

# Food services deficit expected

by Mark Wright

**A** \$250,000 food services deficit is expected by the end of the 1990-91 school year because of competition from the Student Centre, said director of housing and food services Norman Crandles.

"A lot of that will depend on what happens at Central Square and with the Marriott corporation," he added.

Crandles said his department has lost money in the past on the undergraduate food programme, but that he was able to subsidize losses from the profits made at the Central Square cafeteria.

However, he expects that the Central Square cafeteria, operated by Elite Foods, will lose business to the Student Centre after it begins its operations.

Crandles said the Central Square cafeteria received an estimated \$1.5 million in revenue last year and [food services] receives approximately 20 per cent of this, or about \$360,000. He expects that this figure may drop by up to 50 per cent which would cut the amount to \$160,000.

He added that this might climb back over the next five years, but that it is difficult to predict anything at this time.

Crandles said Marriott was losing money last year and that an agreement was made between his department and Marriott which increased the amount scrip students were required to buy by 25 per cent this year to balance things out.

"We instituted unlimited portions based on a 14 meal [per week] plan at \$1,875 or a 10 meal [a week] plan at \$1,625 [\$1,425 plus \$250 in scrip] which was compulsory for all first year students," Crandles said.

"I hope it has done the job, but it's still too early to tell," he said.

Crandles said that if Marriott's situation doesn't improve this year, housing and food services might have to get a greater commitment from students to use the meal plan or perhaps restrict the use of scrip to the areas operated by Marriott.

"We're in a one year mode right now and when we are halfway through it, we'll stop

and take a look at what's happened," Crandles said.

University food and beverage committee chair Vivienne Monty said that paying off next year's deficit "is going to be a problem," but she does not see prices going up as a result.

"I think we are going to have a tough time ahead. We are going to have to look at alternative sources for funding," Monty said, but she couldn't specify what those sources might be at this point in time.

Monty sees the deficit as part of a bigger problem which will have to be addressed within the next two years.

"The kitchen facilities at all the residences are going downhill and will need to be replaced in the near future. I think we need to have a real change in the concept of how we feed people because the present way is not working," Monty said.

She added that students should approach local food representatives, whose names are posted in the dining halls, with any ideas that they might have on how to improve on the situation.



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