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A cook's tour of eateries would quash complaints

Over the past few months I have been following your so-called "newsreporting" of the food situation on campus. Your articles have given the impression that as soon as Versafood is thrown out, a nirvana of culinary exquisiteness will descend upon York University.

I find your reporting on the food outlets on this campus to be neither objective nor factually correct.

As a student who has eaten three meals a day on this campus for the last three years (some might say this has affected my mind; it certainly has affected my girth) and having just completed six weeks in the employ of VS as a supervisor in complex one, I wish to make the following points: 1) Whatever happens with the Food Committee, an institutional type caterer will be in Complex one and two, with no guarantee to be any better or any worse than the present caterer.

2) Excalibur, to my knowledge, has never itself carefully examined the problems of serving 1,000 meals at one mealtime. It might be a good idea to have your reporter spend a couple of days with Rob Avila, the manger of Founders, and just see the myriad problems involved in such an operation.

3) The major complaint in the six weeks I worked with VS (I left because of my academic workload) was not quality. It was rather price and quantity, over which VS has little control, as University Food Services insists that a specific amount of revenue above cost be returned over the year.

4) Students have created some of the problems themselves. For example, a constant complaint is that there are no glasses, forks or spoons. Since September, thousands of these items have disappeared from the serveries and many of these are sitting in students' rooms. So if students have to eat soup with their fingers and use styrofoam cups for milk, they have only themselves to blame.

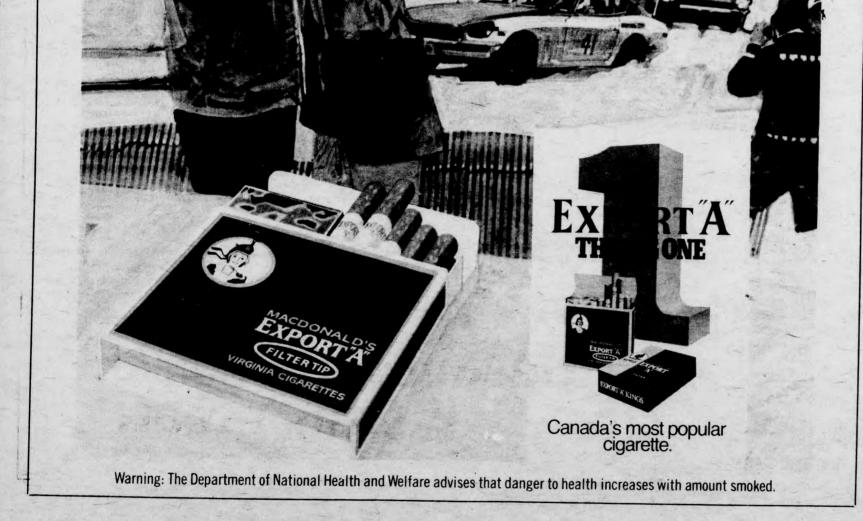
In closing I should point out that the food is not always the greatest, but in my experience it has been adequate to above average for this size of operation. With a little objective and investigative reporting, I believe Excalibur will find that VS (and its staff) is not the ogre it has been painted as.

John Hoyles Osgoode III

No literary merit in "mindless" piece

I would like to register my objection to the third episode in the "Mindsongs" series which appeared in the February 13 issue.

I feel it is tasteless, offensive, of very little literary merit, and that it reveals the authors' total lack of acquaintance with their subject. The world "blasphemy" is of course out of fashion right now, but this piece is an outstanding example of it. Why does Excellibur waste its pages on



this kind of material?

The authors have every right to their own beliefs or lack of them, but what constructive results ever are accomplished by ridiculing someone's religion? Maybe an intelligent article on the subject would be interesting, but this series of tasteless jokes makes me suspect that the authors have never done enough thinking about it to have any worthwhile ideas to share. Why publish such mindless ramblings?

Ellie McTaggart Staff member

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