To the Editor:
I thought you would be able to find a use for the following quote from Clark Kerr's 1963 book The State of the University, p. 89:

"An almost ideal location for a modern university is to be sandwiched between a middle-class district on one way and an old manufacturing area on the other. Such a campus, though surrounded by smog and industrial park - so that the students may live in the one and the faculty consult in the other, N.I.T., finds itself happily enmeshed between the decaying neighborhoods of Cambridge and Technology Square."

By Curtis Reeves

Well, another election is finally over. We've had the last turns of any election in years. Where do we go from here?

If little is said or done in the name of student government over the next year, whose fault is it? How much blame can we put on our newly elected officers? The UAP and the UA are not the only ones to blame if student government becomes ineffectual. Student government is potentially the strongest mechanism for reform that the students have. Yet, its potential power lies dormant, seemingly because few people understand where the power of student government lies. It is the classic example of not seeing the forest for the trees. Student power does not lie within the whims of one or two officers who may, indeed should, have good relations with the deans and other administrators. Student power, that elusive commodity, lies within the student body, by virtue of sheer numbers and the power of numbers. The success of the government depends upon the combined efforts of the component individuals.

Maybe you're wrong to expect student officers to do a little extra work to make things better. But so many people complain about problems that you'd think a few of them would get together and start looking for solutions.

How satisfied are you with your environment? Would you spend a few hours talking to people, writing proposals, contributing ideas to make your environment better? The UA office has the potential for being an excellent referral service for finding out who, if anybody, is working on solving the problem that you're interested in. It's up to you to make it work.

No one will know what your complaints are if you don't voice them, just as no one will know how to help solve the problems if you don't think that it's important enough to merit your attention.

Over 1600 people voted last Wednesday. Is that where your interest in student government stems? Is that where your duty stops?