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The youngest frosh of all....

Campus daycare welcomes first students

By Mark Savoie
Brunswickan News

At 7:30 Tuesday morning the university's new daycare will open its doors for business for the first time.

The daycare has the facilities to care for 60 children. At press time, only 43 of the 60 places available at the daycare were filled.

Nancy Mathis, chair of the Board of Directors for the centre, says she's very pleased with the nine staff members who have been hired to work at the daycare.

"Almost everyone has a minimum of a community college Daycare Level One course. A couple are graduates of Mount St. Vincent's child care program. That's a four-year degree," she explained.

The nine staff members were hired out of a pool of 110 applicants.

Most of the funding for the daycare came from students at the university, and staff and faculty unions.

As a result of the financial support received from these different groups, children from all segments of the university community will be accepted to the daycare, although a breakdown of who is currently using the centre is not available.

"We haven't looked at that, because we're hoping for more enrollment," explained Mathis.

"When we get up to our full 60, then I hope to break that down because that is an important thing to report back to all of the groups."

The daycare will be run as a co-operative by the parents of the children using the facility. Of the 60 spaces available at the daycare, the majority have been allotted to UNB staff and faculty. The children of students will fill up to 22 positions at the centre.

The daycare has the capacity to care for six infants, ten two-year olds, fourteen three-year olds, twenty four-year olds, and ten five-year olds in the after school program. Of these groupings, room is still available for only the three and four-year olds.

If these openings are not filled, the daycare will be forced to accept children from the community at large. According to Nancy Mathis, the centre "would like to have this space totally dedicated to the university, but also we can't operate at a deficit in order to do that."

To enroll a child in the daycare, simply show up at the facility during their open hours (7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) or call them at 453-3584. The daycare is located above the university on Montgomery Street beside McLeod House.

There is an application fee of \$15, with which the parent will receive a 'parent packet' containing a parent manual and all the enrollment forms, including, medical forms and payment schedules. The rates are \$85/week for two-five year olds, \$95/week for infants, and \$50/week for the after school program.

As the daycare is a non-profit organization, there is a chance that these rates may drop with time.

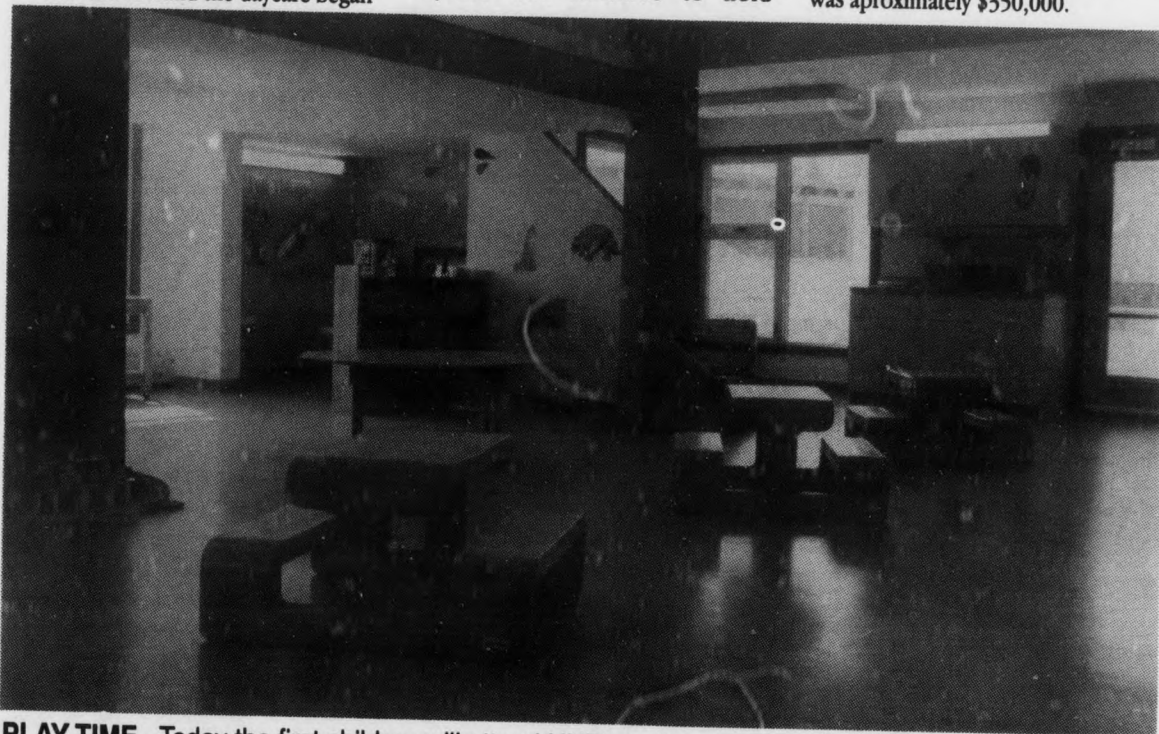
The idea to build the daycare began

about three years ago when the university saw an influx of mature students.

The co-operative which runs the daycare will continue to hold

fundraising campaigns, as the daycare is a non-profit endeavour.

The cost of getting the centre built was approximately \$350,000.



PLAY TIME - Today the first children will attend UNB's new on-campus daycare. Michael David Smith photo

Need help with loan hassles?

by Alastair Johnstone
Brunswickan News

This year, students who have problems with their loans will be able to find help at registration.

Susanna Wiesner, director of the Financial Aid Office, stated that during registration, personnel from her office will be on hand in the South Gym to help students who are having problems with their loans.

The Financial Aid Office, which is located in room 109 of the Alumni Memorial Building, can provide information on a variety of subjects pertaining to financing your education—from the status of your government student loan and how to appeal your loan or bursary, to repayment of your government loan and finding alternative sources of financing.

The numerous changes made to both the Federal and Provincial student loan programs in recent months may result in the Financial Aid Office line being a long one during registration.

These changes have resulted in an increase of funding available to students, from the maximum rate available to full time students of \$105 per week of study last year, to \$165.00 per week this year.

This amounts to a total increase in funding of 57%, and is the first federal increase in funding since student loans were frozen in 1984 by the Conservative government.

In a press release from the Department of Human Resource Development dated August 2, the changes to student loans outlined in the new *Canada Student Financial Assistance Act* are explained as increasing funding to a total

of 6 billion dollars over five years, an increase of 2.5 billion dollars.

According to the release, the assistance increases will take the form of higher loan limits (from \$105.00 to \$165.00 per week of study), interest subsidies to low income students experiencing temporary repayment problems, deferred grants for high need students with large debt loads, and special opportunity grants for students with disabilities, high need part time students, and women in certain doctoral studies programs.

After 27 years serving students...

Bellboy leaves SUB

by Tara Froning
Brunswickan News

After 27 years of serving the students of UNB, Bellboy Dry Cleaners closed their doors for good on July 30, 1994.

The University announced it was increasing the business's rent by 15 per cent in three years, a move which owner Robert Brown says he just can't afford.

The new tenants in the location aren't being asked to shell out the same \$325-\$375 a month, however, the UNB Student Union will rent the space for only \$1 a year.

Brown, who runs a number of Bellboy Dry Cleaning outlets in Fredericton, said he made the decision to close because of the decline in business at the S.U.B. location over the past three years.

"Sales haven't been that great at the SUB, but we kept it open mainly as a service for the kids," he explained.

Brown informed UNB VP Adminis-

A possible income contingent loan repayment system which received mention in the press release is not yet a part of the student loan policy. However, according to Lara Rooke, Student Union V.P. External, there will be a symposium held in Toronto to address the issue of a possible income contingent loan repayment system. The symposium will address the government's plan to implement income contingent pilot projects.

The location of these pilot programs has not been released.

tration James O'Sullivan that Bellboy Cleaners could not afford the rent increase, and even submitted sales records for the past twelve months as proof of the decline in Bellboy's sales.

Brown said he would have agreed to paying the rent increase this year, providing the university allowed him to close the depot for the month of July and not pay any rent for that month. However O'Sullivan rejected this proposal.

At the time of Bellboy's closure, rent was \$325.00 per month.

According to Chris Alward, V.P. Student Services, the Student Union plans to use the space for the temporary Health Plan office until September 30, 1994. Beginning in January, the Peer Support Centre will occupy the space for what Alward says will cost the Student Union \$1.00 per year for rent.

The Peer Support Centre will be in the old Bellboy location until the SUB expansion is built.