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Oxfam benefit for Central America

STEPHANIE-LYN GROSS
Oxfam is holding a benefit concert to raise funds for Central America on February 18 at the St. Lawrence Hall. Comedian Dave Broadfoot, the evening's host, will introduce speakers from Nicaragua and El Salvador. "People should know why they are giving donations," says Mary Corkery, organizer of the benefit.

Apart from raising money, Corkery sees the event as an effort to "increase people's awareness" about the present Central American crisis and "provide an opportunity for people to meet others who are involved in helping out."

A slide show and photography exhibit, *Testimonios de Nicaragua* by Canadian Deborah Barndt and Uruguayan Daniel Casselli, are also ways of informing the public on issues concerning Central America.

Entertainment will include performances by musician Beverly

Glenn Copeland; a comedy group, the Frantics; and a rock Calypso band, the Ceedees, who will provide dancing music later on in the evening. Refreshments are included and a cash bar is available.

The Central American Benefit is

Oxfam's first event in Ontario for this particular campaign. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and the unemployed, \$10.00 for everyone else. They may be purchased at the door or through Oxfam, 961-3935.

Losing tickets buy books

PAUL O'DONNELL
Mary Williamson, the Fine Arts bibliographer at York's Scott Library is collecting used, losing Wintario tickets to help buy new books.

The Wintario Council is recognising each losing ticket as a coupon worth 50 cents to a maximum of \$15.00 for the purchase of any Canadian book.

Since the campaign began Williamson has bought over \$700.00 worth of books with a \$300.00 saving from Wintario. "Donations now go further through the use of the tickets" said Williamson.

The process of buying those books, however, has become more time consuming. Instead of buying books from wholesalers, Williamson says she has to buy through sellers such as the campus bookstore. But seeing what is being bought is more fun than choosing through catalogue descriptions and Williamson concluded that she does enjoy it.

Art books are the main purchase, usually costing more than \$30.00 each, but other departments and universities are now thinking of following her example Williamson said the library is receiving money, but acknowledges, they need more.

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The sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up. A very happy birthday to Ricarda from everyone at Excal. Good work Brian—it'll surface in the next issue. Mario, you need sleep and a word processor—keep it together in Italian today. Its 2am and Greg still wants to know how real time affects the organisation. Ah ha! It doesn't. Thanks to Mavis File who discovered that the silence upstairs can make one hell of a noise. Four pillows are better than two and yes, EVERYTHING is a part of it. Thanx to Alex & John for cleaning pots that haven't been cleaned for months. Does anybody have time to read during Reading Week? Be extra good to your valentine. And save that house!

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