

Earnings Tumble At Harvard Coop

Trend Continues as Rebate Hits 1.1%

By Eva Moy
NEWS EDITOR

The Harvard Cooperative Society's annual patronage rebate plummeted to 1.1 percent for fiscal year 1991-1992, continuing a steady downward trend since the late 1980s, the Coop announced Friday.

Last year's rebate was 5 percent; five years ago, Coop members were entitled to 9.5 percent refunds.

"Every year we give back whatever amount of money which is attributed to the members. If the profitability of the company drops," the rebate percentage will decrease, said Coop President Jeremiah P. Murphy.

A Coop press release blamed the

decline in profits on the economy. "The difficult economic environment which persists in the New England region continued to affect adversely the Coop's operations throughout the year. It is indeed a tribute to its members that the Coop was able to declare a patronage refund for the 110th consecutive year, under such circumstances."

The Coop will return a total of \$348,000 to its members, compared to \$1.7 million last year. Sales had dropped from \$60.2 million last year to \$56.8 million. This resulted in only \$459,854 in earnings before taxes and refunds, down from \$2.6

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MIT, CRLS Students Meet with City Mayor

By Sarah Y. Keightley
NEWS EDITOR

Spurred by the recent murder of Yingye K. Raustein '94, MIT students met with their counterparts from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School at City Hall yesterday for a discussion about the sources of teenage violence.

Two of Raustein's three alleged assailants are enrolled at CRLS. The meeting was led by Cambridge Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves.

School superintendent Mary Lou McGrath, some city council members, and the local press attended the meeting as well.

Students talked about violence, values, and possible solutions to prevent teenage crime and to help students who need special attention. These solutions included having schools, families, the community, and the government work together to shape children's and teens' values. Also, students recommended that their peers from MIT and CRLS

work together to improve relations.

By the end of the meeting, some were displeased with the shift in topics. "We need to work on the violence in the community, not the relations between MIT and CRLS," said CRLS student Serena Derman.

Students discuss violence

Reeves opened by asking how the city council could address violence in the community. An MIT freshman suggested that the city begin by improving law enforcement.

Samantha Spitzer, a CRLS junior who organized last week's march to MIT in response to Raustein's death, said she wanted to address violence in the media. She said Raustein's murder was "given more attention than other violent incidents" because the alleged assailants were so young and the victim was an MIT student. The

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Class of '96 Has Many Musicians

Musical Talent Best in Years; Participation in Groups Increases

By Hyun Soo Kim

The Class of 1996 includes an unusually high number of unusually talented musicians. As a result, more freshmen are participating in MIT's music performance groups than ever before.

"The perception is that music groups have a greater role at MIT," said Concert Director Clarise E. Snyder. "Over the past 10 years, there has been an increase from 60 music performances to 125 performances [annually] by MIT music groups."

For example, the Chamber Music Society has a record 23 chamber music ensembles this year, said Marcus A. Thompson, director of the society. Usually, there are only 18 groups, he said.

Increase in freshman quality

In addition to the quality, the quantity of student musicians is on the rise as well. "We've seen a sudden jump in quality," Thompson said.

A whopping 31 freshmen were

accepted into the MIT Symphony this fall, according to manager Edmund A. Jones. This increase is especially evident in the first violin section, which is twice as large as last year's.

The concert band, which does not require a preliminary audition, has also enjoyed an increase in freshmen membership this year, said to Director John D. Corley.

"There are years when we've had to struggle to find French horns. Now we have eight French horns," he said.

Snyder said the increases have been seen across the board.

"People are beginning to find out that music is good at MIT just like everything else," Thompson said. "One reason seems to be due to the admissions office, which is sensitive to the needs of MIT's music programs. Also, with the new provost for the arts and the new drama program, there is a focus that the arts are important for students at MIT."

Freshmen eager to participate

Musicians applying to MIT often

send tapes of their performances along with their regular applications to try to win a special recommendation from the music department. Last year, the admissions office received 86 tapes from applicants; 92 tapes were sent in the previous year.

"For the past two years we've seen more tapes than ever before," said Margaret E. Devine, the administrative assistant in the music office.

Approximately 40 percent of the tapes from the freshman class were recommended as above average or

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YUEH Z. LEE—TECHNIQUE

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II (D-Mass.) speaks on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton at a Faneuil Hall rally. Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn also offered Clinton his support.

Enthusiastic Crowd Greet Bill Clinton at Faneuil Hall

By Eric Richard
STAFF REPORTER

At a campaign stop at Faneuil Hall Friday, Gov. Bill Clinton, the Democratic presidential candidate, spoke to an enthusiastic crowd estimated to number 45,000. Clinton spoke on several key issues and attacked his opponent in the campaign, President George Bush.

Clinton focused his speech on the issues of the economy, health care, education and the environment. He started by questioning Bush's refusal to debate him on Sept. 22, which had been set for the first presidential debate. Amid chants of "Where was George?" Clinton explained Bush's failure to show up for the debate.

"How can you explain the worst economy in 50 years?" Clinton asked. "How do you explain living with 1 million people who are HIV positive and not mention the word AIDS during your four years in office?"

"Let us develop a domestic Peace Corps to rebuild America," Clinton said, as he explained his proposal for guaranteed students loans. Under his plan, students could receive loans for college to be paid back through public service including teaching or service in the Peace Corps.

"This election is about what happens to our children and grandchildren. It is about whether [our] children will have a country they can be proud of," Clinton said as he turned to address the contingency of Boston University students sitting behind him.

"We want a president who cares for the family. Mr. Bush says, 'We can't, we can't, we can't,'" Clinton said, referring to Bush's recent veto of the family leave bill. "I will get up every morning worrying about your families, saying 'We can,' not 'we can't.'"

Clinton's speech was also filled with optimism about the future and the likelihood that America can pull itself out of its recession. "What we have today is because Americans have fought to stay the course for change.... It is our responsibility to raise this country up."

After his speech, Clinton entered the crowd to shake hands.

Other Democrats speak

Before Clinton's arrival, many other state and government representatives spoke, among them a former foe during the primaries. Former Sen. Paul E.

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Freshmen Elect Class Officers; Turnout Low

By Michael Saginaw

In the first general freshman election in recent memory, 32.8 percent of the Class of 1996 voted for their new class officers last Friday, according to Steven A. Luperchio '95, acting Undergraduate Association election commissioner.

The new officers are President Surekha Vajjhala, Vice President Carrie R. Muh, Secretary Michael Cho, Treasurer Diane T. Melo, Publicity Chairs Jason P. Fiorillo and Michelle T. Nee, and Social Chairs Evan D. Goldstein and Chiann J. Yeh.

"The major project of the year is to raise money for the freshman banquet," Vajjhala said. The banquet is for the classes of 1996 and 1997, which entered the Institute 25 years ago. "I want to raise money and contact the other class. I want our classes to be really close," Vajjhala added.

"I'd like to do my job to the full potential that I have, and to get peo-

ple involved, informed, and unified. My main focus is to attempt to unify the freshman class," Fiorillo said.

This was the first time in many years that the entire freshman class was eligible to vote. In previous years, potential candidates needed to obtain 40 signatures to attend a meeting in which they voted among themselves to fill the offices, according to Luperchio. "The way we did it this year it gave more people the opportunity to vote," he added.

Voting was conducted in several preferential rounds. In each round, the candidate receiving the fewest votes was eliminated and his or her votes redistributed to the voter's next favorite candidate. This process continued until one candidate had a majority of the votes cast.

Complicated filing process

Candidates for office had to fill out a sheet giving information about

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WORLD & NATION

Huge International Money-Laundering Operation Broken Up

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Federal drug agents, in a coordinated undercover operation involving narcotics police in Italy, Colombia, Spain, Canada and the United Kingdom, have broken up a major international money-laundering system, arresting at least 169 suspects and seizing \$54 million.

The investigation, conceived in Southern California in 1989 and announced Monday at press conferences here and in Rome, ensnared seven high-ranking money managers for the Cali cocaine cartel outside Colombia. An eighth failed to appear in Venezuela, where authorities were waiting in Caracas, a Drug Enforcement Administration official said.

The arrested money managers included Rodrigo Carlos Polania, a former inspector of Colombia's national bank who is suspected of being a "plant" for the cartel in the anti-narcotics financial task force in Bogota. He was arrested in San Diego Friday.

Italian authorities said the crackdown, called Operation Green Ice, uncovered a tight connection between Colombian drug barons and all three major branches of organized crime in Italy.

"We have completely destroyed this network," said Alessandro Pansa, a senior Italian police investigator.

Muslims Fleeing New Serb Purges

THE WASHINGTON POST

BANJA LUKA, BOSNIA

Serb forces have stepped up a deadly new wave of "ethnic cleansing" in northwestern Bosnia that appears aimed at pushing out the region's remaining 200,000 Muslims, according to international relief officials.

The Serb push is creating an explosive new refugee crisis in the area, exacerbated by the recent decisions of neighboring Croatia and Austria and other countries to seal their borders to more refugees.

In desperation, thousands of fleeing Muslims — 3,500 on Saturday alone — have begun paying Serb intermediaries large sums of money for permission to escape through the only remaining exit — a daylong drive that culminates in a six-mile trek on foot past Serb snipers to the free Bosnian city of Travnik.

Tens of thousands of non-Serb civilians have been killed here in the past five months, according to an international observer with longer experience in this region than any other independent source. The purges began in earnest in late May, with the shelling and complete devastation of the Muslim village of Kozarac, 18 miles west of Banja Luka, where more than 3,000 Muslims are believed to have perished, some of them ordered into farm fields and run over by Serb army vehicles, according to international and local sources.

A renewed campaign of bombings, burning, torture and murder in the Banja Luka region has escalated dramatically in the past 2 1/2 weeks. It further erupted during the brief visit by U.N. peace envoys Cyrus Vance and David Owen here on Friday, according to Muslim leaders, Serb and Muslim citizens here and international organizations with wide contacts in the region.

The violence has reached a level of brutality so severe that it is outstripping the capacity of independent observers to monitor it.

"There's more of this, and worse, than anyone can imagine," a relief worker said. "Every day, 20, 30, even 50 (civilians) are being killed."

South Africa Frees Political Killers From Both Extremes

THE BALTIMORE SUN

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

The South African government released notorious killers from opposite ends of the political spectrum Monday in the name of political reform and reconciliation.

The most notorious former guerrilla released Monday was Robert McBride, a tall, brown-skinned man who planted a car bomb in 1986 that killed three white women. He walked out of prison here to a hero's welcome from dozens of activists from the African National Congress.

They shouted "Viva Robert McBride" and "Long Live," the usual chants of the black liberation movement, as the 29-year-old former guerrilla fighter stepped through the iron, sliding gate of Durban's Westville Prison, his right fist held high in the air.

He was flanked by his wife Paula, human rights activist from a wealthy white family who married him while he was on death row, and Walter Sisulu, an ANC veteran who spent 25 years as a political prisoner.

WEATHER

Colder Weather on the Way

By Michael Morgan
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A cold front will move offshore today and the coldest air of the season will follow. The cold air will arrive on increasing northwest winds as a cyclone to our north deepens. Mostly sunny days and clear, almost frosty nights will be the rule for the next few days. A weak disturbance will increase our cloud cover late Wednesday and early Thursday.

Tuesday afternoon: Variably cloudy with a shower possible. High 64-68°F (18°C). Winds northwest 10-15 mph (6-9 kph).

Tonight: Clearing, breezy, and colder. Low 38°F (3°C). Winds northwest 15-25 mph (9-16 kph).

Wednesday: Mostly sunny early followed by increasing high cloudiness. High 55-59°F (13°C). Low 40°F (4°C).

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High 56°F (13°C). Low 35°F (2°C).

Democrats, Republicans Try To Convince Perot Not to Run

By Susan Baer
THE BALTIMORE SUN

DALLAS

With the prospects of Ross Perot—the Sequel looming large, high-ranking delegations from the Clinton and Bush campaigns Monday took turns wooing the Texas billionaire and his followers in meetings here, hoping to convince them that Perot need not re-enter the presidential race.

The undeclared candidate, who has teased the electorate with his forays into the presidential arena nearly all year, said Monday that he would make his intentions known by Thursday night.

If he decides to reactivate the candidacy he suspended in mid-summer, the businessman said he would wage an "all-out" campaign in 50 states with the goal of winning the White House, not just jumbling the electoral map.

With high-ranking officials from the Bush and Clinton campaigns each telling Perot's supporters that their economic plans more closely resembled Perot's, with a north Dallas hotel full of national media, and with dawn-to-dark attention, the feisty computer tycoon appeared to be back in his element — and setting the stage for his next act.

Having spent the earlier part of the year in a food-grinder of a presidential race, Perot presided at a White House-like podium throughout the day, flanked by Democrats and Republicans whom he called "world-class people."

With the pander-meter turned high — and running in all directions — Perot said that he found a lot of "commonality" between his vision and the Democrats', and a lot of "overlap" between his views and the

Republicans'. But in the next breath, he took thinly veiled swipes at both Bush and Clinton.

In maintaining that he did not necessarily want to be president but would "honor the request" of his volunteers, he said, "You've never heard me say I'll do anything to win or that it's been my ambition since boyhood," references to Bush and Clinton.

With five weeks to go until Election Day and a renewed Perot candidacy capable of swinging at least a handful of crucial states, both campaigns brought out the heavy artillery to press their case before the Perot supporters.

In the morning, the Clinton campaign, represented by a nine-person delegation including campaign chairman Mickey Kantor, Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, former chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff William Crowe, financier Felix Rohatyn and former Urban League chief Vernon Jordan, had its turn at bat.

"We could not help but notice the wide area of agreement between Bill Clinton and Ross Perot," Bentsen told reporters after the Democrats' 2.5-hour session.

In the afternoon, the Bush brigade, represented by national security adviser Brent Scowcroft, campaign chairman Robert Teeter, Secretary of Housing Jack Kemp, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and campaign adviser Mary Matalin, briefed the audience.

"Our plan is based in many ways on the same principles Mr. Perot has enunciated," Teeter told reporters. The Republicans, standing stone-faced before a roomful of press, looked decidedly unenthusiastic about their trip to Monday's Perot

show. While the state coordinators all said that they were impressed by both presentations, few, if any, appeared to be sold.

In fact, super salesman Ross Perot seemed to have succeeded in closing more sales for himself.

"What I heard reinforced my support for Ross Perot," said New Mexico chairman John Bishop. "I look forward to him as an independent candidate and the next president."

Perot repeated that he would make his final decision only after the state coordinators who gathered here Monday went back to the supporters in their states, briefed them on the discussions and polled them on their wishes.

But such a mechanism could only have been designed with Perot's reignited campaign in mind. These state coordinators of Perot's political movement — United We Stand, America — traveled to Dallas at the billionaire's expense and are among his most fervent supporters. Most already had their minds made up before arriving here and, not surprisingly, they appeared unmoved even after the pair of high-powered meetings.

Perot insisted Monday that the call for his return to presidential politics came from the people, not, as many analysts and former associates have speculated, from his own ego or need to erase the image of him as a quitter.

But even after suspending his quasi-campaign last July, Perot spent millions of his own dollars — \$4 million just in August — ensuring that the volunteers "finish it up" and place him on the ballots in all 50 states.

Both Parties Concerned by Threat Of Revived Ross Perot Candidacy

By Jack W. Germond
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

Ross Perot's new threat to revive his candidacy has sent tremors of apprehension through the campaigns of both President Bush and Democratic nominee Bill Clinton. The question of who might suffer

Analysis more is a complex one that goes beyond the opinion polls.

The conventional wisdom among political professionals is that Bush has the most to lose from a Perot candidacy because of the possibility an independent campaign could cost the president the 32 electoral votes of Texas that he must have to win Nov. 3, and perhaps those of several other states where he is running even or only slightly ahead.

Polling data support that thesis. The most recent published poll in Texas has the race dead even. Although a private poll found Bush with a 6 percent lead late last week, that is not enough to sustain any significant defection to Perot.

In fact, however, there is a potential down side for Clinton, as well. There is a possibility that a Perot candidacy, fueled by heavy spending on television, could change the shape of a campaign the Democrat appears to be winning. As Peter Hart, a longtime Democratic poll-taker, put it, "I don't think you want to change the dynamic when it's working in your favor."

Up to this point, the Democratic challenger has established himself as the favorite by concentrating his energy and rhetoric essentially on a

single line of argument for "change": that the economy is in parlous condition and that the president is to blame. But the nature of the debate could be vastly different — more focused on the deficit, for example — if Perot became a visible third party, even if not a serious contender for the presidency.

Opinion polls over the weekend indicated that Clinton would suffer a slightly larger loss in popular support if Perot entered the field. The Time-CNN poll, for example, showed Clinton leading Bush by 12 percent in a two-way race, 11 percent in a three-way contest. Newsweek had the two-way margin at 10 percent, the three-way at 9 percent. A CBS News poll made it 12 percent and 9 percent, and a Gannett-Harris survey 15 percent and 14 percent.

The difference, however, is that Clinton has enough of a lead in critical states such as California (54 electoral votes), New York (33) and Pennsylvania (23) that he could more easily absorb the loss. But poll-takers generally have found Perot taking more from the president than his Democratic rival in states that are essential to Bush and that have large populations of white suburban voters to whom Perot has had the greatest appeal.

In Connecticut, for example, the most recent public poll showed Clinton leading 53 percent to 35 percent in a two-way race and 46 percent to 22 percent in a three-way race, with another 22 percent for Perot.

There is also the chance that Clinton could end up in a debate with Perot that could work to his

advantage simply by giving the Arkansas governor a national audience before which he could demonstrate his competence. In 1980, a two-way debate between Republican Ronald Reagan and independent John B. Anderson worked that way. Although Anderson more than held his own in the debate, Reagan's stock in the polls rose sharply immediately thereafter as more voters decided he was not too great a risk for the White House after all.

The calculations over the Perot potential are somewhat colored by two factors. The first is the widespread belief in the political community that Perot's potential support is being overstated by the polls that show him with 15 percent of the vote or more. The history of the Anderson campaign, as well as that of George Wallace in 1968, shows that, as voters recognize they will be wasting their votes on a certain loser, they tend to move to one of the serious contenders in the final days. Anderson's support dropped from almost 20 percent to less than 7 percent after that debate with Reagan.

The second variable in the equation is Perot's history of running a de facto candidacy for several months, then abruptly withdrawing in July. One result is that he now is viewed unfavorably by almost half the electorate, three times the negative impression he carried last summer.

That, in turn, means he may have less ability to influence the race than the polls and current press attention would suggest.

Berkeley Admission Policy Voided

By Mary Jordan
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

An admissions policy that gave special treatment to minority candidates at the law school of the University of California at Berkeley violated federal law, the Department of Education announced Monday.

Assistant Secretary Michael L. Williams, head of the department's Office for Civil Rights, said the law school has agreed to change its policy of placing minority candidates into tracks so that they competed only with members of their minority group for admission.

For the past 14 years, the school has consistently admitted between 23 percent and 27 percent of each class from minority groups. The school receives between 4,000 and 6,000 applications annually and selects an entering class of about 270.

"African Americans only competed against African Americans and Hispanics only competed against Hispanics," said Williams, who added that "the broad message" of the decision was that "it behooved all schools" to reexamine admission policies to see if they amounted to racial quotas.

Williams, who stirred a national controversy when he declared in late 1990 that most race-specific scholarships were illegal, said he did not know how many other universities or law schools had similar

policies.

Herma Hill Kay, dean of the law school, denied the admission policy violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits federally funded institutions from discriminating on the basis of race or national origin. "We are proud of this policy," she said.

According to the agreement, the school will not base its admissions decisions "solely on race, color or national origin," nor will its applicants be considered separately according to race.

Also, the agreement explicitly states that no seats are to be set aside for minority applicants.

"If achieving a diverse student population is determined to be an educational objective" the agreement stated, "diversity considerations will not be limited to race, color or national origin, but will include a variety of diversity factors deemed important to establishing a diverse educational environment."

The Office for Civil Rights said the finding in the Berkeley case does not prohibit special consideration being given to minorities in response to official findings of past discrimination. Also, it said special recruiting efforts to encourage a "broad pool of minority applicants" were not prohibited by this decision.

But Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, the largest group representing institutions of higher learning, called the

decision a "real blow to the efforts to achieve racial diversity."

Atwell said this decision, like the one that sought to outlaw many minority scholarships, was another example of "the direction (the Bush administration) has been going toward restrictive readings" of rulings surrounding affirmative action.

According to a statement from the law school, it reexamined its admission policy after the 1978 Supreme Court decision in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* to ensure it did not include strict racial quotas.

Williams said that while the school "did not have an exact written quota," its practices amounted to one. He also said he believed this was the first time the Education Department found a violation of Title VI in the admission procedures of a university or graduate school.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., who had urged the investigation after an Asian student who applied to the law school received a letter essentially saying she was on the "Asian waiting list," applauded the decision.

He condemned the racial "goals" that Berkeley established, which included 5 to 7 percent Asians and 8 to 10 percent blacks.

"It was racist and the hardest hit were Asian Americans, and to some degree Caucasian Americans," he said.

Japanese Politician Charged In Payoffs Gets Light Fine

By T. R. Reid
THE WASHINGTON POST

TOKYO

Prosecutors formally accepted a controversial plea bargain Monday that allowed Japan's most powerful politician to get off with a misdemeanor plea and a minor fine for taking \$4 million in illegal contributions, one of the biggest illicit payoffs in Japan's long history of political corruption.

The prosecutors showed so much deference to Shin Kanemaru, 78, the chief kingmaker of Japan's dominant Liberal-Democratic Party, that they did not even make him come to court for questioning. Instead, Kanemaru dispatched a written confession from his Tokyo home, where a number of junior politicians have come in recent days to express their continued loyalty.

The press and the public have been less respectful, however. The prosecutors' decision to close the case with the payment of a \$1,600 fine has prompted angry editorials and street protests. Critics have noted that the amount Kanemaru must pay is no more than the fine for overnight parking in some crowded Tokyo neighborhoods.

One protester splashed yellow paint on the wall outside the public prosecutor's building here. The paint-thrower was immediately jailed without bail and charged with defacing property — a crime that carries fines 50 percent higher than what Kanemaru will pay.

In light of the controversy, prosecutors took the unusual step of giving an interview to *The Washington Post* to explain their action.

"We used all the legal authority we have," said Deputy Prosecutor Takeo Takahashi. "We gave him the maximum fine authorized by law for failing to report a contribution."

The prosecutors, who appeared to believe they would be admired for taking any criminal action at all against a man with Kanemaru's power, clearly were stunned by the sharp criticism of the plea bargain.

Kanemaru, a gruff but charming member of the national Diet, or parliament, is the biggest fish caught so far in the expanding net of Japan's latest political scandal, the Sagawa Kyubin case.

Officials of Sagawa, an express delivery firm that has been linked to

the mob, reportedly dished out large helpings of cash, far in excess of legal contribution limits, to top figures in the dominant party and several in opposition parties as well.

News leaks, evidently from prosecutors, suggest that the Sagawa case could become the biggest payoff scandal ever in a political system that seems to hatch a major new scandal every year. The Sagawa case involved such huge sums that just handing over the cash became problematic; Kanemaru's \$4 million reportedly was delivered to him in a grocery cart jammed full of 10,000-yen bills.

Moreover, Sagawa officials evidently helped bring Kanemaru and other top politicians together with leaders of Japan's yakuza, the organized crime syndicates.

Untouched so far by the Sagawa case is Liberal-Democratic Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa. Although Kanemaru has served as his political patron and chief supporter within the party, Miyazawa has kept silent on the case and has conspicuously declined to join the politicians publicly rushing to Kanemaru's defense. With several other top Liberal-Democratic officials reportedly suspected of taking money from Sagawa Kyubin, the current case could actually help Miyazawa by tainting some of his competitors within the party ranks.

But the new scandal could undermine Miyazawa's power in the Diet. Opposition parties have proven skillful at focusing on scandal revelations to stall action on the Liberal-Democratic Party's legislative goals.

There is no evidence that Kanemaru used the secret \$4 million contribution for his own gain. Instead, he parceled the money out to younger members of his party faction to be used for their re-election campaigns.

Eight members of the Liberal-Democratic Party took part in a long discussion of the case with this correspondent over the weekend. All but one portrayed Kanemaru as a decent man who was just trying to get by in a political system that requires huge amounts of money.

"He provides campaign funds to his faction members," said Diet member Shigeru Ishiba. "And without that money, you can't get re-

ected."

Because prosecutors let him plead guilty without interrogation, Kanemaru will not have to face official questions about his alleged dealings with the mob.

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OPINION

Coop No Longer Deserves Monopoly

The Harvard Cooperative Society's 1991-92 member rebate of 1.1 percent is a disgrace. Although members could once use their Coop cards with the reassurance that a decent percentage of their purchases would be refunded to them, those days are long gone. The steady decline of the Coop rebate over the past five years has now degenerated into a plummet.

Editorial

Despite the Coop's claims to the contrary, poor management bears much of the blame for the decline. It is no coincidence that the relocation of the main MIT store to Kendall Square marks the beginning of the downturn in Coop rebates. The Coop no longer deserves to hold a monopoly on the MIT textbook market. Competition in the textbook market will benefit students, Coop members, and perhaps the Coop itself.

We, the students, need to create and operate a true cooperative society dedicated to fulfilling the original intent of the Coop. The Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council could easily gain standing among the student population by taking on this challenge and installing a student-run cooperative for textbooks.

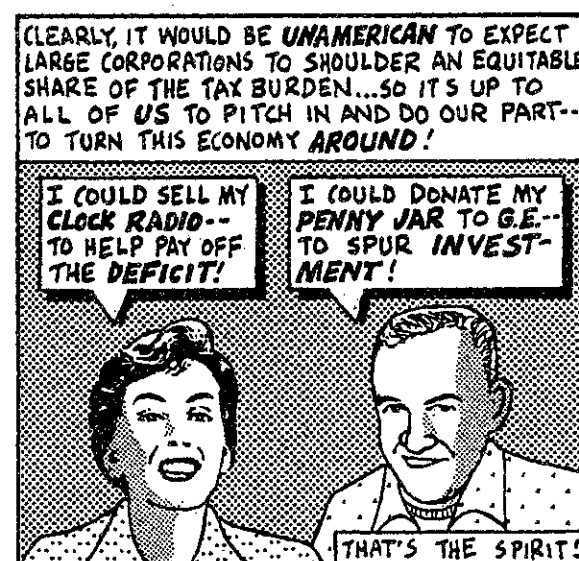
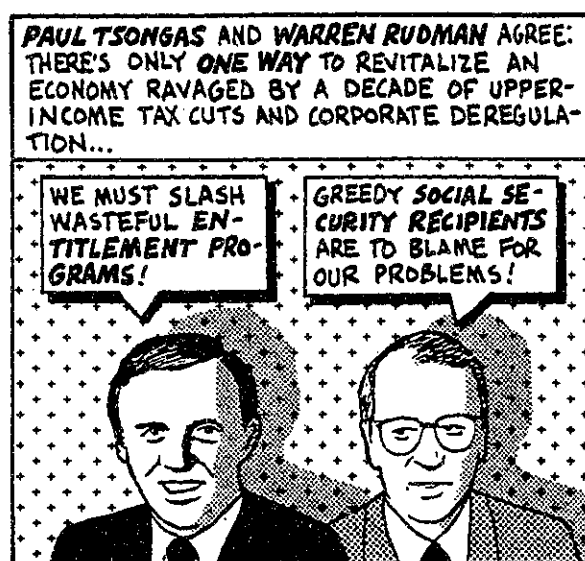
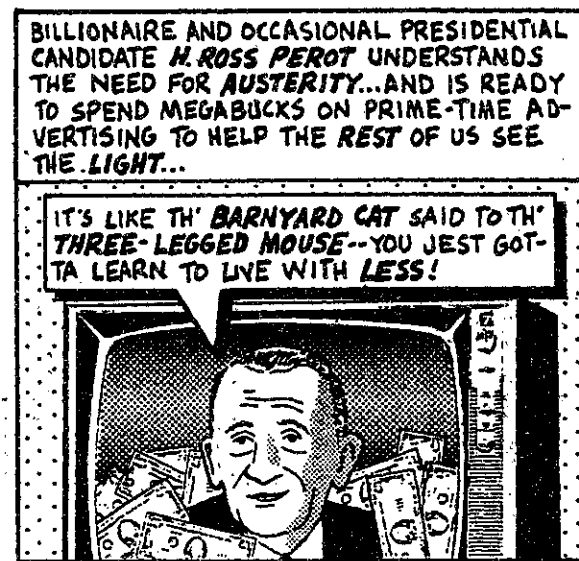
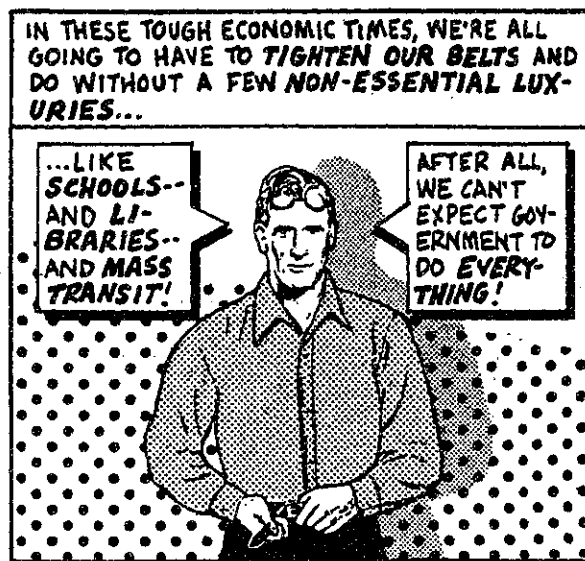
For underwear, toasters, notebooks, compact discs, trade paperbacks, and anything other than textbooks, students have a

choice between the Coop and other retailers. Students deserve this same choice for textbooks. Since open competition for textbook sales is not feasible — students would run all over Boston and Cambridge trying to see which store has a specific title at the lowest price — the best solution is limited competition. A new cooperative which attempts to compete with the Coop — even if it only carries the textbooks for a few large classes — is a good, workable idea.

With a rent-free student center location (perhaps La Sala de Puerto Rico for the first few weeks of each term) and low administrative overhead, the new cooperative could offer textbooks closer to cost than the Coop and still manage to give rebates to students. If students are hired to run the store, that overhead will be pumped back into the pockets of the student body.

MIT should stand strongly behind the idea of a student-run cooperative, encouraging faculty to transfer book orders for classes to the new operation. The Coop can still function as one of the MIT textbook resources, and continue compete with Lechmere, Filene's, and Newbury Comics in its other retail operations. While there are sure to be hassles and imperfections in a new student-run cooperative, the time has come for students to do something about the problems in the Coop.

THIS MODERN WORLD by TOM TOMORROW



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-Defense Not An Answer

Reading the letter to the editor that appeared in *The Tech* ["Tragedy Shows Need For Self Defense," Sept. 22], it is with the utmost sincerity that I implore the authors to stop advocating self defense before they get someone hurt.

I'm not arguing that we shouldn't take self defense courses. This is an excellent idea. However, we, the students, should not be allowed to have weapons. First, I don't trust an MIT student with a gun any further than I do any of the varied personalities I run into on my way to Random Hall at 2 a.m. Second, most of us aren't capable of using weapons to properly defend ourselves.

I'm in the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps. I've also taken the pistol physical education course here at MIT, but I would never consider myself capable of defending myself with a pistol from a mugger in the dark. Combat situations occur fast, too fast for one to make proper decisions. I know I would not have the proper time to use the weapon correctly. The mugger has the initiative. I would not know whether or not a stranger was going to commit an act of violence until he did. I would be forced to react to his actions. By then, it would be too late.

Suppose that we are allowed to carry any weapon that we choose so that we can crusade into Cambridge and take the streets back from the muggers and rapists. Where are you going to carry it? In your backpack? Try counting how many seconds it takes you to fast draw your calculator, an item you are very familiar

with and probably know the exact location of. Those are seconds you aren't going to have on the street.

So what is my answer? Let Campus Police do its job.

Frank Pelkofer '94

Security Is a Serious Concern For Institute

In regard to the tragic murder of Yngve Raustein '94, I wrote a letter to President Charles M. Vest, who so kindly took the time to respond. Vest wrote that meetings and action will be taken very soon, and I certainly

hope that progress will be made.

Prospective students may choose not to matriculate to MIT on the basis of the campus safety issue, and how much progress, or at least effort, the administration has put into it. It is therefore vital that action be taken immediately by the administration. If no action is taken, then not only will the situation not improve, but internal friction will develop, causing outsiders to view MIT as an apathetic community.

It is my hope that safety will not become a forgotten issue in the next several weeks, where the faculty mourns with us and then slips back into "normal mode."

Michael K. Chung '94

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by Jim

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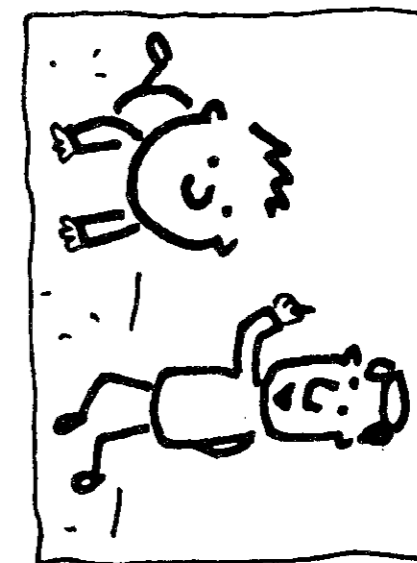


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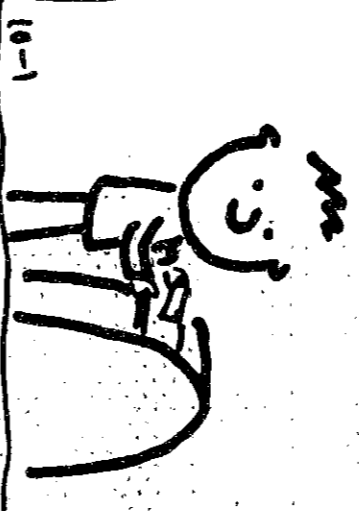
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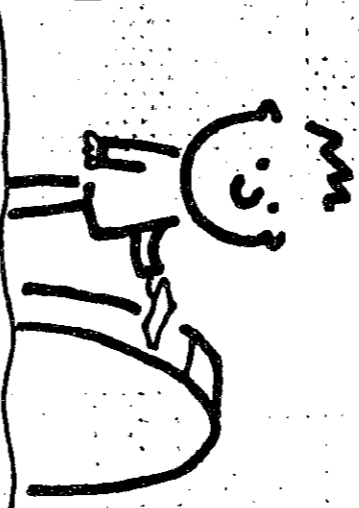


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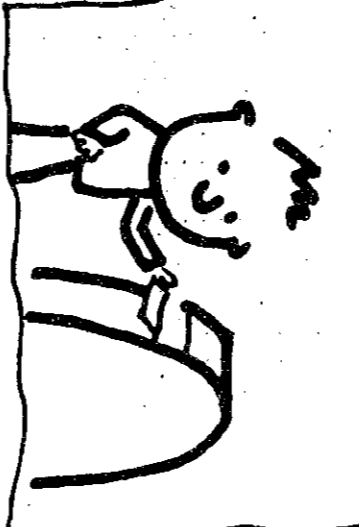


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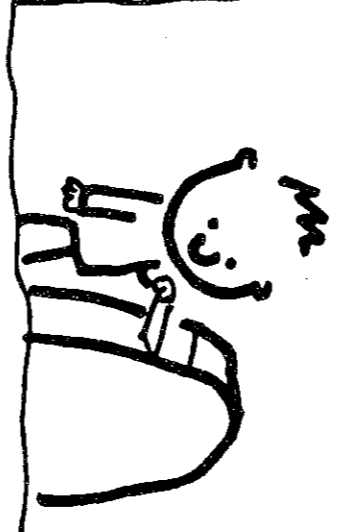
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High Costs, Low Sales Contribute to Low Coop Rebate

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million last year.

Members are disappointed

"By the cooperative nature of the Society, we return any excess of funds based on sales," said William R. Dickson '56, Chairman of the Coop's Board of Directors. "Hopefully we'll return to a period of higher rebates."

Dickson, also a senior vice president at MIT, added, "Personally, I would like to return to something over 5 percent, and if we could, even more. ... We have a lot of good members, and we want to interest them more in shopping at the Coop."

"I was kind of disappointed that it wasn't higher," said Pieter M. Pil

G, a member of the board of directors for four years. "At least there's still a rebate. ... The Coop is sparing no effort to improve things," he added.

The rebate "was incentive for people to go the Coop," UA President Shally Bansal '93 said. "I think a lot of people will be turned off to the Coop for a while. ... It would be pretty obvious to [the Board of Directors representatives from MIT] that something needs to be done," she added.

"When I was a freshmen, the rebate was 9.5 percent. Last year, people were really griping ... [but] they kind of looked over the bigger issue that it had gone down 4.5 percent in four years," said Michael L. McComas '93. "I don't know what [the Coop] could change except

streamlining their business, making it more of a bookstore instead of a Filene's," he added.

"It's almost not worth it. I don't buy anything there anymore, except books," said John F. Shiple '93.

"It doesn't matter much to me," said Ziad J. Azzam G. "I don't remember getting more than \$10-15 back" even when the rebate percentage was higher, he added.

Coop changes planned

The Coop is currently working with students from MIT's Sloan School of Management on a project to survey students and alumni about the types of merchandise the Coop should supply, Murphy said. "By late fall, we should have a report from them," he added.

Another possible change is the

computerization of cash registers, which would have with inventory records, Murphy added.

"The business over time has been hurt for various reasons," Murphy said. He attributed part of this decrease to a slight increase in expenses, such as rent and health care. He also said that sales were down in the music and computer

departments because of new competitors, while customer pools stayed about the same.

"The Coop's stores vary in profitability by the kinds of goods that they sell," Murphy said. "Just because it's not the most profitable business in the world doesn't mean you shouldn't have it," he added. "We have to balance the needs of the members. ... The profit level shouldn't be the only determining factor."

Textbooks are one of the Coop's lowest profit margin businesses because of high maintenance costs, Murphy said.

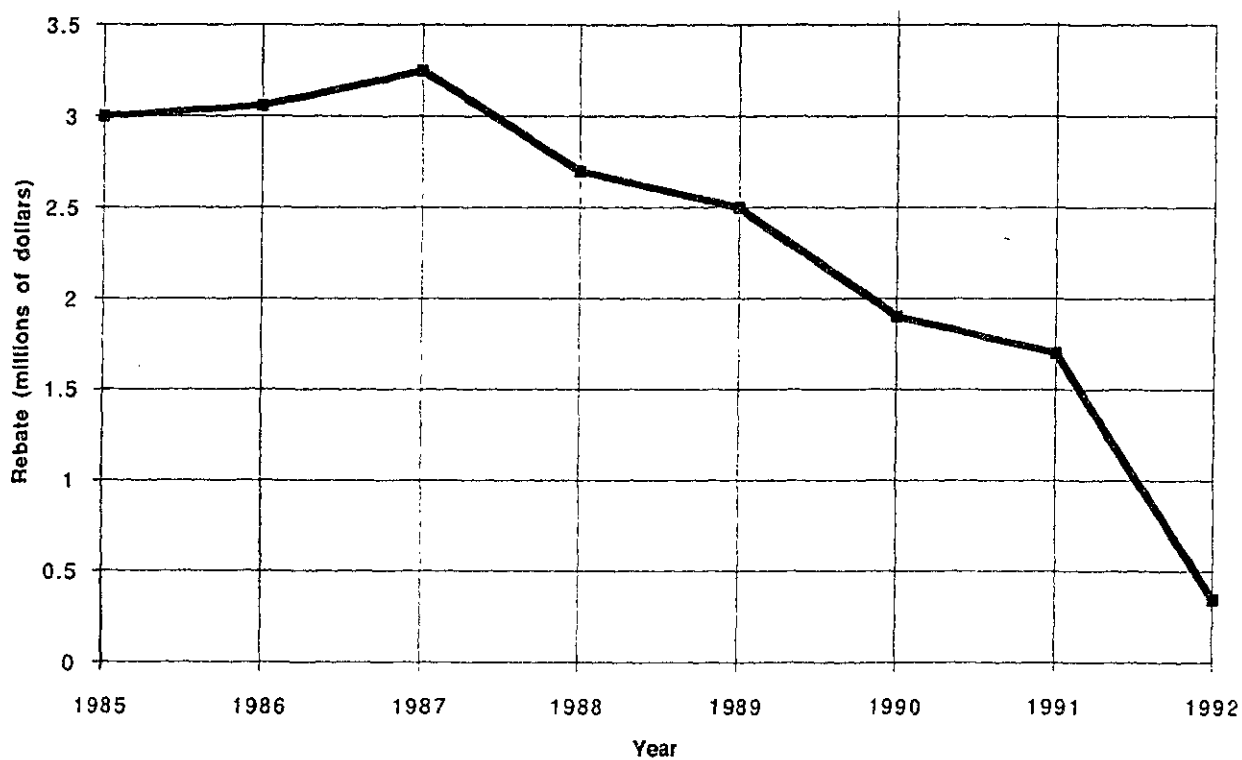
The profit margin at the Coop in Kendall Square is in line with those of the other stores, Murphy added.

The Coop had installed some changes within the past year in response to the falling volume of sales. The stores "cut back on payroll and cut out jobs [they] didn't need in the back room," concentrating more on the sales floors, according to Murphy.



TECH FILE PHOTO
William R. Dickson '56

Coop Rebate Drops \$3 Million in Five Years



MICHAEL J. FRANKLIN—THE TECH

Voter Turnout Low for Freshman Elections

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themselves. They had to sign a statement of candidacy and promise that if elected, they would fulfill their constitutional responsibilities. In addition, all candidates had to obtain the signatures of 40 members of the freshman class.

"I didn't want to just pass a ballot signature sheet around a lecture. I tried to talk to people who signed my petition," Vajjhala said.

Each signature was verified by the election commission. "The registrar provides us with a list of members of the class. There were 19 people who completed all the requirements," Luperchio said.

Students were not allowed to begin campaigning until Sept. 20, and they were not allowed to campaign near Lobby 7 on election day. Each candidate was allowed to spend up to \$275 for the campaign,

excluding any contributions.

"Based on the speeches at the 'Meet the Candidates' night, I think each of the candidates was equally well qualified," Vajjhala said.

"Some people really went overboard. I tried to just stay simple and inform people about me. Campaigning was great. I found that most people were very receptive and open," Fiorillo said.

"I think the elections went well. People were more concerned about student government. People may expect a lot more from us, and I'm sure we'll be happy to oblige them," Cho said.

"The sophomore officers advise freshman officers about what they need to know and how to go about things," said Luperchio.

"It's a very good thing that the sophomores are so willing to help us get organized," Vajjhala remarked.

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MIT and CRLS Students Meet To Discuss Violence

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media glorify violence by placing so much attention on violent crimes, she said. Teenagers receive the message that they will be famous if they commit crimes, she added.

William A. Jackson '93 said it is necessary to get the message out to society that there are consequences to committing crimes.

David J. Kessler '94, Undergraduate Association vice president, said high schools should attempt to foster a sense of community, equality, and value for every person.

"The objective should be to make everyone feel part of a community," said Raajnish A. Chitaley '95. He also recommended a high school course that would teach students about their community, including community programs and the importance of voting.

Students suggest solutions

Many of the students thought teenagers should be able to get more support through their schools.

Teachers do not take much of an interest in students unless they

"think you have more of a chance to succeed in life," said Kate Burlingham, a CRLS sophomore. School officials should "try to get students more involved in school" because it is easy to "get lost," she said. "Make [students] believe they can really do something."

Reeves said that Cambridge spends approximately \$11,000 per student each year, and he asked the students how they would spend that money.

Derman responded that drug education and sex education should be mandatory. Also, she said there should be a class emphasizing the value of human life, though she noted that most teenagers have formed their values by the time they reach high school.

Shally Bansal '93, UA president, said some of the money should be "put back into the support system." Students need to be motivated, and school officials should focus on the fact that students can contribute to society, she said.

Rivera said the high schools needed more guidance counselors. Spitzer agreed, saying students only

see counselors when they have problems with their schedules or if they are troublemakers.

MIT, CRLS may work together

Some students suggested that MIT and CRLS work together. Spitzer said MIT students should come and talk to CRLS students, telling them about college and their personal goals.

Derman said that such a bridge would be difficult to build because "most people I know feel no connection" to MIT students. When college students think of Cambridge, they think of Harvard Square, not the rest of the city, she said.

Students then discussed the possibility of increasing the number of MIT students who tutor children in area grade schools.

"I don't think the answer is working together," Jackson said. It is learning to respect people and to respect Cambridge, he said.

Sarah E. Gallop, the liaison between MIT and Cambridge, said the meeting went well. It was "a lot of the discussion we'd hoped for," she said, including values, commu-

nity, and the roles of government and schools. "Overall, there was the sense that we can help each other."

"It was a wonderful idea to bring the students together," said Albert H. Giroux Jr., director of public information for the Cambridge Public Schools. He said it was unfortunate that the students from CRLS who participated are not the ones that need the most help. "What we have to do is get those [other] students involved."

The MIT students took part in

the discussion as part of their seminar "Current Issues at MIT." Stephen D. Immerman, director of special services, J. Kim Vandiver, professor of ocean engineering, and Gallop head the seminar, which meets every week to discuss a topic of local interest. Originally, this week's seminar was to focus on city issues, with the mayor and city council members present. However, the meeting's focus was changed in response to the Sept. 18 stabbing of Raustein.

Clinton Speaks at Faneuil Hall

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Tsongas received overwhelming support from the crowd. "We have to take a president from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and move him to Maine," he said. "Then that house will be empty and we can ask Bill Clinton to be our president."

"This election is about choice. This election is about change. This election is about jobs. This election is about leadership," said State Sen. Patricia McGovern.

Emphasizing the notion of change, U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II said, "Bill Clinton can bring a spirit of revolutionary change back to America."

"The challenges of the future are now. Get out and vote because this country must move again," said Boston City Council member Bruce Bollings. "This election is too important not to vote."

The speakers before Clinton also

mentioned the Sept. 20 stabbing of Yngve K. Raustein '94 on Memorial Drive. The stabbing "shows a lack of moral leadership at the top," said Steve Grossman, chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party. "This is the opportunity for us to put two men in the White House who will respect this country. There must be an end to intolerance, racism, bigotry, and ethnic intolerance."

"If you want a better life, register to vote. Register your hopes. Register your dreams. Register your fears. Register your spirit. Register to vote," said Joe Washington of the Wellesley United Methodist Church.

Crowd reacts to speech

"I thought [his speech] was good," said Rick Driscoll of Northeastern University. "He combined idealism with substantive ideas. I think Clinton really hit the right stride with this speech."

"I like his policy on education and health, but I wish he would have mentioned women's issues," said BU senior Amy Turiel.

"His speech was pretty impressive. He talked about a lot of issues I wanted to hear about," said an MIT student. "I'm definitely voting for him."

A handful of Bush supporters toting signs for their candidate turned out at the rally as well. "I thought it was pretty good," said Boston resident Bill Domoban, who carried a Bush sign. "Pretty good, for a boy."

More Musical Frosh Play In Performance Groups

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outstanding, she said. Good recommendations are a positive factor for musicians in the admissions process, she added.

However, the admissions office does not make a concerted effort to seek out musicians, according to Elizabeth S. Johnson, associate director of admissions.

"We just have a more (musically) active freshman class this year," she said. "No one really knows why. It may have been some program in elementary school."

Bassoonist Christina Park '96, who plays in the Chamber Music Society and the Symphony, said she discovered MIT's music program

when she saw compact discs recorded by the MIT Symphony years ago. "I was shocked that science and technology people were recording," she said.

Many freshmen musicians said they considered the strength of MIT's music programs when deciding what college to attend. Although it was not a decisive factor, "it sweetened the deal," according to Leonard H. Kim '96.

"I want to be a biologist, but I also want to continue in music and reach a higher level of performance," said violinist Ai-Sun Tseng '96.

Park agreed. "In high school, [music] was a big part of my life. I don't want to give it up."



YUEH Z. LEE—THE TECH
The 1992 Chinese youth goodwill mission from Taiwan made a stop on its 19th annual international tour at Kresge Auditorium last Saturday. The group presented an adventure in Chinese dances, opera, kung fu, and folk arts.

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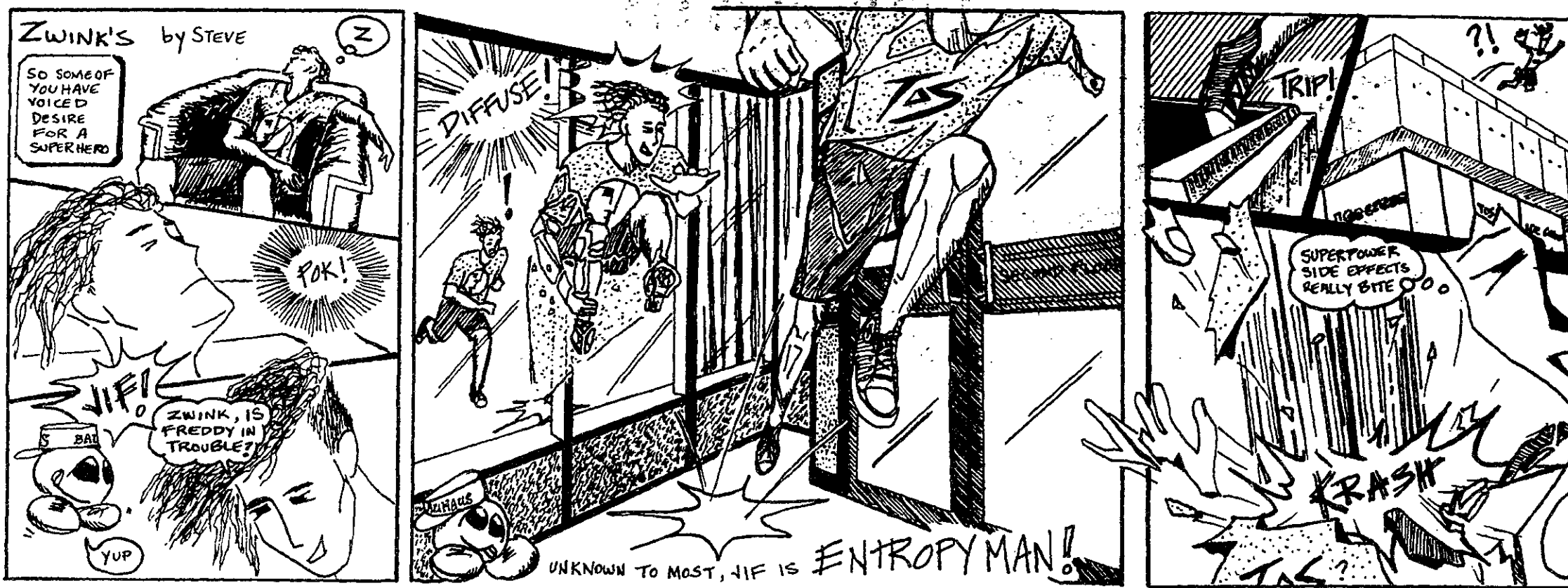
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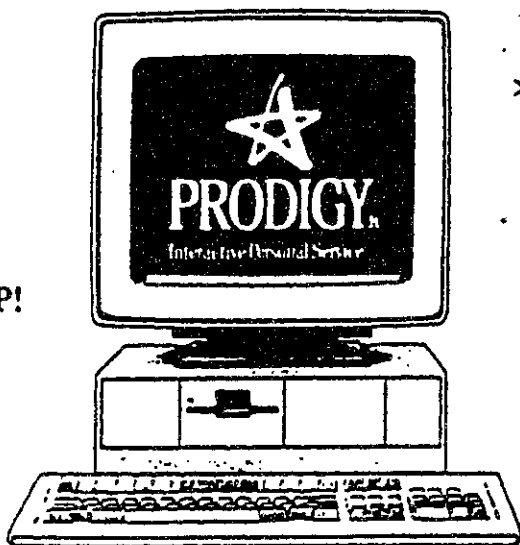
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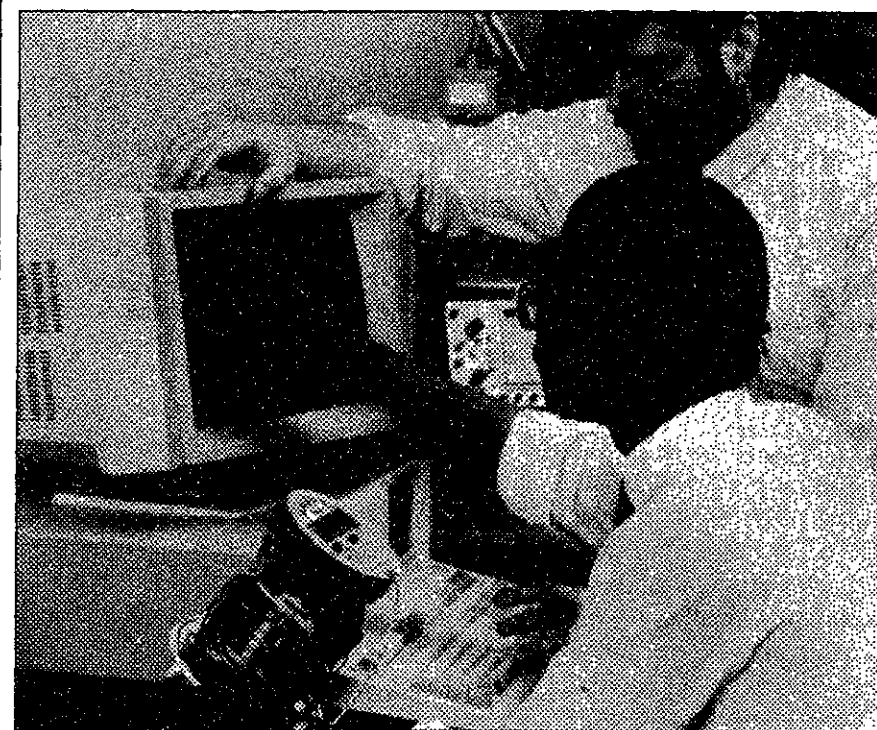
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★★★★: Excellent
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★★★★ Blade Runner: The Director's Cut
 The classic film *Blade Runner* celebrates its 10th anniversary with the release of the film director Ridley Scott originally wanted to make, without the annoying voice-over and the upbeat ending. The result is a wonderful, Kubrickian film with a meditative mood and a soaring Vangelis score. Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer, and Sean Young give career performances in an apocalyptic urban nightmare of the future that was and may still be years ahead of its time. More worthwhile seeing than almost any "new" movie currently playing. *Loews Nickelodeon*

★★★½ Bob Roberts
 Funny and disturbing, this satire of American politics written and directed by its star, Tim Robbins, uses a mock documentary style to chronicle the rise to power of the fictional Bob Roberts. Roberts is a right-wing entertainer, entrepreneur, and political candidate who has adopted folk singing as a medium for his conservative attitudes, and whose only clear beliefs are that individuals should be able to gain as much wealth as they can and that the liberal programs of incumbent Sen. Paiste (Gore Vidal) are a waste of money. The film's scathing indictment of candidates and campaigning in the era of entertainment is accurate and hilarious, but troubling. *Loews Nickelodeon*

★★½ Captain Ron
 Though genuinely funny, this film is poorly written and badly acted aside from Kurt Russell's performance as the title character. Captain Ron sails a boat belonging to Mr. Harvey (Martin Short) and his family from a remote Caribbean island to Florida where the boat is to be sold, encountering a few problems along the way. The characterization of the Captain is delightful, but the plot is mawkish and the supporting acting is awful. The amusing parts are truly funny, but what is left after the humor is badly done. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★★ Howards End
 The filmmaking trio of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant, and Ruth Praver Jhabvala have translated E. M. Forster's novel of class struggles in 20th-century England into a brilliant film that is an astonishing achievement. The screen is filled with contrasting elements such as the rich and the poor, the romantic and the pragmatic, and the urban and the pastoral. The alternately funny and moving story considers which group will ultimately inherit the nation. Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Samuel West are excellent, while Vanessa Redgrave and Emma Thompson are outstanding. *Loews Charles*

★★★ Husbands and Wives
 Bleak and powerful, Woody Allen's new film examines the state of relationships today and decides that everlasting love is little more than a myth. Shot as a documentary, it follows the members of two marriages as they grow disillusioned with one another and begin to look for happiness elsewhere. Judy Davis gives a wonderfully neurotic comic performance, Sydney Pollack is amazing as a man full of frustration but still deserving pity, and Allen and Mia Farrow appear to be haunted by pain. The movie is occasionally funny, but it is more convincing when it dramatizes its

characters' inability to find fulfillment. *Loews Paris*

★★★★ School Ties
 This is an amazing film dealing with anti-Semitism in the 1950's. Brendan Fraser delivers a powerful performance as David Greene, who is recruited from a poor town to play football for an elite preparatory school. David at first hides the fact that he is Jewish and fits in well with his new group of friends. When they find out that he is Jewish, each reacts differently. The movie examines different forms of prejudice in the actions of David's friends after their discovery. Overall, the acting is convincing, the story is feasible, and the moral is presented well. The film properly balances a humorous and serious side, yielding a final product that is as meaningful as it is enjoyable to watch. *Loews Cheri*

★★★ Singles
 This light and entertaining film focuses on the struggles of six singles in their 20s as they try to understand love and relationships. Steve Cambell, Kyra Sedgwick, Bridget Fonda, and Matt Dillon are all good, the script by director Cameron Crowe is often extremely funny, and Seattle locations and music provide an interesting backdrop. Although it is not as realistic

as Crowe's *Say Anything*, the movie contains wonderful isolated moments that are filled with truthful familiarity. *Loews Cheri*

★★★ Single White Female
 Strong performances by both Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh and director Barbet Schroeder's interesting use of lighting and color to create a vividly sinister setting start the film off strongly, but the early promise is never followed through. The interesting but glaringly sexist premise is that recently single Fonda has a deep need for companionship and Leigh happily fills the void with a similar but dangerous desire for attention. Eventually formula takes over, but despite a few ridiculous implausibilities, the film remains effective. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★★ Unforgiven
 One of the better westerns ever made, David Webb People's story about a retired gunslinger (Clint Eastwood) who agrees to hunt down two men for reward money is a richly written deconstructionist work that relishes its elliptical morality. In this version of the west, "sheriffs" beat men to keep violence out of their towns, "villains" are remorseful for what they've done, "heroes" only feel alive when killing, and no one can be forgiven when no one can really define a sin. Eastwood, Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, and Richard Harris are all excellent, and Eastwood's direction has a slowly building pace that allows even the most minor characters and events to be embellished with fine detail. *Loews Copley Place*

★★½ Wind
 Visually spectacular sailing sequences at the beginning and end of the film combine the drama of being in the America's Cup with the excitement of controlling the boats on the open seas. What takes place between the two races are the true failing points of the movie, though. The plot is incoherent and the main characters, played by Matthew Modine and Jennifer Grey, are poorly developed. The story about attempts to reclaim the Cup has its charming moments, but overall it is never as convincing as the phenomenal racing scenes. *Loews Charles*



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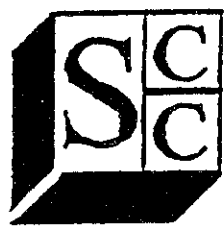
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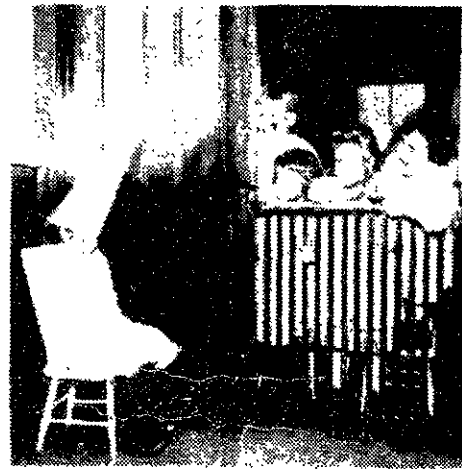
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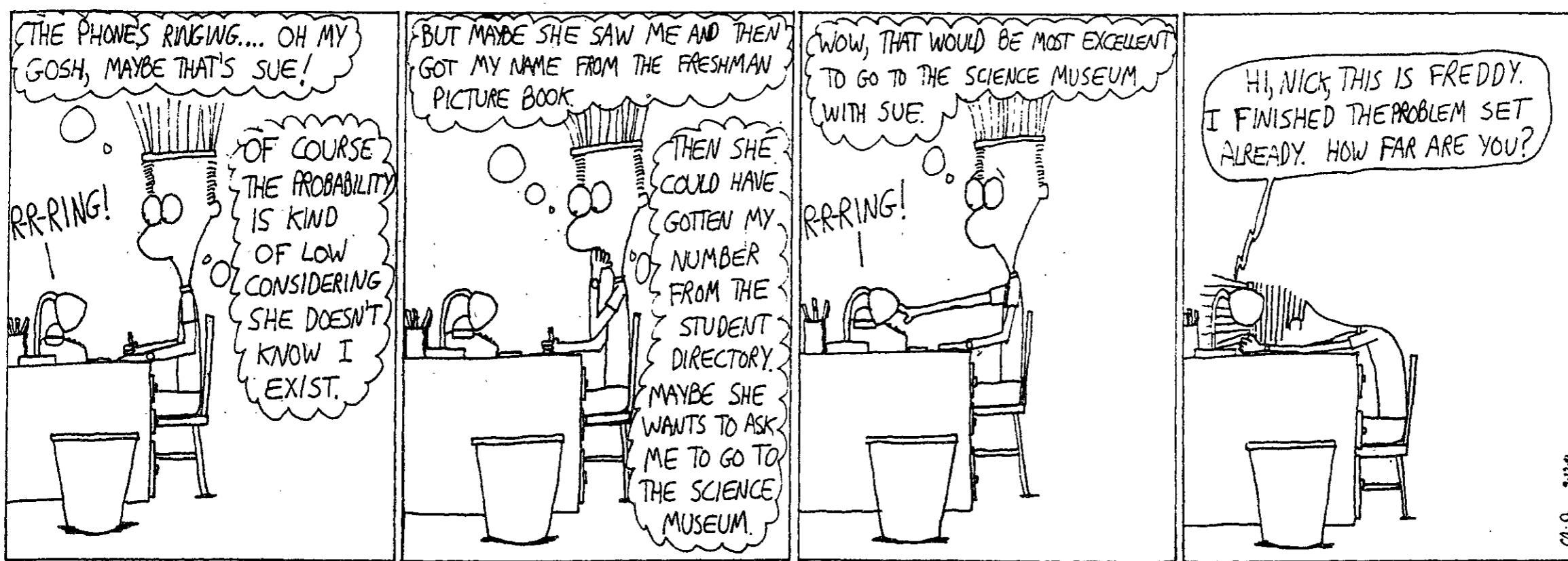
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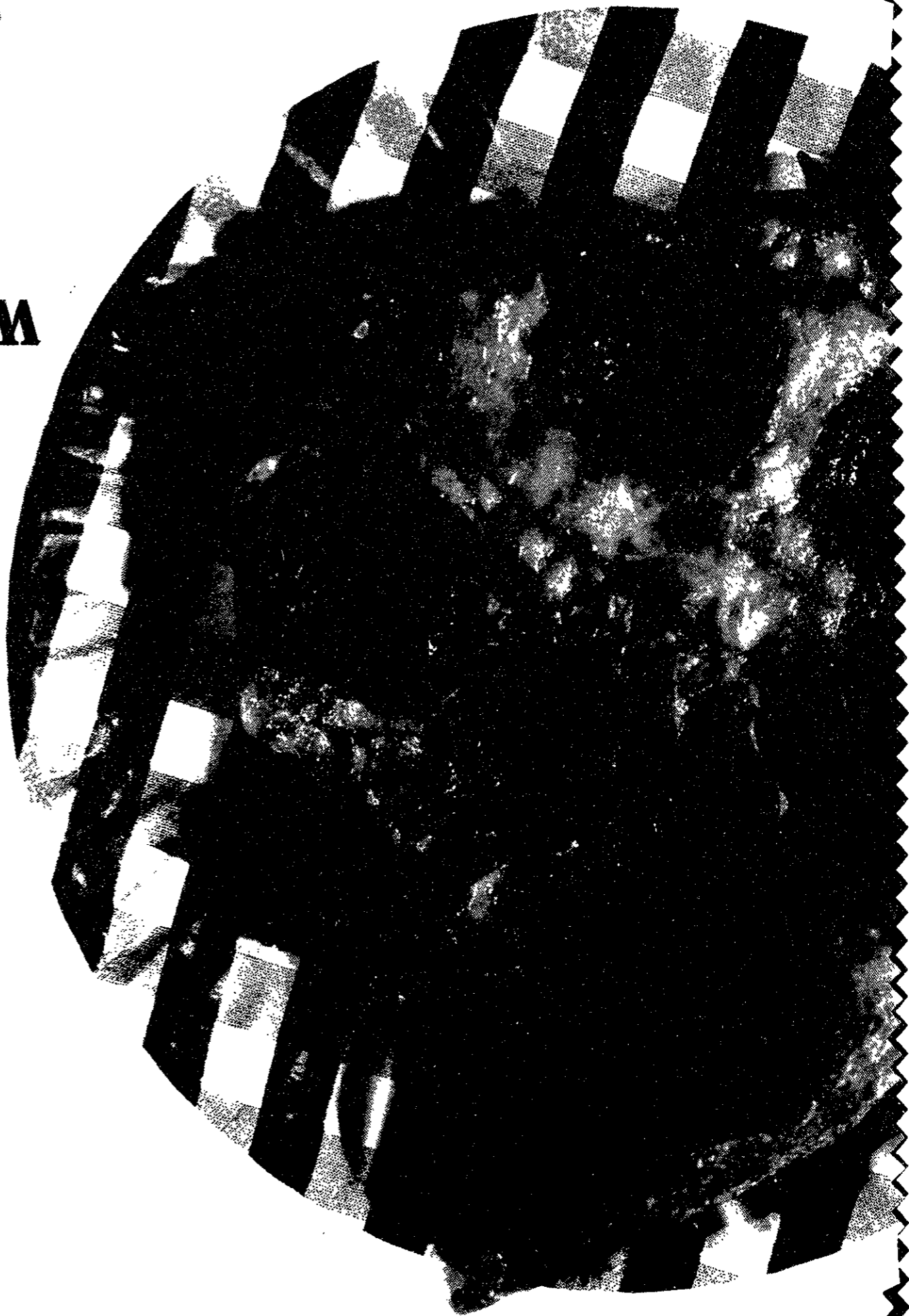
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