

10th US archivist to talk at convocation

John Reed, Susan Hockfield also slated to headline MIT150 event

By Rebecca Han

John S. Reed '61 (chairman of the MIT Corporation), David S. Ferriero (10th Archivist of the United States and former associate director of MIT Libraries), and Phillip L. Clay PhD '75 (senior advisor to the president and former MIT Chancellor) are among the notable speakers selected to talk at the Next Century Convocation on April 10. The event, in honor of MIT's sesquicentennial, will be held at the Boston Convention Center. According to the MIT150 Convocation invitation, "[these speakers] exemplify the qualities [MIT] values." The announcement adds that "they can speak to these themes and the importance of MIT's role in setting an example for the nation and the world."

The Next Century Convocation recognizes the signing of MIT's charter 150 years ago on April 10, 1861. According to the MIT150 website, the event is meant to "recall the 1949 Mid-Century Convocation and to celebrate the scholarly accomplishments of MIT faculty and

students." The reference is a nod to former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's visit in 1949 against the beleaguered backdrop of a recently-concluded World War II and rising Cold War tensions. Churchill spoke at length of the Institute's role in solving the great global problems of the time, noting that "[improvement] can only [come to be] by the tireless improvement of all our means of technical production, and by the diffusion in every form of education of an improved quality to scores of millions of men and women."

For MIT's centennial anniversary celebration, the Institute brought British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Aldous Huxley, and other prominent figures to speak to students, faculty, and alumni. Dr. Julius A. Stratton '23's opening address reminded the audience that MIT was "dedicated to truth through science, proud of its concern for useful knowledge, and alive to a new order of ethical and social responsibilities," sentiments that will be reiterated this April.

Amid continued opposition, dining vendors narrowed to three

The Evaluation Committee for the new House Dining program is currently looking at three vendors — Aramark, Sodexo, and Bon Appetit — for overseeing the new system. The Evaluation Committee is composed of students from all of the dorms with dining halls — Baker, McCormick, Next, Simmons, and the Phoenix Group. All three vendors already operate different aspects of dining at MIT.

As part of the evaluation, members of the committee have visited other universities in the Northeast and Midwest that operate with one of the three vendors under consideration, said Senior Associate Dean Henry J. Humphreys in an e-mail to din-

ing dorm residents. Humphreys noted that the committee is looking at a variety of characteristics, including food quality and variety, financial stability, and the relationships between employees and the students at each campus.

The search comes amid continued opposition from students. The Undergraduate Association passed a bill on Feb. 28 calling for a referendum on the recommendations made by the House Dining Advisory Group. The referendum, planned to coincide with the UA Presidential, Vice Presidential, and Class Council elections, will ask students to rate their satisfaction with the dining

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MIT not submitting bid for New York tech school

MIT will not submit a bid of interest in response to the New York City Economic Development Corporation's invitation to partner with the city to build a graduate school of applied science and technology. Patricia Richards, director of media relations at MIT, said that though the Institute has no current plans to apply, MIT considers New York's initiative to be an important step: "We've spoken

to them about being helpful to the effort, and they've been receptive," Richards said.

The partnership would have been part of an initiative announced by New York in December to raise the city's profile in science and technology by working with an existing university to build a graduate school on city property. Approximately 20 schools attended an information session hosted by the city in

early February, and some universities have already publicly expressed interest in the project.

Currently, Purdue University has announced that it intends to submit a bid, while Stanford University is still in the process of evaluating the invitation.

MIT has existing partnerships with universities in Singapore, China, and Abu Dhabi.

—Deborah Chen

Students welcome Grimson as Chancellor



YUANYU CHEN—THE TECH

An event was held on Tuesday at noon in Lobby 7 to greet the new Chancellor on his first day on the job. Lobby 7 was decorated with a string of lights for the event, which was well-attended by students, staff, and administrators.

MacGregor, EC open for summer

Next House and New House to undergo major repairs

By Margaret Cunniff

STAFF REPORTER

This summer, East Campus and MacGregor will be open for MIT undergraduate housing. This marks the second summer of MIT's efforts to consolidate students into fewer dorms to reduce costs.

Baker, Burton Conner, McCormick, Senior House, and Simmons will all be used for programs and conferences organized by MIT, including the Women's Technology Program, Research Science Institute, and Interphase.

The remaining undergraduate dormitories will be closed to occupants. New House and Next House will both be undergoing major scheduled repairs. The fire alarms and smoke detectors in New House are expected to be replaced, while Next House's bathrooms will be renovated. Random and Bexley are being cleaned.

Summer housing decisions were primarily made by the Housing Strategy Group, comprised of administrators, graduate students,

and undergraduates who are responsible for advising the dean for student life and dean for graduate education. Undergraduate Association President Vrajesh Y. Modi '11, DormCon President Christina R. Johnson '11, and DormCon Executive Vice-President Meagan A. Roth '11 are the undergraduate representatives.

"This was definitely an issue where students had a voice through their representatives," said Johnson. "We're there to represent students and voice student concerns." According to Johnson, conversations from the Housing Strategy Group meetings were brought up at DormCon meetings with the goal of identifying student concerns. Johnson said there were few complaints last summer — with the exception of concerns over storage — so "we went with our gut about what we thought worked well."

When choosing which dorms would be available for undergraduate occupancy, the committee planned to have an option available on both west and east campus. Addi-

tionally, MacGregor and East Campus were chosen to provide kitchens for residents and to maximize the number of available singles.

This year marks the second consecutive summer that East Campus will be open for undergraduates. "Having East Campus open was our best bet," said Johnson, who noted that a combination of factors had to be considered when determining how space could best be utilized.

Henry J. Humphreys, senior associate dean for residential life and dining, said that East Campus will still need to close for renovations in the future. "It's not an if; it's a when," Humphreys said. East Campus repairs will likely focus on major work on the kitchens.

The dorms open for summer housing will continue to shift over the years. "We want to make sure the buildings are going to last," said Humphreys. Closing dorms for the summer allows for essential maintenance that will extend the life of the building.

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IN SHORT

The deadline to register events for CPW and festival booths is today. Applications to host prefrish or volunteer at weekend events are due next Friday, March 11. CPW registration can be completed online at <http://web.mit.edu/admissions/mitcpw/>.

The David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, whose new Building 76 opened in the fall, will be officially dedicated today at 4 p.m.

The MIT Energy Conference is tak-

ing place today and tomorrow, with workshops on campus this afternoon and events tonight and tomorrow at the Westin Copley Place. More information is available at <http://www.mitenergyconference.com/>.

Dow Chemical has announced a collaboration with MIT on a fund supporting minorities and women in science and engineering. The MIT-Dow Outreach Fund will receive \$2 million from Dow over a five-year period.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Club sports should get PE credit

I am a member of the wrestling team — the same wrestling team which was recently featured in *The Tech's* three-part series on the status of the varsity sports that were cut in 2009 and later able to be reinstated as club teams. Besides losing our team locker room, access to athletic trainers, and having reduced access to facilities, one other consequence of losing varsity status is that we no longer get P.E. credit for participating.

Even though I am only a freshman, from what the coaches and upperclassman have told me, our practices are the exact same intensity as when we were varsity, and our practice schedule is also the same. Despite being a club sport, we still have practice every day during the season and we still go to almost all the same competitions — including those pitting us against Division III opponents. I would argue, and I am sure that any other wrestler would agree, that our practices are amongst the toughest of any sport at MIT, club or varsity. Yet the administration refuses to give

us, or any other club, sport P.E. credit.

I may be misinformed, but I am under the impression that the P.E. requirement was made in order to keep students active and physically fit. Not surprisingly, varsity athletes are granted P.E. credit. This makes sense, because competing in varsity sports is a large commitment and is physically demanding. But it is also a seemingly arbitrary cut-off; even though the wrestling team's practices are exactly the same as when we were varsity, and we still compete against Division III opponents, we no longer get P.E. credit simply because we don't have the label of "varsity." Why should it matter how students are getting their exercise, as long as they are doing something? What should determine whether or not certain activities get P.E. credit is how physically demanding they are, not whether they are varsity, club, or even intramural.

Defining what is "physically demanding" enough is not an easy task, and determining if a given activity meets the criteria is extra work which the DAPER administration should not have to bear. But I think there is a middle ground which represents an improvement of the current system. Considering that P.E. classes such

as Archery and Stress Management/Yoga offer students P.E. credit with little or no actual physical exertion, it is not unreasonable to ask DAPER to come up with criteria for whether an independent activity such as a club sport, intramural sport, or dance class can qualify for P.E. credit. They can require that the activities have a minimum time commitment, but the rest of the responsibility can and should fall on the students.

Students who want P.E. credit for their club sport or other independent activity should be responsible for signing up for the program and for submitting weekly reports of their physical activity. If necessary, it could be required that students have an authority figure in their program to sign off on their weekly report.

Hopefully, we can start a dialogue between DAPER and the student body which could, hopefully, result in P.E. credit for club sports, and possibly offer a general alternative means to fulfill the P.E. requirement. I do not only speak for the members of the wrestling team or the other cut varsity sports when I say that the current exclusion of club sports is unfair and ought to be changed.

Sam Shames '14

Mitch Daniels for president

Indiana's veteran leader is exactly what the country needs

By Keith Yost
STAFF COLUMNIST

The Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) is not typically a place where speakers challenge their audiences. CPAC is a three-day pep rally, a conservative Woodstock, a forum for, as Ronald Reagan once said during a speech there, "dancing with them who brung you." It is a celebration of conservatism, rather than a serious reflection on its future. A slick politician would take the opportunity to pandering to the army of conservative organizers and activists that populate the conference, rather than delivering Cassandra-like predictions.

Most of the speakers in attendance at the event followed just that formula. The speeches of Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Tim Pawlenty, and other GOP presidential hopefuls were a simplistic pastiche of conservative shibboleths, declarations in favor of motherhood and apple pie, and second-rate jokes about Democrats, particularly Obama.

There was one man however, who went beyond the cheerleader-ism and easy point scoring that so often characterizes CPAC. Mitch Daniels, the current governor of Indiana, did a rare thing; he spoke truth to power.

His speech topic — the ruinous debt that our country is building up — was perfect for tossing out red meat. However, the message Daniels sent was nothing short of a rebuke to his audience.

"Purity in martyrdom is for suicide bombers. King Pyrrhus is remembered, but his nation disappeared. ... I for one have no interest in standing in the wreckage

of our Republic saying 'I told you so' or 'You should've done it my way.'"

Compromise, Daniels emphasized, was the path forward. Pretending that the problem can be solved by ending earmarks or by eliminating pure waste is dishonest, and worse, does not prepare the public for the changes to come. Military spending, long a sacred cow for Republicans, will have to be surrendered. And finally, the rhetoric used

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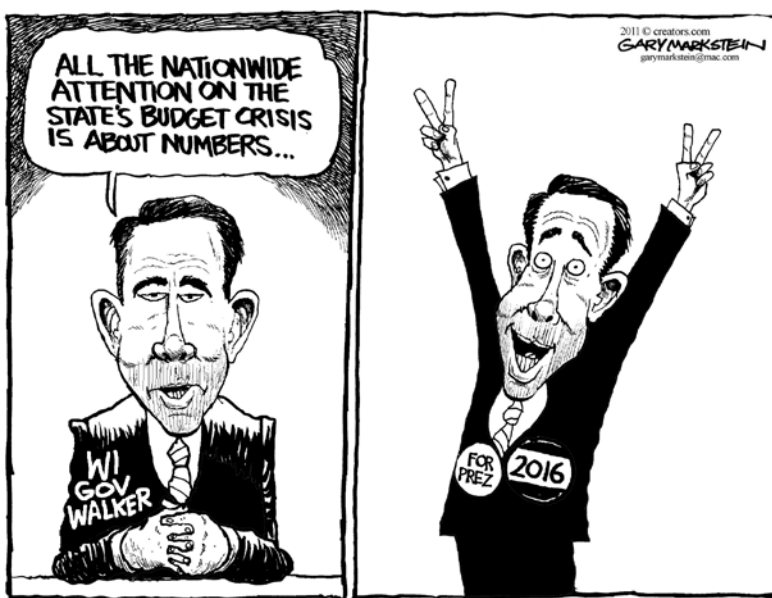
by Republicans needs to change. A give-no-quarter attitude might make for an exciting speech, but it wins over few moderate minds and, in the course of actual governance, is a serious liability. If conservatives took a my-way-or-the-highway approach on an issue as important as the national debt, the benefit of achieving a "perfect"

policy would be more than outweighed by the risks of gridlock and no solution.

Mitch Daniels is more than just a courageous speaker. The Office of Management and Budget director-turned-governor has had a decade of experience in trimming budgets while retaining services. As governor, Daniels has brought his state from deficit to surplus even as he pushed Indiana to become the state with the lowest property taxes in the nation and one of the few with a triple-A debt rating. And his no-drama, no-nonsense style of governing produces results without the yelling and protesting that serious reform usually engenders. While his neighbor, Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin, may relish a public showdown between himself and government worker unions, Daniels ended collective bargaining six years ago without similar fuss.

Daniels is a rare politician, one who understands the scale of the problem that our nation faces, who has the courage to disown ideological purity in return for practical solutions, and who has the competence to not just cut government, but to make it better. He has displayed a level of leadership that the rest of the Republican field has not, and more importantly, has displayed a level of leadership that our own president has failed to provide.

If you believe that our failing finances are the number one problem facing government and believe in a bipartisan approach to governing that eschews rhetoric for real solutions, write to Daniels today and urge him to run for president. He can be reached by e-mail through his website, <http://www.in.gov/gov/2631.htm>.



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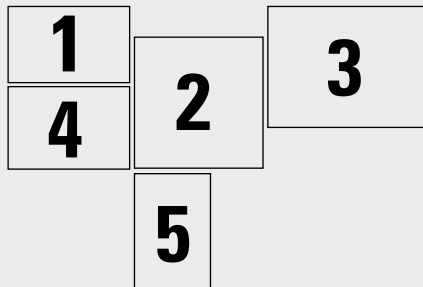
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Photos by Ana Lyons

1. Current and former members of the Chorallaries perform "The Engineers' Drinking Song" during their Bad Taste concert on Saturday.
2. Varsha J. Raghavan '14 and Gustavo N. Goretkin '13 perform a skit about friendly interactions between local college students.
3. Thomas M. Ciesielski '11 commences Bad Taste with the Chorallaries' infamous list of this year's dedications.
4. Burton Third Bombers cheered when they were honored in a brief skit during the Chorallaries' Nth Annual Concert in Bad Taste.
5. Mounds of toilet paper litter the floor of the popular lecture hall 26-100 at the conclusion of Bad Taste.



Solution to Sudoku from page 7

9	1	2	8	5	4	3	6	7
8	7	5	9	6	3	2	4	1
4	6	3	1	2	7	8	9	5
5	8	6	7	3	2	4	1	9
3	9	7	5	4	1	6	8	2
2	4	1	6	8	9	7	5	3
7	5	4	2	9	6	1	3	8
6	2	9	3	1	8	5	7	4
1	3	8	4	7	5	9	2	6

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Solution to Techdoku from page 7

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5	1	2	4	3	6
2	4	5	1	6	3
3	5	6	2	1	4
4	6	1	3	2	5

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600-700 can occupy two summer dorms

MacGregor and East Campus picked for location, kitchen facilities

Summer housing, Page 1

Between MacGregor and East Campus, there will be space for 600-700 students. Last summer, approximately 450 students lived in summer housing, a decrease from previous years that Director of Housing Dennis Collins believes was related to the change to consolidating students into fewer buildings. Collins believes the number of students utilizing summer housing should rise this year, partially due to the increased availability of kitchens.

Last summer, more students lived in East Campus than Next House — the other open dorm — which Humphreys believes was at least partially attributable to the greater number of kitchens. Since both MacGregor and East Campus have more widely available cooking facilities, Humphreys says students will likely distribute more evenly between the two. If MacGregor and East Campus are not fully occupied, it is possible that single floors will be closed for cleaning and repair.

Under the new consolidation sys-

tem, decreased utility and staffing expenses reduce overall costs to maintain summer housing. Last summer, approximately \$400,000 was saved in utilities and staffing costs, Collins said.

Closing dorms also allows for renovation on a scale that would not be possible while occupied. Last summer, nearly \$5 million in repairs was conducted in the dorms that were closed for the summer — Bexley, Burton Conner, MacGregor, and Random.

Additionally, the separation of undergraduate housing and conference housing allows more advanced planning of summer conferences. Because entire dorms are dedicated for conferences and other programs with outside attendees, the space can be allocated years in advance. Previously, when undergraduates and conference participants were sharing dorm facilities, allocation of conference space depended on undergraduate usage.

Summer housing officially begins Thursday, May 26 and ends Saturday, Aug. 13.

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plan to be implemented in the fall. It will additionally ask for students to rate the process that led to the dining plan.

A petition against the dining plan has also been circulating around McCormick since Octo-

ber. As of March 3, the petition has garnered more than 150 signatures — 60 percent of McCormick residents — collecting most of them since IAP. Roughly half of the signatories indicated they are considering moving out of McCormick because of the dining changes.

“We feel the administration has largely ignored our needs and concerns regarding this dining plan,” McCormick Senator Almas Abdulla '14 said in an e-mail to Chancellor W. Eric L. Grimson PhD '80 and Dean for Student Life Chris Colombo.

—Elijah Jordan Turner



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Susan J. Hockfield welcomes Chancellor W. Eric L. Grimson PhD '80 to his first day on the job. President Hockfield mentioned the thousands of students Grimson has taught over the years and congratulated him on his new role. During his speech, Grimson mentioned that he will spend the next few weeks talking to students and student groups, and he told everyone to look out for e-mails about where he will be eating lunch so that students can join him.

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Maseeh Hall Application Stats

	Percentage of Applicants
Gender	
Male	47%
Female	53%
Class Year	
2014	46%
2013	28%
2012	24%
2011	2%
Dining status	
From dining dorm	70%
From non-dining dorm	30%

Maseeh collected a total of 277 applications for transfer next fall. More stats will be available when applicants are chosen.

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