Supplement to the Tech
Undergraduate Association
Election Supplement

When, Where, and How to Vote
Polls for paper ballots are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Lobby 7, Walker Memorial, and outside Baker House (inside if rain) on Wednesday, March 9. Students must present a valid MIT Undergraduate Student ID.

Electronic voting will take place through 10 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. (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 recounted 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 choices are not affected when you indicate subsequent choices. The subsequent choices will only be examined if your favorite has been eliminated.

Write-In Candidates
Voters are not restricted to choose among candidates listed on the ballot. A voter may write on the ballot the names of any other students and use resources at our disposal and guide or helped start the priority meeting students and letting them show he promises to fulfill the duties of his office. The candidate to sign a statement, before taking office, should not be made more difficult by the issues. I have served on the Executive Committee, and Carrie at cmuh@athena. That the UA has miserably failed to serve the students and should facilitate the be changed. I (Vijay, Class of 1995) am curious and proceed to explain why it can do so. The UA holds a forum whenever there is a crisis and proceeds to explain why it can do nothing. The UA needs proactive leadership. We intend to shine a light on the UA in order to uncover abuses of authority and student monies. We will reduce the amount the UA spends on wasteful perks for itself (food at meetings, retreats, etc.) so that student activities, the lifestyle of campus life, will benefit. We intend to set the precedent of using the Bush fund for projects that will have lasting benefits for the MIT undergraduate community. Finally, we see a problem on this campus UA should be accessible to the opinions of UA Government and know what needs to think and who you are. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us. Vijay can be reached at vejpvathena, and Carrie at cmuh@athena.

Electronic Voting
The Undergraduate Association and the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs are proud to continue to offer 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 convenient.

All eligible voters with Athena access can log in to a workstation in person or through a bulletin board and type a few simple commands to cast a ballot in the 1994 UA General Election. Voting on Athena will be allowed until midnight on Tuesday evening, March 9, 1994. For those who prefer, paper balloting will be available at various ballot box locations on Wednesday, March 9, 1994.

To vote on Athena, type: atambah add username vote
If you log in through a dialup machine, you will not want to receive any Zephyrgrams while you are voting. The program will tell you how to temporarily disable Zephyr, and after voting has finished, how to restart it if you wish.

Some parts of the vote program are available to all Athena users, and some are available only to eligible voters. Anyone, for example, may look through information about the current election, including the platforms of candidates, descriptions of current proposals, and other items relevant to the election. You will be able to do this anonymously. If you wish to vote, though, you will need to enter your regular Athena password to verify your identity and eligibility to vote. Your password is used solely for the purpose of verifying your identity and is not transmitted over the network, retained, or used for any other purpose.

To be considered eligible to vote, you must be a registered student of MIT and be either a full-time or light-load degree-candidate undergraduate, a degree-candidate special student undergraduate, or a graduate student in an internship program who has not yet received your S.B.

From the time you type your password, you will have 20 minutes to finish voting. If time expires, the system will disconnect, but will continue to consider you eligible to vote. Of course, immediately, you can re-run the program and vote. While you are voting, you will be connected to the voting system, which will maintain a safe, private connection between your workstation and the system. The system may inform system operators if you timeout or if other errors occur.

The Election Commission is eager to hear your comments and suggestions about the voting system, and invites you to send email to vote-comments@athena. If you have a specific situation that needs immediate attention, you can visit the Undergraduate Association Offices in room 401 of the Student Center, call 3-2696, or send email to voteopsg@athena.

The integrity of the voting system and the privacy of its information are of prime importance to the Commission and to the Dean. Actual, attempted, or conspired tampering with the system, including voting for someone else without his/her permission, is unaccept-