



University President H. "Lanny" MacDonald scored twice to lead the York faculty squad to a 5-4 win over visiting Trent last Friday.

## Surcharges still stalled

Jonathan Mann

A dispute between the Calumet General Meeting and Food and Beverages Manager Norman Crandles over the university's controversial food and drink surcharge has reached a standstill with the CGM's refusal to allow its Ainger coffee shop to pay up.

The incident is the latest in a string of disputes relating to the payment of a sales surcharge to the university by campus pubs and coffee shops. Only Calumet's Ainger and the Graduate Business Council's Financial Poste snack bar still refuse to make the payments.

Crandles, instituting a policy of the university's Board of Governors, has asked York's pub and coffee shops to pay the

administration one per cent of their gross sales this year. Next year the figure would rise to two per cent, while the year after it would rise to three per cent.

In response to a motion of the CGM instructing the coffee shop's manager "not to forward any payments," the Ainger's Poppy Cobanoglu-Padley remarks that "I couldn't even pay it if I wanted to."

According to CGM Chairperson Peter Padley, the Meeting objects not only to the surcharge, but to the way it was imposed. Although they were invited, "No one from the administration ever came to the meeting to explain what the surcharges were for," he told *Excalibur*.

Crandles recalls being invited to the CGM but refused because he felt the meeting's timing and motives were wrong.

"The request was made after the Board of Governors' decision was made," he said. "It would be wrong of me to go to someone to defend a decision already made by the board. I'd have to start doing that for every campus group."

Crandles maintains that he "did say (he) would be happy to explain the imposition of the surcharge" but "was not prepared to go to the meeting to persuade them to pay it."

While Padley concedes that the issue was discussed at meetings of the Board of Governors, it is his personal opinion that "The Board of Governors is a thoroughly undemocratic institution."

Crandles defends the move, arguing that the surcharges, which will cost the Ainger about \$800 this year, are no more than a way for the university to recover some of the funds it spends for the Ainger's electricity, heating and maintenance. The Ainger, he points out, pays no rent.

While Cobanoglu-Padley contends that the coffee shop cannot afford the surcharge without raising prices, Crandles disagrees. "Unless they're operating the tightest ship in the world, I don't accept that any business cannot afford a penny," he said. "The lowest percentage paid by any (catering service) on campus is seven per cent."

The Ainger is run by the Calumet General Meeting to break even.

Officials of the Graduate Business Council were not available for comment.

### Seeks new members

## Food co-op hungry

Jonathan Mann

York's Black Creek Food Co-op is trying to increase its membership dramatically in a bid to stay alive.

According to Michael Carrick, a member of the co-op's Board of Directors, there are currently about 110 active members in the organization. While these bring Black Creek's weekly sales to approximately \$1000 a week, a jump to \$1500 is necessary if the co-op is to remain viable.

The 50 per cent increase in sales would be easily achieved, according to Carrick, "if we had 150 active members who showed up and paid \$10 a week."

The financial problems facing the co-op originate in rent and equipment costs. While the co-op

does not currently pay for its basement space in 124 Bethune college, the university administration has asked that it begin doing so come September.

This new cost, coupled with the need for equipment to replace the borrowed cash register, scales and refrigerators that Black Creek now uses, spell trouble for the organization unless there is an influx of members.

The co-op began in February of 1980, when "a group of faculty, staff and students got together to offer an alternative to the food available in the area," Carrick explains. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., the store

offers whole grains and flours, fresh produce, dairy products, as well as nitrate and hormone free meats and poultry.

Prices, according to Carrick, "are 10 to 20 per cent cheaper than at Dominion, and we carry a line of things that you can't buy in grocery stores."

Members are required to pay an annual fee of \$5, as well as forward a refundable loan of \$15.00. They are also required to work two and a half hours a month on one of a variety of jobs.

Carrick urges interested people to come see the store, because "if we get people into the store, usually they'll join."

## Radio York reorganizes

With past organizational and financial difficulties behind them, the staff at Radio York are optimistic about their future.

While plans to amalgamate with Radio Glendon have fallen through, Station Manager Dominic Magisano is proud of the way that things are turning out at the troubled station.

CKRY has had two traditional problems according to Magisano: organization and money. "We never had a full organization," explained Magisano. "We were only organized in certain departments."

Now, however, he boasts that the station is "totally organized, with a whole new staff."

Among the recent arrivals is first year computer science student Andy Holowaty, who serves as the station's program director. Holowaty has big plans for CKRY, starting at the grass roots level. "We've started talking to students," Holowaty explains, "to get an idea of what the people want to hear. We've been experimenting and we will be experimenting. Experimentation is the basis of the program."

Money, Radio York's second biggest worry, is a smaller one than usual this year. According to Magisano, the Council of the York Student Federation remains the

station's only means of support.

CYSF's funding to the station is, he says, "the best it's ever been." He quickly laments though, "that's not saying much."

While Magisano would like a bigger grant than the \$2,000 he received this year, he concedes that "They've given us enough to accomplish what we want to accomplish."

The funds are being spent on "having all the equipment prepared, doing everything for

next year," he explains. The station pays no salaries. The speakers which carry CKRY to locations throughout the Downsview campus are being repaired and shuffled around, according to the dark haired Magisano, to better serve areas which do not currently receive the Radio York signal.

What can students expect to hear coming out of the newly upgraded speaker system? "Music," says Holowaty. "That'll be the basis of radio at York."

## Sartre's failures made him great

Erina Ingrassia

"Each has his reasons: for one, art is a flight; for another a means of conquering. Why does one have to manage one's escapes and conquests by writing? Because, behind the various aims of authors, there is a deeper and more immediate choice which is common to all of us."

For many people the death of Jean-Paul Sartre marked the end of a philosophical and literary era. In a lecture given at York entitled "Literature and Politics in the work of Jean-Paul Sartre", guest speaker Professor Ian Birchell of London's Polytechnic School challenged this popular belief.

Professor Birchell offered his listeners a new perspective to understanding Sartre—the philosopher whose existentialist ideas shook our space-age century.

"I would suggest," began Birchell, "that Sartre will not be studied by future generations because he is a great writer. Rather, it is the nature of Sartre's failures and the ambiguity in his work that makes him interesting to study."

By declaring that "Everything is political", Sartre transcended the traditional definitions of both literature and politics. As a Marxist critic, Sartre's primary function as a

writer was to evaluate the political in life and indeed, in literature. However, Sartre went beyond this and challenged the nature of literature itself. Birchell suggested that "If everything is political, then it naturally follows that everything stands to criticism."

Sartre went beyond being the Marxist critic by challenging the notion that literature has any claim on its own. Why write?

"To Sartre", said Birchell, "human practice is indivisible. Literature is a human practice and therefore it is indivisible—it cannot stand on its own."

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