

## Editorial

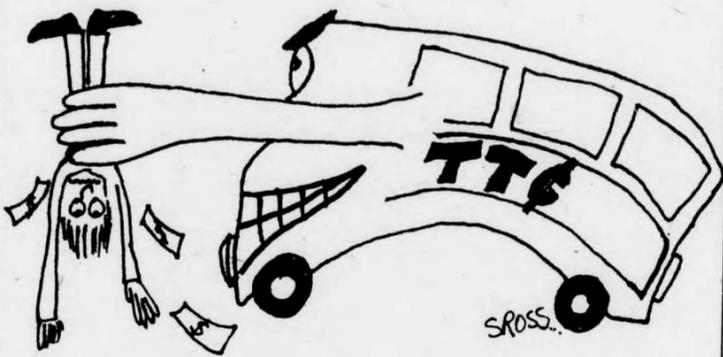
# A better way?

If there's one thing that most York students have in common, it's their distaste for the long, tiring trip that brings them up to York. Not only is the travelling to and from the Downsview campus cold, boring and crowded, it's also getting more expensive every year. For the impoverished student who has to scrounge for lunch money, the newly inflated TTC fares hurt.

Someone, thankfully, has started to do something about the cost of the trip. A petition is being circulated that demands substantially reduced student MetroPass fares. It's ironic, though telling, that it wasn't a student who started the effort, but a student's mother. (Perhaps we should start inviting parents to OFS rallies?)

We support wholeheartedly the petition's demands. When students complain that they can hardly afford to take the TTC (supposedly the cheapest way for people in Metro to travel), it's hard not to be sympathetic. It's harder to be sympathetic to the TTC management, who say that they simply cannot afford to give students lower fares, because they haven't the money. Nothing new. The proposals for students' fares have been rejected by the TTC every time.

We believe there is money for student fares - especially for needy



students who receive OSAP grants. The TTC management has simply not bothered to allocate the money.

What about the legendary deficit the TTC continually points to?

To a large degree, this deficit is fictional, as it only appears on their books.

The provincial government has a funding formula for transit systems in cities all over Ontario. There is actually a fixed percentage of a transit system's deficit that the provincial government guarantees it will pick up, and this includes the TTC. The remaining percentage of the deficit for the

TTC is usually paid off by the friendly people down at the metro government.

One might say it is a big buddy club.

It is shocking when one remembers that during the 1920's the TTC was formed as an independent body to protect the public interest in public transportation. It now seems that things have gone a full circle. The TTC has become an independent agency that protects the interests of politicians - and not us.

The recent fare increase tends to bring that to a fore.

As far as ignoring our demands for student fares, it has been a matter of bureaucracy.

## Our Town

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### Learning Disabilities

Are you interested in learning more about Learning Disabilities? Well, you are invited to the next chapter meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) on Tuesday, January 27, 1981 at 6:30 p.m. in S105R. At this time Penny Harris from Sacred Heart Child and Family Service will discuss Learning Disabilities. Everyone is welcome. Questions: call 661-1558 and ask for Peggy.

### Reel and Screen

Tonight the Reel and Screen presents the Rolling Stones in *Gimme Shelter* (7:30), and *Reefer Madness* (9:30). Next Tuesday, January 27, *Enter the Dragon* with Bruce Lee (7:30) and *Dirty Harry* with Clint Eastwood (9:30) will be screened. Admission is \$2.75 for double bills and \$2 for the second show only.

### France Week

Founders College presents "France Week" Wednesday, January 28 - Sunday, February 1. On Wednesday, January 28, French film actress Marie Christine Barrault will introduce the film *Ma Cherie* directed by Charlotte Dubreuil at 4 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall "L". At 8 p.m. "La Ramasse", a French folk-singing group will perform in the Founders Junior Common Room. At 9 p.m. an exhibition of Tapestries by Professor Pierre Leon, University of Toronto will be on view at the Founders Art Gallery. Wine and Cheese Reception

### Dance Therapy

Misty Wine, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Fine Arts at Cornell University speaks on the topic "The End of Existentialism: Dance Therapy and the New Spiritualism in America". Tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Burton.

### NDP Club

Next meeting will be on Wednesday the 28th at 4 p.m. in Room S105 Ross. All members of the York community are invited.

### Hide and Seek

The Central Square Ticket Wicket has arrived! Advance tickets for the Toronto Premiere of *Hide and Seek* by Lezley Havad are now at your convenience. Performances are at Atkinson Studio: Tues. Feb. 3—Fri. Feb. 6 at 8:00 p.m.; and Fri. Feb. 6 and Sat. Feb. 7 at 3:00 p.m. Additional tickets at Burton Box Office. Suspense that is more chilling than January at York U.

### Lutheran Student Movement

Vespers each Tuesday night at 7 p.m., Scott Religious Centre, Central Square. All welcome!

### Bonzo Goes to College

Movies: *Bonzo Goes to College*, *Horsefeathers* (Marx Bros.), and *Who's on First* (Abbott & Costello), January 24, 8 p.m., McLaughlin Junior Common Room. Mac-free, York I.D. - \$2... *Super Bowl* - Large Screen TV at 4 p.m. also in the Mac J.C.R., January 25. Free admission, hot dogs, and pop. January 22 - "Applefest" starts at 9 p.m. Admission Free... January 23 - Hockey Pub 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission Mac - \$1; York I.D. - \$2.



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