ASAl must learn lessons

Despite the admirable intent of present Association of Student
Dues (ASD) leaders to provide new sources of funds for stu-

dent activities, their performance in the past three weeks has
evolved into charges of nepotism, incompetence, and out-

right inefficiency. Following the active campaign

pledges of President Sam Austin '93 and '92 and colleagues Ar-

nold U. '93 and Andrew '93, the ASD is reported to have

certainly succeeded in becoming more visible — but not for

the reasons its officers should want, and not in the way MIT

student activists desire.

Last Wednesday the ASA General Body unanimously

voted to censure the Executive Committee for "assuming the

leadership and jurisdiction of the A.S.A.." The organization's

constitution decrees the Executive Committee is only "the ad-
nominal and judicial officer of the A.S.A.. The Exec-

utive Committee and the full ASA may disagree on substantive

and policy decisions but, however, may not encroach on one

another's jurisdiction.

Once the ASD members realize they have made

decisions conflicting with the will of the General Body, they

must not resort to inept procedural machinations to

salvage unpopular policies. Arnold Contreras's decision to

remove to adjourn and call, for example, "when it becomes

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