

CYSF food drive to aid North York Harvest

By DAVID DOLLARD

York will be participating in a food drive to help a local food bank supply needy families in the North York area with goods in the upcoming winter months.

Food donated by York students and faculty will be given to the North York Harvest food bank. The food bank hopes to distribute 100,000 pounds of food to the North York, Etobicoke, York Region and Richmond Hill suburban areas by December.

"It is important for students to learn about the social deficiencies of the community we live in and try to help destroy the myth of students being rich snotty-nosed brats who care only for themselves," Gerard Blink, president of the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) said.

Community awareness of the starvation problem in the North York area must be recognized to alleviate "the misconception about life north of Eglinton Avenue," Loren Fried, coordinator of North York Harvest said. Fried said the food bank was established in January 1986, after a year-long feasibility

study determined the necessity for a bank in North York," Freid said.

The University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute will also be raising food and funds for food banks in their respective areas. Blink and U of T spokesperson Chris Stone said they were uncertain if a large scale promotion to raise money for the food banks would be undertaken. Stone mentioned the possibility of a David Wilcox concert at The Copa on October 2, but said the concert has yet to be confirmed.

The food collection drive at York will begin on Thursday, October 25 and continue on the third Thursday of each month until March. Alternate dates will be arranged to avoid conflicts with December holidays and reading week. The CYSF will announce the drop-off location for the non-perishable food later.

The food bank is also counting on cash donations to maintain the monthly operating costs of the bank. "Rent eats us up," Freid said.

For more information contact the North York Harvest food bank at 3640 Weston Road, Unit 11, or phone 746-8438.

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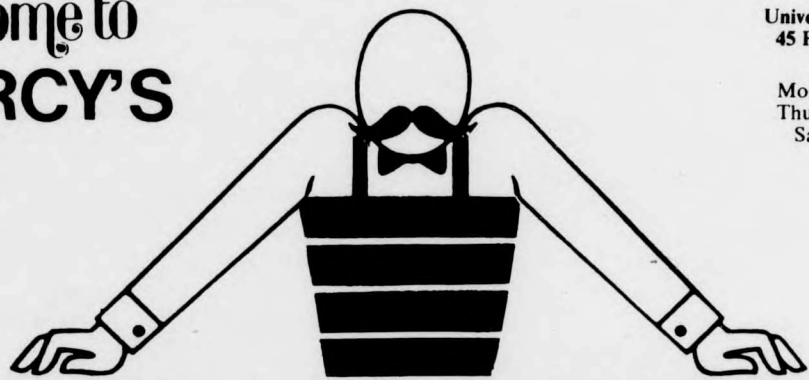
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