

# LETTERS

## Co-op Corrections

It continues to amaze me that many people are not aware that there is a place on the York campus that provides good quality food at cheap prices. I was therefore very glad to see the article on the Black Creek Food Co-op (Excalibur, Sept. 24th) which points out an alternative to those people who might otherwise continue to spend their increasingly constrained budgets at the supermarket or some expensive health food store. However there are several mistakes and omissions in the article that misinform your readers and I wish to correct some of them.

- 1) The co-op is located in room 124 Bethune College (and not in room 112)
  - 2) The co-op has only been in communication with the office of vice-president Small and never that of Mr. Farr.
  - 3) The co-op has no plans to be allowed to accept scrip.
  - 4) Our friendly and helpful manager's name is Don (not Doug) Jones.
  - 5) In addition to several from College Councils there were letters supporting the co-op sent to the York administration by such organizations as Y.U.F.A., Y.U.S.A., C.Y.S.F., Centre for Handicapped Students, C.U.E.W. and several other graduate and undergraduate student organizations.
  - 6) It is hard to follow what self-sufficiency (or 50% of it) means in the context of the co-op. Under the existing lease arrangement, the co-op approximates that there must be gross sales of around \$15,000 per month to meet all expenses (primarily rent). Since our current gross sales are only just working up from \$5,000 per month, it is necessary to try and arrive at a new lease formula. This is what the negotiations with the administration over the past several months have been all about. We at the co-op believe that a rental based on a % of gross sales (similar to that arrangement with the pubs) is in the interests of all parties, particularly as sales have been increasing since the co-op's inception 19 months ago, and hold every promise of continuing to do so.
  - 7) Black Creek has never stopped its practice of supplying healthy, minimally processed foods at low prices. The fact it has recently expanded to provide a number of non-food items does not imply a departure from this orientation.
- While not denying the importance of efforts to ensure the co-op's survival, the style and

tone of your article (reminiscent of one of Toronto's better known tabloids), indicates far more drama and excitement occurred during the summer negotiations than the participants themselves were aware of.

On a final note, one important piece of news overlooked by your article is that the co-op has just expanded its hours of business from three days to six days a week - Mondays to Fridays, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Simon Owens  
Member of Black Creek Food Co-op

## Keep Those Letters Coming

With regard to your article concerning the University's five-year contract with Rill Food Services, I am astounded that Mr. Alavie in Winters College has received 300 letters about anything, but food services in particular.

In April of this year, when the University Food and Beverage Services Committee recommended that meetings of its sub-committees be held to discuss price changes for 1981-82, the outgoing Chairman of the Complex I Food Services Committee contacted me to ask that, since he could not generate enough concern for the subject so late in the term in Complex I to justify a meeting there, could he bring concerned members to our Complex II meeting. I consented, and two people from Complex I came to the meeting at Stong. What I don't understand about Mr. Alavie's 300 concerned people is, where are they when important issues like prices (the one most often discussed) are being considered? I must assume that they were not informed of the meeting, which, if true, must be the fault of the outgoing Complex I Chairman. Hopefully Mr. Alavie will have no such problems.

In the meantime, I would suggest that Mr. Alavie send copies of his 300 letters to both the Management of Rill Food Services and Mr. Norman Crandles so that both, and particularly the latter, can take immediate action as outlined by the new contract.

Richard Linley  
Outgoing Chairman  
Complex II Food Services  
University Food and Beverage  
Services Committee

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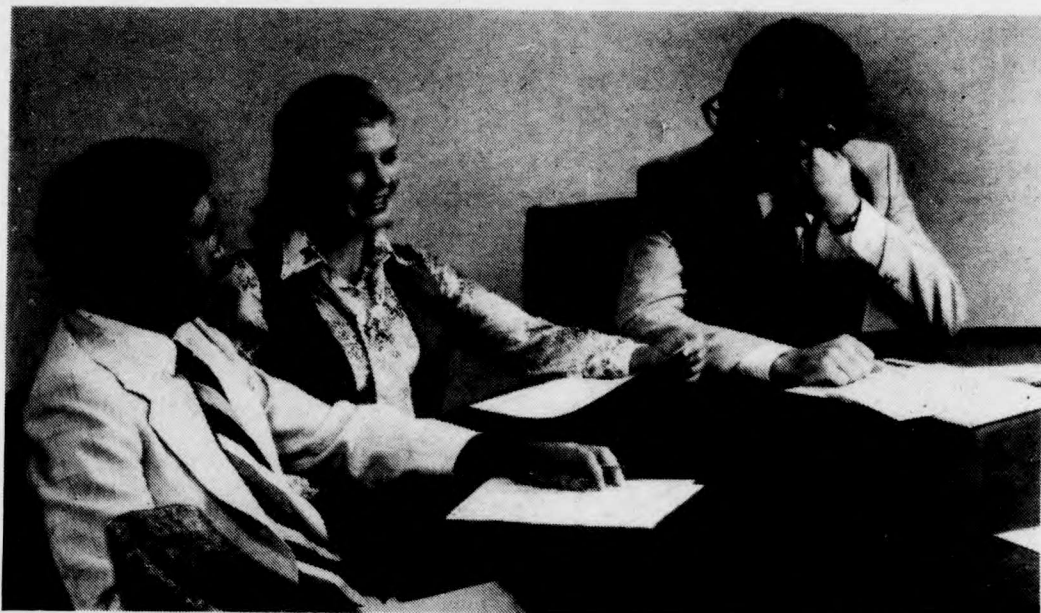
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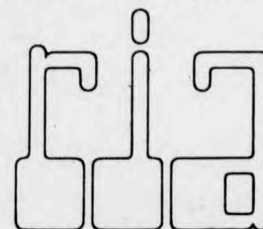
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