MIT students have traditionally regarded student government as an arena of a joke, an ineffectual, effete organization operating primarily to effect improvements in the resumes of its officials. The Undergraduate Association has, in the past year, shown signs of its own potential to recognize student government as an arena where students can effectively manage the resources of their body.

Several candidates in this year’s Undergraduate Association election campaign have recognized the need for reform of the General Assembly and the broader governmental structure. Their proposals, however, fail to meet the challenge of truly representative student government, or its successor, must hold sole authority over the resources of the student body.

Representative to Institute committees, to recognize student government’s demise. Now Avvadurai attempts to capitalize on that failure to address the problems of the Undergraduate Association. Ayyadurai’s reform proposals immediately follow the aciemci year. The current market situation is quite unstable; actual decreases in demand could send prices plummeting in the same way that small increases in demand sent prices skyrocketing in 1979.

Second, an oil import tariff would not be a burden on the American public, because it would be offset by recent and future oil price reductions. In fact, it would be a boon to our economy: the $10 billion in average reductions would therefore fail to address, the fundamental deficiencies in the structure of our student government.

The Academic Council, as currently constituted, is unwieldy, and more significantly, powerless. The body is too large to act efficiently or even to convene plenarily—apart from the repeated lowering of quorum requirements.

The purview of student government is to ensure the equitable and reasonable use and distribution of the collective resources of the student body; the General Assembly is powerless to execute that essential role.

Student government at MIT should change,” presidential candidates John Brown, A. Radlauer ’84, and Andrew H. Freedman ’84 have said in well-publicized, “quick and effective” meetings. Radlauer’s shallow platform differs little from that of candidate Sarah J. Sprung ’85. Radlauer, however, alone among the six candidates for the Undergraduate Assembly, can work,*’ he identifies broad areas of student participation, claiming it improper, and the Academic Council meetings. His aims are admirable, if unrealistic: to significantly-address the problems of the Undergraduate Association rather than to inject one into submission by brute reprisal. And one of my sentiments was described as “ut- lierly by a dictator of a totalitarian regime.” I was guilty, accord- ingly modified in my presence. Until recently, OPEC nations have monopolized the essential role.

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