

North Halton finally gets a social planning council

Enhancing the quality of life goal of new volunteer group

Herald Special
With the aim "to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of North Halton", the North Halton Social Planning Council will hold its inaugural meeting next Thursday (April 23) at 8 p.m. at Hillcrest United Church (Trafalgar Road at Sideroad 5).
Last June, more than 35 citizens responded to an invitation sent throughout Milton and Halton Hills and attended a workshop to consider the possibility of forming a

North Halton Social Planning Council. Since Oakville and Burlington have each had a council for a number of years, the formation of one in the north was necessary to complete the total Halton concept of the Regional Social Planning Council.
The advent of regional government exposed the gap in communication existing between the northern and southern sections. Most regional services were based in Oakville or Burlington and, with no public transpor-

tation and all phone calls being long-distance from Halton Hills, they seemed virtually unavailable to northern residents.
There has also been in north Halton a lack of organized demand for services; hence many agencies were reluctant to extend their services to this area. If the services were available they frequently had few referrals because neither the people nor the professional community were aware they existed.

It has become increasingly clear that an effective problem-solving body is needed to deal with grass roots issues and provide some answers. Social Planning can fill that need.
In order to accomplish its aim, the Social Planning Council will, through the input of citizens, reflect the community's needs, identify gaps in services and develop strategies to overcome deficiencies. For example, the resident family counselling in the north does not offer pastoral or credit counselling, which are available in the south. The North Halton Social Planning Council will

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Here's why we should support cancer drive

The largest research grant ever given by the National Cancer Institute of Canada - \$1,022,201 - has been awarded to the Division of Biological Research, Ontario Cancer Institute. Additional support of

nationally to support research into the cause and cure of cancer. The Ontario figure represents a 37 per cent increase over last year's funding.

The Epidemiology Unit received \$787,657 (including \$159,706 for core costs of the breast Cancer Screening Study - University of Toronto) and \$85,604 for extramural costs of the breast Cancer Screening Program as one of three national programs funded by the Institute. The other awards were \$690,375 as support of the Clinical Trials Group, Queen's

University, and \$520,903 for the Canadian Tumor Reference Centre, Ottawa.

The Cancer Research Unit at the University of Western Ontario, was awarded \$780,396 while Dr. W.E. Rawls and associates were granted \$431,968 to continue studies in viral oncology at McMaster University.

Eighteen grants were given to cancer investigators in Ontario for the purchase of major equipment such as a \$200,000 fluorescence activated cell sorter for the Hospital for Sick Children.

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the Ontario Cancer Institute came from an award of \$962,236 to the Division of Physics Research.

The national institute is the scientific affiliate of the Canadian Cancer Society and most of its money comes from the Society's April campaign.

The 123 Ontario grants totalled \$9,399,221, nearly 50 per cent of the 1981-82 funding total of \$20,714,672 being distributed

UWC guests advocate self-help

'Just forget they're blind'

By JUDY ROBINSON
Herald Staff Writer

"We would like to see the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) phased out within ten years," said David Heatherington, director of the Blind Organization of Ontario with Self-Help Tactics (BOOST), at a meeting in Georgetown last Tuesday.

Mr. Heatherington, an ex-transport driver who became progressively blind through diabetes, and BOOST president Jo-Anne Yale, blind from overexposure to oxygen at birth, were guest speakers at a meeting organized by the University Women's Club

of Georgetown at Centennial Public School.

Mrs. Yale studied social work at McMaster University and has been involved in community organizing. She and husband Mike published a book entitled "No Dogs Allowed" about their six-month tour of Europe.

BOOST is attempting to teach blind people how to integrate themselves into society and maintains that the CNIB is encouraging dependence among blind people.

"The CNIB does not represent blind people, it oppresses us," Mr. Heatherington said. "It has a monopoly on blind equipment, such as canes, watches and playing cards. No one else sells these items. CNIB dictates the price and in order to buy



David Heatherington and Jo-Anne Yale

anything, a blind person must register with the organization.

DO NOT TRAIN
"The CNIB workshop is nothing better than slave labor. Those jobs do not train people to go on and get jobs within society. There are people there who entered occupational therapy in 1940."

"I packed nuts and bolts into boxes in the CNIB for \$3.50 per day," Mrs. Yale added.

"BOOST is trying to make the community more accessible to handicapped people. Integration is the key to changing the system - not creating a special system. We want inclusion in the same system as you."

"I'm always reminded that

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