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Beginning in September 2014, the MIT Chapel was closed for restoration. Built in 1955 and designed by Saarinen, the MIT Chapel's systems and structure needed to be renewed.

We are pleased to announce the reopening of this iconic building. The mechanical system, skylight, roof, and moat have been replaced. The beautiful foyer glass has been restored along with the woodwork found throughout the building. New lighting in the sanctuary enhances this special space. The moat will be filled with water in the warm weather and now features a filtration system. The landscaping of the area will be done once the snow has dissipated. Egress paths will open soon.

Next time you are in the area, please stop in for a visit. Please note that members of the MIT community and their children may use the MIT Chapel for personal events such as weddings and like ceremonies. For more information, <http://studentlife.mit.edu/cac/services/personal-events>.

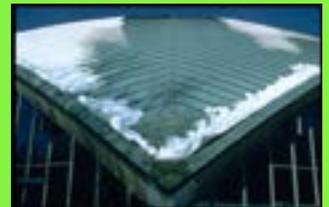
New Booths Grace Memorial Lobby

With the restoration and dedication of Memorial Lobby (Building 10), the tables for the weekday promotional program needed a facelift. Ken Stone '72, Director of the MIT Hobby Shop, stepped up to the challenge. Funded by the Provost Office, Ken's graceful design merges art with function to provide a booth that compliments this magnificent space. A reception was held to welcome this improvement. If your student group or department wishes to utilize these booths, they can be booked with a virtual scheduling account, <http://studentlife.mit.edu/cac/spaces/lobby-10-booths.us> at coffeehougelounge@mit.edu.



Kresge Auditorium Renovation

As the MIT Chapel restoration has come to a close, another iconic building, Kresge Auditorium has begun its renovation. During the fall and spring semesters, the building continues its regular activities, as mechanical rooms are being updated and other work is completed. During Summer 2015 and IAP 2016, the building will be off-line as more systems are replaced, and new window walls are installed. In addition, the brick patio and steps will be replaced. Fencing will encase Kresge starting during spring break. The renovation will be done early in 2016 in time for the 100th year celebration of MIT's Cambridge campus. If you need alternate space for activities in Summer 2015 and IAP 2016, please contact CAC, campus-activities@mit.edu or 617-253-3913.



Music and Wings are Back on Thursday Nights!

Looking for a break from your busy day? Join us at 7 pm on Thursdays for some music and munchies. Groups ranging from jazz to acoustic and from world music to rock and roll fill the lineup. MIT favorites such as Festival Jazz Ensemble and String Theory perform each semester as well as groups from the Berklee College of Music, just over the bridge in Boston. This wonderful program is staffed, managed, and engineered by MIT students. Stay for a few numbers, relax for the whole night, or meet old friends as you make new ones. Everyone needs some downtime, plus the food is yummy, too! Hope to see you there!



Remember barbecue season starts 4/1. For the best choice of dates, reserve early! Yes, the snow will melt.

CAC is currently booking events through 6/30/2016.

Final Event for MIT's Mascot 100th Celebration

It has been an exciting year filled with TIM fun from the Birthday Party to the Beaver Ball. Alas the celebratory year has come to a close with one last event. TIM decided to host a Hawaiian-themed study break during the cool, dark days of November. Our host was decked out in his favorite Hawaiian shirt and was happy to pose with folks at the popular photo booth.

Then participants could decorate a frame mat to put their photo in or make a button out of it. Many thanks to the Team Tim members for staffing this event. Are you looking to have the mascot at your next event? Apply online, <http://renttim.mit.edu/>.



Religion 101

Curious about other faiths? Want to learn more about our diverse MIT spiritual community? Join us for our lunchtime talks on different religions. Hosted every month or so in the Coffeehouse Lounge, we have explored Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and the Baha'i with our Institute chaplains. After each talk, we have munchies and beverages which reflect the different traditions involved in the particular faith. Want to get on the e-mail list for the next session or learn more about this program? Contact Aaron Donaghey, aarond@mit.edu.



New CAC Equipment

Looking to amplify your speaker's lecture/remarks in a W20 event room? CAC is pleased to announce a portable speaker system for basic speech amplification. 2 powered speakers, speaker stands, and a wired mic can be requested on a first requested, first served basis. One system is available. Please note the system is for speech only (no music), self-help, and only for W20. Contact CAC for more information.



If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

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