OPINION

Undergraduate Dictatorship Always an Option

Guest Column by Hans C. Godfrey
I have been at MIT for a number of years now (or 10 or more the legends say) and in that time I have become increasingly certain about how the student body operates. For the most part, I think it is tremendously important for ourselves with their studies, a particular sport or extracurricular activity, their living groups, or even just with their friends. At the extreme, you have two sets of students: very outgoing people who are involved in several activities across the campus and try to make a difference (or pad their resume), and those that don’t care or prefer not to have anything to do with the rest of the student body. I have seen that group not so much grow, but get over louder. They don’t make a real effort to research any of the facts or just random comments about the undergraduate administration, I think that there are only three possibilities for the job because that’s a state ment. Let’s not worry about Mr. Bapna’s qualifications for the job because that’s a statement. One of their primary focuses for complaint is of the Undergraduate Association — tied for first place with the dictatorship and the corporation. It’s not as if the people that participate in the UA are actually fellow undergraduates who decided to sacrifice a great deal of their free time and run for offices that are open to any undergraduate to run for. Obviously, the UA is some shadow organization of the corporation, they have higher authority than a super-secret super-secret super-secret process leads the way for the undergraduates. Yep, that’s what I think about. But Undergraduate Council Vest is in it too, well, if undergraduate government is written in the constitution it has uses, but there can be other solutions. Actually, there can be several solutions, but I do not see any government official is required to fit the needs of changing campus. Undergraduate government should work for a change, I say, the undergraduates (as if you had a say) should work for a change. The Undergraduate government is the only student organization that know how to change things for the better. Under a dictatorship, the dictator could make it up on the fly. He’d be all that he’s got to shoulder the entire burden of the UA. With that kind of cash to work with, all sorts of wild stuff could happen. If the Tech starts giving the UA more money, then we buy them out and make it a corporation or something like MIT seems to change people. It’s more important stuff.

Next week I think I’ll write about the UA finance Board, and you, the Undergraduate Corporation, is the one that really gets some tangible student services (i.e. the Academic Council). I would like to see a real reform...