

Council workers to set up youth businesses

By Martha Bohling

Imagine a business—a photo lab, organic food store, or craft store—in downtown Lincoln, owned and operated entirely by community youth.

That is the vision of Youth Development Project workers, who are trying to establish such businesses next summer.

The Youth Development Project (YDP), which is a division of the Lincoln Action Program (LAP) was established in October. It serves two positions in the youth community, according to YDP worker Ms. Linda Northrop.

The program offers services in the form of employment counseling, job placement and tutoring programs, she said.

Youth councils

Currently members are setting up area youth councils in four of the low-income areas of Lincoln. The councils will be made up of young persons recruited by an area advisor, who is a YDP member, Northrop said.

It is through these councils that YDP hopes to set up youth-run businesses.

These councils will set up area projects, such as Saturday morning babysitting services, and will be

financed initially by money from LAP, she said. Profits from the businesses go back into the program.

The project workers are setting up a program on one-on-one tutoring for 20 junior and senior high students from schools in low-income areas, according to Northrop.

The tutors will try to motivate their students, she said.

Tutors oriented

The first orientation meeting for the tutors, who are all volunteers, was held Monday night, Northrop said. Goals and objectives were established.

Goals for the tutors include establishing a strong, independent relationship with the student, counseling students to deal with their problems and helping the student develop a positive self-image.

A YDP worker will talk to the student's parents and involve them in the program, she said.

Also helping Lincoln youth is the center's employment counseling and job placement office, coordinated by Laverne Rainey.

Work-seeking youth between 14 and 21 are referred to the center by parents, friends or informal contacts, he said.

"Rent-A-Kid"

After finding out the needs and abilities of the

job-seeker, Rainey said he either checks the job bank or refers them to Youth Employment Services run by the YMCA or the Job Experience Training (JET) program run for students from 14-18.

Rainey said that he is also planning to refer 14-18 year olds to the Youth Conservation Corps for summer jobs.

Beginning in May, Rainey said he hopes to set up a "Rent-A-Kid" program to provide temporary employment through the summer. Area residents will be able to call the center and request workers to mow lawns, paint houses, babysit or do other jobs, he said.

Rainey also said that he is setting up employment pamphlet distribution centers at the center, which is located at 1915 U St., and in the Belmont School. These pamphlets will include information on getting and keeping a job.

Another of the center's programs involves a rural youth worker, according to Northrop, who is trying to organize recreational resources for the rural communities around Lincoln.

She is also trying to arrange transportation to Lincoln recreational centers for rural youth, Northrop said.

short stuff

Phi Beta Lambda will meet tonight at 7 in the University Lutheran Chapel. All candy money should be turned in. Business teachers will present a panel discussion.

Club IberoAmericano is having a meet for all interested students and faculty today at 3:30 p.m. in 1038 Oldfather.

Students may express their views on the financing of the Soccer Club, Ski Club, Union Program Council, Weightlifting Club, Daily Nebraskan, Rifle Club, Judo Club, Fencing Club,

Association for Computing Machinery, and the University Child Care Project Board tonight at 5:15 in the Nebraska Union. A schedule for the meeting and copies of the budget and subcommittee reports are available in Union 200.

Students interested in financial assistance and/or the college work study program should apply now at Scholarships & Financial Aids, 113 Administration Building.

Elites of UNL are planning to run to Omaha from Lincoln

as soon as the weather gets warmer in order to raise money by donation and pledges for the starving children in Biafra or the Heart Fund at the donor's choice. To pledge an amount or donate, persons may contact Leonard Goodloe, 435-3427; James Wightman, 475-2538 or Algie Rigde, 1127 Abel.

The Lancaster County Chapter of the March of Dimes is sponsoring a Walk-a-thon April 5. Sponsor sheets, route maps and other information may be picked up at the March

of Dimes office, 432-0117 or call Charlie Krig, 477-9727. A plaque will be awarded to the residence hall, sorority or fraternity that contributes the most money.

The Union Program Council Committee on Talks and Topics is presenting a talk and talk-back presentation with Steve Weitzenkorn and Neil Cohen of UNL Educational Psychology Department entitled "Revolution in Education: Strategies for the Future." It will be in Nebraska Union 242 tonight at 7:30.

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