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Assignment 3 – Autobiography  
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I was born and raised in a small, rural town of Newnan, GA. I come from a single parent home aided by the close knit relationships with my aunt and grandparents. For years, I barely saw my mother, and felt more at home in the bed I had at my grandmother's house than my own. The early years did treat me well. I was, and still am a bit of a loner, and occupied myself with various crafts to get me through most days. Such crafts and a will to design urged me to pursue a career in architecture or civil engineering. I soon figured that road was not quite paved for me after a few classes at Kansas University catered by the Duke TIP program. From there, I veered toward a career in engineering which would lead me to MIT.

So in the senior year hustle and bustle, I applied to MIT early action with almost no belief that I would get in. Imagine my surprise when I actually did. Eventually, I would choose chemical engineering as my major because of my aptitude in the subject and my intrigue in the opportunities it offers.

Now I'm at MIT, freshman year was a bit of an eye opener as I came out of my shell. I did the rush thing and found myself joining a frat. I had absolute no intentions of joining a frat at any part of my life even though my mother hinted at it plenty of times. Some reason she was quite a proponent of the venture but wanted me to join one in my sophomore year. However, I convinced her that I could handle it in my freshman year. Either way, I joined Nu Delta and it was one of the best choices I've made. I developed a lot of bonds, established a strong and supportive group of friends, and gained much needed independence from the sheer college life.

Not much changed by my sophomore year. There's been a bit more growing as an individual, but I'm the same old me. Semesters come and go, but I just take them in stride. I don't regret much, and I can only see good things in the future.

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