



Ollie Smoot '62 on Smoot Day with Plaque, Oct. 4, 2008.

Many thanks to all the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha for keeping this tradition alive.

Smoot Plaque Design: Ilan Moyer'09 & Melissa Rothstein

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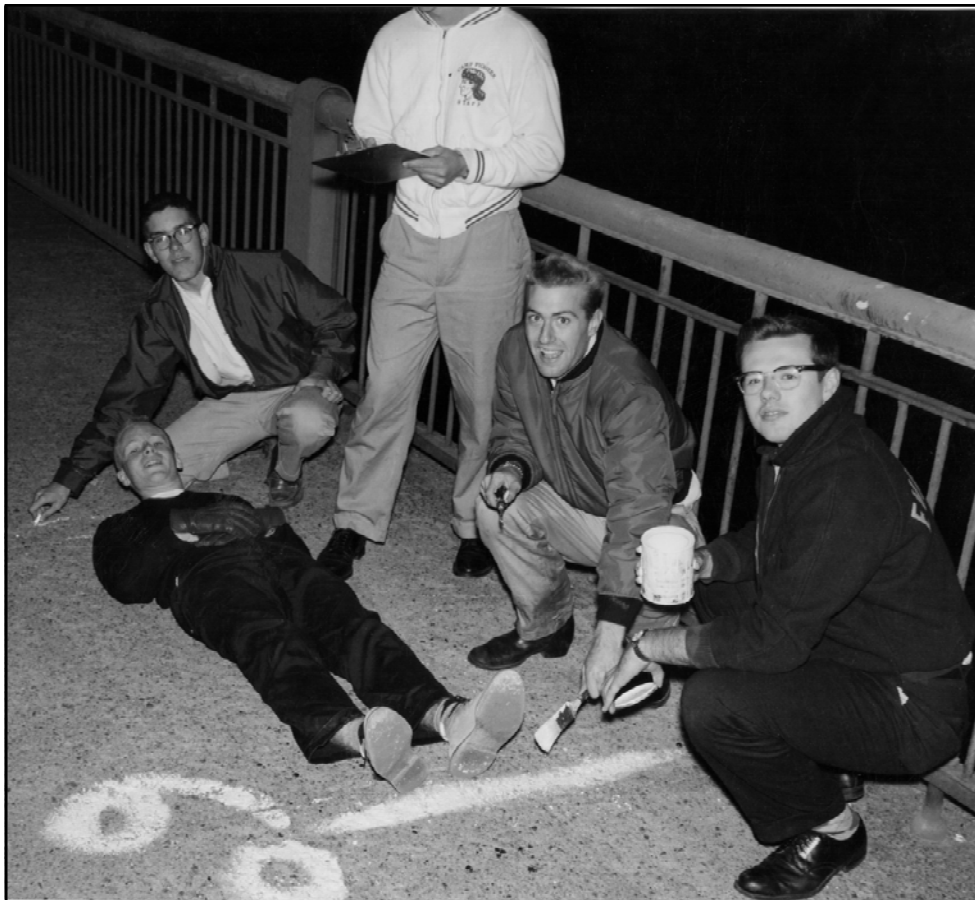
Thank you to our sponsors who made this plaque a reality

In Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of
THE SMOOT

In October 1958 the span of this bridge was measured using the body of Oliver Reed Smoot MIT '62 and found to be 364.4 smoots +/- 1 ear. This provided a very useful metric for generations of bridge travelers since, and the smoot has joined the angstrom, meter, and light-year as enduring standards of length. Ollie's contributions to measurement continued after his graduation from MIT. He went on to head both the American National Standards Institute and the International Organization for Standardization.

Dedicated to our Classmate
Oliver Reed Smoot '62

October 4, 2008 by the MIT Class of 1962



That fateful night in 1958: Ollie Smoot'62, Peter S. Miller'62, bottom half of Gordon Mann'62, Nate Hopton'62 and Bill Edmiston'62; Photographer John Ohlson'62

The unveiling of the Smoot Plaque commemorating
the 50th Anniversary of "The Smoot"

June 4, 2009

1:30 p.m.

Welcome

Jeff Lobo'83, Master of Ceremonies
Lambda Chi Alpha

The Smoot Tradition

Brandon Suarez'09
Lambda Chi Alpha

Recognition of Sponsors

Bob Ferrara'67
Division of Student Life

Unveiling of the Plaque

Mead Wyman'62
Class of 1962 President

Blessing of the Plaque

Bob Randolph
Chaplain to the Institute



The plaque was designed and constructed by the MIT Hobby Shop;
you are invited to attend their Commencement Day Open House, June 5, 1:30-4:30 p.m. in W31-031.