

To be open to students, faculty, staff

Day-care center planned

By JUDY TURNER

York's co-operative day-care center is no longer a pipe-dream.

At its conception Tuesday night in Founders junior common room, a small but enthusiastic group demonstrated a definite need for and interest in the project, which is sponsored by the York Women's Liberation Movement.

Joan Roth, one of the organizers, stressed the purpose behind the project. The whole concept of the center she said, rests on the belief that all women have the right to work and to have their children cared for while they do so. Child-bearing should not be the sole responsibility of women, but should be shared by the whole community.

The center, once begun, will be open to all students, faculty and staff members who are willing to invest a minimum of half a day a week. Stringent government regulations insist on a full-time staff member, so that a minimal fee would be charged.

Mrs. Roth insisted upon the importance of fathers and other interested men in the center. This is not a women's problem but rather one of relevance to all concerned members of the community, she said.

Melody Kilian from Simon Fraser University explained the day-care operation there which has been operating successfully for over a year. She said that their project had no administrative support; interested persons simply came together and formed the center. It is recognized by authorities as an experiment within the university and therefore is allowed to function without a licence.

Mrs. Kilian pointed out definite

advantages of a cooperative system. Besides the financial benefit, parents feel a close daily involvement with their children and have the opportunity to discuss problems with other parents. Children profit from interaction with their peers and from contact with a variety of people.

She added that co-ordinator would be much more valuable than a hired babysitter in order to keep the project truly co-operative.

At present, the immediate future of York's day-care center hinges on the problem of finding large and adequate rooms in which to house the children. College councils are being approached in the hope that they will recognize the need and offer assistance.

Once the project is under way,

preference will be given to working women with low incomes, women who head families and others who need this service most. However an attempt will be made to care for all children who are brought to the center.

Organizers stressed the importance of volunteers, both male and female, married and single in order for the project to be a success. They said the whole problem of the working mother in society should be relevant to every member and not just to those immediately affected.

Persons interested in helping or having their child cared for should contact Joan Roth (633-4699) or Dianne Weinrib (964-8271). A further meeting to actually begin the work of the center will be held Thurs., Oct. 23 at 5 pm in S856, Hum building.



Child-bearing should be the responsibility of the community

Founders might call a referendum on campus-wide student's council

Founders College is thinking . . . just thinking . . . of calling a January referendum on their Council of the York Student Federation membership.

Sue Himmer, Founders college council president, said in an interview Tuesday that a group within her council feels it might be a means to force CYSF to justify its

activities. They say the federation must keep in constant contact with students.

Miss Himmer said her council especially wanted to see a detailed CYSF annual financial report, telling where the \$60,000 budget went. She said Founders is now funding some campus-wide activities,

such as the winter carnival.

Council salaries are another beef. "I wouldn't want to see council turn into a paid bureaucracy," she said. Summer salaries and honoraria to council members total \$3,386 in this year's CYSF budget, and the permanent secretary receives \$4,300.

But she said that if a referendum were held it must be handled carefully. It must avoid "vindictiveness", she said, and must be impersonal. But "the council must not feel it is operating in a vacuum," she said. "It has to go back to its constituents."

College E to be the first in new college complex

By MIKE SAVAGE

There is a hole in the ground near the Tait-McKenzie building that will be York's second college complex. The complex will be completed (barring building strikes) by August 1971.

College E, to be completed by July, 1970, will be the first college. It will house the students already enrolled in the college.

Students of the college have no physical college, residence, or meal hall. Activities are centered on the Ministry of Love and the temporary office building.

College tutorials are held in the Fellows' homes, Glendon College, and the Ministry of Love. Students belong to the faculties of arts and science and fine arts.

The college E common room is a center of activities and one of the cleanest common rooms at York. One reason for the cleanli-

ness is the committee that oversees the physical condition of the room. The atmosphere is pleasant and the students say they don't want their common room to degenerate like some have done. One problem encountered by the students is that they can be locked out of the common room at 2 am by security guards.

There is a college newspaper in the planning stage. Regular issues will begin in less than a month. The name of the paper will be "The Terminus Owlswick & Ft. Mudge Electric Street Railway Gazette." It will appear in mimeo form.

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