Recent actions on the part of Undergraduate Association President Peter Berke have led to the conclusion that he has not accepted the responsibilities of his office and should therefore be impeached and removed from office by the Undergraduate student body.

The latest of Berke's long string of un-presidential initiatives consisted of his sending a letter to several members of the Board of Directors of The Tech appealing to them to hire the recrunteer "General Assembly execute committee" in what was clearly a faceless request to a serious editorial in last Tuesday's issue.

By refusing to call the General Assembly together, Berke has revealed his disdain for student governance by responsible participation of representatives of the student body in the decision-making process on campus. His letter to The Tech, which is to place the responsibility of convening the GA on certain members of the newspaper, is evidence of the cavalier attitude which has pervaded Berke's administration since his election in April.

Berke is in our opinion guilty of the following actions and inactions which taken together constitute a strong case for his impeachment:

- He has refused to convene the General Assembly.
- He has consistently refused to accept his role as spokesman for the undergraduate students. Berke was not in attendance at the last faculty meeting, at which the controversial drop date proposal was discussed, even though the Undergraduate Association President is the only undergraduate automatically allowed to speak at faculty meetings. In addition, Berke made only weak and undefined statements on the final day of the last May's Writing Program debate.
- He has displayed a condescending and unresponsive attitude towards the members of the student body, going so far as to state publicly in class that students are no longer welcome to comment to him concerning the Dean's office and the state of the undergraduates.

Under the procedures outlined in Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Executive Committee of the UA, the procedure would be removed by a two-thirds vote in favor of impeachment, in a referendum held upon petition of 20 per cent of the undergraduates.

We believe that those who have effective student government at MIT should begin this process immediately.

**In the news**

**Green Bldg. roof: attainable?**

By Michael Heaney

The top of the Green Building has been a source of fascination to many MIT students for years. Attempts to gain entrance to the roof are made almost every night. It was one night last week that this reporter was taken on a tour of the roof by a Campus Patrol sergeant from the night shift. We proceeded through the tunnels from Building 56 (the Green Building's lock cylinders had been off-the-mill keys in them), via the elevator to the 18th floor, and then took the stairs to the 19th.

The cylinder in the door had been recently pried out with a crowbar, leaving no lock; the sergeant opened it with his finger. The second door was not locked, and after a flight of stairs we were on the roof 30 seconds after the first door's alarm would have been heard at Campus Patrol headquarters on the second floor of the du Pont Gymnasium building. It is possible to get to the roof from the 19th floor, which contains Physical Plant equipment, but this door is locked and equipped with an alarm.

An elevator runs from the 18th floor to the roof, operated by keys and alarmed much like the doors. A notice on the wall notes: "This elevator is controlled by a timer and operates only on weekdays. After 5pm and on weekend it is inoperable by any means."

The doors at the top of the stairwell is sealed shut from the outside, with no keyholes or doorbells on the inside.

According to Sergeant Molinare of the Campus Patrol, there have been no major security problems with the alarm system. Within 30 seconds to two minutes, of an alarm sounding, the sergeant, the CP would be right there.

Most of the students caught on the roof claim that the door was left open. In the past, students have picked the locks, pried out the cylinders, or used duplicate keys to get to the roof. On the roof are meteorological equipment, a radar dome, radio equipment, a crew's nest, a few offices, and air conditioning equipment. Students aren't allowed on the roof for several reasons. Some of the equipment on the roof is expensive, and vandalism is feared. The roof is considered to be unsafe, and a strong wind could knock someone off balance, especially if they were

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