Reeves advocates GA plan

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student government," commented Reeves. He feels that it can be useful to "facilitate tangents."

The General Assembly has not met in more than a year, Reeves noted that he has intended to revive the GA, but in a meaningful role. To do this, he feels that it is necessary to define the limitations of the role of the GA. He noted that before its disintegration, the GA often got deeply involved in issues such as national politics which he feels lay far beyond its scope of influence, resulting in a loss of interest in GA by the rest of the student body. "It was a waste, because GA did not evaluate itself," Reeves stated.

Reeves took a realistic view in dealing with the problems involved in reestablishing the GA. He noted that before its disintegration, the GA had elected reps by the deadline he had set for today.

Reeves stressed the fact that the GA must necessarily maintain a close watch on what the faculty does, since "the faculty looks at questions that regard students, they make the most important decisions, and [student] contact is more with them." Pointing out that there were already students on faculty committees, Lee Gigueres '73, editor-in-chief of The Tech, raised the issue that students could probably work more effectively within the existing faculty structure. According to Reeves, this would not be as adequate a solution, as it would not offer a vehicle for the handling of non-academic problems.

"The only power that students have is influence," the UAP admitted. However, he remarked that the Institute is "generally favorable" to ideas if they have been thoroughly thought through.

"A lot of people are turned off by things they feel they have no control over, when actually they can have some effect," Reeves added.

He remarked that he would like to see a publicity committee set up to keep students informed of faculty meetings and hearings, as well as student committees. He also noted that he would like to have a social committee established.

Before 1969, the sole student legislative body was the General Assembly, which at the time consisted of the same people who now make up the Executive Board; officers and committee chairs. In 1969 the elected GA was instituted, and remained the legislative body until it fell into disuse in September, 1971.

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