

Campus groups to raise funds for famine victims

By GARY SYMONS

Although the television cameras have turned away from drought-stricken East Africa, several organizations on campus have demonstrated their lasting concern by organizing Dollar Day, a massive fund raising campaign aimed at the relief of famine victims in the northern Ethiopian provinces of Eritrea and Tigre.

Some of the groups involved in the Dollar Day campaign include YUFA (the faculty union), CUEW (part-time faculty union), the York administration and CYSF.

The aptly named Dollar Day campaign to be staged in conjunction with OXFAM Canada on Wednesday, April 10 will appeal to all members of the York community to donate one dollar apiece (the equivalent of a one way transit fare or two cups of coffee) to the relief fund.

In addition, said Stephen Allen, OXFAM staff person for the Ontario region, the Canadian government will match donations to the relief effort. Allen said OXFAM is negotiating for a three to one ratio on the government's contribution as compared to the funds raised at York. This would mean, Allen said, that if the Dollar Day campaign raises \$30,000, the amount going into the famine relief coffers would total \$120,000, with the government donating \$90,000.

While the drought has affected most of East Africa, Allen said OXFAM is concentrating its efforts where they are needed most: in the northern Ethiopian provinces of Eritrea and Tigre.

Allen said the two provinces have been the worst affected by the famine largely because of the civil war raging between local guerrillas and the

Ethiopian government.

"Because the area is outside government control—and the government has refused to negotiate a ceasefire—the area is not receiving what they need," Allen said. "We estimate they are receiving only 15 percent of (the aid) they need, so that's why we're channeling all our resources into those areas."

A YUFA spokesperson for the project, who wished to remain anonymous, said the organizers hoped to get to as many as 30,000 people in the York community, including faculty, students, and administration members, but she stressed that "volunteers are needed to man tables in the various Keele campus buildings. Even if they can only donate an hour or half an hour, we need them," she said.

"Hopefully people will donate more than a dollar," she said, "but

we thought we'd be more successful asking for only a dollar. After all, with what a dollar's worth today, nobody's going to miss it."

The spokesperson said that as well as setting up tables in every building, a taped slide show presentation on OXFAM's work in East Africa will be shown at the east bearpit from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Allen said that while other Ontario universities have been involved in previous OXFAM projects, the Dollar Day campaign at York "is the most innovative I've seen."

"The most important thing, though, is that people there are taking the initiative," Allen said. "The fact that it's happening now is very encouraging, especially since the media coverage has, if not disappeared, lessened greatly."

Allen stressed that, while aid efforts have helped, the crisis in East Africa is not over.

"If the rains come this year, that will help," Allen said. "But if they don't I wouldn't like to think about what kind of headlines we'll see next year."

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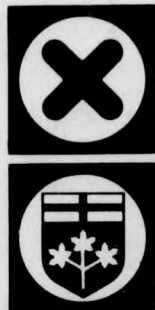
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