Earnings Tumble At Harvard Coop

Trend Continues as Rebate Hits 1.1%

By Eva May

The Harvard Cooperative Society's (Harvard Coop) rebate percentage plummeted to 1.1 percent for fiscal year 1991-1992, continuing a steady downward trend since the late 1980s. The Coop announced Friday that the rebate percentage for the current fiscal year will be 1.1 percent, down from 1.7 percent last year. This is the lowest rebate percentage ever, according to Coop President Jeremiah P. Murphy.

A Coop press release blamed the decrease in profits on the economy. "The difficult economic environment which persists in the New England region continues to adversely affect the Coop's operations throughout the year," said Murphy. "This is indeed a tribute to its members that the Coop was able to declare a percentage refund for the 110th consecutive year, under such circumstances."

The Coop will return $348,000 to its members, compared to $1.7 million last year. Sales had dropped from $66.2 million last year to $56.6 million. This resulted in only $459,834 in earnings before taxes and refunds, down from $2.6 million.

"This election is about what happens to our children and grandchildren. It is about whether [our] children will have a country to love and support," said Clinton 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 want a president who cares for the family. Mr. Bush says, 'We can't, we can't.'" Clinton added, referring to Bush's recent veto of the family leave bill. "I will get up every morning worrying about your families, saying 'We can't, 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 governor for the previous Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Paul E.

Class of '96 Has Many Musicians

Business 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 participate in the MIT's music performance groups than ever before.

"The perception is that music groups have a greater role in MIT," said Concert Director Charles E. Snyder. "Over the past 10 years, there has been an impressive 69 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 Marcia A. Thorpe, director of the society. Usually, there are only 18 groups, he said.

Increase in freshmen quality

It has been reported that the quality 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. Corby.

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

Snyder said the increases have been seen across the board.

"The music is good at MIT just like everywhere else," Snyder said. "One reason seems to be due to the fact that music is good at MIT just like everywhere else."

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"Our main focus is to attempt to unify the music classes," Citrin said. "I want all the classes to be as close as possible, to enable students to participate in MIT music classes along with their regular applications to try to win a special recommendation from the music department.

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Huge International Money-Laundering Operation Breaks Up

WASHINGTON

By Susan Baer

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 that could have been reaping $54 million a year.

The investigation, conceived in Southern California in 1989 and
expanded last week at area conferences here and in Rome, caught
seven high-ranking money managers for the Cali cocaine cartel out
side their home in Rome on Friday. Italian police seized three luxury
McDonald's Freeing Political Killers
From Both Extremes

By Jack W. Germond

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South Africa Frees Political Killers From Both Extremes

The Washington Post

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By Mary Jordan  

WASHINGTON  

An admissions policy that guarantees special treatment to minority candidates at a university in California has been struck down by a federal judge. The judge ruled that the policy, which exempted minority students from certain tests and prerequisites, violated the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The decision was hailed as a significant victory for civil rights advocates who have long argued that affirmative action policies that give preferential treatment based on race or ethnicity are unconstitutional.

The university in question, which has not yet been identified, had been using a policy similar to the one struck down by the judge. The university's president said that the decision would require a significant restructuring of the admissions process.

The judge's ruling was based on a 1992 Supreme Court decision, which held that race-based preferences must be narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling governmental interest.

A spokesman for the university said that it would appeal the decision. "We are disappointed with the court's decision," he said. "We believe that our admissions policy is constitutional and serves important social goals."
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 a reasurance 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 decline 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, 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 no longer available to them, students would run all over Boston and Cambridge trying to see which store has a specific title at the lowest price — the situation is limited competition. A good 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 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 tired of running the streets, that problem will be fixed and the book 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 create classes for courses to the new operation. The Coop can still function as one of the MIT textbook resources, and continue compete with Lehman’s, 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 take responsibility for solving these problems in the Coop.

**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], I’m with the umisth 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 this campus. Gun ownership will improve, but internal friction will develop, according to 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 amoral community.

It is hope that safety will not become a forgotten issue in the next several weeks, when the faculty mourns with us and then slips back into "normalcy."
We look forward to seeing you there.

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By Jim

Jim's Journal
High Costs, Low Sales Contribute to Low Coop Rebate

The Coop, from Page 1

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Elections, from Page 1

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falling volume of sales. The store "cut back on payroll and cut out jobs (they) didn't need in the back room," concentrating more on sales floors, according to Murphy.

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MIT and CRLS Students Meet To Discuss Violence

Clinton Speaks at Faneuil Hall

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Tuongas received overwhelming support from the crowd. "We have to get Bill Clinton to South Boston 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 change. This country must move again," said John F. Kennedy II. "Bill Clinton can bring a spirit of revolutionary ideas. I think Clinton really hit the mark." 

"This space donated by Yngve K. Raustein '94 on Memorial Day."

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September 29, 1992

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- BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF -

★★★★: Excellent
★★★★: Good
★★★: Mediocre
★★: Poor

Blade Runner: The Director's Cut

The classic film Blade Runner celebrates its 10th anniversary with the release of the film director Ridley Scott's originally wanted to make, without the savoring voice-over and the upbeat ending. The result is a wonderful, Kubrickian film with a meditative mood and a stunning 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 aware of its time. More worthwhile seeing than almost any "new" movie currently playing.

Leaves Coolidge

★★☆☆☆: Bob Roberts

Funny and disturbing, this satire of American politics written and directed by 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 makes bold claims as a means 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. Patite (Gene Viola) are a waste of money. The film's scathing indictment of candidates and campaigning in the era of entertainment is amusing and hilarious, but troubling.

Leaves Coolidge

★★☆☆☆: Captain Ron

A sometimes genuinely funny, this film is poorly written and frequently actuated from Kurt Russell's performance as the title character. Captain Ron sails a boat belonging to Mr. Harris, (Marlon Brando) and his family from a remote Caribbean island to Florida where the heat is to be sold, encountering a few problems along the way. The characterization of the Captain is delightful, but the plot is wishy-washy and the supporting acting is awful. The amusing parts are truly funny, but what is left after the humor is badly done. Leaves Coolidge

Howards End

The filmmaking trio of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant, and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala have translated E. M. Forster's novel of class struggle 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.

Leaves Coolidge

Husbands and Wives

Blind 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 searing 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' liabilities to find fulfillment.

Leaves Coolidge

School Ties

This is an amazing film dealing with anti-Semitism in the 1950's. Brenda 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 mood 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.

Leaves Coolidge

Single

This light and entertaining film focuses on the struggles of six singles in their 20s as they try to understand love and relationships. Steve Campbell, Kya Sedwick, Bridge Fonda, and Matt Dillon are all good, the script by director Cameron Crowe is often extremely funny. Seattle locations and music provide an interesting backdrop. Although it is not an realistic as Crowe's Say Anything, the movie contains wonderful isolated moments that are filled with truthful familiarity.

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Unforgiven

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