

**Organizers still hoping**

# Y campaign falls \$1,400 short

The Georgetown YM-YWCA is \$1,400 short of its fund-raising goal for 1980, but the executive is not depressed about the shortfall.

"It just means our Ways and Means committee will have to look more closely at our other fund-raising projects later this year to make up the money," Y president Cheryl Lightowlers told The Herald this week.

The Y set a goal of \$5,000 to help cover its 1980 operating budget, but had raised only \$3,600 by December 31. The campaign was conducted with-out a door-to-door canvass, as

had been the practice in previous years.

Although the final figures aren't in yet, Mrs. Lightowlers said the executive is hopeful that 1979 will be recorded as a good year, financially, in the final analysis.

"For us, breaking even is a good year," she said. "We have more programming than we budgeted for, and that's a good sign."

Mrs. Lightowlers said, "We'll have to look a little more closely at the courses that fall just a little short of the necessary enrollment, but which you would like to offer

anyway."

It will be up to some of the other fund-raising programs being run later in the year to help pick up the slack, she said. It will be more important for projects like the upcoming art auction to make more. Other fund-raising projects being considered are a marathon run in the spring, and another ski and skate exchange.

**SKATE EXCHANGE**  
"We did a ski and skate exchange last fall, and it was really successful," Mrs. Lightowlers said. "We raised over \$600. We might run that again."

"Because we started out well with the enrollment this year, we aren't depressed about the shortfall. It just means we have our work cut out for us."

Enrollment in the fall programs last September was up 50 per cent over the previous year, "and that's really exciting," Mrs. Lightowlers said. But it causes problems because the board of directors would prefer to avoid cutting back on programming at a time when enrollment is increasing, she said.

Pat Zorge is now a full-time programmer for the organization, something the Y has never had before, Mrs. Lightowlers said.

"Last year was a hard year for the Y," she said. "We really did a lot of soul-searching. We don't have an executive director now, which makes the board of directors responsible for everything. We have to think about hiring someone, and we have to do a lot of soul-searching about that, too."

**CONTINUE SUPPORT**  
"We're hoping the community will continue to support us."

They gave us a lot of support this time. We're working towards the day when the Y will be self-supporting, but at the same time, we have programs we offer like the Blue Triangle Club and the senior citizens' tax service, that make us different from the recreation department.

"We're not depressed about the situation at all," she added. "We're grateful for the town's support, because we didn't go door-to-door, but we had many contributions. And service clubs in town which hadn't been giving us financial support before are doing so now."

One of the advantages of not having door-to-door canvassing was hearing the compliments from people who came into the Y office to make their donations.

"We had one senior citizen who walked into the office and gave us a sizeable donation, and complimented us on the programs we were offering for children," Mrs. Lightowlers said. "Those kind of comments really give you a lift. It's the quality of money, as well as the quantity."

## Renaissance challenges use of gay teachers

In related letters to Ontario Minister of Education Bette Stephenson and Halton Board of Education chairman Bill Herd, Renaissance founder-President Ken Campbell has announced he will continue to pay the educational portion of his property taxes "under protest" because of "gross violations" of section 229-1-c of the Ontario Education Act in the public school system.

The section dictates that "it is the duty of a teacher to inculcate by precept and

example respect for...the principles of Judeo-Christian morality."

Citing a recent story in the Oakville Journal Record, reporting on the self-confessed "outrageous lifestyle" of a homosexual teacher in a combined Grades 3 and 4 class at an Oakville school, Rev. Campbell quoted a Halton trustee as saying "there's nothing we can do about it".

The Trustee is reported to have added that "the only

solution to this mess is the voucher system" for distributing educational funding justly in a multi-cultural society, a method that would restore the dynamics of the marketplace to what has become an unresponsive educational monopoly dominated by teachers' federations.

Denouncing the "irresponsibility" of the trustees, Mr. Campbell quoted Jesus Christ in pronouncing a "woe on all of you" for a system that "stinks to high heaven!"

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