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student lobbying groups.

This message will outline some possible solutions, in an effort to aid the crucial situation faced by student council. Most student councils in the past have argued that the communication gap at York is too great to diminish. The recent strikes fortify this notion. This immediate, fundamental issue must be dealt with! Students must be informed of all political and social activities undertaken by the various representative organizations within campus. This information must be critical and accurate, i.e. "what happens to our funds? Who decides whether courses will be extended or cut? What is the total revenue made, spent by student operated organizations? . . . etc.

One is aware that this information is available, but the point is that we shouldn't have to go searching for these public facts. They must be advertised! Once students are aware of these and other important facts, they will be prepared to demand some representative action.

The following ideas will help promote awareness, participation, and closer democratic interaction:

a) All students paying into CYSF must be mailed at least two public notices annually explaining the Council of York Students Federation (which most students at York belong to), and the university's current problems, solutions, activities, etc.

b) A special student committee must be organized to:

i) check the administration's records and actions, as well as the provincial gov't.

ii) to review CYSF's internal structure, its present hierarchical ordinance must be modified, more student participation will help! Enthusiasm must be sponsored within.

c) A grand effort must be made to hold a proper student orientation process. Not only the pubs are pertinent to our daily lives. York students must be organized!

The above recommendations will challenge some personal goals set forth by conservative factions. Council debate is not a process to be regarded as a sacred duty performed in a confessional box!

—Alex Riha

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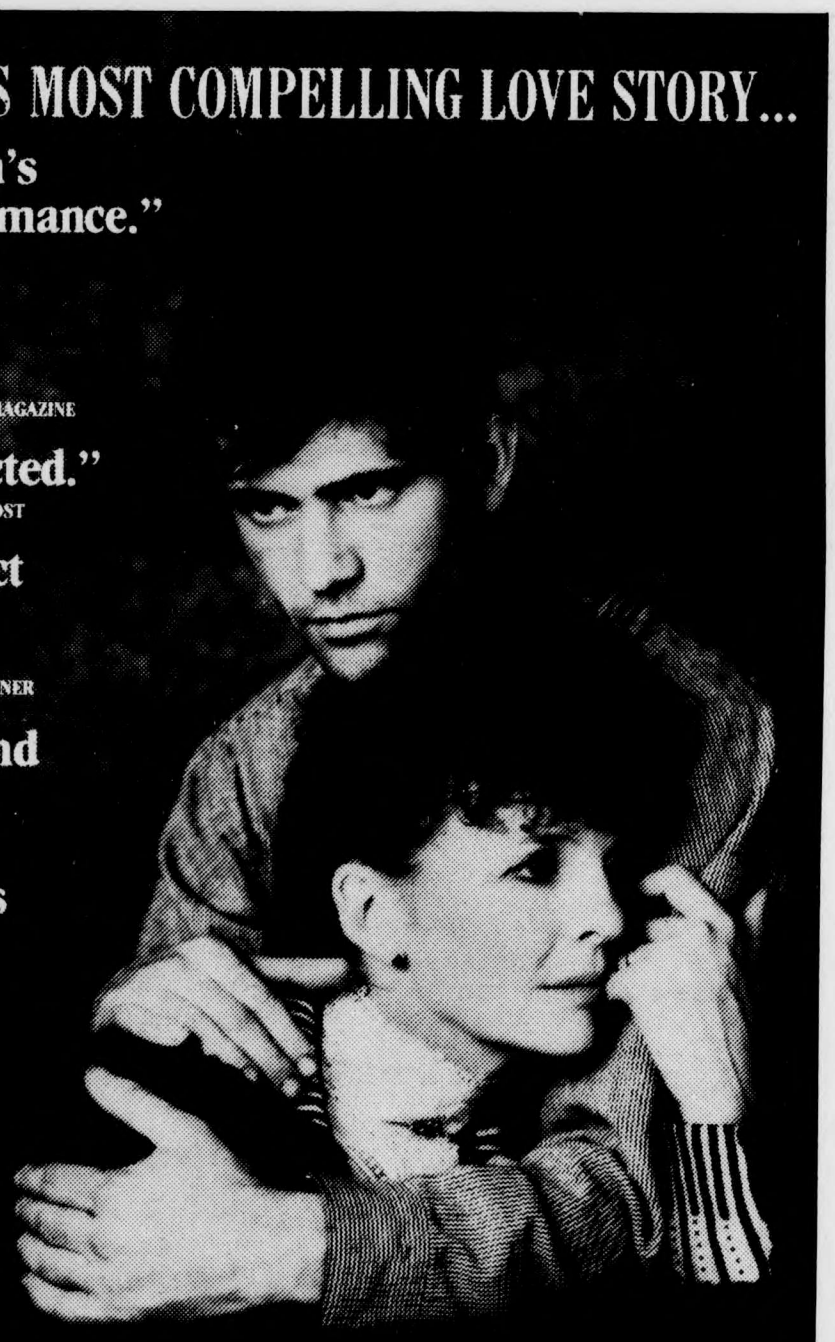

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