhaus. If you are interested in participating or organizing such lecture events, please look up http://s-p.mit.edu/cosi for details.

Besides this, given the fact that there is an enormous diversity and talent among the residents within the dorm, we welcome activities and possibly sponsor events that promote scholarly interactions among the residents. Please contact sp-cosi-chair@mit.edu for more information.

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We at Sidney-Pacific are in a unique position at MIT, being only a block away from a residential neighborhood. As a result, we need to think of ourselves not just as a new residential community but also as newcomers into an established community with its own traditions and expectations. Sidney-Pacific has a wonderful opportunity to interface between MIT and Cambridge residents.

Sidney-Pacific is initiating a neighborhood outreach program, which will comprise of a series of activities with the goal of developing a good relationship with nearby Cambridge residents. We want to show the neighborhood that we have something positive to offer and we want to be good neighbors.

If you are interested in doing community service, volunteer work, throwing neighborhood parties, or doing anything else that might make positive connections between students and the neighborhood, we would love to have you participate in the Outreach Committee. Please contact sp-outreach-chair@mit.edu if you have any thoughts, ideas or questions. Also please sign up for our volunteering activities mailing list (sp-outreach@mit.edu) at web.mit.edu/moira.
Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority Representative

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Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, Kappa Alpha Theta exists to nurture each member throughout her college and alumnae experience and to offer a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth as she meets the higher and broader demands of mature life.

Founded on January 27, 1870, we are the first Greek letter fraternity for women (the word "sorority" was not coined until after Kappa Alpha Theta was founded). The Zeta Mu chapter of KAT was installed at MIT in February 1991. We were the fourth Panhellenic sorority to be founded at MIT.

Currently, we have over 80 active sisters, and 22 of us are proud to call Sidney-Pacific our home. If you have any questions about our chapter or sorority in general, please contact sp-theta-rep@mit.edu.

Housefellows Committee

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The Housefellows program was created to facilitate more interaction between graduate students and the amazing faculty that we have here at MIT. Programs put on by the Housefellows Committee can range from academic talks to trips around Boston exploring corners of the City that students new to the Boston area may not know exist!

We see our Housefellows as valuable resources, contributing to the intellectual and social life of Sidney-Pacific residents. Housefellows can be any MIT faculty member who has interest in getting to know our residents better in a non-academic setting. The best Housefellow candidates are the professors you find most engaging in class!

If you would like to work with the house government and housemasters in helping to determine the Housefellows for Sidney-Pacific and organize programs for/with our Housefellows, please email the S-P Housefellows Committee at sp-housefellows-chair@mit.edu.

We look forward to working with people interested in further enriching the residential experience at Sidney-Pacific through the Housefellows program.

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