

Child care organized

Project prospers from move

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A new home for the University Child Care Project is brightening the outlook for participants and the project's financial statement, officials said.

Daryl Swanson, project coordinator and director of the Nebraska unions, said the move should help the troubled project break even this year. Swanson had no figures as to how the project fared last year.

The project, which cares for children of university students, faculty and staff members and of community members, moved from the Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th St., and the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1201 Benton, to the YWCA, 1432 N St., on Aug. 20.

The move put the project in one place rather than two, said project director Barbara Vigil. Infants and toddlers previously were separated.

While the project's rent was free at Cornerstone and a low cost at Prince of Peace, the facilities lacked air conditioning and were inconvenient for families with infants and toddlers

whose parents had to go to both locations, Vigil said.

Swanson said the project had been "struggling" in recent years and the situation looked serious.

"We were not going to survive much longer the way the project was going," Swanson said. "Parents were not going to stand by for the conditions as they stood."

The project's enrollment had begun to drop, he said.

Vigil said the inconveniences and the drop in enrollment led to an agreement between the project and the YWCA last October.

The YWCA had a grant from the Cooper Foundation for part of a day care's construction costs, Vigil said, but didn't have a child-care program.

"Since we had a program but didn't have an ideal facility, it was like a marriage made in heaven," Vigil said.

The new facility has five rooms for various age groups, two outside playgrounds and a central inside play area.

"Although each class has a different room, there is a sense of openness," Vigil said.

Two sets of rooms have only a 4-

foot-high wall division between them; the rooms are well-lit and there are many windows, she said.

The location also provides exposure to the downtown area, Vigil said.

The children already have gone on walking tours to the Foundations Gardens and the State Capitol. Children will be able to go to story hour at the Bennett Martin Public Library beginning in September.

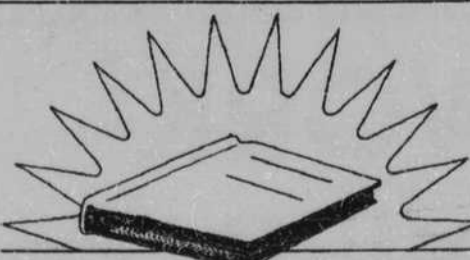
Vigil said she saw a positive change in the children since the move.

"Since the older children had never really been with the babies before, they get visiting passes to see them," she said. The project also can care for more children since the move, she said.

The project currently enrolls 81 children, an increase of 20 since the move. The feasible capacity is 85, Swanson said.

In addition to Vigil, the child-care center employs five full-time teachers, a nutritionist and at least 40 students.

The fees for 1990-91 are \$79 for infants, \$74 for toddlers, \$69 for 18-month-olds to 3-year-olds and \$66 for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds.



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Gosch opposed to spending lid

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Wednesday night student leaders will consider a bill opposing the proposed 2 percent budget spending lid on the November ballot.

Phil Gosch, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said the bill also authorizes the Government Liaison Committee to inform students and voters about the bill's effects on the university.

Gosch said students should be concerned about the budget spending lid because it could have severe effects on the university.

"I think it (the 2 percent lid) represents the most serious threat to student interests we've seen in a long time," Gosch said. "This is more damaging to students than anything to come down the hill since the Vietnam War. I think it's that big of a deal."

With inflation rising at 4 percent or 5 percent a year, a 2 percent lid would force the university to find funds elsewhere, Gosch said, causing classroom size and tuition to increase.

"Tuition may be the only means the university can generate money," he said.

"I'm scared" it might pass, Gosch said. "I say I'm scared because it (the 2 percent lid) sounds so good to the average voter."

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by administrative dispensation, she said. By this procedure, when the evidence is sufficiently clear, Austin decides on a punishment and informs the student in a letter.

To ensure compliance, a hold is placed on the student's records until the requirements of the punishment are fulfilled.

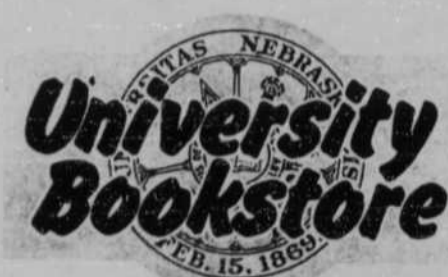
In most instances, the student would be put on probation and required to complete a project -- usually a paper on the subject of academic integrity, Griesen said.

The student also might be required to visit the Academic Success Center for help if the violation owed more to not understanding how to prepare the assignment than to purposeful cheating, Austin said.

Though some students get away with academic dishonesty, Austin said, she was satisfied with the work done in her office.

"It's fair to students," she said. "We provide them with ample due process." Students are able to appeal all decisions, but so far there have been no appeals from last year.

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