

Communication monsters invade Central Square

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The recent installation of two new computer terminals in the south wing of Central Square has created considerable curiosity among York students, faculty and staff. The increasing number of daily onlookers with raised eyebrows, undoubtedly share the same concerns: what are they?; how do they work?; and why are they here?

In an attempt to answer these questions, Excalibur went directly to one of the terminals which are called "Teleguide". After depressing a specified number of buttons, the interview began. Teleguide explains that it is "a totally unique electronic information service. . . (where). . . you can find out virtually anything you want to know about travel and leisure in Toronto and the rest of Ontario, all at the touch of a button."

Further, Teleguide says "terminals are located throughout Metro, in shopping malls, hotel lobbies,

airports, bus and railway stations, libraries and more." Yet, when asked how it works, teleguide will only say, "By using a t.v. screen and key pad, you can gain access to a computer full of information."

While Teleguide volunteered answers to what it is, and how it works, it had no comment as to why it was here at York. However, according to Mal Reader, Telecommunications Manager at York, "The teleguide machines are part of a government field trial, which places machines around Metro Toronto. The benefit to York students is that they can have immediate access to information about Toronto." With Teleguides listing various leisure activities such as movies, nightclubs, theatre, sports, and more, it gives students a chance to plan upcoming evenings out.

York students may be interested in examining the new teleguide machines more closely in the upcoming weeks. The sports and recreation information, for example, is most interesting. When I keyed into the sub-heading "Hockey", three categories were displayed: the N.H.L., The Hockey Hall of Fame, and U of T. Interesting.

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TTC PETITION INFORMATION

This petition is to increase the service of the York University Bus 106 and 106A

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PROBLEM: Between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. due to the excessive use during there hours. Local buses tend not to stop for passengers at bus stops (especially at the Sheppard intersection and North of Sheppard).

Please sign this petition in order to make the present, expensive TTC service available a better service for the York University students.

We the students of York University require a better service. an increase of York University buses 106 and 106A is necessary. In order to reduce the overloads on the buses from Wilson Station. This will give the route passengers a chance to get on the bus without having to wait at their bus stops watching full buses passing them by. Besides, overloaded buses are dangerous to all passengers.

QUESTIONNAIRE	Yes	No
1. Do you take local 106 to York University 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.		
 Do you take the bus before or after Sheppard Do you often ride the first bus that is on route 		
If not how many buses do you often have to wait for.		
4. Do you get a seat on the bus		
NOTE: If you have any other complaints regarding TTC, please forward them to Maurizio Bevilacqua, President	C.Y.S.F.	

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