

Circle K: week of care

by Gunnar Blodgett

Saturday the 29th, to Friday the 5th, mark International Circle K week, a time when the U of A campus division of the Kiwanis organization increases their efforts to support Care projects and local campus and community activities. Groups in six countries of the Americas, including Canada, the United States, Mexico, Surinam and Jamaica, are uniting in this effort, ultimately intending to build two schools in Peru, and to fund a special Olympics for the handicapped.

Circle K is a service organization in the most basic meaning of word; they provide emotional succour for people who would otherwise likely go without.

Circle K volunteers spend time with the residents of Mount

Pleasant Home for Aged taking them for walks, playing and games or just talking and listening. In today's society, with our emphasis on youth and activity, growing old can be a lonely experience.

The time Circle K spends with the aged is well spent; the Mount Royal residents appreciate the company and attention and the volunteers grow from the experience, for there is still much that can be learned from our elders.

Circle K also spends time with the young. Adolescents who are under supervision after getting in trouble with the law also receive visits from Circle K volunteers. These teenagers are taken for outings like skating and pizza on Sunday afternoons. Such a day out may seem like little enough except

when one considers that the institutional supervisory staff just do not have the time to spend to take the teens away from what can degenerate into a drab existence.

In the end volunteers and those they are aiding can become special friends forming bonds that go beyond visits paid while with Circle K.

International Circle K week provides the volunteers an opportunity to publicize their activities and appeal for help themselves; they still need volunteers.

Anyone wishing to become involved with Circle K there is a Circle K office on the 2nd floor of SUB and there is the Circle K popcorn stand every Friday in SUB.

Skarin money helps out

by Gilbert Bouchard

"We try to fund projects that wouldn't get money anywhere else," states Mary Totman, the executive officer of the University of Alberta Senate.

The projects Totman mentioned are being funded by the Emile Skarin fund, founded in 1976, and administered by the U of A Senate. Emile Skarin was an engineering graduate of the U of A and the Swedish vice-counsel in Edmonton from 1920 to 1945.

The income of the fund (\$5,000) according to Totman is divided up among "never less than two projects," since the fund prefers to sponsor "small projects, one shot endeavours," but the fund could conceivably "fund one large project."

This does not mean that the projects initiated by the fund are of no lasting importance to the community.

Many projects started with Skarin money live on to this day. One example Totman mentioned was "The Compass," a multidisciplinary magazine that got its start with the fund and now is published on its own. Other publishing endeavours of the fund include: "The World of Children's Books" (a review of children's literature in English), and Longspoon Press (the U of A's own poetry publishing house), both funded to some extent by the Skarin fund.

Non-print projects in the past have included microscopes for the Devonian Gardens to be used for educational purposes, all the way

to a plaque marking the homesite of Laurent Garneau.

While preferences are given to projects with the emphasis on the arts or the humanities there are no restrictions on the nature of the eligible projects. As long as the projects are of some value to the public and the university, are consistent with the aims of the U of A, and are not projects normally funded by the university.

The fund is accepting applications for projects until March first, applications can be obtained from the U of A Senate, room 150 Athabasca Hall. Recipient(s) will be announced at the Senate's April 29 meeting.

For more information contact Mary Totman (432-2268) or Sandra Halme (432-2352).

McGill "rip off" costs too much

MONTREAL (CUP) — When is a prank not a prank?

That's the question staffers of the McGill University student newspaper, the *Daily*, and Students' Society vice-president internal affairs officer Bruce Hicks are asking themselves after an unauthorized switch of the *Daily's* Jan. 21 front page.

Early on Jan. 21 someone substituted the *Daily's* front page with their own. The finished pages had been left with a security guard for transportation to the printer.

The prank was subsequently entered in the Engineering Undergraduate Society's "Rip-Off Contest" — part of Engineering Week activities.

One of the three unsigned front page stories alleged that the program board, the Students' Society's social committee, was

responsible for the switch. But *Daily* Editor-in-Chief Richard Flint believes Hicks is responsible.

"I am assured by representatives of the program board that they had no involvement," said Flint.

According to Flint, Hicks is responsible for having the fake front page typeset, although the bill was later paid, personally, by program board chair Paul Reilly.

The *Daily* has invoiced Hicks for \$960 — the cost of a full-page advertisement and guaranteed front-page placement as per the *Daily* rate card.

Hicks, who first denied any knowledge of the incident, now says he won't admit any responsibility nor will he pay the invoice.

"It was a student prank done for Engineering Week; it should

be taken in that spirit. Is the *Daily* worth \$960?" asked Hicks.

Prank or no prank, the *Daily* is not amused and is treating the situation very seriously.

"I think Engineering Week was used as a front, an excuse for an act of violence against the staff of the paper," said Flint. "A joke is a joke, but this wasn't funny, it destroyed a lot of good work people put into the paper."

The caper won the program board first prize in the "Rip-Off Contest": 100 beer tickets. Hicks is a member of the program board.

"I don't believe the *Daily* should expect me to pay the \$960. The *Daily* are reasonable people, I'm sure they'll begin to see it in a humorous light," said Hicks.




photo Bill Inglee

This is a cute picture. Look at this photo of this little girl and tell me you don't just want to say "Awwwhh."


Well, anyway we just fell in love with this little girl and we wanted to share this precious moment, this beautiful little slice of a life beginning; we wanted you to see it too.

And if you just don't react to cute the way we do, and you're wondering why the *Gateway* runs stuff like this, take a look at the photographs on the walls. Compare the election posters to this little girl.

There, see, isn't this a cute picture?



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