

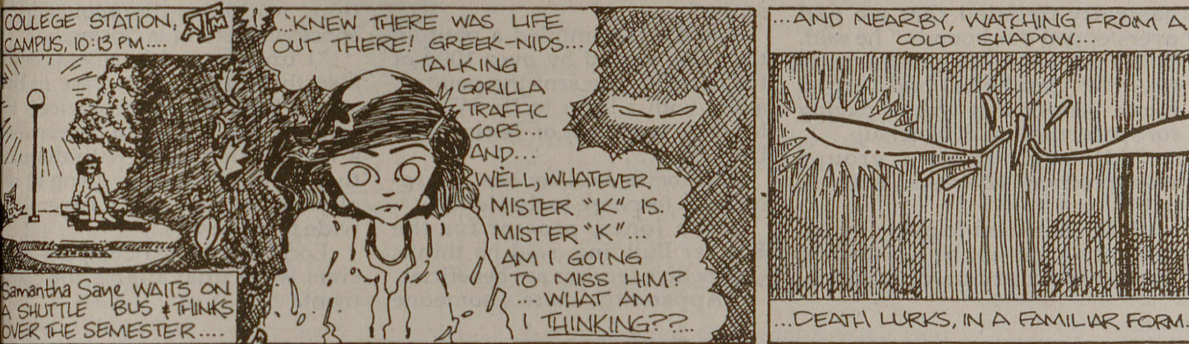
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Agency expands General Motors study

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WASHINGTON — The government expanded its investigation Tuesday into charges that millions of General Motors pickup trucks are more susceptible to fires in side crashes because of their fuel tank location.

"The agency has been involved in a complicated review of a great deal of information on this issue during the past four months, and there is no question further investigation is needed to determine whether these trucks contain a safety-related defect," said Marion Blakey, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Blakey emphasized that the action doesn't mean the agency has concluded that a safety-related defect exists. A recall could cost General Motors Corp. about \$1 billion.

The probe began Aug. 14 with a petition by the Center for Auto Safety and Public Citizen, two consumer groups, asking the gov-

ernment to recall the vehicles. In question are about 4.7 million 1973-87 Chevrolet and GMC CK series full-size pickup trucks on the road now.

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Students

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These were problems during Malcolm's life, but not nearly of the same magnitude as today, he said. Broussard said Malcolm is a positive example for many people.

"He came from a dysfunctional family, a broken home, he led a life of crime and was incarcerated for six years," Broussard said. "He had the capacity to pull himself out from that situation and try to understand not only his own individual plight, but the plight, at that time, of 22 million blacks in this country."

The idea that African-Americans could take their fate into their own hands was new in the 1960s, Broussard said.

"This was derived from Malcolm's association with the Na-

tion of Islam for 12 years," Broussard said. "The self-help component, the fact that black people had the capacity to improve themselves by going to school, by getting trained, by taking pride in their community, and by embracing their culture."

W.D. Mohammed said it was his father, Elijah Muhammad, that encouraged his children and constituency to learn more about Islam although the Nation of Islam.

"On one hand, he was advancing an idea of Islam that was completely incorrect and on the other hand he was also encouraging us to learn more about real Islam," W.D. Mohammed said. "He said learn Arabic so you will be able to read the Koran in Arabic. He provided the teachers himself."

Malcolm loved to read and was a great educator, Broussard said. He loved to talk to young

African-Americans.

"He was the kind of person if students stopped him or if he was on a college campus he would spend hours on end talking to students about anything," Broussard said. "I think he would have continued to be a great educator in a way that I think even Martin Luther King, Jr. did not have a capacity to be or Jesse Jackson certainly has not shown the capacity to be."

On the other hand, Denby said he is afraid that many young African-Americans will take Malcolm's message and be pro-black at the expense of white society.

"You can be pro-black without being anti-white," Denby said. "Malcolm left a legacy to which all Americans can look for. When he died he could say he left this world, this country, this place, this America, this black America a better place."

Friend

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Malcolm X was a man with a brilliant mind, W.D. Mohammed said.

"He was a person with an independent mind, a person who was trying to get somewhere," W.D. Mohammed said.

"My husband did what he had to do. He paid a debt to our ancestors and their efforts. He was a committed man," said Shabazz.

Malcolm X's deeply religious beliefs caused him to break away from the Nation of Islam in 1964.

"Malcolm was a man going through changes," W.D. Mohammed said. "He changed from the old idea of the Nation of Islam to the universal understanding of real Islam."

He said Malcolm even changed his name to Malik Shabazz.

"He changed his name before he broke away from the Nation of Islam," W.D. Mohammed said.

Malcolm changed his surname from Little to X in 1952 as form of protest.

"I'll continue to use Malcolm X as long as the situation that produced it exists... as long as there is a need to protest and struggle and fight against the injustices that our people are involved in this country," Malcolm said in a 1964 speech.

Malcolm changing his name was one example of the changing views of Malcolm, W.D. Mohammed said. Malcolm's views about Islam began changing before he went on a pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

"He saw moral contradictions in the man that fascinated him, that captured his mind and had also earned his respect, the honorable Elijah W.D. Mohammed," W.D. Mohammed said.

W.D. Mohammed's father had relationships with two of his secretaries which resulted in both bearing children. W.D. Mohammed said that his father secretly accepted them as his wives. Malcolm had high moral standards and felt he had to leave the Nation of Islam, W.D. Mohammed said.

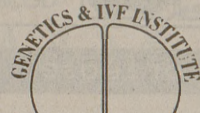
"Malcolm couldn't stop with the Nation of Islam, and he couldn't stop with my father."

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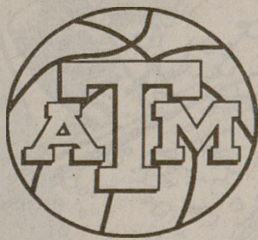
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