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Robbing Peter to pay Paul

The present archaic form of internal financing of university services must go.

If you were in charge of a retail company, would you charge, for instance, your public relations department ten dollars to have a desk moved from one office to another? No. This would be the job of the building custodian, for which he is paid a salary. And the money for his salary would logically come from the market sales of your company's product.

This is not the way it is done at York. Part of the budget of every department of the university; faculty, administration and student, goes to pay for physical plant services. And it would cost you 10 dollars to have that desk moved. These services also include duplicating, and any repairs to university facilities.

Why, we cry out in despair. Why? The university gives out a budget to each department based on its income from grants and fees, then has a system whereby it gets the same money back again, and then it uses the same money to pay salaries of staff members!

No wonder it takes so long for physical plant to do any work. They must spend two months making out the bills for every work request. And the best is yet to come.

The Debates Society was charged over 1100 dollars to pay for 'janitorial and security services' for the International Centennial Debate last year. These services were necessary to the mechanics of the Debate.

But wait . . . The Debate itself was a University event, run by students, assisted and in part authorized by the administration and faculty, and provided an invaluable service to the university community. The community charged itself for services to itself. The community charged itself for its own publicity. And now it has decided who shall pay the debts incurred! It all sounds like a script from Gilbert and Sullivan or worse, from Wayne and Shuster.

In our opinion, the university should never charge for university services provided to a university-sponsored activity. In this we agree with the report released by the commission which investigated the debate debt. (see page one story).

We feel that the university would be forwarding its own best interests by eliminating such a ridiculous and encumbering system.

We are on a diet

You may have noticed this issue is only 8 pages. Tough.

We are too pooped to print any more.

There are 6 weeks to the end of this year's classes.

Our staff members are also students.

We appreciate your picking up the paper so that the janitors don't have to collect them.

Now we've made them lighter for you to carry around.

Its a reading week present from us to you.

And if you do ski during reading week, take us with you and give us a warm drink every night, because we haven't time to go with you.

it's 8-page papyrus this week. we hope student body likes it. anita, ross, mike flake out early, leaving sylvia the depresso, lil the lime-green tumip, linda the cool one, and bobo the robot, to make the mistakes. greg asks retarded question. get out. frank bitches over space. get out. frank t. smiles. get out. FRED mutters, 'it's not my problem. Frances, let's cut for coffee.' hi! helene w.

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A CAN OF SOUP

Oh come on Excalibur . . . you're putting us on!

What's with the 'Taking the Pill' article in last week's edition? I find the article neither offensive or obscene, merely banal, boring and badly written.

If it is an attempt at sensationalism, it also misses. I have read more scorching (not to mention literary) prose on the side of a can of tomato soup.

Why you waste two pages (or one-sixth) of a newspaper serving the interests of a few thousand students with the tedious account of one coeds sporadic sex life baffles me even more than why the Mysterious Miss Marti feels compelled to bore the rest of the campus with her apparently unsatisfactory carnal involvements.

The only interesting question raised by this exoteric exercise in pseudo-eroticism is whether Miss Marti is an emancipated female, free of the traditional sex taboos, or merely a nouveau moralist who has traded one set of hang-ups for another. Her repeated insistence that 'You don't become sexually involved with two guys at

once' has a ring of righteousness to it that would have delighted Queen Victoria.

If Miss Marti gets the urge to let us on to more of her innermost secrets you might convince her to use the more conventional avenues of expression for such confessions rather than clutter up the pages of Excalibur.

We could use some good graffiti around here.

S. Fisher

THANK YOU YORK

Dear Sir:

The Board of Inquiry has now issued its findings on the International Centennial Debate. Many of you recall that at the beginning of the year when I was asked to comment on the inquiry I said that I welcomed it because 'the truth will come out'. (Excal. Sept. 22, 1967). Well it has. (See story p. 1.)

There are a few points I would like to stress, for which I owe my enduring gratitude to Mr. Mel Lubek and Mr. Richard Bannigan.

I am amazed that they could and did make all the kinds of personal accusations against me both in private and to Excalibur. When they were told that accusations would have to be backed by fact, they both conveniently decided not to get involved. They did not submit a brief to the board of inquiry at all.

My second point is a matter of priorities.

Aside from the financial loss (not disaster . . . the deficit was 4200 dollars), you know what it did for the university. It was an educational program, many students were involved, and there was an enormous amount of excellent publicity for York. But because of the loss (and maybe because it was student organized), there were many unpleasant repercussions. And yet, the Ladie's Theatre Committee lost over 8500 dollars on a presentation which did nothing for York, and hardly anything was mentioned.

So again, I must thank you, York.

H.C. Lipskar

SLEAZY SEX

Dear Sir:

As a young woman and a student I am both bemused and bored by the exploits of Marti D., as recorded in living banality in last week's Excalibur.

While Miss D. obviously felt the need to unburden herself, it is not so obvious why Excalibur chose to be burdened by her. Unless, of course, Excalibur feels that all women taking the pill are undisciplined, silly little girls.

I would like to suggest that Miss D. is not the norm, that her behaviour is so outlandish that it does not deserve to be presented as the behaviour of a typical girl on the pill. No one can blame an indiscriminate, unsatisfying sex life on the pill. (For that matter no one can blame wide hips on the pill.) The pill does not force anyone into anything.

Surely Excalibur could fill two pages with something a trifle more interesting than this. If not, I respectfully suggest that the centre fold be left blank. I read Excalibur for news and for thought-provoking articles. For sleazy sex I have the corner news stand.

Yours sincerely,
Linda S. Bohnen (VI)

LOLLIPOPS AND ROSES - TO MARTI D.

Lollipops and Roses - the banality of Undergrad. sex (to Marty D.)

When I was eighteen anymore Virgin, there was terrible pain and shock never another.

Marc however was love him different. Counting day-sex and curse waiting made to pill taking blissful complete decisions. Laughing absurd doctor made free safe life-feelings. David however was love him different petting only and not completeing This can make you insane.

Well, deep end starting the summer off. Believing qualities in humiliating woman failure. Late summer breakup increased mix-up, broke up friends and avoiding friends. October Lennie met. However.

Well, physical responding natural thanking God awfully now. I am completely understanding pills once more (which we laughing, are five cents cheaper, hey smiling druggist.)

Out of town Lennie leaves other boy dating however, I mostly feel my own person and cooling. Nor more two guy nitty-gritty pill or not oh no.

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