

To the Editor,

Not all students may be aware of the many benefits of having CKUT-FM, a community radio station on campus.

CKUT is an important part of campus life, and, more generally, contributes enormously to community life in Montreal. CKUT provides students with the opportunity to learn about radio, broadcasting, music and news, especially in a University without a journalism school. Many CKUT alumni have "graduated" to positions in other media. The station supports a diversity of community groups around campus and Montreal, being the consistent "voice of the voiceless". Recent examples include the live broadcast from the Occupy Montreal site, and the simulcast of Montreal's own Murray Street Band's 25th anniversary show. CKUT is also a great place for meeting like-minded students and other community members.

It is not an exaggeration to say that CKUT played a very important role in keeping me in Montreal and at McGill. I have been at McGill since

the late 1970s, and have been involved with radio at McGill since my first day here. I continue to host radio shows, learn how to build my own guitar pedals in the circuit workshops the station runs, and have participated in decision making committees (all of that for only \$4 if you are a student). The high quality programming and the integration of

CKUT into the community at large is second-to-none among campus community stations in Canada and around the world, which in turn contributes to making Montreal a great place to live. To me this has been as strong a reason as any to remain in the city. All at McGill should be very proud of the rare cultural gem that is our radio station.

Please do not ignore your duty to vote in the CKUT referendum, which is important to student (and faculty!) life at McGill.

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