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**Khmer Rouge must not return to power**

It would be incredibly naive, to say the least, to expect Cambodia's Khmer Rouge to just lay down their arms and peacefully work with a coalition government in Cambodia.

It would have been gratifying, however, to see some progress come out of recent peace talks held in Paris during this summer between the government of Cambodia, led by Prime Minister Hun Sen, and the Khmer Rouge. The United States also participated in the peace talks, as well as the Chinese government.

The Chinese, who supported the Khmer Rouge in the past, insisted at the talks that there was really nothing wrong with the Khmer Rouge taking part in a new government. The US disagreed, saying the Khmer Rouge could never have any legitimate reason in Cambodia.

Unfortunately, the talks are in limbo. And so is the fate of the Cambodian people.

The Khmer Rouge is an army of diehard, twisted Marxists who, under the leadership of a shadowy figure named Pol Pot, murdered some one million human beings from 1975 to 1979.

All in the name of socialism, all in the name of a perfect, classless utopia. "Man needs to know that he was born from a grain of rice!" Khmer Rouge leaders said. The Vietnamese put a stop to the carnage by invading Cambodia in 1979. Unfortunately, they didn't put a stop to the Khmer Rouge, who slipped away and lived to fight another day. Some 40,000 of them are hiding out in Thailand right now, ready to take power again.

Nor did the Vietnamese stop the suffering of Cambodians, who must live with the terror of constant fighting between the Khmer Rouge and a rebel army.

Cambodia is, slowly but surely, recovering from the past, opening up their doors to the world. The cities are alive again with business. All of this will end, however, if the Khmer Rouge regains control.

The United States—or any other civilized nation—cannot let this happen. We must give aid, either military or otherwise, to rebel forces trying to stop the Khmer Rouge from returning to power. Pol Pot should be hunted down and punished, and the Khmer Rouge eventually disbanded.

This may seem like wishful thinking, but considering the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, can anything less be asked?

**Harvard continues to support affirmative action**

Cambridge—(I.P.)—The long awaited report on the recruitment, promotion and retention of minority and women faculty members on the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences by a blue-ribbon faculty committee, appointed by FAS Dean A. Michael Spence, reaffirmed the University's continuing commitment to affirmative action:

"The subjects of affirmative action arises out of the university's moral commitment to excellence in learning in the service of scholarship and society. Harvard has never been devoted simply to abstract scholarship, and it has always understood its primary commitment to the preservation and dissemination of knowledge in the active rather than the passive voice," the report stated.

"Affirmative action does not involve the 'bending' of existing standards. It does involve the recognition that the standards as interpreted at any particular time are not beyond question. It asks us to recognize that a diverse faculty can enhance Harvard's contribution to scholarship and teaching."

The committee notes the increased efforts in recent years by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to recruit qualified minority applicants, but cautioned that despite these efforts and the generous financial support provided to successful candidates, "the total number of minority students seeking a graduate education remains very small."

This fact, the report concluded, "has ominous implications for future faculty recruitment." And, although the committee heard comments to the effect that the problem of small pool of candidates had been used too often as an excuse for a scarcity of women and minority candidates, statistics show that "the problem of the pool is real," the report stated.



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**Attack of the automated pizzas**

by John E. D'Aura

One of the reasons I was looking forward to returning to school after the summer break was the great pizza I had gotten at the Moyer Student Union's Italian Accent. Well, after the attending the first few meetings of my classes and successfully hunting up all my books it was time to get those scrumptious slices of pizza, but what happened to that cozy shop and that delicious pizza?

I don't think I'd want to earn my living as a food taster, but I do have a lot of experiences with pizzas. As my name suggests, I am part Italian and I grew up eating pizza ever Friday. I also worked in a pizza business for a few years. Finally I've eaten the Italian Accent's pizza for a few semesters. I like this little shop's pizza better than any other.

The shop is still the "Italian Accent" but they don't have the pizza. Hoping that it was still available in a different part of the Student Union, I wandered along the mini-mall of eateries, and a Pizza Hut boothette was in the corner where the donut shop used to be. Immediately I was unfavorably impressed to find a large unfriendly looking machine in place of a serving counter, and further made uncomfortable by its wood-burning stove heat output.

I stepped into the box, ready to get either a really good pizza or just an ordinary one, its pretty tough to make a really bad pizza.

First, there isn't much room for selection. which like getting the exact pitch you'd like to hit. There are only three choices here...regular cheese, Pepperoni, and the deluxe. The pizza is too small but it tastes o.k. However, the dough is too thick and the toppings slide off the small slices. Since the pizzas are so small I could eat two of these "personal pizzas" compared to two slices of the pizza that was available last semester. And that makes the \$1.95 per pizza price too expensive to last semester's \$1.15 per slice.

This new way of making pizza is definitely faster if you happen to fit the probability profile that is obviously behind it, but that still leaves out a lot of us. A smart business gives credence to the saying "...Not every change is progress".

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