Tradition marks Johnson's Inauguration

By Mark Boletis

Friday's Inauguration of Howard Wesley Johnson as the eleventh President of MIT, clothed in the traditions of such a ceremony, was highlighted by President Johnson's inaugural address before an audience of more than 850 in which he outlined the principles to which MIT adheres.

(Journalism from President Johnson's inaugural speech appear on page 4.)

Procession of delegates

The Inauguration began with the colorful academic procession—composed of faculty, students, alumni, MIT corporation representatives, and, of course, official delegates from sister universities, colleges, and learned societies. The procession, led by Chief Marshal Charles Four Knudelsberg, Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, entered Rockwell Cage at 10:18 a.m.

The delegates were the academic regalia—robes, hats, head covers, and the most colorful part that distinguishes their individual institutions. Representing 234 universities and colleges and 11 learned societies, they marched in an orderly fashion corresponding to the year their institution was founded.

Ceremonies begin

Following the completion of the procession, Chief Marshal Knudelsberg formally announced the start of the Inauguration. The location was given by Theodore Parker Ferris, Rector of Trinity Church of Boston.

Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., Chairman of the Corporation and a former President of MIT, introduced the featured speakers and saluted President Johnson as a man capable of handling the responsibilities ahead of him.

Volpe lauds Johnson

John A. Volpe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, spoke first and extended the greetings of the Commonwealth to the MIT community. He saluted President Johnson and, in particular, stressed his reputation as an educator in the Sloan School of Management. Finally, he presented President Johnson with membership in the Paul Reveres Patriots.

Play at the Young Republican, the featured speakers, presented a new play

Nathan M. Pusey, President of Harvard University, spoke next as a representative of the American universities. He noted the great importance attached to the choosing of a university president, because of the increasing role that colleges play in society. He looked upon the administration of President Johnson "as the commencement of a new term of promise and progress following a period of trust change and accomplishment at MIT.

Pusey explained he was a "spokesman for an older sister" who, like Moses' sister, "stood at a distance" to see what would happen when the baby was born among the reeds. Today, from Harvard's point of view, the institution no longer seems to be dormant, and the baby institution is obviously, doing very well."

Representing the foreign universities was Pierre René Aigrain, Professor of Physics at the University of Paris, founded in 1253, and Director of Higher Education in the French Ministry of Education. As a former professor at MIT, Aigrain said he felt it difficult to speak as the representative of the foreign universities.

Lands MIT as leader

He lauded MIT as a leader in solving the problems of science, technological or even sociological education. He praised MIT for further "throwing its guiding light in selecting for president the dean of one of its newest schools, one concerned with industrial administration."

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Volpe dedicates Johnson as President

President Howard Johnson receives a copy of the Institute Charter from the Chairman of the MIT Corporation, Dr. James R. Killian, during the Inauguration ceremonies Friday morning in Rockwell Cage.

The plan would then be submitted to the State Department of Public Works and the Cambridge City Council before any final action could be taken.

Faculty spotlight

Gurney writes comedies

Professor Albert R. Gurney, Jr. presides a student's comment during his 21.02 class. (This is the continuation of a series focusing on the TDA, pay teachers. The Tech welcomes suggestion for future installments from our readers.)

By Dave Ragan

For centuries war has been of paramount importance in human existence. On a somewhat less grandiose and more personal level, war has played a significant role in the life of MIT's associate professor of English, Albert R. Gurney, Jr.

Having been awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Williams College, Professor Gurney served for three years during the Korean War as an officer in the United States Navy. It was during this time that, while cruising as a carrier in the Mediterranean, he was ordered to put on a military

boasting musical for the crew. This production, in conjunction with prior theatrical efforts at Williams, has the aims to obtain his Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University.

Thus, for fifteen years, in his spare time, Prof. Gurney has been writing comedies and musicals, many of which have been published and produced. For example, 'The Rake of Zanzibar,' which was performed last year in New York at the Cherry Lane Theater, the musical 'Tom Sawyer,' and the drama 'Three People' have all played throughout the country.

At this point, Professor Gurney turns his own words, at "a transitional stage." Wherena he used to write light, high comedy, he is now attempting to deal with more complicated themes while retaining the form of comedy, in this manner suggesting "presidential authority under an ostensibly light surface."

One device with which he says he is experimenting involves asking the audience to assume a role. For instance, in a new play, "Theatrical" and "Goliath," Professor Gurney endeavors to instill a sense of community in the audience by having them imagine themselves to be the children of Israel.

The year of teaching

These efforts, however, are projects of summer and spare time. In his seventh year at MIT Professor Gurney teaches 'The Nature of the Comic' (21.36), 'The Drama as Theatre' (21.31) and in the process of revision), and the ubiquitous freshmen core courses in humanities (21.01X and 21.02).

In addition to being faculty advisor to Tech Show, he is helping one student produce a movie and has helped advise another in writing a novel.

Professor Gurney regards the humanities department as complementary to the other academic divisions of MIT and that teaching process towards which MIT adheres.

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