editorial

Make him pay

Angry. That's how you should feel today if you were registered at York under one of CYSF's affiliated colleges last year.

Your money helped Jorge Garreton, CYSF External Affairs Director in 1981-82 and 1982-83, allegedly make long-distance telephone calls all over Canada to the tune of about $1,000.

Able to obtain Council's Bell credit card number, Garreton apparently placed these personal calls last summer without CYSF knowledge (the CYSF constitution forbids expenditures by Directors without Council approval) and neglected to pay any of it back before he resigned in the fall.

As an elected representative of the students (although he won office in 1982-83 by acclamation), Garreton had a responsibility to act in the best interests of students at York—not in his own best interests. He also had the trust that all voters must place in their elected officials at some point in time.

Students are, by tradition, apathetic. Garreton is the best example of why they must not be. Terrific amounts of money are controlled by the student governments at York—CYSF has an operating budget in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars, all of it coming from students' pockets.

Garreton, if guilty, has not only broken a moral commitment to the body that elected him, he is also in clear violation of the law. There is no question that he must be pursued to the full extent of that law.

CYSF, at their first general meeting of the academic term, entrusted Martin Zarnett with the responsibility of taking legal action against Garreton to recover this misappropriated money.

Although this action is somewhat long in coming—almost a year since the telephone calls were discovered—Council members have taken the proper steps.

It is somewhat reassuring to hear Finance Director Darren Chapman stating that "this year's Council will not put up with being ripped off." Not so reassuring, though, that *Excalibur* or any other member of the York community, should cease to watch over the actions of campus student governments.

Jorge Garreton should not be seen as setting an example for other student leaders to follow. And we must all make sure of this.

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letters

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TTC signs

Editor:

I would like to comment on the article about the TTC bus stops, which appeared in the Sept. 8 issue. For some reason, there has always been a constant battering of the TTC. Now, don't think that I'm totally satisfied with their operations, but unwarranted criticism is uncalled for.

To refresh your memories, the TTC is painting the word "STOP" on their signs to avoid vandalism. The writer, in a sarcastic tone, jumped on the TTC for doing "such a pointless thing."

The question asked was: "Do you know anyone who enjoys defacing the word "STOP" on TTC property?" No, personally I do not. But if you travelled in the west part of town, last year, you would see evidence of what the TTC is covering up.

Sure people who use transit knwo it's a bus stop, but what does it look like to non-riders and tourists? Do you think that they will have a good image of the system, if it doesn't even care about its property.

Look at the New York Transit System. All tourists avoid it for the sake of their lives and health—this is too bad. Signs may seem petty, but if vandals get away with this, we don't know if they won't go to other property. Do you want a New York of the north transit system?

The TTC is trying to convert people to transit, and one way of accomplishing this is to keep a nice, clean image. That's good public relations and that is what business is all about and where it's at these days.

Orest Chabursky
1st year Business

Theatre dept's sordid fun

Editor:

The sordid amusement that the Department of Theatre must have gotten out of the impromptu rearrangement of registration conditions (as concerns About Acting 1520.04) displeased, I'm sure, somewhat more than a handful of aspiring young actors on "Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m." Pity goes out to the students counting on fillin their course loads.

I propose that in future the Department of Theatre abide by its policies.

D. Hooper

penguin fax

The emperor penguin is confined to Antarctica, and during its breed-in season in the six months' darkness of winter, is the most inaccessible bird in the world.

Our mistake

York student Jeff Archibald was quoted in the Sept. 8 issue of X-cal with the words "feel violent," in response to *the question*. In fact, Mr. Archibald said "I'm waiting to pick up my validation and listening to the radio. *Excalibur* regrets any embarrassment or inconvenience this may have caused Mr. Archibald.

In a story by Julia Steinecke in last week's *Excalibur* on the game IQ2000, the name of the game's promoter was inadvertently misspelled. Playtoy Industries is the correct name of the company. *Excalibur* regrets any embarrassment or inconvenience this may have caused.

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Today at 4, in 111 Central

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