

# Incorporation will work if the voters are wise

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The idea of incorporating the Council of the York Student Federation was first introduced formally in 1969. The firm of Spencer and Stewart Barristers and solicitors was at that time requested by the council to do the necessary legal ground work required for incorporation.

The issue of incorporation has since been tossed around by succeeding councils until the present. Each time the issue has been put off, the legal costs have risen, so that the idea of incorporation has cost the student body an amount in excess of \$1,435 to date in legal fees.

Thus it was decided by the present council to put the issue in the form of a referendum and thus let the student body have the final word in this issue. On March 12 and 13 the stu-

dent body will be asked to vote for or against the issue while voting at the CYSF general election.

An unincorporated body has no legal rights and therefore no legal responsibilities. An incorporated body becomes in the eyes of the law the same as an independent person, having the power to sue and to be sued, to form contracts and to be contracted with.

An incorporated body may legally hold real estate in its own name and, because of perpetual succession, does not have to change the deed each year. Perpetual succession means that an organization continues to exist independent of any change in its membership.

Being unincorporated means that the only way that CYSF may hold real estate is through having the land

held in the name of trustees. This can often be inconvenient because upon the resignation or death of a trustee he/she must be replaced and the resulting legal paper work is both lengthy and expensive.

Also by incorporating, the individual members can no longer be held personally liable for the debts, obligations or actions of the corporation.

If the student body opts for incorporation, the elected representatives

of CYSF will become the executive, controlling the business which has as its "shareholders" the students of York University. However, there shall be no monetary gain for the members; nor shall the members receive any dividends. Therefore the CYSF will be the controlling agent of a non-profit business.

In an apathetic situation such as the situation at York, it could be very easy for a person of not quite ideal capabilities to be elected for

the positions on CYSF. Therefore, whether or not incorporation will work depends upon whether or not the student body will crawl out of their apathetic shells, look around and take the time to find out what is happening.

In this case, they must find out who is running and for what position, and then take the time to vote. Only then will the concept of incorporation be a working principle which benefits all.

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### Little publications struggle to survive

I would like to thank Lorne Wasser for including Waves in his article on York publications.

Probably because he took his information over the telephone, the bookstore cut that he quoted was too low! Bookstores usually take 40 per cent, not 40 cents. That means that every Waves sold for \$1.50 gives the bookstore 60 cents and ourselves 90 cents. A few stores take one-third and return \$1 from each sale.

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