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looked on a well intended list? I suggest Mr. Lamb should learn to deal with his sour grapes in a more productive manner. Fraternities and sororities are legitimate student organizations. Their contributions to student life are widespread, and positive. This fraternity bashing must end.

Why are the school publications so determined to undermine the efforts of a great number of York students to help make the university a bearable place to exist? Surely there are more important and newsworthy events happening at York. If there are not, I believe the students of York deserve a refund of money levied to *Excalibur*. We should not be subjected to such a juvenile approach to journalism.

Fraternally,  
Stephen Offenheim  
Master  
Alpha Epsilon Pi

## Panama feature disregards reality

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to your article of 11 January entitled "Panama: The Present Regime is an Illegitimate One."

I would like to congratulate Mr. Maximilian C. Forte for his outstanding work. It must be extremely difficult to write a two page news story with one's head up one's ass. Never before have I seen such a blatant disregard of reality in favour of conjecture, fantasy and pure misrepresentation of fact.

On 20 December, 1989 the United States invaded Panama. This was done because General Noriega declared war, and nothing short of war. Panama was not under attack, and defensive actions were never his intentions. One cannot remotely believe he did not intend to attack American civilian or military installations. Noriega was a military leader and understood only too well the implications of his declaration.

As for his trial in the U.S., he was not abducted to stand trial. He surrendered to the U.S. military, and was no longer a head of state when he did so. He will answer for his crimes. There are no more havens for the Noriegas, the Ceausescus, or the Duvaliers of this world, and they themselves are a dying breed.

Mr. Forte then shows his complete lack of judgemental skills by referring to the "brutal militarism" of the United States. If he wants an example of brute militarism, he need look no further than the Panamanian elections. Noriega and his handpicked candidates were outvoted by as much as a three-to-one margin. His response to this voicing of democracy was to turn his military on opposition leaders, then claim victory.

It's time you woke up and smelled the coffee, Mr. Forte. Panama was invaded but Panamanians were liberated.

Sincerely,  
Phil McCracken

## Panama piece misinforms public

Dear Editors:

I am writing to you about the article titled "The Present Regime is an Illegitimate One," published on the 11th of this month. I am a Panamanian and spent the last month of December in Panama. It bothers me greatly that a newspaper of any kind should publish articles which misinform the public it addresses.

It seems to me that if Mr. Forte wishes to write an article he should support himself with accurate information, and as a newspaper *Excalibur* should not fall into the trap of expressing only one point of view. I understand Mr. Forte's point of view, but in his article he left Panama out of the issue. His article is an essay about criticizing the U.S., a favourite past-time for many Canadians.

With regards to the article I can give one brief response: If anybody is to decide whether the U.S. troops remain in Panama or not, it is Panamanians, not the U.S. and certainly not Canada.

If you would be so kind in delivering this letter to Mr. Forte, I would be pleased in helping him find out exactly what has been happening in Panama in the last 86 years, in our relationship with the United States.

We all regret operations such as "Just Cause," but as Panamanians we know that now it will never happen again. Panama was not invaded this Christmas, but granted the best gift Santa Claus could ever bring: Liberation. Whether the role of Santa Claus was taken by the U.S. or not is not the issue. No other country has expressed any active concern about Panama, so why won't we receive U.S. "intervention" with open arms?

No matter what, I believe that it will be raining coffee in Panama sooner than we all expect it to, and for once we will be able to say that yes, the United States actually worked towards democracy.

Very Sincerely  
Pedro Guevara-Mann

## Frat protective of sorority

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Delta Pi Sorority, we would like to satisfy your curiosity that was expressed in the editorial of January 11, 1990. We were disgusted at the insinuations


made by *Excalibur* regarding Alpha Epsilon Pi and other fraternities in general. Contrary to the editor's beliefs concerning the alleged sexual advances, we being closely associated with the brothers of AEPi have never experienced any such harassment. In fact, because of our strong brother-sister relationship they tend to be very protective of us, concerned for our well-being and are always there when we need them.

In the news section of the same issue, the implication was made that the little sisters formed a group independent of AEPi in order to escape the possibility of sexual abuse. Nothing could be further from the truth. The reason for our separation was to become more integrated into the Greek community of York University as well as to create closer relationships between the sisters themselves. With the support, help and encouragement of the brothers of AEPi we were able to form the strong foundation of our newly formed sorority.

Delta Pi continues to maintain strong ties with Alpha Epsilon Pi and we hope that if in the future any accusations are to be made against our affiliated fraternity, they are well-founded and not based on stereotypes and biased opinions.

The sisters of Delta Pi are outraged by the implications made by the various articles published and this letter serves to revoke those insinuations.




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The Sisters of Delta Pi



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