Coop Group challenges current Coop leadership

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up less than 30% of the Coop's membership — 25,000 Harvard and MIT alumni live or work near the downtown Harvard Club. The Coop had an obligation to serve those alumni.

The nine members comprising the 1982 Coop Group hope to continue a trend begun by the original Coop Group last year.

"I don't feel that we've done a great deal," Guy Molyneux said. "The most important thing, we have established a tradition of checking managerial decisions, particularly when the decision will adversely affect the student's interests."

"We're very much the outgrowth of last year's group," Eric Reiff said.

One of the main issues in the Coop Group's platform is the plan to reduce textbook prices, possibly by reducing the Coop's rebate.

"We'd do it only if it would benefit the students," Reiff said. "Reducing textbook prices would be harmful to the Coop. Golub claimed the Coop, selling at a mark up, lost $7,000 on textbooks in 1981. Coop Group members claim the management was openly opposed to a unionization drive last year, and wants to prevent this policy in the future. The union that sought last year to organize Coop employees charged in a National Labor Relations Board case that the Coop management coerced workers in a massive anti-union campaign, the union was defeated by Coop employees 273 to 156. The outcome of the case is not yet known.

"We don't know what the outcome will be," Reiff said. "I'd almost like to say it's likely they're found guilty. We are absolutely committed to not being pro-union, but anti-anti-union."

Will McDonough agreed, saying it was "terrible" to coerce workers to vote one way or another.

"We saw the student-union issues as linked," said Meredith Kane, a current Coop Group Board member. "This is our money you are spending on fighting the unions," she said.

Lars Toomee '82, a current Board member, said the Board concluded that a union would create a more antagonistic atmosphere and was not needed at the Coop. Defeat of the union "was interpreted as a pretty strong denunciation against the union. But equally to have about 150 vote for it meant there were some significant problems."

These problems were considered during the year and changes were claimed Toomee. A new personnel manager was hired and a new personnel package devised.

"I have taken no public or private position on a union," Brown said, later adding, "I think we could operate much better and more easily without a union." Some student candidates are unfamiliar with both the name and the platform. Gordon Hunter G said, "I haven't heard of them at all."