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Turtle Creek Food Cooperative Papers

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HISTORY

The Turtle Creek Food Cooperative started as the Beloit College Food Co-op (or simply 'The Food Co-op'), around 1970. It was run by Beloit College students from a college owned student house, and at one point was organized as a student club with a faculty advisor. The goal was to provide whole, natural foods at reasonable prices, as well as support a new lifestyle. Being a student volunteer organization led to some issues from lack of consistent leadership and organization, such as bills going unpaid, frequent moves and infrequent open hours. At one point it was also called the "Co-op D'Etat", from the French Coup d'etat.

The big change came around 1980, when Patty Tenhagen from Janesville took over as coordinator, and led the transition to being a community co-op, with a retail storefront and a name change to the "Turtle Creek Food Co-op".

All of the records here seem to be after the change to the Turtle Creek Co-op, besides two typed sheets with the early history.

Scope of Collection

This collection contains mostly photocopied, printed or handwritten 8.5 x 11 pages. Records include photos from the move, establishing documents, like bylaws, operating documents, like meeting minutes and newsletters, and articles about them.

Container List

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 01	1		Official Documents: Bylaws, Rental Agreements	Grocery Co-Op
Box 01	2		Board Meeting Minutes	Grocery Co-Op
Box 01	3		Membership Meeting Minutes, Membership Info	Co-Op Grocery
Box 01	4		Financial Information	Co-Op Grocery Financial Paperwork
Box 01	5		Promotional materials, Volunteer Info, Correspondence, Awards	
Box 01	6		Newspaper Articles	
Box 01	7		Newsletters, Brochures	Newsletter
Box 01	0.5		History Write up and Photos of Move	Beloit College
Box 01	8		Articles	