

## LETTERS: Woman offers to help find solution

I am writing concerning the Board of Governors of Seneca College's decision to close the King Campus Day Care Centre on July 31, 1979.

I have worked in the Day Care field in York Region since November, 1969 in three different centres. During that time I earned a High Honours Diploma in Early Childhood Education from Seneca College Finch Campus.

I believe the Board's decision will seriously affect the quality of the Early Childhood

Education Diploma program currently offered at the King Campus.

In September, 1975 I was employed by the York Region Family "Y" to open and operate a Day Care equipped and staffed for 45 families.

Since then I have offered the facilities and the time and talent of myself and my staff to various community agencies; Seneca College King and Finch campus E.C.E. students making up a large part of these persons.

As such as I strive for quality care for all young children in my care I cannot offer your students the optimum experience of putting theory into practice, to the degree needed.

Only the presence of a Laboratory School on

campus can do this.

This is presently provided for at your Lab School and I know of no other setting in the Region that could duplicate this service without compensation.

King Campus is situated in an area which presents transportation problems to the students. Many research projects involve intensive observations of young children interacting successfully with their care givers.

In a given day your students have had direct access to King Campus Day Care facilities and now a valuable and mandatory experience will be cut from their learning process.

As a potential employer of Seneca graduates and a concerned member of Seneca King Campus

E.C.E. Advisory Board I am willing to volunteer my time and expertise to explore an economically feasible solution to this problem.

I ask you to postpone the decision until all plausible alternatives have been explored.

I am confident a solution awaits that will allow Seneca College to continue graduating persons who will be an asset to the community.

Lois Ball  
Supervisor,  
York Region  
Family "Y" Day Care.

## Soccer team says "thanks"

I am writing on behalf of the 21 boys from Wilbraham High School, Manchester, England, and the accompanying members of staff who were privileged recently to be hosted by Richmond Hill Soccer Association and York Royals on their

soccer tour to Canada and the United States of America.

The hospitality offered us all was magnificent and will never be forgotten. Nothing was too much trouble for our hosts, who fed us and taxied us

tirelessly for 10 days.

It provided the boys with a truly remarkable experience.

Special thanks must go to Ed and Violet Kenny without whom the whole project would never have got off the ground, and to

Melissa Stewart whose hospitality was most generous.

Others, too many to mention by name, deserve our sincerest thanks for all their efforts.

Alan Bell  
Coach

## Valuable facility

On June 1, 1979, Seneca College announced that the King Campus Day Care Centre would be closing July 31, 1979, because it was operating at a financial deficit.

As a working parent who has two young children attending this Centre, I would like to inform the community of the loss of a valuable and much needed facility.

The Day Care Centre at the King Campus is a lab facility for the Early Childhood Education students at Seneca.

As such, it practises the philosophies of child care which the students are taught in class.

The staff in the centre are all highly skilled, and through their instruction and example provide my children with the finest day care in the province; and provide the Early Childhood Education students with learning experiences that I am sure are unequaled anywhere.

The issues seem to me to be basic.

Parents NEED to work, children NEED quality day care, students NEED quality lab facilities to practice what they are taught.

The waiting lists for other day care centres of comparable quality have long waiting lists.

The Centre at the King Campus does provide excellent day care and lab facilities.

Surely as a community, we should look at this valuable resource and not allow it to be closed.

Linda Latham Roth  
R.R. 1,  
King, Ontario

## Is Liberal punishing the victim

I notice each week in The Liberal a column entitled "Police Briefs" which appears to summarize certain recent occurrences in our community.

Your policy of giving names, addresses, possessions (and often their value) of many of the "victims" of various crimes, while allowing the accused and/or guilty parties to enjoy their status protected by anonymity, continues to baffle and intrigue me.

By so clearly identifying the victims, you almost invite further problems by making personal information very public — thieves, robbers and rapists presumably also read newspapers.

It seems to me that you punish the victim while protecting the accused and/or guilty.

James D. Ewing,  
Richmond Hill

ED. NOTE: Accused people are not necessarily guilty people, although mention of their names in the media tends to make them so. If we were to write a story saying two people — two victims — died in a car accident, wouldn't you want to know who they were? Should we not tell you? If a person's house is burglarized, wouldn't you wonder where it was? Perhaps, it's in your neighborhood, and you, as a homeowner, wish to take extra precautions in protecting your property from a similar occurrence. However, if you ask us who the burglar is, we must, in all honesty, answer "we don't know". And, if we don't know, how dare we mention someone's name, just because the police THINK they know and have laid a charge? That's a judge's job, not ours. Your point, nevertheless, is well taken, and we'd like to hear other people's views as well.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL**

**NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSING**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill proposes to consider the passing of a By-law to stop up, close and sell a Public Highway known as Kilkenny Place as shown on Registered Plan M-1590.

A copy of the Plan and the draft By-laws are available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, 10266 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

The Council will consider the proposed By-laws at its meeting on the 9th day of July, 1979, and at that time will hear any person or the solicitor or agent of any person who advises the Clerk in writing prior to the 9th day of July, 1979, that he would like to appear.

Dated at the Town of Richmond Hill this 6th day of June, 1979.

The Corporation of The Town of Richmond Hill  
C.D. Weldon,  
Clerk.

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# Starting July 1, there will be some changes made to Unemployment Insurance.

Employment and Immigration Commission for at least 14 weeks in the year before your Qualifying Period\*. Then you would only need 10 to 14 weeks, depending on the Variable Entrance Requirement\* where you live.

**Are you starting to work again?**

If you're coming back to work after being away a year or more, you'll usually need 20 Weeks of Work\* in your Qualifying Period\* before you can qualify for UI benefits.

This applies wherever you live.

This 20-week rule won't apply, however, if you were in any of the following situations for a total of at least 14 weeks in the year before your Qualifying Period\*.

- These are the situations that count:**
1. You were getting temporary worker's disability compensation from a provincial program;
  2. You were receiving sick or maternity leave payments;
  3. You were out of work because of a labour dispute at your place of work;
  4. You were on a Commission-approved training course;
  5. You were on UI claim;
  6. You were working in insurable employment.

So, for first-time workers and those coming back to work:

A. If you were in any of these six situations for a total of at least 14 weeks in the year before your Qualifying Period\*, then you need only 10 to 14 Weeks' Work\* in the Qualifying Period\*, depending on the VER\* where you live.

B. If none of the six situations fit your case, you will have to have worked at least 20 weeks to qualify for UI benefits.

NOTE: If you are returning to work after being away more than one year, the 20-week rule will normally apply to you.

**Did you get UI benefits in the last year?**

If you got UI benefits in your Qualifying Period\*, there are new rules that may apply to you — unless the Unemployment Rate\* in your area is over 11.5 per cent.

1. If a claim you had in the last year has not run out, you may be able to renew it.

2. If yours is classed as a new claim, you will need the usual 10 to 14 Weeks' Work\* depending on your local VER\*, plus up to six "extra" Weeks of Work\*. The number of "extra" weeks you'll need depends on how many weeks you got on your previous UI claim. You need one "extra" week (up to a maximum of six) for every week you got over the VER\* needed in your area.

Here's an example: You need 12 Weeks' Work\* in your region (your local VER\*) to qualify for benefits the first time. On your last claim, you drew 15 weeks' benefits before going back to work. Now, you would need the usual 12 weeks, plus three "extra" work weeks. (That's the difference between the 12 weeks you needed to work and the 15 weeks of benefits you drew. In total you would need 15 Weeks' Work\* to qualify again within one year. The most anyone needs anywhere is 20 weeks of work to qualify.

Again, please remember, when the Unemployment Rate\* in your area is over 11.5 per cent, this rule won't apply to you. You'll need only 10 Weeks' Work\* to qualify for regular UI benefits.

**Other changes have been in effect since January 1979:**

- The weekly benefit rate was reduced to 60 per cent of your average insurable earnings (from 66 2/3 per cent).
- Most people employed for less than 20 hours a week are no longer covered by UI.
- Higher-income claimants may have to repay part of UI benefits drawn in the 1979 tax year. This will only affect people whose income, including UI benefits, is over \$20,670. This will be explained when you get your 1979 tax return.

**These things haven't changed:**

- Just as a review, these points haven't changed:
- You may still get UI illness and maternity benefits and the special benefit paid at age 65 if you've worked 20 weeks in your Qualifying Period\*.
- There's still a two-week waiting period before UI benefits start.
- To get regular benefits, you must still be available for and looking for work each day you are on claim.
- You must report any work and earnings while on claim.

- You can be disqualified from getting benefits for up to six weeks if you quit your job voluntarily, you were fired for misconduct, or if you turned down a suitable job offer.
- You can still appeal a decision by UI to deny you benefits.

**Explaining UI terms:**

**\*Weeks of Work**

This means weeks of work that are insurable for Unemployment Insurance. Most employment of 20 hours or more a week is insurable.

**\*Qualifying Period**

What UI calls your Qualifying Period is the 52 weeks before we start your claim. Or if you had a claim in the last year, it's the time since that claim started.

**\*Variable Entrance Requirement (VER)**

To qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits, you must have worked from 10 to 14 weeks in insurable employment during your Qualifying Period\*. The exact number of weeks depends on the Unemployment Rate\* in the economic region where you live. (See below.) If you don't have enough weeks to qualify when you file your claim, we keep your application in the computer file. If the Unemployment Rate\* changes so you then have the weeks you need, we will send you a notice.

**\*Unemployment Rate**

For Unemployment Insurance, the Unemployment Rate used for each of the 48 economic regions of Canada is not the current monthly Statistics Canada unemployment rate in each region. It is a three-month average of seasonally-adjusted monthly unemployment rates.

**Canada's Unemployment Insurance Program**

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