

CLUBS

2010-2011 has been a great year for SSMU clubs and services. With the implementation of the ambassador fund and over \$75,000 available to allocate to clubs, SSMU clubs and services have spearheaded some wonderful events and represented the University in competitions throughout the world. With over 200 active SSMU clubs and over 20 student services – clubs and services are a representation of the dynamic interests and communities that exist on the McGill campus.

Student space is increasingly scarce and the space within the William Shatner University Centre – that houses 27 club offices and 8 meeting rooms – is competitively sought after. The SSMU is currently working on a revamping its cafeteria by switching to more sustainable lighting and working on building a living wall within the building. This year, we renovated the popular student lounge, created a green corner to act as a hub for green groups on campus and redecorated room 302 to serve as the Midnight Kitchen Café.

The newest SSMU Service, the Plate Service has been well received and can be found near the SSMU cafeteria providing students' with plastic plates for rent in order to help reduce our carbon footprint and eliminate Styrofoam. SACOMSS, TVMcGill, McGill International Student Network and Midnight Kitchen along with Queer McGill, McGill Nightline and the Union for Gender Empowerment successfully passed through referendum for student fees and all our other services are well-funded and ever-expanding.

OPERATIONS

Previously known as Gertrude's and opened in 1982, Gerts Bar continues to be a popular place for students to hang out and enjoy cheap drinks and live music. Renovations in the bar have transformed Gerts into a sports-like bar with projectors and large screens for games and events. Gerts has also become the hub of activity with student groups including CKUT, MFAS and several other clubs holding events, parties and fundraisers. This year, Gerts has outdone itself with daily specials, themed parties and regulars that all contribute to keeping our campus bar thriving.

With the closing of Haven Books, the Book Bazaar was in full swing to make up for the services that Haven Books once provided. The SSMU is currently working on creating an online book exchange server along with website renovations to make our website more accessible and to improve the quality of services that we provide. The new website and book exchange server should be up and running by the summer.

EVENTS

SSMU events this year were an interesting and refreshing mix between some new and some old events! Frosh Week, 4Floors, Movies in the Park and Week 101 were all incredibly successful. Frosh week included fun and games on lower field and ended with a concert featuring K-OS. The always popular Halloween party 4Floors saw hundreds of costume-clad students on four floors of the Shatner Building. New events this year included the first ever student-run Homecoming event on Lower Field and the rebirth of Faculty Olympics. Both events were aimed at bringing the McGill community together and provided a fresh perspective.

On the communications side, there was a lot of work done on making the SSMU Listserv more appealing and accessible to the general student population and using it as a tool to keep students informed and updated.



