

# STUDENT MEMBERS NEEDED

## For the Students' Union Building Policy Review Board

The S.U.B. Policy Review Board investigates and makes recommendations to Students' Council regarding the most beneficial and fair use of the Students' Union Building. It meets once or two times per month, on the average. No experience needed, just an interest in what's going on.

Please apply to Brian Mason in the Executive Offices, 2nd Floor SUB (432-4236).

## Day-care here to stay

"It is important for students to realize that day-care for children does not mean a sterile, cold environment," stressed Diane Dalley, Director of the Students' Union and Community Day-Care Center. She said that day-care centers cannot replace the parents in bringing up children. However, many, including the Students' Union day-care center, are trying to supplement, by developmental programs, what the parents teach the children.

Mrs. Dalley noted that there are about 80 day-care centers in Edmonton, ten of them government subsidized, the others being private, commercial centers. The Students' Union and Community Day-Care Center, which was opened in September 1972, is government subsidized.

There are currently 60 children, between two and a half and six years old in the SU Day-care center, with eight full-time and three part-time staff.

Many of the children have only one parent. Others have parents who are students, or come from families where both work. "Day-care is here to stay. The issue is not whether women should be in the work force or not, but rather the type of care the child receives while the parents are away." But there are many parents who cannot find an opening for their child.

Simon Fraser University, much smaller than the U of A, is building a day-care center for about 150 children. The SU day-care center has a three month registration, because of demand. This means that a family which applies in September may have to wait until April for a vacancy.

It is interesting to note that, besides caring for the children during the day, the center has another function. "The Day-Care Center is part of the University community, not an isolated place to leave children," says Mrs. Dalley. Many students in the course of their studies come to observe the children to note their attitudes, behavior, movements and stages of development, and many students offer their services to the center.

For example, there was a visit to the dental hygiene facilities last Friday, where the students instructed the children in how to care for their teeth. In December there is to be an English literature class at the audio-visual center. The senior phys-ed students will provide a program from January to April.

"We are largely subsidized by the city, the provincial, and the federal governments," Mrs. Dalley explained. "We have trained staff, and we try to help the parents by giving good quality day-care."

The per diem rate is \$7.40 per child for operational costs plus \$1.35 per day for building and maintenance costs. This rate is the same for all government and supported day-care centers, while the building and maintenance costs vary from center to center. The parents pay a fee on a sliding scale from \$10 to \$120 per month, depending on gross income for the family.

Inquiries can be made to the Day-Care Center which is located in HUB.

by Jim Szpajcher

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November 29

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## CORRECTION - THURSDAY DEC. 4!

In Concert

## WILLIAM TRITT

with Special Guest

The University of Alberta String Quartet



8:30 PM SUB Theatre  
Thursday December 4

Tickets \$3.00/\$4.00  
SU Box Office/At the Door

A Students' Union Theatre Presentation in cooperation with the Canada Council.