To the Editor:

I think the editorial holding Shiva Ayyadurai and Kenneth Segel responsible for the failures of the entire General Assembly — the lack of general attendance and overall concern — was too harsh. It is always easy to say one or two individuals are at fault for the failures of a group. In some cases, such people can be held responsible, but this is not one of those cases. This is a case where the serious flaws of the student government system are coming to light through the actions of persons who are able to act when they see something is wrong. I am referring specifically to Mr. Ayyadurai’s explanation of his absence, which I found to be admirable and justifiable, if anything he should be commended for speaking out.

The problems with the General Assembly and the whole of the Undergraduate Association cannot be solved by pointing to a few and giving them the blame. Everyone should rethink and restructure the present organization, if necessary. The shameful thing is not that only seven out of a hundred or so GA members failed to attend, but that of that absent minority, only two had anything to say about it.

Harry Newman ’83

Ayyadurai faults news, editorial “defecation”

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I set the agenda and gave it to the UA secretary to type and get copied, on Monday afternoon. As a result of the snowstorm, however, I was only able to pick up the agendas on Tuesday morning. I distributed the agenda to all fraternity on the UA list. Realizing that the agendas might arrive late to some GA representatives in the dorms, I asked some individuals who lived in those dorms to distribute them. Unfortunately, some of them failed to. I take full responsibility for some dorms failed to receive agendas and others receiving them failed to. I made up the agenda and sent it to the UA secretary to deliver agendas to the GA list. Because of my actions as editor, I was referring specifically to Mr. Ayyadurai’s explanation of his absence, which I found to be admirable and justifiable, if anything he should be commended for speaking out.

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Shiva Ayyadurai ’85

Editor’s note: Ayyadurai is a candidate for the office of Undergraduate Association President.

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