Eight attend GA meeting

By Bert S. Kalkski
The Undergraduate Association (UA) General Assembly (GA) held its first meeting of the term last eight, attended by only seven GA representatives with UA President Kenneth H. Segel '83 and GA Floor Leader Shiva Ayyadurai '83 absent.

"I was busy working on a letter for the tuition riot committee," Segel explained. "I had totally forgotten about the meeting."

"My reasons for not coming are that the position of GA floor leader serves no purpose but to distribute the agenda," commented Ayyadurai.

The overall reform of all student government is needed if the GA is to meaning anything," he continued. "In no sense is the GA a parliamentary form of government."

Last night's meeting marked the second time this year the General Assembly has failed to conduct business at a regularly scheduled meeting. Only 16 GA members attended the body's Nov. 4, meeting.

The attendance of 25 GA members is required to meet quorum. The GA should be comprised of over 25, according to members.

Residents of MacGregor House and New West Campus Houses did not receive agendas, according to GA representatives from those dormitories. Other representatives said they received the agenda Wednesday night.

David J. Serminsh '83, wearing plastic eyeglasses, now has a mustache, was unofficially installed as UA vice president at the meeting, replacing Kenneth J. McIvor '83, who resigned.

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Council rejects ban on MIT apartments

By David W. Bower
An attempt to regulate university-affiliated housing failed to pass the Cambridge City Council last month, according to Walter L. Milne, special assistant to the president for urban relations.

The Cambridge City Council voted January 17 not to approve a zoning amendment which would have required permits such as MIT and Harvard from operating residences for faculty, employees and students in certain areas of the city.

MIT owns 154 apartments in eight locations around Cambridge. MIT faculty, staff and students lease 72 percent of the apartments.

The amendment, sponsored by city council member David Sullivan, ran strong opposition from both city officials and the university. Councillor Francis Dubeau opposed the motion because he questioned its legality. The city's planning board also recommended voting against the regulation.

The ban would not prohibit MIT from creating residential property in certain areas but would instead prohibit MIT from rezoning existing units.

The city council, said Milne, "was "on thin ice" by proposing an affiliate housing ban. Milne spoke to the council and the planning board describing the amendment as "discriminatory" toward the affiliates, and argued the burden would inevitably fall on the individual and not the property owner.

The universities' purchase of property for affiliate housing, the city claims, mitigates the low-income housing shortage in Cambridge. Some council members (Please turn to page 10)