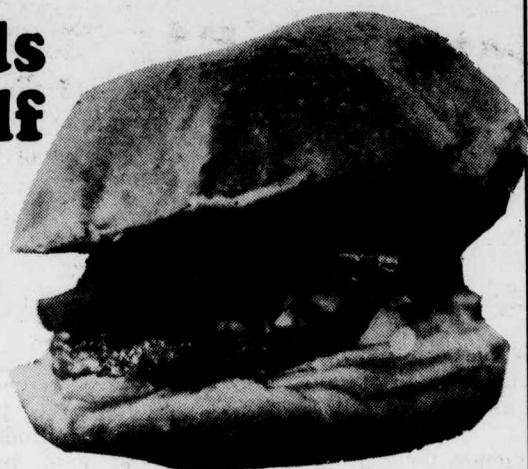


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Day care wins home

By BRIAN MILNER

York's co-operative day-care center has a new home after a long summer battle with university officials.

It is located this year on the main floor of graduate residence 3.

The co-op center began last November in temporary quarters in Winters college basement.

Problems of overcrowding began to plague the center and despite its growing popularity the university administration was reluctant to provide new space.

As early as April 1969 university officials decided there was no room for such an undertaking on campus "in view of the heavy demand for space for academic purposes."

In June, Winters college council gave the center an eviction notice to make room for another student lounge. The council charged that the center was the university administration's responsibility.

The university had originally opposed the day-care center, however. Minutes of the Committee on the Use and Allocation of University Facilities, Nov. 12, 1969 state:

"While there seems to be some need for such a community service... there is some doubt with respect to the university's direct responsibility for meeting such a need."

Two major issues, the univer-



Photo by Tim Clark

Melinda Exacoustos, chief negotiator for the Day Care Centre.

sity's degree of responsibility in the matter and the amount of space available on campus, led to prolonged discussions.

In a July meeting, the tenants association for graduate residences 1 and 2 voted to support a day-care center, but not in "our home."

They preferred to clear an "underused" faculty lounge in one of the colleges.

Two tenants attacked the administration for political maneuvering charging that the graduate residences were

suggested because students are "politically weaker" than faculty.

In September, after threats of forced removal of the center by Winters college councillors, the graduate residence 3 location was finally donated.

Professor David Bakan, a spokesman for the day-care group, said last week the new quarters, which include a lounge and three main floor apartments, have been provided "only for one year."

He said the administration is stressing a formal day-care structure. They apparently do not want to confront a committee of five or six people like last year. "It's easier to manipulate one person or two," Bakan said.

"The whole thing is conditional on tight organization," Bakan said. "Bureaucrats like to deal with bureaucrats... They all have a terror of the horde."

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