By Lee Gignere
You might get the idea that UAP Curtis Reeves was the only person at MIT who is interested in student government. The undergraduate Association voter registration drive was no bust blast and the spirit in Freshmen was all out of the student government.

And at a meeting Tuesday night to discuss the reorganization of the General Student Council, it was Reeves who did most of the talking—he had little choice; only five other students were there, three of whom were Tech staffers.

So you might get the idea that Curtis Reeves is the only student at MIT who is interested in student government, but you might be wrong. Should the undergraduate Association (the formal name of what many people like to call the "student government") experience only a slight re-orientation of emphasis, it seems that it might be able to draw on serious students almost always ignored... for example.

For example, only last week faculty in the literature Section of the humanities Department, impelled by student pressure, opened that Section's meetings to all students, yesterday, students (any one who was interested enough to join in) met to choose representatives to the Section. The Association, with other departments particularly in the School of Engineering, the student section of the master's and graduate students, active in planning and distributing teacher evaluation forms, is certainly interested in undergraduate Association.

This year's Graduate Student Council (GSC) has been banding together to work for better treatment for women students at MIT have been banding together to work for better treatment for women students. Today, students (any one who was interested enough to join in) met to choose representatives to the General Assembly at this point. One would be to "establish an ad hoc government, based on the continual organization of ad hoc committees of examinees to compile specific topics.

The first option would mean a return to system adopted in the late '60s and early '70s to replace the old "elitist" Incom. A series of open meetings would be held at GSC, and other student interests, setting up both standing and ad hoc committees to deal with such issues, with the first and particular, with the last itself served as a forum for general discussion and the dissemination of ideas. Possible topics are: the role of the General Assembly.

In spite of the failure and collapse of the General Assembly, several last years, there have been 50 percent in the number of new representatives, it is important for the General Assembly to get back together open to the public.

For the foreseeable future, financial problems are likely to be one of the main concerns of a group such as the GSC. This year's council does appear to see that it will be. Of course, many students are interested in political issues. They are interested in the Undergraduate Association, the General Assembly, and the MIT Commission. Anything that improves the lot of students at MIT should be the first concern of the General Assembly. It is impelled by student pressure to do something about the problems of securing a voting registration drive, the 50 cent beer et al. No one is going to look out for us if we are not actively involved in our own affairs. The Undergraduate Association could have a vote at the next Policy. If these students could be brought together, could be encouraged to meet with each other and exchange views, could seek each other out in getting educational improvements adopted, significant improvements in the quality of student life, and to ensure that MIT speaks as a single student viewpoint might be accomplished.

By Paul Chin
(THe following reflects the sentiments of one particularly astute-minded member of the MIT student community. It concerns those of the entire GSC—Editor.)

The first is to provide ombudsman service for the graduate student community. The idea is based on a feeling that many graduate students are too pre-occupied with their work and isolated from sources of help to know what resources and help are available when they run into a problem. A graduate student run afoot of some agency of the Institute, he may feel he has no recourse, and he may accept whatever information, carefully applied pressure, or referral to people helping somehow without a job, help to, help, can you wonder. So, if you're a graduate student with a problem, and you refer to in the Technical Review, it's just you, ta Tom Wilson at x3-2195, and she'll probably know of someone with a similar problem, and try to solve your particular brand of problem.

The second is to set up, in cooperation with Tech Wired, a thesis typing referral service. The standard rate, lower than those currently available, will be negotiated by GSC, and a pool of qualified students will be available to type the thesis. It is hoped to call the GSC Office, at x3-2195 and be referred to one of these students. The student will not be gouged and knowing the person doing his typing needs the money as much as he does.

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