

# \$28,000 surplus discovered at Winters College

by Paul Gazzola

**S**o what do you do when you find a large, unexpected sum of money in your bank account?

Make a shopping list of course. "We were stunned and a little embarrassed," admits Winters' College Council president Joe Zammit upon discovering, after last November's audit, that the council possessed a surplus of \$28,000. The council, Zammit says, knew it was operating on a surplus but was unaware of just how large it was until the audit.

Zammit believes this unusually high figure is a result of past years' surpluses accumulating unnoticed in the bank. Winters' council has been advised by the university to spend at least half, and Zammit agrees totally.

"It's not ethical for us to have so much money sitting in the bank and we are putting it towards the students," he says. "Things that have been complained about for years will be dealt with."

A computer centre for Winters is one of the first things on the council's shopping list. Three terminals that will be connected with York's Writing Centre are being purchased at a cost of \$6,000. New couches for the Winters Junior Common Room are also being looked into. Zammit hopes to get four, the price for these estimated at between \$2,000 to \$3,000. A photocopier has been

leased and 15 floor mats were bought, so the aerobics class won't have to exercise on the cold floor anymore.

Zammit and the council are also working on some special uses for the new-found money. The plans aren't finalized and will, be announced at a later date, but Zammit says they will probably take the guise of scholarships and bursaries. The rest of the money, minus a \$4,000 audit bill, will be put in reserve for the summer, or used as needed.

CYSF president Peter Donato expressed a desire to see part of the surplus spent on student groups affiliated with Winters, especially the fine arts students. Donato feels that such financial aid will make the student groups feel they are actually part of the college, and not members in name only. Not to mention, adds Donato, that by giving more money to these groups Winters lessens the financial burden at the CYSF.

When asked if part of the surplus would be spent on Winters' fine arts group, Winters vice-president Dan Robinson offered no comment, saying only that negotiations are still going on.

The \$28,000 surplus also played a role in Winters' decision to reject the proposal to increase student payments to the CYSF and college councils. As far as Zammit is concerned, moneywise, "We're doing fine, thank you."



Nancy Phillips

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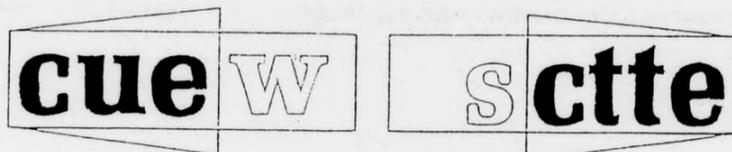
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