

**Help for children's education**

# Outreach Tutoring is expanding

"Perhaps this is a world where we cannot prevent the torturing of little children, but what we can do is help ease some of their suffering, some of their torment. And if you and I wouldn't do it, who will?"  
— Albert Camus

In the north end of Halifax, a unique educational project run by university students is in the final planning stage for this fall's operation.

The project is Outreach Tutoring, initiated two years ago by the Dalhousie Student Union and Veith House, a north end community centre. It grew out of the need for an individual tutoring service for the children living in and around Mulgrave Park.

The basic idea behind the program is to have university students volunteer a night of their week to tutor children living in this area who are having trouble in their school

work. The tutoring is done at the child's home on a one-to-one basis at a time arranged by the tutor, the child and the parents.

In the first two years of operation, Outreach Tutoring has been run on a small scale, relying mainly on word of mouth to interest both university students and parents.

This fall the project is expanding, both in attempts to reach more children and to interest students to volunteer time to tutor. The co-ordinators of Outreach have contacted eight schools in the Mulgrave Park and Gottingen Street area and another school in Kline Heights area of Spryfield to find children who need individual help. To meet the demands of the tutors, both Mount St. Vincent and St. Mary's Universities along with Dal, have indicated that they are willing to sponsor tutoring projects operating out of their

universities.

In order to better equip the prospective tutor in dealing with the child's learning problems, the program is holding a brief training workshop in mid-October to acquaint the university student with the elements of tutoring and with the education and social problems encountered by the child.

Out of this workshop will

emerge, hopefully, smaller groups of about 10-15 tutors who will meet every three to five weeks to discuss their approaches, their problems and their successes. In other words, a discussion group to help one another in working with their child.

OutReach Tutoring is organized and operated by university students, depending

solely on their support for survival and success. Notices about the program and the first campus meeting will be posted in the last week of September.

For those who wish additional information or who wish to help in organizational work, the office for Outreach Tutoring is located in the Transition Year Program House at 6034 University Avenue.

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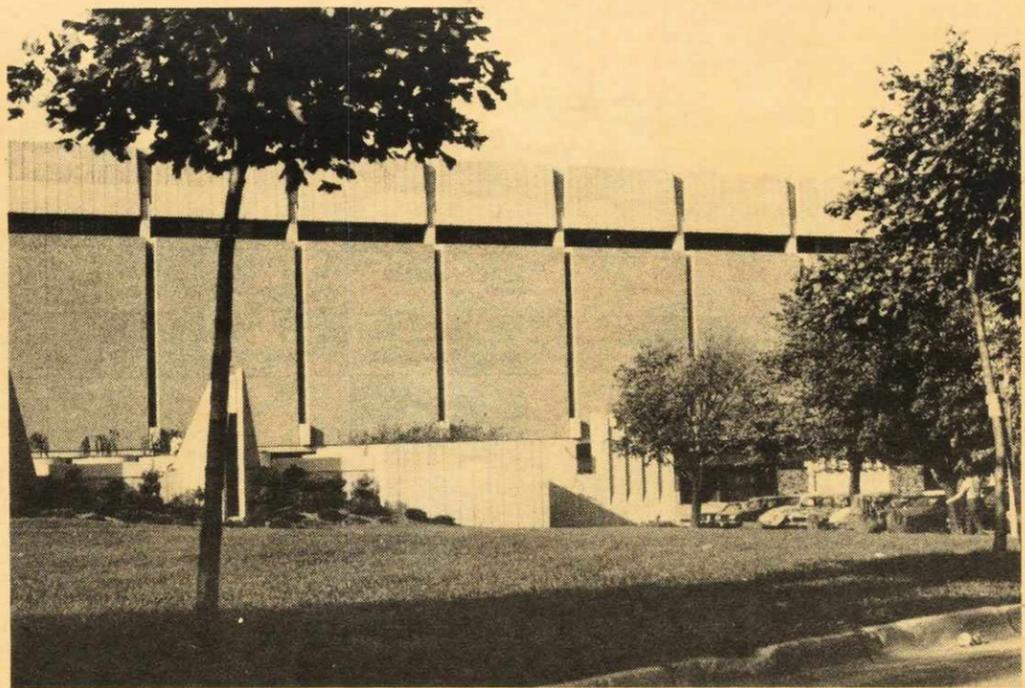
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