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Rave, the new MIT journal of arts and letters, is an anthology of verse, prose, drawings, and photographs created by members of the MIT community. Thomas J. Spisak presents his reactions to the content in his review.

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With elections but four days away, The Tech presents a special section examining both sides of four key referenda on the Massachusetts Ballot — ERA, gun control, the “Bottle Bill,” and uniform electric rates.

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Residents of East Campus will not vote in the apparently close election between Sauder Graham and John Toulouse due to the ruling of a Superior Court judge.

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The men’s sailing team beat 19 other teams in order to win the MIT Invitational Regatta on Sunday. On Saturday, they beat a day earlier in the same competition.

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The Department of Physical Education will hold registration for second quarter classes in the du Pont Gym on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 1 and 2, from 11am to 12 noon and from 1pm to 3pm.

The wrong man was convicted in the infamous Dr. Parkman murder case. University of Cincinnati historian Saul Benison will argue at a talk entitled “The Parkman Murder: A Study in Criminal Medicine” today at 3:30pm in Room 10-100.

Since Oct. 30, there has been a rash of robberies and attempted robberies of lone pedestrians on the Harvard Bridge in the early evening hours — roughly between 6pm and 8pm. According to Campus Patrol, the robberies appear to be the work of one man, age 18-21, height between 5’10” and 6’, who uses a knife or screwdriver as a weapon. Campus Police Special Bulletin suggests that people not walk across the bridge during darkness hours, but instead either walk with a friend or take the Harvard-Dudley bus. Suspicious activity in the bridge area should be reported immediately to the MDC police at 532-1272.

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By Paul Yen

Campagne begins today for the Ugliest Man On Campus (UMOC) contest with eleven candidates — the largest number in recent years — vying to collect the most money for the American Cancer Society.

The candidates will be campaigning today through next Friday throughout the Institute, appearing at any hour and any place. Alpha Delta Omega, which sponsors the contest, will also maintain a collection booth in the lobby of Building 10.

Despite UMOC’s flop last year with a collection of only $1645.91 — the lowest figure since 1969, Project Chairman Jerold Marks ’79 is highly optimistic. “We are aiming at tuition — $4000,” Marks stated.

“IT am confident because of the large number of active candidates who have experience with publicity,” he explained. “And because this year we have moved the event forward a week, avoiding the Thursday holiday.”

William Lasser ’78, “The Foon,” who is running “to bring some dignity into the campaign,” said he was too ugly to appear with the other candidates. “I am zero,” said Lasser, “an ugly, stupid and a complete fool.” He added that “you won’t have the Foon to kick around anymore because, gentlemen, this is my last interview.”

Mitch Weiss ’79, who bills himself “The Spirit of Transparent Horizons,” does not have the full support of his fellow candidates. “I am zero,” said Weiss, “I am ugly, stupid and a complete fool.” He added that “you won’t have the Foon to kick around anymore because, gentlemen, this is my last interview.”

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Geoft Baskir ’78, of Iron-City Beer fame, complains that his friend Paul Stickles ’78 has declined to give any help as he is preoccupied with the national campaign which he thinks will be

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10-250 to be renovated in Spring

By Mitchell Trachtenberg

MIT’s second largest lecture hall, Room 10-250, will be closed for extensive renovations early this spring, but the shutdown will cause only minor scheduling problems, according to Winston Flynn of the Schedules Office.

The renovation of the lecture hall is to be part of a major remodeling of the first and second floors of Building 10, to be funded by the Alumni Association, which will start raising funds for the program shortly, according to the Campus Architect, Harold Porteous.

Included among major changes to be made in the room — known officially as “Huntington Hall” — is the elimination of “low-visibility” seats that have plagued students attending classes in the hall. Details of the work to be done are being withheld until the Alumni officially announce the fund raising drive.

The Institute has only three rooms large enough to house classes with more than 250 students. Room 26-100, the largest hall at MIT, has a seating capacity of 556. 10-250 can currently seat 526 people, but the capacity will decline to between 450 and 470 after renovation work is complete. The third largest hall at the Institute is McDermott Hall, Room 54-100, with a capacity for almost 300 students.

There are several other lecture halls in the buildings, but no other hall can seat more than 205 students, said Flynn. “It’s not a very healthy situation,” he commented, adding that “it would be much better if students were willing to go to classes at more hours.” He indicated that there is some difficulty in scheduling large classes early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

Classes tentatively moved from 10-250 to 26-100 for next term include 6.011, 6.071, and one section of 18.03. 54-100 will house 5.06, which would normally meet in 10-250 spring term, and a section of 18.03. These assignments are still tentative, and will remain uncertain until the class schedules booklet is distributed in mid-December.

A major non-academic group which will be affected by the renovation is the Lecture Series Committee, which usually reserves 10-250 for overflow showings of popular movies. They have requested Room 54-100 for next term’s overflow showings and approval of that request appears likely. “I see no reason why they can’t have it at present,” said Flynn, “but that may change.” LSC plans to use a portable 35mm projector in the room, which is not equipped for 35mm film projection.

The renovation is expected to be completed by Sept. 10, and no plans have been drafted to cover delays. According to Flynn, “They keep telling me that they’ll have it ready.”