Questions Most Commonly Asked about the Senior Gift

Question: What is our Senior Class Gift?
Answer: The Class of 1990 Senior Class Gift is a clock tower proposed to be located somewhere near the Student Center.

Question: How much money are we attempting to raise?
Answer: We are attempting to raise $30,000. To say that's a lot of money is an understatement and you are right to wonder about it. We are two Challenge Funds that will help to pool our gifts to the right amount. Believe it or not, this impossible looking sum is really manageable. Break it down into parts. If every senior contributes $30 to the clock, we would raise the money in no time. We already have some $250 contributions and several $100.

Question: What will the clock look like?
Answer: The final design of the clock has not yet been determined. The picture you received in the mail was created by a group of seniors. Its purpose was to start the creative process flowing. The final design will be created when the project is funded and ready to go out to bid.

Question: Where will the clock be placed?
Answer: That will ultimately be determined by the design. The clock will probably be placed between Mass. Ave. and the Student Center. It will not be on Kresge Oval.

Question: How will the class have input concerning the final design?
Answer: The process for accomplishing any structures at MIT begins with the Office of the Senior Vice President. The Class Officers and the Alumni/ae Association will work closely with the appropriate people in this office, the Planning Office and Physical Plant, to see that the class receives updates on the plans and has opportunities to respond.

Question: What if we can't raise that much money?
Answer: If after everyone in the class contributes as much as he or she is able we still aren't even close to the amount a clock will cost, we will send out a ballot to every senior with a couple of other options including alternative clock options. However, remember this is MIT. We're finishing up 4 years accomplishing the difficult and the nearly impossible. Let's add this to our list!

Question: Is my contribution tax deductible?
Answer: If you itemize deductions on your tax return, contributions to MIT are tax deductible.