THE KATHARINE DEXTER
McCormick Society

Your Society News for Spring 2008
I am very pleased to have taken on a new role earlier this year as Director of Special Constituencies in MIT’s Department of Resource Development. As part of this role, I will be providing staff support for programs for members of the McCormick Society. Many of you may know me through some of my former positions at MIT as Director of the Educational Council or Recording Secretary. Still others may remember me from my service in the Dean for Student Affairs office, or my ongoing part-time role as figure skating instructor in MIT’s Physical Education program. And many of you know me through the various volunteer leadership roles I have held in the MIT Alumni Association: President of the Class of 1972, President of the MIT Club of Boston, President of AMITA, Regional Chair of the MIT Educational Council, member of the Alumni Fund Board, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the National Selection Committee, the Awards Committee, and co-founder and co-chair of the Tech Challenge Games.

I feel truly privileged to now have the opportunity to provide support for members of the Katharine Dexter McCormick Society. Through increased program support for the McCormick Society, I hope to establish a better sense of community amongst this very special group of people who have provided for MIT’s future.

This newsletter is one of those programs. You will also read about some event opportunities for McCormick Society members in this newsletter. I would like to particularly draw your attention to the McCormick Society Appreciation Event, described latter in this newsletter, planned for Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. I very much hope to see you there. In addition, I am working with Denman “Mac” McNear (1948), Chair of the McCormick Society, and class presidents to identify people to serve as class legacy volunteers. These volunteers will create better visibility to their classmates (or other constituents) regarding the importance of planning for a legacy gift to MIT, and will help their classmates feel appreciated for having made such provisions.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me anytime if you have any questions or would like any information about the programs of the Katharine Dexter McCormick Society. You are also welcome to contact me if there is any way that I can assist you regarding MIT matters. I can be reached at 617-253-9722 or by e-mail at: bonnyk@mit.edu.

Bonny Kellermann

A Personal Message
From Bonny Kellermann ’72

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The Katharine Dexter McCormick Society
The Katharine Dexter McCormick Society was founded in 1994 to recognize those donors who provided for MIT’s future through legacy gifts—gifts through estates or life income funds, to be utilized after the donor’s lifetime. Recognition is given to McCormick Society members (unless requested otherwise) in the MIT Alumni Association Annual Report.

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June 6, 2008: Cardinal and Gray Academy

The Cardinal And Gray Academy was created to bring MIT’s research and other resources to Cardinal and Gray alumni and their guests. (The Cardinal and Gray Society honors those alumni who have reached the 50th anniversary of their graduation. An invitation is extended to all members of the Katharine Dexter McCormick Society to participate in this program on Friday, June 6, 2008. The program, which includes lunch, will run from 9:30am (preceded by registration) to 1:45pm. Tyler Jacks, Director of the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, will make a keynote presentation on cutting-edge research at the Institute. Two separate sets of presentations will follow, including Institute Archivist Nora Murphy, and Professor Edmund Bertschinger, head of the Physics Department, who will discuss two trips he led to Chile for the MIT Alumni Travel Program focusing on the Magellan Project telescopes; and Seth Alexander, President of the MIT Investment Management Company and Sally Susnowitz, Director of the MIT Public Service Center. The program concludes with a seated luncheon. Tickets are $35. Contact Bonny Kellermann if you are interested in receiving additional information. (Space will be limited.)

October 3, 2008: Campaign for Students Launch

On Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, MIT will launch the Campaign for Students. The Campaign for Students aims to increase funding levels for financial aid and student life initiatives, thereby enhancing both the educational and living environments for students. There will be a series of informative events over the course of the day. As a member of the Katharine Dexter McCormick Society, you will be welcome to participate in these events. Please contact Bonny Kellermann if you are interested in receiving more information about this program.

October 4, 2008: McCormick Society Appreciation Event

Exclusively for society members and their guests, this event will provide an opportunity to participate in a stimulating and interesting program as well as an opportunity to socialize with other members of the McCormick Society. It is one small way for MIT to let you know how much we appreciate your legacy support. Mark it on your calendar now. More information will be sent by June.

Do you have friends who are not yet McCormick Society members who would like to come to this event? They can join the McCormick Society by informing MIT of their bequest intentions or by making a gift to MIT for a Life Income Fund. Those who are interested in making any type of planned gift to MIT should contact Judy Sager, Director of Gift Planning at 617-253-6463 or jsager@mit.edu so that they can be included in McCormick Society invitations.
Dear Fellow Member

by Denman "Mac" McNear ’48

Dear Fellow Member of KDMS, to you I ask:
What does MIT’s Katharine Dexter McCormick (1904) Society (KDMS), founded in 1994, mean to you? Was it just another means of supporting our Alma Mater, MIT?

First, let us recall the honorary reason for its name: The Society is named for a 1904 alumna who is one of the most significant benefactors in MIT’s history. During her lifetime, Mrs. McCormick fully funded MIT’s first on-campus residence for women. Her largest gift, however, was received by MIT in 1969, a $40 million bequest so that she could express her gratitude to the Institute for its advanced policy of scientific education for women. How perceptive! Now almost 50 percent of MIT’s students are women.

Let me express my thanks and appreciation for your membership, which allows MIT to continue its policy of scientific education now to students of all gender, race, and nationalities.

Since my graduation in 1948 with a Civil Engineering degree after two years in the service, I have experienced a forty-two year railroad career. Why MIT? I honored and wanted to emulate my maternal grandfather’s life with an 1877 MIT Civil Engineering degree and retiring as Chief Engineer of the New York Central Railroad. My mother’s brother and cousin both graduated from Tech. With this strong family tie, it has been a privilege and pleasure to support the Institute; first by annual gifts, then by a will and life income plans.

With a deep participation and feeling toward two other charitable associations, I appreciated the opportunity to include them as a named participant upon termination of my MIT Unitrusts. Equally, I have been honored and privileged to be selected as the original Chairman of the Katharine D. McCormick ’04 Society and to have the opportunity to share my thoughts and thanks to you as one of the current 1,000 members. Since 1994 we can be equally thankful and proud that MIT has been the beneficiary of over $2.2 billion from eternal members. Today, you are an important contributor to the future endowment portfolio.

In closing, may I suggest, when it is appropriate, that you share with your fellow classmates, graduates or friends, your personal feelings and reasons for becoming a member of KDMS. They may be impressed and seek a membership.

Above Left: Denman “Mac” McNear ’48 has served as Chair of the Katharine Dexter McCormick (1904) Society since its inception.
In March 1968, the second tower (the east tower) of McCormick Hall was completed. I was President of McCormick Hall at the time. At the dedication, I spoke with some amazement about the many amenities of the new tower (including a mirrored workout room and many areas for informal gatherings) and about how the new tower would complement the “old” tower, which provided a formal dining room and a formal living room conducive to large gatherings. Compared to many student facilities, McCormick hall was a luxurious place to live.

My husband, Rick Karash, and I are especially grateful to MIT—for providing us a wonderful education and a place where we could get to know, exchange ideas, and learn from so many great people. Our associations with MIT professors have led to some success in the world of business, and have provided the means by which we have been able to give back a little to the Institute. We have established the Richard I. (1968) and Karla Hurst (1968) Karash Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide support for needy students in the Department of Civil (and Environmental) Engineering and also for other departments. We have met many of the students that this fund has supported, and have been greatly impressed with each of them. Not only are they great scholars, but also they are involved in many extra curricular activities. I remember one particular breakfast meeting with one of our scholarship students, a sophomore in Civil Engineering. She said:

“I really appreciate your scholarship. It’s really made a difference to me. You see, besides the technical stuff, I have always had a real love for serious music. I played in the orchestra throughout high school and I wondered if I would be able to continue with my music. I actually could have come to MIT without the scholarship, but I would have had to take a job. With the course load, I just couldn’t have done the work, held the job, and still done the music. Your scholarship has enabled me to stick

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with my music and still handle the course load. I really appreciate that.”

We were really touched that our scholarship had made such a difference.

I began to think... What if I were sitting with Katherine Dexter McCormick. What would I say? “Mrs. McCormick, I really appreciate your gift to MIT. It’s made a huge difference to me. Without your dormitory, I would not have been able to come to MIT.”

Rick and I are proud of the institute and its special stance in insuring a need-based scholarship program. We are making provision to provide support to MIT through our wills, again in the hope of making a difference in the quality of life of MIT students. We are glad Mrs. McCormick had a vision and want to further that vision in helping the future generations of student.

**Under the Dome**

**Words from President Hockfield**
Susan Hockfield recently sent a letter to the MIT community to share her thinking on the important national discussion on financial aid, the endowment, and the cost of higher education. If anyone would like to have a copy of her remarks sent to you as a physical copy, please contact the McCormick Society. You can see her complete comments (as well as other previous letters to the MIT community) at the following website: [http://web.mit.edu/hockfield/letters/letter02292008.html](http://web.mit.edu/hockfield/letters/letter02292008.html)

**Your Story**

**What Motivated Your Support?**
Do you have a story that you would like to share with others regarding your motivation for providing a legacy gift for MIT? If so, please contact Bonny Kellermann at KDMS@mit.edu.

**You Should Know...**

**The McCormick Society Webpage**
To better serve the communications needs of the members of the McCormick Society, we will be creating a McCormick Society webpage. We would like to include a listing of those who are members of the McCormick Society. Please contact Bonny Kellermann to advise if you do NOT wish to have your name listed on the MIT McCormick Society webpage.

**William Barton Rogers Society**
We are proud to have you as a member of the Katharine Dexter McCormick Society, and hope that you will also be a member of this year’s William Barton Rogers Society (WBRS). WBRS is for those who make annual gifts of $1,000 or more. If you are not already a member for this year, don’t hesitate to contact us if you would like any information about making an annual gift.

**Keeping In Touch Online**
Help us keep in touch with you. If you have e-mail and the address is not known to MIT, let us know how to reach you. This may enable you to receive information that would not otherwise get to you. Please send this information to KDMS@mit.edu.

**Why Did I Receive This Newsletter?**
This newsletter has been sent to members of the Katharine Dexter McCormick (1904) Society, those who have made provisions to support MIT’s future through a bequest or a life income plan. If you are not sure why you received this newsletter, please contact Bonny Kellermann at 617-253-9722 or send e-mail to KDMS@mit.edu.