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The Harvard Cooperative Society, in reaction to an investigation by MIT Campus Police into thefts of shoppers' property at the Tech Coop store, is considering tighter security measures for possessions left at the entrance to the book drop.

The recent concern for security at the book drop is largely the result of a Campus Police investigation into the reported theft of a book backpack by a Coop trainee, according to Raymond F. Paczuski '84, according to James Olivieri, chief of police.

"Our efforts to stop Coop arsons, said. "There was a misunderstanding."

Ernesto Faillace G filed a report April with Campus Police that his backpack had been stolen from the book drop. The backpack neither has been returned nor has reimbursement been made. Faillace said.

The Coop told him it was not responsible for the loss, he added. "We may want to review the present situation to see if any thing can be done to make the check-in safer," said John Cunningham, assistant manager of the Tech Coop.

The Tech Coop has so far changed its security only by posting two handwritten warnings. It has ordered two printed signs, Cunningham said.

One sign warns patrons to "Please take all wallets, checkbooks, keys, etc., from bag before leaving it at book drop." Another sign informing shoppers to "Save all books, bags, briefcases, etc., at the book drop behind you" remains posted.

The Tech Coop is considering the use of a system for checking possessions at the entrance to the book section, Cunningham said. "We are as much concerned as the victims are, if not more so, than anybody else about the situation," he added.

The Harvard Square Coop stores a backpack's belongings into a large bag at the entrance to the textbook section, Cunningham said. "However, we have space limitations, where the Harvard Coop might not," he added.

Olivieri, chief of police.