



"Alex," played by Arthur H. Roberts '92, helps "Kathy," played by Marivi B. Acuna '94, with her homework during the performance section of "Sexual Positions" last night in Kresge Auditorium.

## Students Explore 'Sexual Positions'

By Brian Rosenberg  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Nearly 1000 members of the Class of 1996 participated in last night's "Sexual Positions," a dramatization and discussion on rape and sexuality at MIT. "Sexual Positions," organized by the Residence/Orientation Week Committee and the newly formed Student Intercourse Committee, took place in two parts. It began with a combined video and live presentation in a packed Kresge Auditorium.

Freshmen then joined their discussion groups from Move Off Your Assumptions, an earlier R/O Week activity. Led by a facilitator, each MOYA group discussed the Kresge presentation and the issues it had raised. Between 750 and 800 freshmen participated in the groups, facilitators estimated.

The centerpiece of the Kresge presentation was a play dramatizing how an acquaintance rape can occur. Written by Glen D. Weinstein '92, the play depicted two MIT students, Kathy (played by Marivi B. Acuna '94) and Alex (Arthur H. Roberts '92) who develop an unusual sort of friendship that leads to rape.

The video portion included advertisements and music videos that objectified women, as well as excerpts from a speech on how these images affect personal behavior. The Kresge presentation also included readings of the experiences of MIT students who had been raped.

Freshmen exiting Kresge were overwhelmingly supportive of the presentation. Todd J. Boutin '96 thought the play was "informative — it was more realistic than the usual pictures of rape that are presented." The presentation "helped to create a positive sexual atmosphere," said Pehr C. Anderson '96.

A few freshmen thought the video presentation needed improvement. "The film clip wasn't well

organized, but it was well intentioned," said Christian Shaver '96. Facilitator Douglas D. Keller '93 agreed. "Both the freshmen in my group and I thought the video was disjointed and difficult to understand," he said. "Many of the clips could have benefited from voice-overs," he added.

Both freshmen and facilitators were excited about the results of the discussion groups. Andrew S. Huang '96 said his discussion group "got very tense because [rape] is a very personal issue."

John S. Hollywood '96 commented that the discussions complemented the Kresge presentation "much like a lecture and a recitation." He added that it was "a good thing to see this now before [freshmen] are placed in a situation such as that presented in the play."

In a meeting after the discussion groups, facilitators compared their groups' reactions and comments. Many discussion groups focused on poor communication as a primary factor in the rape depicted in the play. Facilitators tried to inform freshmen that good communication was not enough to prevent all rapes, however.

Freshmen noted the realism of the play, facilitators said. Cheryl Vossner, a Campus Police sergeant and facilitator, said the play "brought the idea of acquaintance rape home to many freshmen who hadn't experienced it in their home town." Another facilitator commented that women in her group were scared because "they think they would act the same way in the same situation."

Rebecca L. Berry '95, chair of the SIC and host of Sexual Positions, said she was pleased with the program. "I was especially happy with the large turnout of fraternity pledge classes," she said. Berry said SIC plans to address rape and related issues in the future. "We're thinking about speakers, meetings, maybe a crisis center," she said.

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## Students Support Cost Of Overlap Suit Defense

By Josh Hartmann  
CHAIRMAN

Engaging the federal government in the Overlap dispute has become an expensive proposition for MIT, with legal costs alone exceeding \$1 million. But students, who pick up a large portion of the costs, seem to support the fight.

Constantine B. Simonides '57, vice president and secretary of the MIT Corporation, confirmed published reports placing the legal costs at over \$1 million. But he was quick to point out that there are large additional costs which will quickly add up once the Institute's planned appeal begins.

"Legal fees are just one thing," Simonides said. "There is also the time of top officers and administrators. The cost of this thing is very high to MIT."

### Risks involved

MIT has taken some risks in pursuing the matter, Simonides said, including opening itself up to the possibility of a class action suit by current and former students.

"There are risks," he said. "It's a matter of judgment in taking these risks."

"It is very important that we were able to" pursue the issue, Simonides said. "I would feel very good that MIT stood up to it. Maybe we could cut down future costs," he said.

For the immediate future, however, the Institute can still look forward to rising appeals costs.

A spokesman for Palmer and Dodge, the law firm representing MIT in the case, said attorneys there did not anticipate winning the case at trial. "It's really at the appellate level that [the attorneys] feel success will be gained," said Sarah Smyth-Clancey. "We will take it to

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## Robert L. Coble, Retired Professor, Dies at 64

Robert L. Coble, a retired professor of materials science and engineering and a widely recognized ceramics researcher, drowned Thursday off the coast of the island of Maui in Hawaii, where he lived. He was 64 and also had a residence in Lexington.

Coble's research at the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady, N.Y., before he came to MIT, led to the sintering of a dense aluminum oxide ceramic. The ceramic, under the trade name Lucalox, is used in filaments in sodium vapor lamps familiar to motorists as orange highway illumination.

Sintering is the process in which tiny particles of material are compacted in molds and heated so they bind together without melting. The process is used to make carbide tips for cutting tools and was used to produce complex parts that, in the days before computer-controlled machine tools, would have been too costly to machine.

After he came to MIT in 1960, Coble concentrated his research on physical ceramics and the kinetics of ceramics processes.

Coble was born in Uniontown, Pa. He received his bachelor's degree from Bethany

College in West Virginia in 1950 and his PhD from MIT in 1955. After working for General Electric for five years, he was appointed to the MIT faculty as an assistant professor of ceramics in the Department of Metallurgy, now the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. He was named a full professor in 1969 and was given emeritus status when he retired in 1988.

In 1974, Coble went to Japan as a visiting scientist under an appointment from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

In 1975 and 1976, he took a year's leave of absence to work on planning for materials sciences for the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration.

Coble leaves his wife, Joan (Walker) of Lexington; three sons, David W. of Townsend, Eric R. of Acushnet, and Stefan G. of Lexington; two daughters, Catherine Galdi of Billerica and Janet Diodati of Boxborough; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 19 in the MIT Chapel. The body was cremated in Hawaii.

# WORLD & NATION

## Clinton Picks Up Labor Backing, Targets Bush's Economics

By Cathleen Decker  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton picked up the endorsement of the 13 million voting members of the AFL-CIO Thursday, and used the occasion to deride President Bush's contention that Bush should be trusted to fill out the sparse details of his economic plan after his re-election.

Continuing his three-day escalation of assaults on Bush's proposals, Clinton said that it was folly to take the president's word that he would find appropriate budget reductions to offset the tax cuts he has pledged to offer.

The Arkansas governor also took special aim at the campaign promises the president has made in recent days, some of which have reversed long-standing administration policy.

Singling out the president's belated support for the V-22 Osprey aircraft, the M-1 tank, F-16 sales to Taiwan and a wheat farmers' subsidy program, Clinton noted that each was announced in the state most benefiting by the switch.

"Now, I'm a Baptist, so I believe in deathbed conversions. But this is amazing," he said, implying to several hundred labor leaders that the change of heart was prompted by Bush's political ambitions.

"I tell you what," he joked, "no matter what happens, our campaign has done some good for some people in this country."

Later in the day, Clinton flew to Florida's Homestead Air Force Base, which was ravaged by Hurricane Andrew. Along with a coterie of television cameras, he toured the affected area, which has been the recipient of two visits from President Bush.

Clinton has targeted the president's economic proposals for special attack in recent days as he strives to portray Bush as a man who has deserted hard-working Americans. That theme rang loud and clear through all of Clinton's remarks as he formally accepted labor's endorsement.

## Hussein Regime Remains Solid While Foundations Crack

By Susan Sachs  
NEWSDAY

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

On the surface the sprawling city of Baghdad, stretching in miles of concrete homes on each side of the muddy Tigris River, works and plays with reasonable efficiency. Power, telephones, potable water, sewage service — all have been restored to something close to their pre-gulf war level.

Confident soldiers in crisply pressed uniforms stroll the city streets and guard the palm-shaded villas of government officials. Neon signs light up Revolution Square proclaiming Iraq's "victory" in the "Mother of All Battles" — as President Saddam Hussein calls the war. The twin pillars that prop up Hussein's authority, the military and self-serving propaganda, appear solid.

But two years of isolation and economic sanctions, combined with Hussein's refusal to sell oil for food and medicine under United Nations monitoring, exact an increasing cost in the suffering of ordinary families. Among themselves, Iraqis bitterly make a pun out of the last word in their leader's boastful phrase. They call the gulf war the "Mother of Misery."

In a developed country that could be rich, the standard of living for most Iraqis is falling. The private sector, which kept the country supplied with basic commodities as well as previously unheard-of luxury items, is paralyzed. Businessmen blame the government's economic policy, saying it is both capricious and, for those unlucky enough to run afoul of the changing rules, deadly.

During July, 42 traders accused of price-gouging were executed without trial. Since then, Iraq's import lifeline has collapsed.

Despite frantic efforts by the government to coax wary traders to resume the flow of goods, most refuse to empty their bulging warehouses at the Jordan-Iraq border. The flow of trucks from Jordan to Iraq has slowed to 12 a day, down from a high of nearly 200. Such basic commodities as rice and tea have all but disappeared from Iraqi markets.

"We just want to wait and see," said an Iraqi merchant, interviewed in Jordan where he usually arranges the import and transport of food items to Baghdad. "With the economic situation as it is now in Iraq, we want to make sure we will get paid, and we want to be sure we won't be executed for doing business."

## WEATHER

### Sunny and Dry

By Michael Morgan  
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A cell of high pressure, building in from the Great Lakes, will provide sunny mild days and clear cool nights for the upcoming weekend.

**Today:** Clearing and milder. Winds northeast becoming northwest at 10 mph (16 kph). High 77°F (25°C).

**Tonight:** Clear and cool. Low 58°F (14°C).

**Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny and cool. High around 73°F (22°C).

**Tomorrow night:** Clear and quite cool. Low 54°F (12°C).

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and continued cool. High 75°F (23°C). Low 57°F (14°C).

## Ranks of Poverty Swell in '91 By 2 Million, Census Reports

By Spencer Rich  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The number of Americans living below the official poverty line increased for the second straight year in 1991, to more than 35.7 million, and the nation's median income continued to fall, the Census Bureau reported Thursday.

The findings were bad news for President Bush, whose handling of the economy has become the cornerstone of Democrat Bill Clinton's challenge. The White House said the new figures were inevitable given the nation's continuing high unemployment rates.

"Certainly, I think we have to expect that the recession would have a significant and serious impact on income and on poverty levels," said Marlin Fitzwater, the president's press secretary.

"We have tried to target a number of programs in the last couple of years particularly to those problems, knowing that the recession would have deleterious effects, and that's one of the reasons we have increased money for Head Start and Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and some of the other food programs and so forth, for low-income citizens."

Clinton had a different reaction.

"Four years ago, we were asked to trust Mr. Bush when he promised that the next century will be an

American century," Clinton said here as he accepted the endorsement of the AFL-CIO. "But over the past 11 and a half years, while the Reagan-Bush-Quayle team have been in charge of America's economic policy, we have gone from first in the world in wages to 13th, and the latest Census figures plainly show that over two-thirds of the American people are working harder for less money than they were making 10 years ago."

Based on a survey of 60,000 households, the bureau found that in 1991, the number of people with

incomes below the official poverty line increased by 2.1 million to 35.7 million—the highest number since 1964, when 36.1 million were in poverty. In 1991, the poverty line for a single person was \$6,932 and for a family of four, \$13,924.

The bureau said that the proportion of Americans in poverty increased from 13.5 percent in 1990 to 14.2 percent—the highest figure since 1984 and a rate exceeding that of any year of the 1970s. The poverty figure for blacks was 32.7 percent, and 28.7 percent of Hispanics were below the poverty line.

## Retail Stock Rally Spurs Hope

THE BALTIMORE SUN

Retail stocks have turned up sharply this week, and at least one stock market analyst thinks that could be a sign that the economy is poised for a rally.

Otto Grote, a veteran retail analyst with Derby Securities in New York, said strong gains Wednesday and Tuesday among the nation's retailers broke a six-month downtrend in the retail sector.

His firm's Derby General Index of 56 retail stocks, which fell to 1441.63 at the end of August, from 1620.65 at the end of February, rose more than 25 points in the past two days. Grote said the index bottomed out in June, rose in July and "waffled" in August before its "breakout" this week.

The vast majority of retail stocks showed increases in the past two days, many of them dramatic.

Federated Department Stores stock, for instance, has risen 7.41 percent since Monday, and Woolworth is up 5.79 percent. Merry-Go-Round, The Gap, Staples, Claire's Stores and CompUSA have all increased more than 5 percent.

## Italian Relief Plane Crashes; U.S. Pilots Report Gunfire

By Blaine Harden  
THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA

An Italian cargo plane carrying a four-man crew and five tons of blankets for besieged Sarajevo civilians crashed Thursday in thick forest about 20 miles west of here as it approached the city on a flight from neighboring Croatia.

U.N. officials said there was no indication that the twin-engine turboprop was downed by hostile fire from one of Bosnia's warring factions, but four U.S. Marine rescue helicopters flying from an amphibious assault ship in the Adriatic Sea were driven away from the area by what their crews believe was small-arms fire, according to Pentagon spokesmen and naval officers reached by phone in the Adriatic.

Senior operations officers with the U.S. naval task force there said they did not know what caused the plane crash, but one declared that the sudden loss of radar contact with the aircraft over territory filled with "lethal stuff" suggested that "there's at least a finite probability they met with foul play."

A convoy of U.N. armored vehicles from Sarajevo reached the wreckage of the downed plane about 9:30 tonight, but there was no immediate indication of survivors or of a cause of the crash. "It is dark, and our people are on the spot doing the initial investigation, but we haven't been able to find anything yet," said Izumi Nakamitsu, acting head of the U.N. refugee agency here.

The Marine helicopters — transport craft and two Cobra gunship escorts — ted off the USS Iwo Jima about 3:45 p.m. in an attempt to reach the downed plane, but after a fruitless 90-minute search, the two transports reported they "had encountered small-arms fire." At that point, the helicopters were ordered to return immediately to the

Iwo Jima. The Marines did not open fire, and no aircraft damage was reported, Navy spokesmen said, but the incident was the U.S. military's closest brush with hostile fire in the region since Bosnia's fierce three-sided civil war broke out five months ago.

Capt. Mack Thomas, commodore of the five-ship U.S. task force, said in a telephone interview from the Iwo Jima that his pilots "had good reason to believe they in fact were being fired at." He said he aborted the rescue attempt because of the ground fire and because arriving U.N. forces at the crash site had told him "it just wasn't the type of accident that people were going to survive."

In his last contact with regional air traffic controllers, the pilot of the Italian cargo plane made no mention of mechanical or other problems, saying only that he was 18 miles west of Sarajevo, U.N. officials here said. The plane went down on a heavily wooded hillside in territory thought to be controlled by militia forces organized by Bosnia's Croat minority.

Sarajevo airport itself is surrounded by Serb militia units armed with various types of artillery, including radar-guided anti-aircraft guns. Bosnia's Slavic Muslim-led government forces have a much smaller artillery arsenal and some heat-seeking ground-to-air missiles, but no sophisticated anti-aircraft targeting systems.

Over the past month, a number of pilots flying the two-month-old humanitarian airlift to Sarajevo have detected hostile radar "locking on" to their planes, a signal that anti-aircraft fire could follow. A British pilot took vigorous evasive action two weeks when his instruments indicated radar targeting as he took off from Sarajevo. Last month, a French cargo plane was hit by a single bullet as it approached the city.

Just hours before Thursday's plane crash, U.N. Undersecretary Marrack Goulding warned that if attacks on international relief forces here continue, countries contributing troops to the mission may demand their withdrawal. Two U.N. soldiers have been killed and 44 wounded in Sarajevo since May, and the frequency of such attacks has increased sharply in the past month. There are now more than 1,500 U.N. troops and civilians here, with the largest contingents from France, Egypt and Ukraine.

Goulding, chief of U.N. peace-keeping operations around the world, said he had sought "explicit assurances" from the warring factions "that they will stop shooting at U.N. personnel; the force is taking more casualties than any force has taken in a long time."

The U.N. headquarters building, which has come under periodic sniper and mortar fire for weeks, is exposed to both Serb and Bosnian government artillery, and it took a direct hit last night. No one was hurt, but the shell caused the most extensive damage to the building so far.

Goulding did not accuse a specific Bosnian faction of firing at the U.N. mission, and U.N. officials have said in the past that both Serb and Muslim militiamen have taken pot shots at the building. Over the last few days, however, U.N. sources have said that it appears the heavy shelling is coming from Serb gun positions in the hills surrounding Sarajevo, batteries that have already damaged six out of every ten dwellings in the city.

The military commander of the U.N. operation here, Egyptian Brig. Gen. Hussein Abdul Razek, hinted broadly last week that the reason he and other U.N. officials do not publicly point the finger at the Serb side for shelling civilians is fear of retaliatory attack on his troops.

# Bush Turns to Doling Out Money to Satisfy Key Voters

By Doyle McManus  
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WASHINGTON

In announcing on Wednesday a massive increase in government aid for wheat farmers that will help politically vital Midwestern states and a jet fighter sale that will save the jobs of Texas aerospace workers, President Bush clearly illuminated a key part of his plan for winning back disaffected voters.

Bush's strategy is simple — hand out federal aid and make policy decisions that benefit important voting groups, even though it sometimes means diverging from his long-held policies.

Beginning with a \$2 billion job retraining program announced last week, Bush's campaign has been dominated by announcements of presidential largesse, from hurri-

cane-ravaged Florida to the ripping grainlands of South Dakota.

And there will be more of the same to come. "We're looking for actions the president can take on his own over the next two months," a White House official said.

Using the powers of the White House to impress the voters is a time-honored tactic for presidents caught in tough re-election races, at least in the 20th century. Franklin D. Roosevelt did it; Lyndon B. Johnson did it. Richard M. Nixon revived it as the "Rose Garden" strategy. Now George Bush has taken the Rose Garden on the road, complete with checkbook.

In the last week-and-a-half:

- Bush unveiled a \$2 billion program to retrain workers who lose their jobs because of freer trade, a type of program he once resisted as

expensive and ineffective. He said that the new spending would be balanced by cuts in other programs, but refused to say what cuts — if any — he had in mind.

- The president said that the federal government would pay the entire cost of rebuilding South Florida's schools, hospitals, bridges and other public facilities, instead of the usual 75 percent.
- He also promised to rebuild Homestead Air Force Base, the hurricane-struck area's largest employer, even though a commission on bases had recommended its closing. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said helping South Florida's economy recover was a major reason to revive the base; aides noted that the cost could reach \$500 million, and will require a congressional appropriation.

- He announced \$775 million in disaster assistance for farmers — and noted pointedly that the recipients will include not only the rice growers of Louisiana and the avocado growers of Florida, whose crops were destroyed by Andrew, but also flood-hit cotton growers in East Texas, a state critical to his election hopes.
- He tripled the amount of wheat eligible for export subsidies from 10 million metric tons to 30 million — half of the 1992-93 U.S. crop — thus guaranteeing farmers \$1 billion in federal payments, according to Agriculture Department estimates. After first announcing the plan in South Dakota Wednesday, he later told cheering farmers in Shallowater, Texas, that it represented "the largest (export subsidy) initiative in history." Bush has been

pressing U.S. trading partners in Europe to reduce their agricultural subsidies, and the increase was certain to draw jibes from Paris and Bonn — but it played well in Shallowater. Aides explained that Bush still wanted global subsidy reductions, but until he gets them he intends "to ensure that U.S. producers are able to compete."

- Also Wednesday, in a significant foreign policy reversal, he announced that the United States will allow General Dynamics Corp. to sell 150 F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan — saving at least 5,800 Texas jobs. Previously, the administration insisted that under a 1982 agreement, no new jets could be sold; but officials decided to argue that the new planes are really just "spare parts," whose sale the pact allows.

# China Protests U.S. Selling of 150 F-16's to Taiwan

By David Holley  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

In an angry protest against the Bush administration's decision to sell up to 150 F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan, China threatened Thursday to withdraw from international arms control talks and cut cooperation with Washington at the United Nations.

Vice Foreign Minister Liu Huaqiu lodged a "strongest protest" with U.S. Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, the official New China News Agency reported. The sale, which reverses 10 years of U.S. weapons policy toward Taiwan, is valued at up to \$6 billion.

"This will lead to a major retrogression in Sino-U.S. relations and will inevitably cause a negative impact on Sino-U.S. cooperation in

the United Nations and other international organizations," Liu said, according to the news agency.

"The Chinese government solemnly demands that the United States revoke its erroneous decision to sell F-16 fighters to Taiwan. Pending a reversal of this decision by the U.S. side, China would find it difficult to stay in the meeting of the five (permanent members of the U.N. Security Council) on arms control issues."

The United States, Britain, France, China and Russia, which all are major international arms suppliers, began talks after the Persian Gulf war on cutting the flow of weapons to unstable regions, particularly the Middle East. "Excellent progress had been made" in these talks, according to a Western diplomat here, who spoke on condition of

anonymity. A preliminary consensus reached in these talks may now be jeopardized, he said.

The issue of Taiwan is a serious one in China's domestic politics about which the top leadership appears to be united in a fairly hard-line stance that demands eventual reunification of Taiwan with China.

The Nationalist government of Taiwan fled China in 1949 after losing to Communist forces in a civil war on the mainland. Since then, both Beijing and Taipei have claimed to be the legitimate government of all China.

In a 1982 Sino-U.S. communique, Washington promised to gradually reduce its arms sales to Taiwan. A senior U.S. official argued that President Bush's decision does not violate the communique because the Chinese were

warned in 1982 that the United States reserved the right to sell spare parts in the future for jets Taiwan already possessed. Ten years later, said the official, the administration finds itself unable to obtain spares for the aging F-5s and F-104s that Taiwan's air force flies, hence the need to supply the modern F-16s instead.

Another administration official, State Department spokesman Joseph Snyder, contended at a news briefing Thursday that the F-16 sale "advances the central goal" of the communique because it promotes peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits. He noted that China's recent purchase of the Russian Sukhoi-27 upgraded its air power.

But in delivering Beijing's protest, Liu charged that the sale

"completely violates" the 1982 communique, "grossly interferes in China's internal affairs, seriously jeopardizes Sino-U.S. relations, and obstructs and undermines the great cause of China's peaceful reunification."

"If the U.S. side should insist on having its own way," he added, "the Chinese government and people will have no choice but to make a strong reaction, and the U.S. government will be held responsible for all the serious consequences arising therefrom."

In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, replying to a question about the protest, said that "we knew they would not be happy." But he added: "We don't have any indication of broader kinds of concern on their (China's) part."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Europe Can Not Wait On Maastricht

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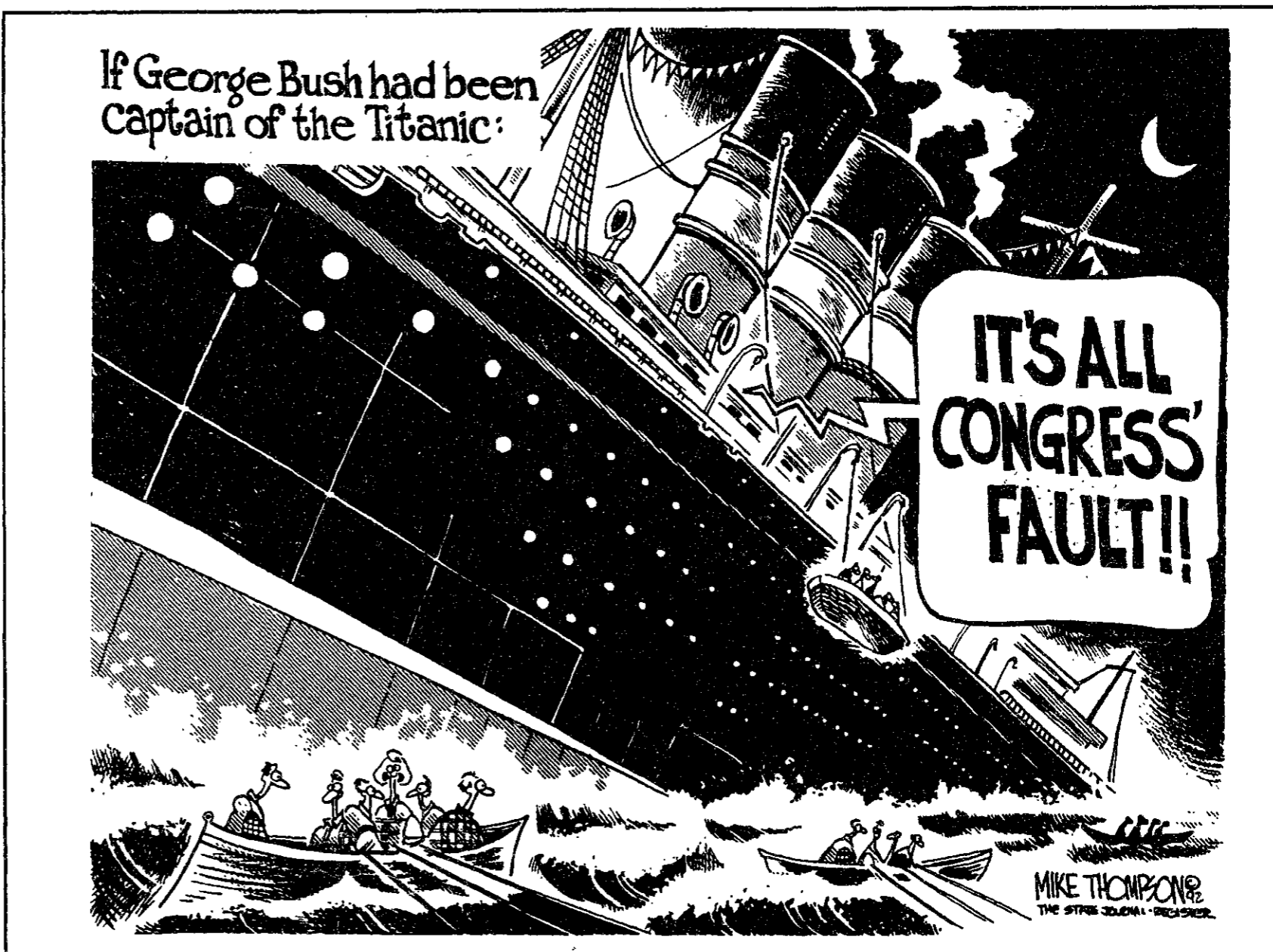
I will soon vote yes in the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty. But this does

not mean I am simply going along with "a bunch of national leaders," as Matthew Hersch suggested in his column on the treaty ["Europeans Should Wait on Rush Towards Unity," Sept. 2].

The Maastricht treaty is only a tool. The real question Europe faces is not whether to accept the treaty, but how it will be used to allow informed European citizens to participate in an effective government.

Europe should not wait on unification. Now is the time to show our will to act, not to discuss the issue in print. Some people prefer to remain confined in their individual domain, to forget the poverty and its consequences and the riots that meet only with indifference. They prefer immobility. But in the face of the present instabilities and dislocations, new steps are necessary. The Maastricht treaty is the first of these.

Cécile Martin



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# Overlap Decision May Lead to Lawsuits Against MIT

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Robert Block, chief of the Professions and Intellectual Property Section of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, which was responsible for the case, said it was hard to predict whether students would try to recover lost financial aid through lawsuits against the Institute and other Overlap schools.

"It's very difficult to tell whether they'll be any follow-on cases," Block said yesterday from Washington, D.C. "Each individual has to assess how they feel about their own circumstances before they make that decision."

Overlap may continue meeting

Recent Congressional action may allow MIT and the Ivy League schools to start meeting again to discuss financial aid awards without penalty. The Higher Education Amendments of 1992, passed shortly after the conclusion of the Overlap trial, will make some of the behavior that was the subject of the lawsuit legal for two years, according to a footnote in U.S. District Court Judge Louis C. Bechtle's 49-page decision.

The law explicitly forbids schools from discussing financial aid awards for particular students who were admitted to more than one

school within the Overlap Group, which Bechtle found was a violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. But the main section of the new law does permit schools to discuss among themselves strategies for awarding financial aid, which the Justice Department alleged was a violation of antitrust laws.

According to the amendments, higher education institutions may "voluntarily agree with any other

institution of higher education to award financial aid ... to students attending those institutions only on the basis of demonstrated financial need." Schools are also granted power to "discuss and voluntarily adopt defined principles ... for determining student financial need."

Staffers in the Washington, D.C., office of Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), who sponsored the bill containing the revised amendments, said they

did not know how many Overlap-type activities are legal under the new law.

"They certainly can not agree on individual financial aid awards," Block said. "I don't think (the Overlap schools) can go back to agreeing on a formula for financial aid similar to what they were doing before," but any determination beyond that is a question of interpretation, he said.

## Students Support MIT's Overlap Battle

Cost, from Page 1

the Supreme Court if need be."

An important issue

"This is a very, very important issue, and it does have important consequences for how we conduct ourselves as an institution," Simonides said. "I hope we can carry on, and prevail, so we can be left alone and freely exchange information and ideas."

"I don't think twice about it in terms of the importance of it," Simonides said. "I would say that I am very happy and proud to be a member of an institution that stands up to what it believes to be an important issue, that stands up to government intrusion. What is very unfortunate is that the government has chosen to sue on this issue."

Student support

Students were generally supportive of the Institute's stand, despite the cost, which runs well over \$100 per student.

"I'm peeved about the decision," said Jason R. Wilcox '93. "Without a doubt we should be arguing this. If schools start competing for freshmen, if you're not one of the people being competed for, does that mean you can't go to that school? There's sometimes a principle that has to be fought for."

Another student said that while MIT was correct in fighting the suit, the Institute should not have had to stand up alone.

"It would be nice if some of the Overlap members had contributed," said Kenneth A. Ellis '93. "But it was a worthy fight. I'm not concerned about the \$100 per student. I'm more concerned about losing the case."

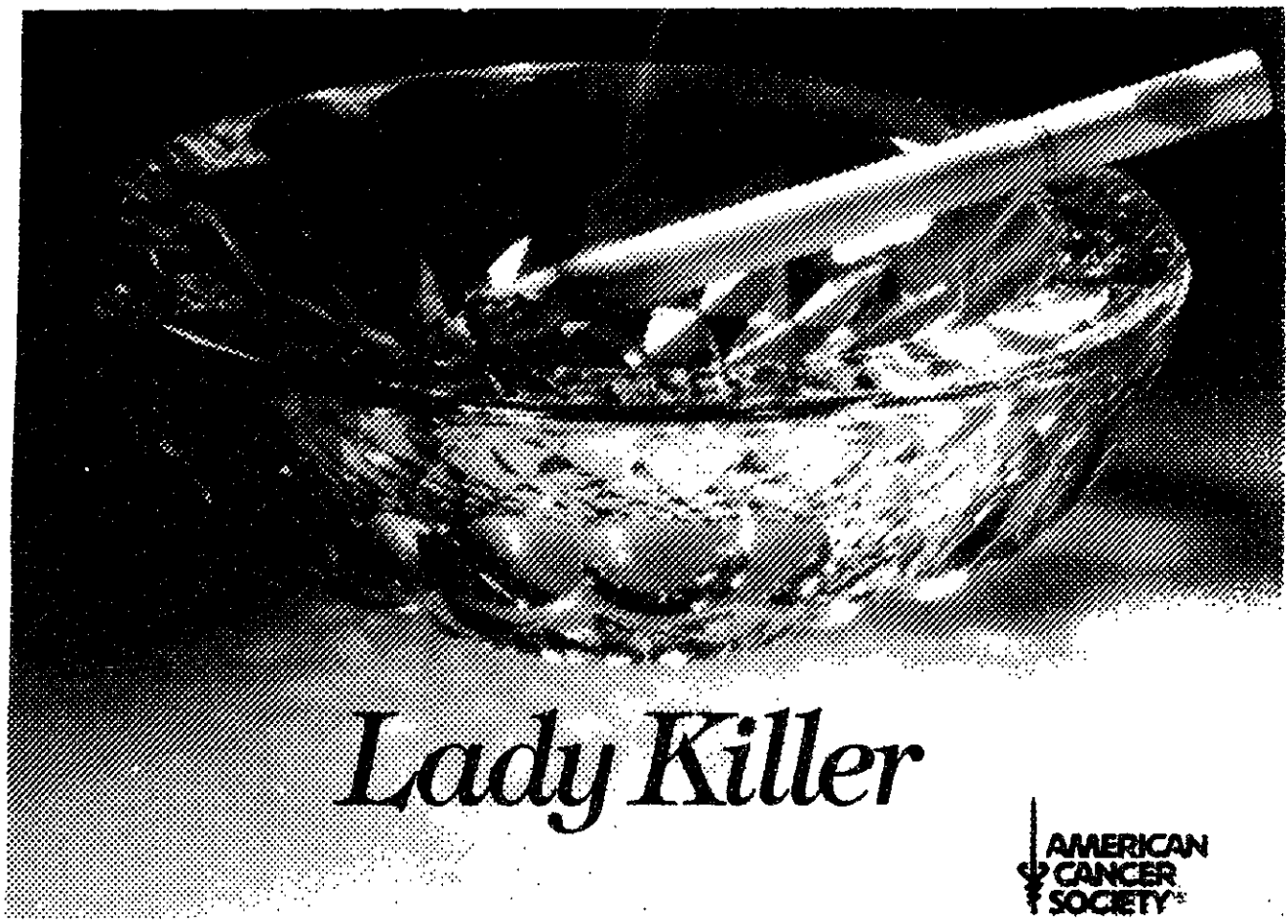
Ellis defended MIT's policy of need-based aid, and argued that the government should stay clear of the issue.

"Basically I think that need-based aid is a good idea and something that should definitely be implemented. I think the purpose of the suit is that the government will introduce some sort of legislation for need-based aid. It's working just fine right now. I don't think the government should interfere."

Bernard Y. Chin '93 also defended the Institute's stand.

"I think we should go ahead and pursue the suit," he said. "I believe that the MIT financial aid system has been working well so far, and I don't think there should be any changes to it."

Chin added that while he was offered relatively similar financial aid packages among the Ivy League schools he applied to, he chose MIT after "rationalizing that it was the best engineering school."



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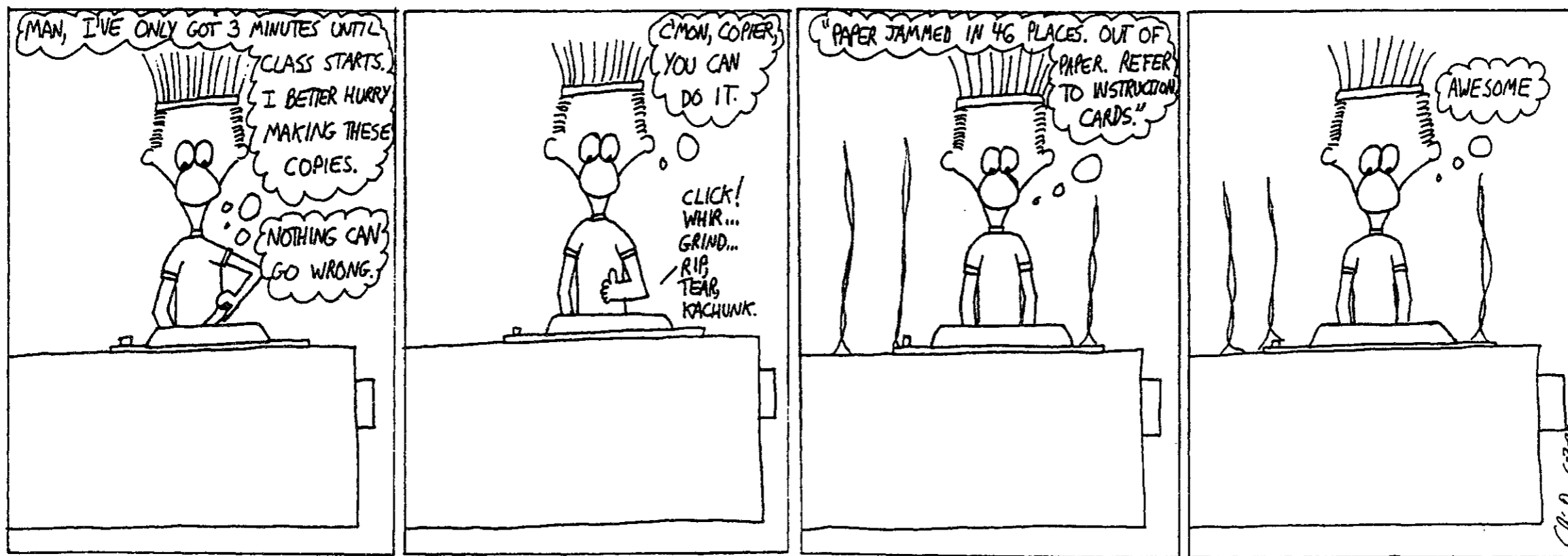
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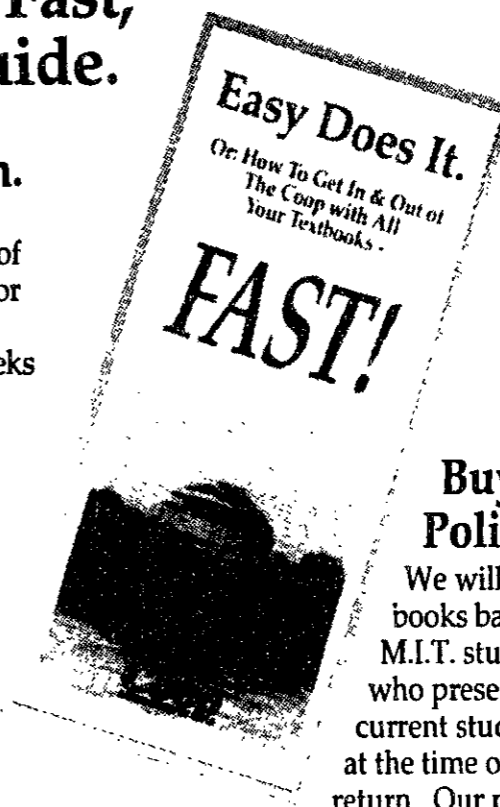
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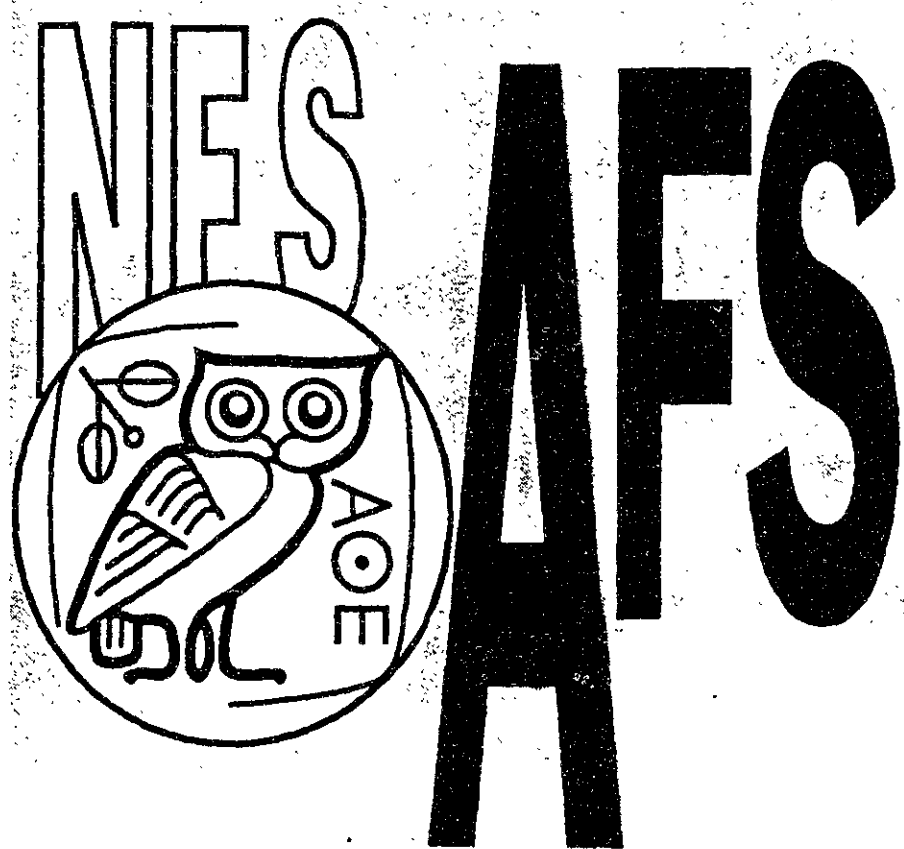
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by Jim

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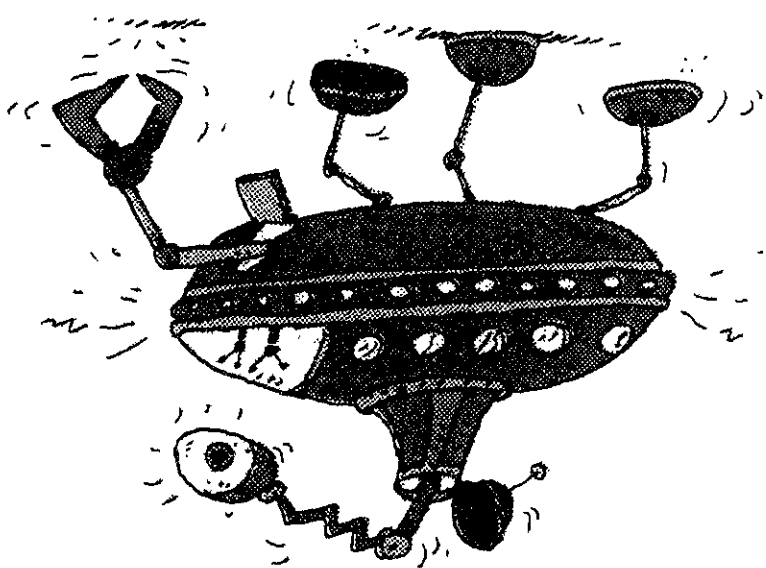
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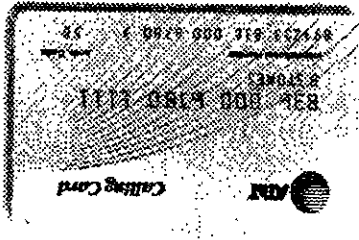


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# Jim's Journal

by Jim

I was sitting at home today when I heard a scratching sound.

I went to see what it was.

It was Mr. Peterson, playing with the phone cord, which was chewed in half.

while I held it, Mr. Peterson batted at it.

I went to an electronics store today to buy a new phone cord.

The salesman said, "Hi, what can I do for ya today?"

I told him I needed a new phone cord.

He got one for me and said, "Will that be all for ya today?"

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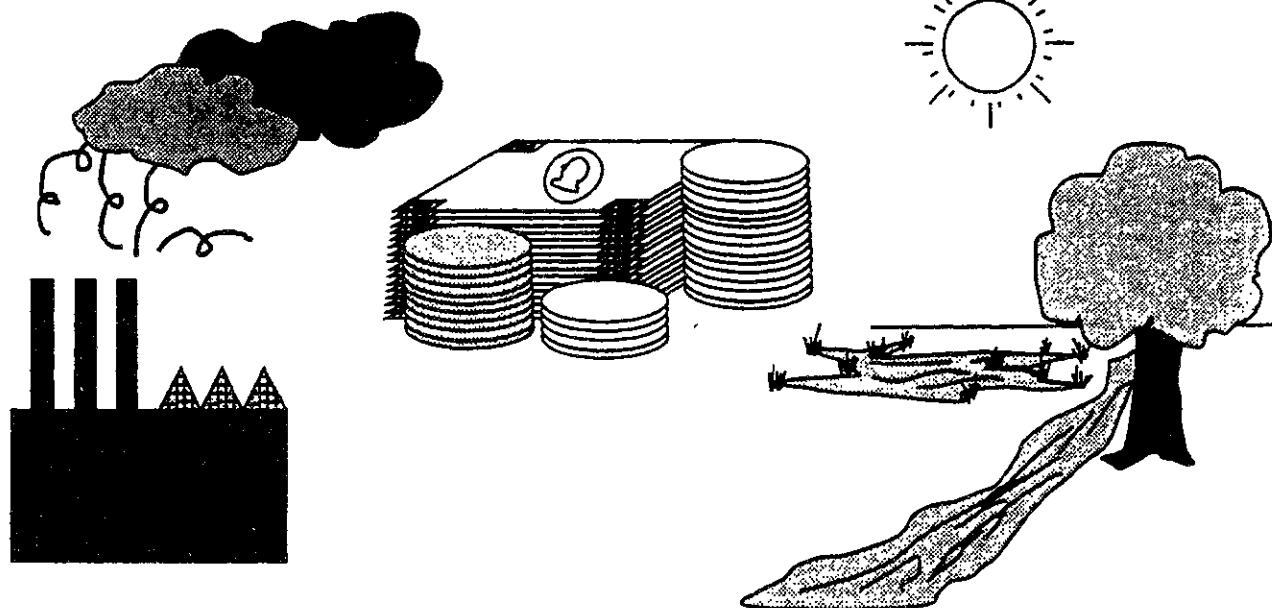
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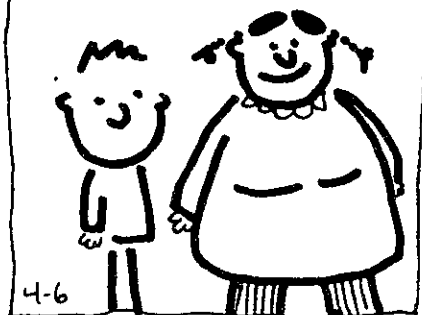
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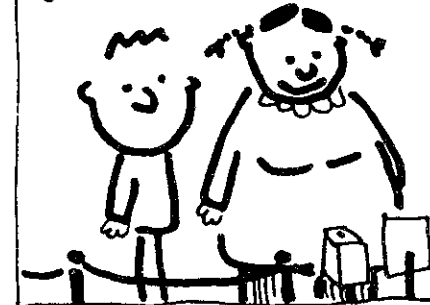
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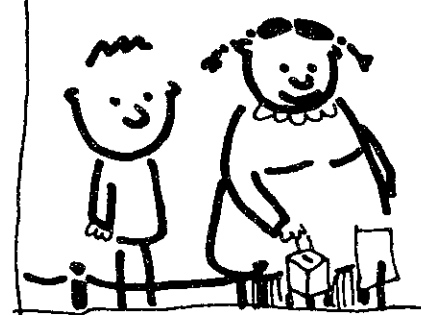


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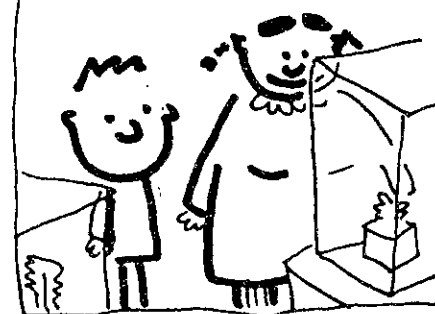
At the entrance they had a sign that said you only had to pay if you wanted.



Ruth put a dollar in the little slot and we went in.



We looked at the artifacts, fossils and everything.



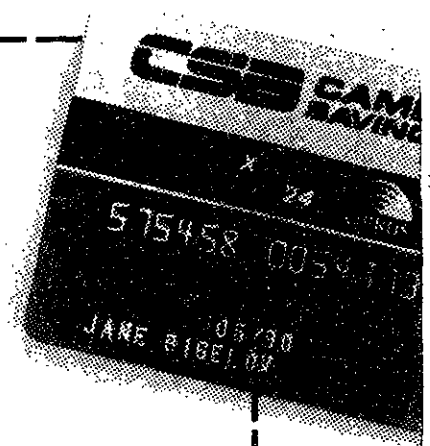
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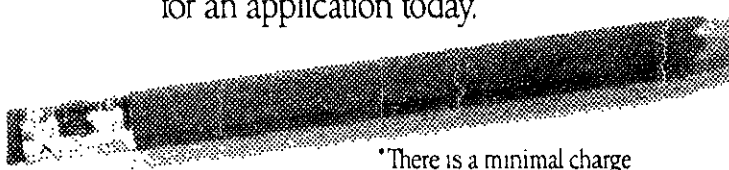
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Against her will is against the law.  
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Today I went to a movie with Ruth and Steve.

It was a mid-night showing of "Pink Floyd the Wall."

When it was over, Ruth said, "I didn't get it."

Steve tried to explain it to her, then realized he didn't get it either.

Last night Mr. Peterson was standing on my back, kneading me with her paws.

I was trying to fall asleep, but she was too distracting.

Finally she sat at my feet and fell asleep.

I must have, too, because that's the last thing I remember.

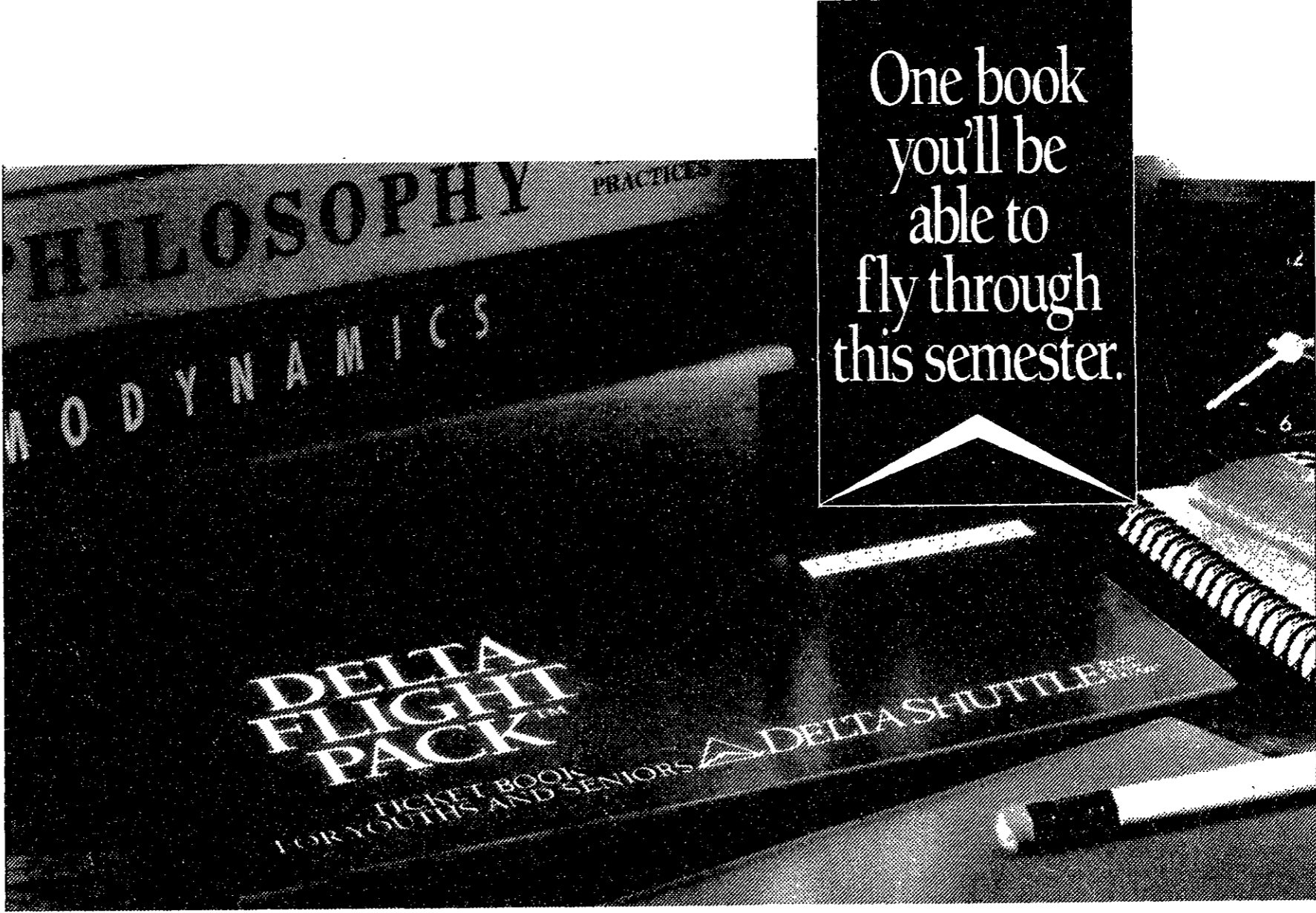
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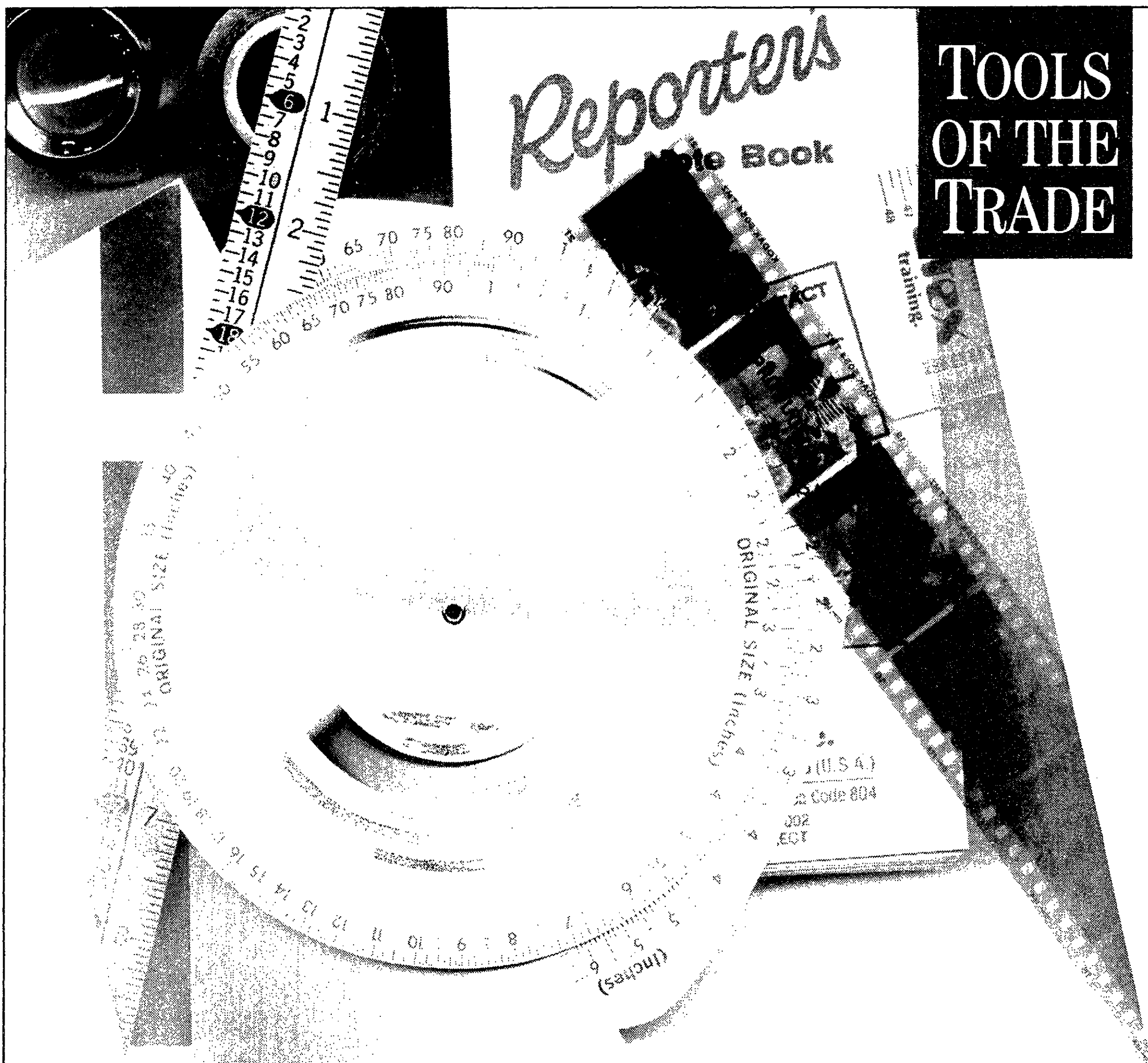
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