

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

SUPPORT LORCH

On behalf of the Ad-Hoc Committee in support of Professor Lee Lorch, I would like to thank you for bringing this case to the attention of members of the York community. Many other members of the York faculty continue to give valuable service to the university although they are past 65. All of these individuals have reached mutually agreeable settlements with their respective Deans regarding their employment. I believe the York community has a right to know why the Dean of Arts refuses to give just and equitable treatment to Professor Lorch. Why Professor Lorch who is arguably one of York's most distinguished scholars? Why Professor Lorch who is currently in receipt of a substantial N.S.E.R.C. grant to support his research and who is acknowledged by his colleagues and students to be a fine teacher. Why, apparently, is Professor Lorch being singled out for particular treatment by his Dean? To allay the suspicion that he is being discriminated against, I believe the Dean of Arts should make a statement to the York community regarding this case and not hide behind the fact that the case is currently pending arbitration. If Professor Lorch loses the arbitration, York will have lost a first class scholar. His distinguished career will have ended in ignominy due to the intransigence of York

administration and this university will be the laughing stock of the international scientific community.

I would ask members of the York community who are concerned about the issues raised in this case to forward letters of support to me at Petrie 322.

Sincerely,
S. Jeffers,

Associate Professor, Physics.

EXPENSIVE DONUT

Since my arrival at York, I have been quite suspicious of food value at the Ross Building cafeteria which is operated by Elite Foods Corp. The average meal seemed greatly overpriced for its size and quality compared to the services catered by Beaver Foods (which manages excellently valued cafeterias in many Ontario Universities).

This was a general impression, as I said, until Friday October 22 when I purchased a 75 cent chocolate donut at the Ross!

Now, students are, by and large, quite under financed and their monetary difficulties are worsened severely by our economic recession. Surely, therefore, York U.'s administration should responsibly protect the student population from outrageous gouging, occasional or persistent, by campus vendors who market essential commodities like food.

I suggest that the University

demand a fully itemized audit of Elite Food's entire operation at York when contract renewal is considered, if not sooner. It may well pay to shop around.

Arnold Fox
Lab Technician

J.D.L. DEFENDED

I would like to respond to the recent letters by Berel Wetstein and Rhonda Sussman, regarding the 'tactics' employed by the Jewish Defense League at the recent bearpit session on Nov. 9. It is clearly endemic of our times that certain Jews do not understand the threat by extreme right-wing groups such as the P.L.O. or Nazis who are dedicated to the destruction of our people. To let these reactionary

elements have the right to plot genocide against a people is a sign of the masochistic tendencies among some Jews who still live in a ghetto mentality.

As for Mr. Wetstein's remark that the J.D.L. is reminiscent of the brownshirts, it betrays his own McCarthyist attitude which attempts to pin unflattering labels on people or groups with whom one does not agree. It has been the contention of some people that the J.D.L. is an extreme "right-wing" organization. Besides using labels very indiscriminately, they know absolutely nothing about the J.D.L. ideology. If people would examine the ideology, they would find that the J.D.L. is a progressive revolutionary movement that can accommodate many socialists and liberals, and

is open to all Jews regardless of political affiliations.

It is time to realize that the esteemed founder of J.D.L., Rabbi Meir Kahane, has been correct so many times on various issues affecting the Jewish people (eg. the growing Jew-hatred and decline of economic conditions in North America), that one should see the necessity of a Jewish defence organization prepared to do battle with racist, anti-Semitic groups and to teach Jewish pride to so many self-hating Jews.

I would certainly hope that Ms. Sussman and Mr. Wetstein examine the J.D.L. ideology before making any rash statements so that they may see the necessity of such an organization throughout the world.

Raymond Ben Israel

UNDERGRADUATE TUITION REFUNDS RELATING TO COURSE DROPS

As a result of a major change to improve the Student Record system this past November 1, the University regrets that refunds due to course changes, originally scheduled for issuance by November 30 will not be available until December 20.

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