

**ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING.** The *Crimson* reported in April that two new undergraduate concentrations are being designed for the fall of 2012. The department of history of art and architecture and the Graduate School of Design are collaborating on a program in architectural studies, encompassing theory, studio work, and architectural history, but not aiming for preprofessional certification. Separately, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences would create a separate course of study in electrical engineering, to distinguish it from the five current tracks within engineering sciences.

**ROTC ROLLS ON.** Both Columbia and Yale have reached agreement with the U.S. Navy to reinstate Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) programs. Columbia's will function through the ROTC unit at SUNY Maritime College in Throgs Neck, New York—an agreement very similar to the one Harvard reached with the Navy in March (see "ROTC Returns," May-June, page 45). Yale's NROTC unit will be located on its campus, in the absence of any existing program nearby. Meanwhile, Stan-

ford's ad hoc committee on ROTC recommended that the university also invite the program back to campus.

**BGLTQ RESOURCES.** Harvard College dean Evelyn Hammonds accepted the principal recommendation from a working group she formed last fall and will create a staff director position to coordinate the "existing—and substantial—supports" for bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender, and queer undergraduates and to create needed new programs. The task force was co-led by Susan Marine, assistant dean for student life and director of the College's Women's Center, which has informally functioned in part as a center for BGLTQ students. Marine noted that Harvard is "the only institution among the Ivies and other elite colleges that does not have a designated point person" for BGLTQ resources and support. Separately, Marine announced her departure at the end of June to become an assistant professor and program director at Merrimack College; she did not have a teaching role in Cambridge.



Susan Marine

Faculty of Arts and Sciences colleagues that just 37 percent of students surveyed had participated in the events and programs offered during "optional winter activities week." She expressed the hope that in future years, faculty members would organize more of the offerings; they provided just 4 percent of the nearly 100 options in 2011 (staff and students submitted the rest).

**MISCELLANY.** Harvard Kennedy School has announced the creation of a new chair—the Schlesinger professorship of energy, national security, and foreign policy—honoring James R. Schlesinger '50, Ph.D. '56, a former Overseer who served as U.S. secretary of defense and of energy, as CIA director, and as chair of the Atomic Energy Commission.... Construction has begun on the new \$207-million Allston housing complex to which the Charlesview residences (south of Harvard Stadium, at the intersection of Western Avenue and North Harvard Street) will be relocated. The current site is at the center of Harvard's now-stalled plans for Allston campus development; the University swapped parcels to gain control of the critical site.... James Cuno, Ph.D. '85, former director of the Harvard Art Museums and since 2004 president and director of the Art Institute of Chicago, has been appointed president and chief executive of the J. Paul Getty Trust, with its associated museum, conservation institute, and research wing.... Laurie Patton '83, a professor of South Asian culture and religion at Emory University, has been appointed dean of Duke University's faculty of Arts and Sciences.... Ted Mayer, assistant vice president for hospitality and dining services—Harvard's director of food services for the past 15 years—has relinquished the position to pursue consulting opportunities.

**WINTER ACTIVITIES WEEK.** Students will be permitted to return to campus two days earlier in 2012, during the January break created by moving College reading and exam periods to December, with residences opening on the Friday before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. In April, College dean Evelyn Hammonds reported to

**CAPTURED ON CANVAS.** This April saw the unveiling of a portrait of John P. "Jack" Reardon Jr. '60, associate vice president for University relations and, since 1990, executive director of the Harvard Alumni Association. In recognition of a *Crimson* administrative career that began in 1965, Reardon's class of 1960 commissioned the portrait at their fiftieth reunion. The oil painting by Juan Bastos, an accomplished portraitist from Los Angeles, depicts Reardon standing on the landing in front of Harvard Hall, with Massachusetts Hall in the background. In a nod to Reardon's long service as director of athletics, it hangs in the Murr Lounge of the Murr Center, home of the athletics department.

