

'Ask the auditor'

# The United Way's okay, says McKeough

By LORNE WASSER  
 "Voluntarism is bullshit; the government should finance the United Way; there really is no need for these organizations; it's the government's responsibility to help the unfortunate, the sick and the disabled," said student president Dale Ritch on Friday, responding to a question about the United Way's campaign at York.  
 United Way, an association of 81 charitable organizations, has been at York since the second week of October.

Orville McKeough, Director of Development for York and head of the United Way campaign on cam-

pus, told Excalibur that he did not believe the establishment of a government agency would improve the scope of such charitable organizations.

"Even though this move could insure a steady flow of money to the smaller charitable agencies serviced by the United Way, through only an infinitesimal tax increase on the people overall, this would completely eliminate the voluntary aspect and administrative and operating costs would be phenomenal since all positions would have to be paying ones," pointed out McKeough.

"The United Way is a very im-

portant function in our democratic process; and without it there would be a lot more suffering and need in our community," he added.

As its campaign now stands, the United Way only appeals to members of the faculty and administration through donation slips, which are mailed to each eligible member of the York University community, and then returned by mail to the United Way — if people have decided to donate.

Donations do not go to the payroll office, as is often thought, unless of course the donation is through paycheck deductions. Otherwise, the donation slips never traverse the York University payroll department.

Even this method of fund raising has been questioned, for many people feel there are too many wasted dollars on administration and other costs. However, figures released by the United Way through its promotional literature show that 91 cents out of every dollar go to the charitable organizations it services, and only nine cents are spent on administrative and overhead costs.

When questioned about the validity of these figures, McKeough commented: "If any one questions the United Way's distribution of funds and overhead dollars he should direct his questions to Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., the auditors — and a very reputable group of chartered accountants.

"The convenience of the United

Way is that the public is only approached once for a contribution and not many times as might happen if these individual agencies did their own soliciting," he said.

"Another benefit of the United Way method is that in the long-run it is more economical to pay for one large administrative body than for 81 small administrative bodies.

"We would welcome any involvement from the students, but I don't think that we should endeavour to organize the students for their support; the initiative should come from the students themselves. And since students are basically not wage-earners they are not asked or expected to contribute," McKeough concluded.



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## Winters tops field in blood battle

By GERRY CORCORAN

The home team topped the field at the first blood donor clinic of the academic year held last Wednesday in Winters College.

Fifty of the 143 donors came from Winters. In second place was McLaughlin, followed by Founders, Vanier, Stong, Calumet and Bethune. Osgoode brought up the rear with a single donor. Eleven graduate students and faculty members donated as well.

Clinic organizer Haroldine Seli had expected 250 donors. She attributed the poor turnout to lack of publicity.

"The student council said that it put up signs three days in advance, but someone must have pulled them down," she said.

One student helped out by bringing in donors every few minutes. Doug Fisher, of Winters College remarked, "I was conned into helping. I unloaded stuff and helped them set up in the morning. I had nothing to do, so I pulled people out of the halls and dragged them here."

The procedure for donating blood is simple and painless. In exchange for a glass of orange juice, the potential donor gives a small sample of his blood. A clinic assistant asks him a few grueling

question such as: has he had a substantial meal that day? has he been under a doctor's care during the past year?

If the answers are satisfactory, the donor is placed on a couch with the macabre title of "bleeding bed". After he has given blood, he lies down on another bed for a few minutes' rest. Donors can usually be processed within half an hour.

A second blood donor clinic is being held this week at Osgoode. No admission. Everyone welcome.

## Student rep is needed

President Macdonald, in announcing the formation of a Commission to Study the Goals and Objectives of the University, indicated that he would be inviting the Student Senate Caucus to recommend to him a student to sit on the Commission.

The Caucus has expressed reservations in Senate as to the make-up of the Commission, particularly in terms of the small student representation, and the inclusion of representatives from some constituencies while certain others, particularly staff, are excluded. Nevertheless, the Student Senate Caucus is anxious to cooperate with the work of the Commission and has agreed to recommend a student to the President.

At a meeting on Oct. 30, 1975 it was decided that a student would be selected by the Caucus through the process of interviewing self-nominated candidates.

Accordingly, nomination forms will be made available in the CYSF office from today until nominations close at 3 p.m. Friday, November 14, 1975. The nomination forms, which are to be

returned to the CYSF office, will include a short rationale to explain the nominee's interest in the position. Persons considering nominating themselves should determine whether or not their concerns are the legitimate business of the Commission, as outlined in the York Gazette of September 23, 1975, (Vol. 6, Special Issue No. 1), and whether they will be available to sit on the Commission for a year.

For further information, call 661-8706.

Alan Cox Chairperson  
 Student Senate Caucus

## Tapestry film

A film about Tamara Jaworski's tapestries will be shown in the Stong Theatre on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. The film was produced by Tadeusz Jaworski. After the showing, the artists will be on hand for discussion of their works.

Tamara Jaworski, a fellow of Stong College, currently has two tapestries on display in the Stong Art Gallery.

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