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it can be even more frustrating. Especially if the elected person has drive and initiative and good changes were on the way. That is how many people feel about Drew McCreadie. In a recent article in the Toronto Star, York University was described as a place to go if you just want to work. It basically said that our campus was boring and attended by boring people. I view Drew McCreadie's presidency as a step to change this perception. Yet when he got into office he was attacked from all sides. For what? For defending important student issues in an election, making campus material ie. pens and shirts, more fun to view and asking someone to give and take in response to his own give and take stance. York finally has someone with that drive and initiative and you continue to criticize him over petty issues. We finally have someone with the guts to make representative changes, and some want to bog him down in the system. Wake up! Politicians like Drew McCreadie are truly hard to come by. We have the opportunity to really institute change. Campus life has to be a little lighter and the spirit of this university must thrive. Drew recognized this. He was the first to act on this. Maybe that's the problem. He beat many to the punch. Like I said, politics is a dirty game, but this is ridiculous. The printing of a private letter is just going too far. It is clear that this is a vendetta against McCreadie. Those I've talked to on CYSF say that he is doing a great job. The feeling on campus is a good one. The only bad joke is the lengths in which you seek to harm him. In one of last years editorials, you were the ones to recognize that his initiative was what this campus needed. There is a growing opposition to these attacks on Drew. They are a real danger to the good progress being made on this campus and I suggest we turn to view the many positive aspects of his council, as well as his future initiatives before we blow out the flame on such a vibrant light.

Joseph Zammit

Reader blasts Vecchiarelli

Editor

I thought Tracey Reid's article about the documentary film "Deceiving America" (film 'exposes Soviet Deception, Oct. 1) was a fair report. Unfortunately Cosmo Vecchiarelli's criticism in the last *Excalibur* was unfounded.

Mr. Vecchiarelli claims both superpowers want world domination. Although this could be the subject of several books, he should ask himself why was it that the USSR was the only country in the world that continued to mobilize at the end of

World War Two? Whereas the US sphere of influence has been steadily shrinking, the Soviet empire continues to spread and consolidate. The suggestion that the USA is as imperialistic as the USSR is nonsense.

Mr. Vecchiarelli suggested that the US government controls the media. If he really believes that, then he should ask himself why did Nixon permit the media to end his political career? If Mr. Vecchiarelli wants to find state control of media, he should look to the totalitarian countries of the East Block where all media is 100% state-owned and censored. A few years ago, a Soviet radio announcer incorrectly referred to the Red Army in Afghanistan as "invaders." He subsequently spent the next few months in a psychiatric prison/hospital. Could Bob Woodward write a book about similar treatment he has received?

While Mr. Vecchiarelli accuses others of being incompetent investigators, "right-wing American jingoists," "Soviet-haters" and spreading paranoid lies, he engages in the same

thing from a leftist slant, i.e.: anti-American jingoism with a "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil" approach to Soviet atrocities or intentions.

-Andrew Kavach

Yorkdex error corrected

I wished to correct an error which appeared in Yorkdex in the Excalibur of October 1. On November 1, 1986 there were 54 Urban Studies registered in the Faculty of Arts (not 0 as reported). Urban Studies is an Honours Double Major Programme in the Faculty of Arts and consequently should not be listed as a declared first major for students. Students with a disciplinary major in one of a number of areas can also take an Urban Studies Double Major and it is always under this "Major 2" status that such students are counted.

Donald C. Wallace

Confessions of a student cheater

The following letter was written by a student in the Faculty of Arts who has been convicted of cheating. It is published with his permission. Because the student made a full statement to University officials and was truly sorry for what he had done, the penalty imposed was not suspension (which is recorded on a student's transcript), but failure in the course. University charges are still pending against the student who wrote the test for him.

As the student states, impersonating someone on a test or examination or having oneself impersonated by someone else not only constitutes academic dishonesty, but may also make a student liable to criminal charges (e.g. personation, forgery, uttering forged document) which carry prison sentences.

-Mark J. Webber Association Dean, Faculty of Arts

Dear Sirs:

I guess everyone has regrets in their life; not enough initiative, missed opportunities, major foulups. Well, I have mine too, but none as regretful as the one I'm going to relate to you.

Imagine a young, personable guy in his early twenties of reasonable intelligence. He has friends, a future and soon a university degree. Now also imagine this same young guy nonchalantly asking his friend to do him a favour—a big favour with serious implications. He didn't study for a test, and when a re-write date arrived he still wasn't prepared. So having his friend write the test for him seemed like the perfect solution.

The night before the test arrived, he called his friend to confirm the time and room number of the test. He reminded his friend to practice his signature and was assured that it would be no problem. The next day he heard "through the grapevine" that his friend had been caught for cheating. The signatures didn't match and the professor invigilating the exam realized immediately what was happening. He requested identification from the "imposter" and was presented with his real student ID card. The rest of the students in the exam room watched in morbid fascination. "Cheating?!".

Yes, cheating. What had originally been a seemingly trivial detail in the middle of second term was becoming a terrifying reality. His friend was informed about the Code of Behaviour of York University; impersonation is a criminal offence under the Canadian Criminal Code. Although all this has occurred just recently, expulsion of both students from their respective universities seems a plausible verdict of the committee reviewing the case.

Perhaps it is obvious that I am that young guy of "reasonable intelligence." However, I hope that my message has been more clear. Take this not just as a warning, but as an inspiration to adhere to the laws of the university. I am terrified for my friend. My life I can deal with, but it appears that I've ruined another life as well.

One final point: the test was worth 15% of the final grade.

THE LESBIAN AND GAY ALLIANCE AT YORK PRESENTS KINSEY ONE TO SEVEN DANCE FRIDAY OCTOBER 16 8 PM TO 1 AM A DANCE FOR YORK'S LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS TICKETS \$3 AT THE DOOR CALUMET COMMON ROOM YORK UNIVERSITY KEELE & STEELES CAMPUS ALL WELCOME

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YORK STUDENT CENTRE

Proposed Facilities

The following is the proposed facilities for the York Student Centre. The list is a result of over a year of research, discussion, and consultation within the York student community. The figures quoted are net assignable square feet, which represents the usable space in the Centre. If anyone wishes to comment on the proposal before it is finalised, you are encouraged to do so. Submissions must be received no later than 23 October 1987 and should be delivered to the CYSF office, Room 105 Central Square

For the Student Centre Committee,

Robert Castle, Tammy Hasselfeldt, Chairperson. Vice-Chairperson

Services and Facilities	1 October 1987
100 CYSF OFFICES 01 President's Office 02 Directors' Offices (7@90) 03 Reception / Waiting 04 Photocopy / Graphics Office 05 Committee Room	Area/Sq.Ft. 225 630 280 200 230
06 Library / Research Office 07 Business Manager 08 Kitchenette 09 Storage SUB-TOTAL	195 120 50 190 2,120
2.00 GSA OFFICES 01 Offices (7@90)	630
02 Reception 03 Committee Rooms (2@125) 04 Duplicating Room SUB-TOTAL	150 250 90 1,120
3.00 MANAGEMENT BOARD OFFICES .01 Manager's Office	200
02 Chairperson's Office 03 Offices (2@90) 04 Reception/Waiting 05 Meeting Room with Photocopy 06 Kitchenette SUB-TOTAL	120 180 175 175 50 900
4.00 CLUB OFFICES To be split between International Hall and general Club Offices 01 Offices (54@90) 02 Common Lounge Areas (9@240) SUB-TOTAL	4,860 2,160 7,020
5.00 COMMON ROOMS 01 Common Rooms (2@480) (each for 40 people @ 12 st/person) 02 Kitchenettes (2@50) SUB-TOTAL	960 100 1,060
6.00 RESTAURANT/PUB	13,040
7.00 FOOD OUTLETS .01 Food Outlets (6@416 si)	2,500
8.00 STUDENT LOUNGE SPACE 01 Food Court Area (400 students @ 12 st/student)	4,800
.02 General Lounge Area (455 students @ 12 st/student) SUB-TOTAL	5,460 10,260
9.00 GRAD LOUNGE (166 persons @ 12 st/person)	1,995
10.00 BUNKROOMS 01 Large Rooms (3@300) 02 Small Rooms (3@150) 03 Showers and Lockers SUB-TOTAL	900 450 300 1,650
11 00 INFO COUNTER	190
12:00 ART GALLERY 01 Gallery 02 Storage SUB-TOTAL	1.150 275 1.425
13.00 PHOTOCOPY, TYPING/WORD PROCESSING SERVICE	760
14.00 CONFERENCE CENTRE AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS .01 Multi-Function Room(s) .02 Meeting Rooms (2@ 250) SUB-TOTAL	2,000 500 2,500
15:00 EXCALIBUR OFFICES 01 Central Office 02 Offices (3@ 100) 03 Dark Room 04 Typesetting Room 05 Small Reception Area 06 Layout Room SUB-TOTAL	560 300 190 190 140 140
16.00 CHRY .01 News Studios (2@120) .02 News Room SUB-TOTAL	240 330 570
17:00 LOCKERS (For 1000 (min.) students. These would be placed in existing hallways to save space)	
18:00 VOLUNTEER CENTRE 01 Reception Area .02 Offices (2@60st) SUB-TOTAL	70 120 190
19:00 STUDENT PEER SUPPORT CENTRE 01 Reception Area 02 Offices (4@60st) SUB TOTAL	80 240 320
20.00 WOMEN'S CENTRE 01 Lounge/Meeting Space 02 Bock Room 03 Coordinators' Office 04 Kitchenette SUB-TOTAL	280 140 100 50 570
21 00 CLASP .01 Reception .02 Offices (5@80st) SUB-TOTAL	75 400 475
22.00 CHILDCARE CENTRE (to be broken down) 23.00 USED BOOKSTORE	1,000 760
24 00 ATKINSON COLLEGE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION	
.01 Offices (7@90) 02 Reception 03 General Office 04 Meeting Room SUB TOTAL	630 135 315 155 1 235
25.00 MUSIC LISTENING AND READING ROOM	700
26.00 STORAGE	2.375
LEASED SPACE	1 500
27.00 JEWISH STUDENTS FEDERATION 28.00 YORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY	1.000
TOTAL	58,755