

**Protest high food prices**

# 100 students vote to boycott Central Square

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At a mass meeting held last Thursday, close to 100 members of the York community voted almost unanimously to stage a two-day boycott of the Central Square cafeteria, for Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Motions to culminate the boycott with a second mass rally in Central Square at noon to-day and demands that the university administer food services on a non-profit basis overseen by a board of students, faculty, and staff, were also passed.

The mass meeting, called by the CYSF to discuss the food posture at York, was addressed by student president Dale Ritch, Norman Crandles of ancillary services and Peter Jarvis, chairman of the food services committee.

Alice Klein, executive assistant of the CYSF, chaired the meeting.

"We've a long history of disgusting food at York and this year is no exception," Ritch told the 150 people seated in the lecture hall. "Despite what anyone says, food prices have gone up."

Ritch attacked the running of food services this year, centering in on the "inhumane" layoffs of the Versa workers, rising food prices, poor quality and scrip, York's compulsory meal plan.

"All student services have gone up in price and down in quality," Ritch told the crowd. "It's up to us students to organize against what's happening and do something about it."

"We can't just let the university administer food services; we have to make sure they operate them in our own interests," he said, referring to the food board.

"The administration is giving us a backdoor tuition increase by raising the prices of all student services, including food," Ritch pointed to increased residence and parking fees, as well as food, as the means by which the university is getting more money without in-



York student makes a point during the discussion period of last Thursday's food boycott rally, while (from left to right) CYSF president Dale Ritch, CYSF executive assistant Alice Klein, Norman Crandles of ancil-

lary services and chairman of the university food services committee Peter Jarvis, listen attentively.

creasing tuition.

He also demanded that the laid-off VS workers who have as yet not found employment, be re-hired with the same pay and fringe benefits package as they held with VS.

Crandles denied that the university was trying to make money from food services this year, and said York would still lose money this year.

"We've had a non-profit operation for the last ten years, because the university has never made money from food," joked Crandles, referring to Ritch's demand that York operate food on a non-profit basis.

Jarvis told the crowd that the answer to better food was not through a boycott, but through mini-committees which could take their grievances to the caterers.

"Commercial Caterers and Rill have made some dumb decisions since they took over, but they're

learning," said Jarvis. "It's up to the Complexes' mini-committees to light fires under the behinds of the caterers."

Once the meeting was turned over to the audience, many students voiced complaints about food this year and challenged some of the statements made by Crandles and Jarvis.

After the rally, Paul Farkas, vice-president of Commercial Caterers whose Central Square cafeteria is being boycotted, said he would open the cafeteria for the duration of the two-day boycott, but would not commit himself if the boycott continued indefinitely. He also challenged the justification for the boycott.

"I am convinced there were trumped up reasons for the boycott with which someone wanted to make political hay," said Farkas.

"They (ULS) wanted me to sign all the previous workers with their old union contract and give them seniority status. I think this is blatantly stupid because they (the workers) achieved that seniority with VS, not with us," said Farkas about the worker situation.

Crandles said he had no in-

tention of meeting demands that the university run food services under a board of students, faculty, and staff.

"We have no intention of handing over food services to Dale Ritch and his mob," said Crandles. "The whole thing is nonsense."

## Robber picked his bones

SAN FRANCISCO (ENS-CUP)—Partial remains from the cremated body of Zen philosopher Alan Watts have been stolen from his widow's apartment in California's Marin county.

Three small bone fragments, encased in a turquoise-studded Tibetan relics box were taken by a burglar, along with a color TV set

and some jewellery.

The widow of the late philosopher said she is more concerned about the fate of the burglar than regaining the remains of her husband, who died of a heart attack in 1973.

If Tibetan legends are correct, the thief picked up an ancient and fatal curse along with the stolen loot.

## Student faces deportation, will speak with Douglas

Kishore Jaggernauth, a York university education student, part-time teacher and political activist, faces deportation back to his native Guyana, if the results of Monday's hearing with the immigration board go against him.

Monday's hearing was witnessed by some 25 Jaggernauth sympathizers, who came to lend moral support to his cause.

Jaggernauth is appealing his deportation order on the grounds that no witnesses were produced to testify against him, and that an uncorroborated document is the only evidence the prosecution has

been able to bring against him.

He is also appealing on humanitarian grounds, in that he has a wife and three children living in Canada.

An active anti-racism worker in Canada, Jaggernauth said at the trial that because he knew "too much" of Guyanese government corruption, he would be unable to lead a normal life in Guyana.

In the meanwhile Jaggernauth will be taking his case to the public and is scheduled to speak along with Rosie Douglas, a black militant also facing deportation, at York on October 16.

## EXCALIBUR needs writers

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Central Square

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## Sexist signs on way out

OTTAWA (CUP)—The Roads and Transportation Association of Canada reports that they have taken steps towards the elimination of sexist traffic signs.

The Council on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, a national body which studies and establishes standards for road signs, signals and markings, has approved a new series of asexual construction signs, the RTAC reports.

Figures on new signs will not bear any resemblance to men or women, and will rely almost exclusively on symbols.

Existing signs presently considered discriminatory will be amended as they come up for revision.

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