When, Where, and How to Vote
Polls for paper ballots are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 8; Tuesday, March 9; and Wednesday, March 10. Students must present a valid MIT Undergraduate Student ID. Electronic voting will take place through midnight Tuesday, March 9. (See below for more information.)

Preferential Balloting
Preferential voting is a system whereby the second, third, etc., preference of a voter can be taken into account if his favorite candidate is eliminated from consideration. Voters are instructed to indicate their first preference, second preference, etc., on their ballots. Ballots are sorted by first choices. If no candidate has received a simple majority, the ballots of the weakest candidate are resent according to the second preference indicated. Ballots with no second or subsequent preferences listed are rejected.

If, after this sort, no candidate has a simple majority, the process continues; each time the smallest pile is redistributed according to the next lower indicated choice.

It is important to remember: your first candidate's chances are not affected when you indicate subsequent choices. The subsequent choices will only be examined if your favorite has been eliminated.

Write-in Candidates
Any undergraduate student is eligible for election to the Undergraduate Association. A write-in must receive at least 5 percent of the votes cast to be elected.

Voters are not restricted to choose among candidates listed on the ballot. A voter may write on the ballot the name of any undergraduate. A write-in must receive at least 5 percent of the votes cast to be elected. Any undergraduate student is eligible for election to an office. The Election Commission requires a write-in candidate to sign a statement, before taking office, that he or she is responsible for selecting a student to fill the vacant position.

Electronic Voting
The Undergraduate Association and the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs are proud to introduce electronic voting to the MIT campus. It is the hope of the Election Commission and the Dean that providing both electronic and paper voting options will make the electoral process more accessible and convenient.

All eligible voters with Athena accounts can log in to a workstation in person or through dialup and type a few simple commands to cast a ballot in the 1993 UA General Election. Voting on Athena will be allowed for forty-eight continuous hours, starting after midnight of Monday, March 8, 1993. For those who prefer, paper ballots will be available at various ballot box locations on Wednesday, March 10, 1993.

To vote on Athena, type:

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athena% vote
athena% add ua
athena% vote
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If you log in through a dialup machine, you will not want to receive any Zephyrgrams while you are voting. To introduce electronic voting to the MIT campus. It is important to remember: your first candidate's chances are not affected when you indicate subsequent choices. The subsequent choices will only be examined if your favorite has been eliminated.

The Integrity of the Voting System and the Privacy of its Information are of Prime Importance to the Election Commission and to the Dean. Anyone attempting, or even tampering with the system, including voting for someone else without his/her permission, is unacceptable and will be taken very seriously.

Anthony Gastelum & Zohar Sachs
If you think the UA is irrelevant in its current form, you're right. But if you think that MIT's problems don't affect you personally, you're wrong. Until now, the UA has been a completely irrelevant, self-absorbed body. Gastelum-Sachs will take the initiative needed to change the UA into an active channel of communication between the student body and MIT. We will change the UA from an insular, advisory group into one that will actively and effectively advocate the interests of the undergraduates to the administration.

Hans C. Godfrey & Anne S. Tao
People often comment on how ineffective the UA is, but never seem to question why this is so. Although there are a number of reasons for the UA's problems, we feel that it boils down to one item: effective leadership. Having served in various UA positions, we have had time to learn from mistakes, make contacts in both the other student organizations and the MIT administration, and most importantly, discover what mechanisms work and getting things done at this unique school. The UAP and UAVP need to act as both the collective voice of the undergraduates and the interpreters of Institute jargon. It is vital that the people occupying these positions have concrete experience in dealing with issues that affect the undergraduate populace. It's time to change the UA into an active body. Give us the chance to put our experience and vision to use for the benefit of the undergraduates at MIT.

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