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# Day-Care Hassles Grow

by Martin Ware

The Dalhousie Day Care Committee (established by the Student Council in March 1974) faces a crucial choice. It can move in one of two directions.

It can either decide to work to establish a makeshift Day Care Centre with places for about 32 children over the age of two. The financing and accommodation for such a makeshift Centre would have to be found by the Committee itself at short notice. In the present inflationary climate it is likely that such a small scale Centre would face serious financial difficulties.

Alternatively the Committee can commit itself to the development of a more ambitious proposal for a more substantial Day-Care Centre. To be economically viable such a Centre would have to be large; it would have to have places for approximately seventy children. To be really useful for the university population it would have to provide an effective home-care coordination programme for infants (babies under the age of 2). If the Committee commits itself to the development of such a proposal, it would have to establish indisputable evidence of the need for such a Centre, and win substantial support from an institutional source.

#### Work of Committee

The Dalhousie Day Care Committee was formed by the Students' Council at the end of the last academic year under the chairmanship of Martin Ware (Grad Studies Rep). To date it has thoroughly surveyed the enrolment situation at the existing Day-Care Centres, and produced a detailed report on the economic costs of establishing a small Day Care Centre for 32 children. This report was the work of Marie Alphonse and Betsy Mitchell.

The main purpose of the Committee is to try to find ways of ending the serious shortage of Day Care in the city of Halifax, particularly the shortage of care for infants.

#### Nature of Need

One of the most important factors in creating this shortage has been the spectacular expansion of Dalhousie's professional and graduate schools. President Hicks has committed his university to becoming the major centre for professional and graduate education in the maritimes.

#### Daycare

He has therefore adopted policies which lead to the convergence (for the City of Halifax a beneficial and potentially enriching convergence) of large numbers of married and marriagable people on the Studley Campus.



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This has created an urgent need for Day Care. Students in the graduate and professional schools generally receive a sub-subsistence level grant. Undergraduate students receive no grant at all... Therefore students with children have to hope that their partner will be prepared to work. Often they live in one of our friendly developer's enormous high rises where there is little scope for the adventurous toddler. Therefore for the mental and physical welfare of both parent and child Day-Care becomes a necessity.

#### Lack

But where are they to find Day-Care? For the past two years the Halifax University Children's Centre has had a waiting list of more than a hundred on its books. Most other Centres in the city have had substantial waiting lists. There has been, it is true, a temporary drop in the demand for Day-Care. This has been caused by the adoption by the Government of policies designed to reduce the enrolment in Day Care Centres. But the drop appears only to be temporary.

What is more serious is that there is scarcely any services available for his or her infant (aged between 6 months and 2 years). Such parents, many of them students, have an urgent need for adequate and subsidized home-care. St Joseph's Day Care centre has taken the first very small steps towards the courageous and imaginative provision of such a service. Only the University Children's Centre (Wellington Street) and Kiddy Korner provide institutional care for infants, a service which is too prohibitively expensive for most Centres to provide.

cially licensed Day Care Centres. What it omitted to state was that it intended to pass on most of the cost of this increase to parents whose children were enrolled in Day Care Centres. This was implemented through the adoption of a new fee scale for Day Care.

It is true that the new scale was scrupulously fair to those in the very low income brackets. But the new scale containing as it did very substantial fee increases for certain groups was very hard on single parent families and on the families of students. It seems to have been designed to persuade single parents to marry and remove their children from Day Care, and to persuade students to give up their studies and enter the labour force. For many people these options are not only not realistic, but not possible.

Very recent surveys suggest that marked reductions of enrolment in the Day Care Centres (anticipated by the Government?) are not materializing. At the same time the need for infant care is growing more and more urgent. The Dalhousie Day Care Committee intends to carry out an ongoing survey of the enrolment and need for Day Care.

The Dalhousie Day Care Committee is determined to investigate all possible ways—well short of commitment to the principle of universal Day Care—of meeting what seems to be an urgent and growing social need.

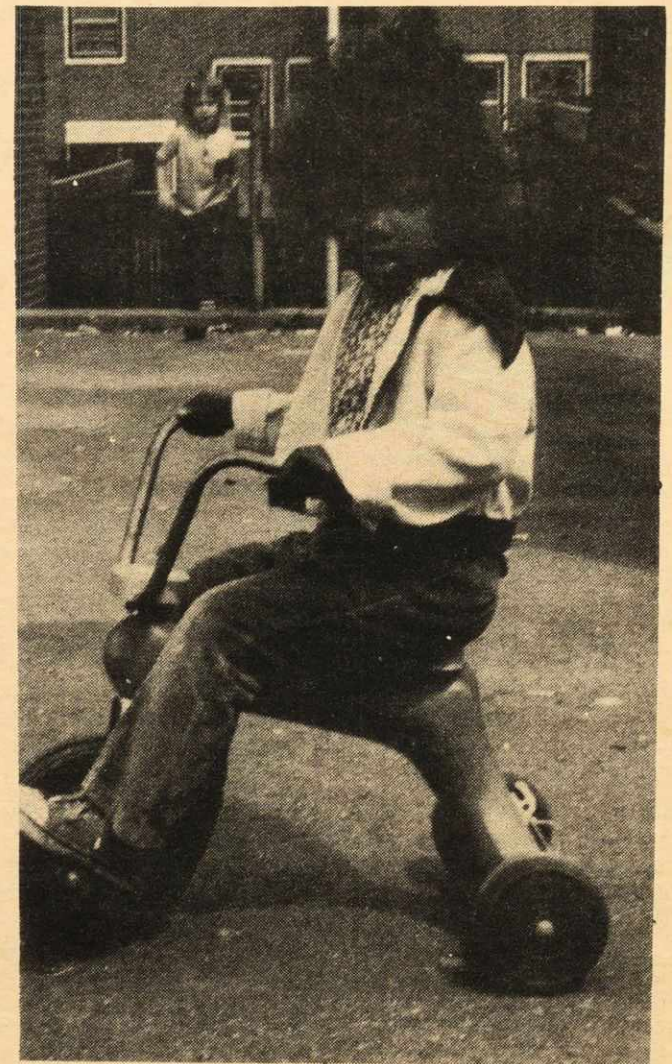


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