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Dear 1969 Colleagues:

This letter is to give you a long awaited update on the status of the 1969 Building project we had embarked upon a while ago. Even though you have not received much information for a while, a lot had been going on and the project has taken a definite shape. One significant change has been that we have joined forces with the 1980 batch because of the increased scope of the project.

**Recap of events:** Forty of our batchmates met in December 2003 for the 35th IITK Reunion. At that time we unanimously agreed that we should collectively fund a tangible project that would become a 1969 Batch Legacy. After several discussions with the Director, we agreed to sponsor and fund the ALUMNI COMPLEX.

At the reunion we formed a steering committee comprised of ten of our batchmates. Several of the committee members have visited the institute over the last fifteen months. They have met with the Director (Dr S. K. Dhande), Dean RPG (Dr Sudhir Jain), IITK User Committee (Dr Tare), Architect (Mr. Sanjay Kanvinde), and the Chief Engineer to clearly identify the scope and the associated cost of the project.

**The project:** The Alumni Complex will include:

- **Alumni Office**
- **Placement Office**
- **Interview Rooms** for placement interviews;
- **Business Center** for graduating students and alumni;
- **Hall Of Fame** to recognize alumni who have made significant contributions to the society, received National/International recognition, and prizes and awards for outstanding accomplishments. This hall will also house a media library for use by students and alumni;
- **Convention Hall** (250 seating capacity) to be used for alumni reunions, presentations by visiting corporations for recruitment, and for continuing education lectures.

We have agreed to **display the names of all 1969 batchmates irrespective of the contribution amount.** We will also **display names of the corporations that make a direct or matching contribution of at least a \$1000** towards this project.

Several steering committee members have reviewed the preliminary designs for the Alumni Complex. It will be located near the Visitors Hostel on one acre of land. To see the preliminary designs go to Pages 4 - 6 of the blueprint at the url:

<http://www.csg.csail.mit.edu/Users/arvind/iitk.html>

(Alternatively, click in the following order: [www.csail.mit.edu](http://www.csail.mit.edu) > faculty > arvind > IITK campaign > IITK Building - Project Report > Blueprints > Pages 4,5,6)

Pages 1 to 3 show an older design but may give you some idea of how the building may look from outside. The other information on the web site gives you information about the cost estimation procedures etc.

**Project cost and funding:** The project cost including the furnishings is estimated to be **Rs 3 Crores**. IITK will provide a 50% Matching Grant. After numerous discussions with several of our batch mates and the institute officials **the steering committee has agreed to undertake this large project jointly with the 1980 Batch**. The purpose of this collaboration is two fold:

1. Reduce the financial burden on the 1969 Batch
2. Set an example of undertaking large projects by Batch Collaboration.

This second point is very important as institute embarks on larger projects in future. We have also found 1980 batch extraordinarily cooperative and flexible. As of now they are also ahead of us in their fund raising. But we hope that will no longer be true once you respond to this letter.

To date, we have raised and sent to IITK Rs 60 lakhs of our Rs. 75 lakh commitment. Our batch needs to raise an additional Rs 15 lakhs . We would like to have *all* our colleagues contribute towards this 1969 batch legacy. In case we are able to raise substantially more than Rs 75 lakhs, the Director has promised to provide our batch with funding another project **Student Learning Center** to be located near the library and the lecture halls. Furthermore he has agreed to provide *two thirds funding* for this project. Plans and cost estimates for this project have yet to be developed and reviewed but if our Batch was to undertake this project we would have to contribute only one third of the cost.

**Please Contribute Generously and immediately.** The instructions for making your contribution are given below.

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