

Marky's departure could leave university campus without a kosher caterer

By JENNIFER PARSONS

A meeting last Thursday between the University Food and Beverage Committee (UFBC) and the owners of Marky's has resulted in a proposal to close the kosher restaurant two weeks earlier than planned. Marky's contract with the University, which was terminated last year following complaints regarding its food and service, had originally been extended to April 30 of this year.

In the meeting last week, Mrs. Karp, one of the owners of the Winter's College restaurant, requested to close on March 31 since they normally closed Marky's a week for Passover and felt it awkward to reopen for only two weeks. Norman Crandles, Director of the Food and Housing Department, accepted this request and will be putting it to the Administration for final approval.

The UFBC extended Marky's contract because of the decision to end the use of scrip and replace it with a credit card by the end of this year. This new credit card system is part of a contract with Beaver Foods, which guarantee that money allotted to resident students will be spent in resident cafeterias only. This weakened the UFBC's bargaining power with potential proprietors which, as independent businesses, would have to run on cash sales only.

The problem remains for any parties interested in taking over Marky's space in September. Crandles said that 75% of Marky's annual \$200,000 business was scrip. "That means," he said, "there's only \$50,000 cash business and with 50% food and labour costs, one is left with \$25,000 less heat, lighting and rent."

Crandles suggested, however, that it is difficult to estimate how much of an effect the credit card system will have on independent businesses, since there is no way to be certain that scrip sales in the past were

directly linked only to resident business. Crandles explained that "with the existence of a scrip black market, it is possible that people who normally spend cash may have been paying with scrip." This would mean that if, for instance, 50% of scrip sales were non-resident, credit cards would not affect sales from people who would have been prepared to spend cash anyway.

Ultimately, Crandles said he will "give a worst-case scenario" to any who apply and, in its worst possible situation, admitted that there would be "a severe problem of anyone having an opportunity to make any money." Nevertheless, Crandles feels that quality of service and food will be the decided factor, and is now receiving and reviewing proposals from interested parties.

In the meantime, the Jewish Student Federation (JSF) is starting a petition to make sure that whatever will replace Marky's will also offer a kosher service. Because Marky's is the only kosher caterer on campus, replacing the service, says JSF Director Rayzel Robinson, poses a very serious issue for students who keep kosher.

The JSF, which has also been approached by interested parties, has passed on recommendations for kosher services to the UFBC. Robinson gave two examples of prospective proprietors: the Jewish Community Centre's caterer which would, unlike Marky's meat menu, offer both dairy and meat, or a kosher service called Misgash Mihalm, which would also specialize in middle-eastern food.

Crandles said that he could not reveal the names of any applicants now under review, but he did note that providing a kosher service was the "top priority" in making a choice between proposals that would put a new restaurant in the Winter's space by September.

Osgoode rejects Arthurs plan

By JAMES FLAGAL

Osgoode's student council recently passed resolutions expressing their opposition to any university plan which will force them to become a part of central student government at York.

At a meeting last Tuesday, the Legal and Literary Society (Legal and Lit) passed two motions which explicitly stated their opposition to joining either undergraduate (CYSF) or graduate (GSA) central student governments. The resolution states that "The Legal and Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School must preserve its status as an autonomous and independent student government." Legal and Lit's President, David Thomas, was not present at the meeting.

In the past two weeks, two reports, one published by the President the other by the CYSF, indicate that Osgoode will become members of central student government. The President's report makes provisions for Legal and Lit to join either the GSA or the CYSF, "depending on the preference of Osgoode students." In the CYSF constitution adopted by Council last week, the "Statement of Jurisdictional Relationships" lists Legal and Lit as one of its constituent governments, making Osgoode a part of CYSF.

According to Legal and Lit Vice-President Stacey Maclean, one of the members responsible for drafting the resolutions, "Students at Osgoode do not want to join any central student government, it's an idea that's been repeatedly rejected... CYSF has no jurisdiction over Osgoode. We should have been approached about this matter, but Harry Arthurs has put us in a situation that does not offer us a choice," she explains.

CYSF President Drew McCreddie has already stated that this does not mean Legal and Lit are a part of CYSF. "It's totally up to them whether or not they want to join," he noted. Members of Legal and Lit, however, were particularly upset about Thomas's role in helping to

draft the new constitution. McCreddie had asked Thomas to sit on his Presidential Committee on Constitutional Reform in order to use his legal expertise in drafting the document.

In a letter to the other members of his Council, Thomas explained that "Just because I helped draft this document does not mean I support it... The draft proposes Osgoode's affiliation with the CYSF. This in no way binds us to anything." Yet, even though Legal and Lit members knew that these terms were not binding, after seeing the document while Thomas was on vacation, they decided to hold a meeting and draft a series of resolutions.

Another resolution expressed Legal and Lit's "concern over the lack of accurate information received from the President... regarding matters relevant to the Osgoode community. Further, they disapprove of his management style."

"Dave Thomas was acting as a York student while serving on that committee, not as a member of Osgoode," Maclean says.

Thomas agrees with Maclean, but says that members of Council are

going to have to come to terms with the fact that whether they like it or not, Osgoode is going to become a part of central student government. In the President's report, all colleges and faculties will become a part of central student government, and that includes non-member constituencies like Bethune, Calumet, Glendon, and Atkinson Colleges, as well as Osgoode.

At the moment, every Osgoode student pays \$27 directly to Legal and Lit, and then another \$13.50 to a trust fund which is administered by both Osgoode's student council and CYSF. In the event of joining, the trust fund will disappear and the money will go to central student government. "Legal and Lit are going to lose the money no matter what," says Thomas, "but do they want representation on the Council that will spend Osgoode students' money?"

Thomas will be meeting with the rest of his Council this week in order to discuss the President's report. He is also meeting with the President of the GSA, Lee Wiggins, in order to find out more details on affiliation with that central student government.

Beaver renovation estimates well below actual costs

By STACEY BEAUCHAMP

Beaver Foods submitted its \$1.1 million plan for the renovation of three cafeterias on campus, a price exceeding the previously quoted cost of \$700,000. The University will not be financially responsible for any of this amount.

According to Norm Crandles, Director of Food Services at York, Beaver had designed something exceeding anticipated costs, partly because the ventilation systems in the complexes need adjustment. This extra cost forced Beaver to propose that renovations be completed

in phases; perhaps two outlets at first, and one later on.

This was considered by Food Services to be unsatisfactory since Beaver's bid included a promise that renovations be completed by the end of this summer, said Crandles. As well, in their proposal Beaver never guaranteed that all phases would be completed. If they had stipulated that the final phase would be finished one year from now, it may have been a different story, Crandles feels.

As it stands, Beaver has been sent back to devise a plan that would enable them to completely finish the renovations this summer.

SHADES OF INEQUALITY A PUBLIC FORUM AND RALLY AGAINST RACISM

The United Nations has declared March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of all forms of Racism. This day marks the killing of 69 unarmed people in Sharpeville by the South African police on March 21st, 1960.

The Canadian Union of Educational Workers, Local 3, Human Rights Committee and the Women's Caucus in conjunction with York Anti-Apartheid is sponsoring the following events to facilitate a discussion on Racism at York.

All members of the York Community are Welcome.

MARCH 21ST, 1988

EXHIBITION 11:00-2:00 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON SOUTH AFRICA
West Bear Pit

FILM AND SPEAKERS 11:00-2:00 p.m.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS
Mimpi Mokaotsi will present excerpts from "Striking Back"

HERMAN STEWART
OFL Executive and Ontario Head of
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
West Bear Pit

RALLY 2:00-3:00 p.m.
West Bear Pit

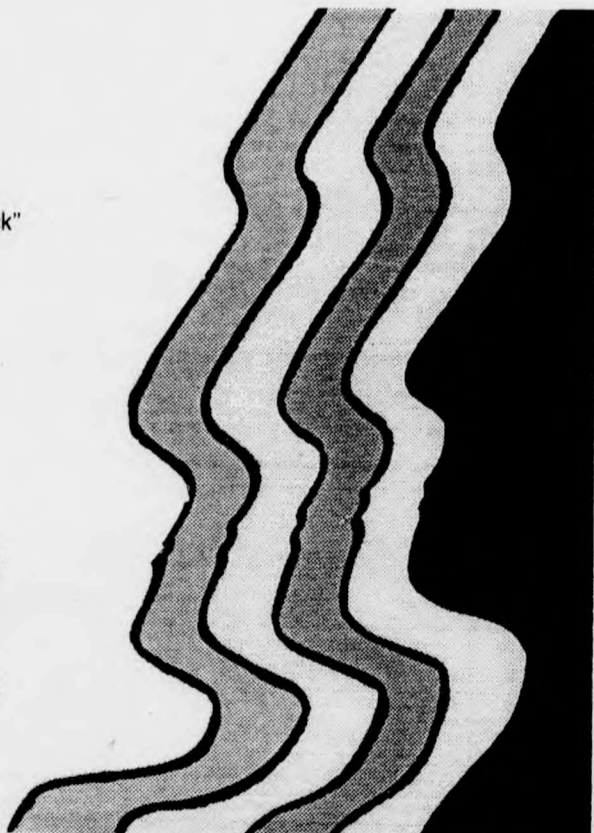
WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION

GENDER AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Dionne Brand, Ontario Coalition of Black Trade Unionists
031 Administrative Studies Building

RACISM IN THE WORKPLACE 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Maria Wallace, Coalition of Visible Minority Women
Cecil Gooding, Ontario Coalition of Black Trade Unionists
031 Administrative Studies Building

DANCE 8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
Crowe's Nest, Atkinson College

Admission: \$5.00. Sponsored by York Anti-Apartheid.



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THE STUDENT PEER SUPPORT CENTRE requires a half-time Co-ordinator (20 hours/week) to work from August 1, 1988 to April 30, 1989.

Candidates should possess strong communication and leadership skills and be sensitive and caring individuals with a thorough knowledge of student issues and services. Counselling experience a definite asset.

Successful candidate will be responsible for program development, selection, training and evaluation of volunteers. Fund raising will also be a large component of this job.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and covering letter outlining their objectives for the centre to C. Clarke, 112 Central Square.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 31ST, 1988.

Italian-Canadian Literature Conference

York University

Senior Common Room, 305 Founders College
March 24, 25, 26, 1988 9:00 a.m.

Hosted by The Mariano Elia Chair in Italian-Canadian Studies this conference will focus on the theme: Italian-Canadian Writing and Mainstream Canada. Participants come from across Canada and beyond. There will be literary readings, round-table discussions, papers, book displays and meetings.

Participants include: Mary di Michele, Pier Giorgio Di Cicco, Frank Paci, Marco Micone, Antonino Mazza, Antonio D'Alfonso, Alexandre Amprimoz, Caterina Edwards, Filippo Salvatore, Liliane Welch, Doré Michelut, Sante Viselli, Linda Hutcheon, William Anselmi, Franco Loriggio, Lisa Carducci, Genni Gunn, Alfredo Romano, Darlene Madott, Silvano Zamaro, Enoch Padolsky, Pasquale Verdicchio, Elettra Bedon, Carmen Ziolkowski, Dominic D'Alessandro, Roberta Sciff-Zamaro, Ken Norris, Franc Sturino, Roberto Perin, J. Pivato, Ann Cameron, Delia De Santis, Antonella Ciancibello, Tina Puntillo.

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