

KAMPUS KRONIKLES

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LEFT OUT IN THE COLD: Hundreds of York students were forced to stand outside and face the elements because of the lack of bus shelters.

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No babysitter, no job . . .

by MELANA ZYLA
of the Gazette

Finding a babysitter for four year old Cody Kitchen has become a controversial topic at the USC. In fact, Cody's mother has resigned her position over the issue.

At the last University Students' Council meeting a motion was proposed to remove councillors with outstanding absenteeism from council, including Lois Kitchen, a Part-time and Mature Students representative. In response to the motion, Kitchen resigned last week.

According to USC bylaws, councillors missing two consecutive meetings or three meeting in a term can be removed from council. If the representative sends regrets, the absence is excused.

But Kitchen did not attend the last two USC meetings because she could not find a babysitter for her son.

"I knew that I couldn't go, so I sent my regrets for both meetings at the same time."

Kitchen's resignation is the third this fall by a councillor with children....

Kitchen explained that students with children have been experiencing the strain of a delay in OSAP payments and she could not afford to leave her son at home.

"There was a motion passed to buy pizza, but there's no money for babysitting," Kitchen said.

Keith Irish, a USC director, said he "had a feeling (he knew) why she wasn't at the meetings." He said he was aware of her search for a babysitter and requested to have her case heard separately. . .

Andrew Glass, a USC director and King's College representative, objected to Irish's proposal.

"There's an exception to every rule, but if she had a problem, she should have brought it to someone's attention," Glass said.

After the meeting he said "even the PMSA wondered where she was." He also questioned "why she made a commitment to the USC."...

At the summer USC meeting, PMSA representative Brander Dunlop proposed that this year's council set up a day care committee. Irish said the motion was defeated because there were not enough councillors at the meeting to vote.

The proposal is to be reconsidered at the next meeting. . .

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Disabled left out in the cold

by Megan Parry

In the process of bureaucratic housecleaning, the Senate Nominating Committee may sweep McGill's disabled students, faculty and staff under the carpet.

According to a Nominating Committee proposal, the Senate committee on the disabled will become a sub-committee of the Coordinating Committee to Student Services (CCSS).

"I think it stinks," said Sam Miller, chair of Access McGill, the disabled students association on campus.

Amy Kaler, student representative to the Committee on the Disabled, (SCD) is also upset. "I don't like the way they did it. We were not consulted, and there was no explanation given. We don't feel dissolving this committee is in the interests of McGill students.

"The CCSS is a very big, very unwieldy committee," she said, "The interests of the disabled would get lost there. Also, the CCSS has a mandate to serve students. There are disabled faculty at McGill. Their needs wouldn't be met by the CCSS. The Senate's mandate is to serve the entire university."...

Irwin Gopnik, the Dean of Students doesn't feel the proposed change would be detrimental to disabled faculty. "The committee's focus with the CCSS would be for students primarily. However, that has pretty much been the focus all along."

"Our committee on the Senate level has the opportunity to create policy," said Kaler.

"As a sub-committee we'd lose this ability. People from all parts of the university can come together in the Senate committee. If it were altered, the communication between different services and departments would become much more fragmented.

"We feel that the Senate committee should remain until the university has fulfilled its mandate to disabled students. Buildings are still

inaccessible and funding is still in desperately short supply. The Senate committee can apply the necessary pressure to see that the university meets these needs. Disabled people have the right to expect the same quality of education as any other students," she said...

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McGill station hits airwaves

by Egg

CKUT-FM/Radio McGill brought its alternative programming to Montreal's airwaves for the first time early Friday morning.

CKUT was testing its transmitter as part of the process of becoming a full-time FM station.

"We weren't playing any particular kind of programming. Just different kinds of music. We were mainly testing the power of the transmitter," said Martha-Marie Kleinhans, CKUT Director of Programming.

"We didn't have any difficulties. We started testing at midnight and finally got on the air at 1h30," said Kleinhans.

CKUT broadcast until 6h00 under the station number 90.3. Listeners said the sound quality was excellent.

Kleinhans said CKUT will be testing again on October 6th and 7th. The station hopes to be fully operational by October 15th.

"We're waiting for testing on the 6th and 7th by the Ministry of Transportation and Department of Communications to see if our frequency is interfering with any aerial or navigational frequencies," said Kleinhans.

The radio station will have a wide variety of musical and spoken programming. The station will be on air for 24 hours every day.

A station slogan has not yet been decided on. Yet, Kleinhans said that "CKUT 90.3 FM...deal with it" is a possibility.

Station personnel were pleased with last night's test run.

"It was fantastic," said Kleinhans. "I felt elation. I came twice," said staff member Don Rossiter.

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Gimme Shelter

By DEBORAH DUNDAS

Have you ever stood in front of the Ross Building on a cold, windy, rainy day, lined up with 200 other people waiting for the bus, and wondered, "Why aren't there more bus shelters?" Well, we at *Excalibur* did, and we decided to go on a quest: a quest for shelter.

We began by travelling to The Ninth Floor, where we questioned Provost Tom Meininger about the lack of adequate shelters. He informed us that "there is a commitment to improve the number and size of shelters, (but) it's slightly on hold because of campus development plans." These plans, which are still tentative, will involve a restructuring of the area in front of the Ross Building, and perhaps a rerouting of bus traffic behind the Stedman Lecture Halls and the Behavioural Sciences Building. He noted that "odds are very good that this will occur in the next two to three or three to four years." He doubts that anything will be done before that time because the

shelters would probably be dug up in the near future.

Never ones to give up, we decided to journey over to Physical Plant and see whether they had any plans to improve conditions in the very near future. There we met up with Bob Howard of the Department of Facilities, Planning and Management. He said that he had no plans to improve shelters at the moment, and noted that the only improvements that have been made in the past few years were in cooperation with CYSE, with whom the costs were split 50-50. He also noted that "I'd like to think we can keep enhancing the shelters, but this depends on available funds."

Well, no luck there, either. When we tried CYSE, we were informed that Dean Furzicott, Director of Internal Affairs, was the one to speak to. However, he couldn't be reached for comment.

Looks like we're all going to have to bundle up for the next few years, folks, because there isn't going to be any improvement in the bus shelter situation.

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