

EXECUTIVE STATEMENT ON UBC DAYCARE

BACKGROUND

There are 12 child care centres on campus with a total capacity of 275 children. Current rates at the UBC Daycare range from \$450-\$475/mo. per child for children under three years, and from \$285-\$340/mo. per child for children over three years. As parent run societies, campus daycares allow maximum input from parents in all areas involving the care of their children which often is the area of greatest concern to parents who require daycare services. Parents are involved in everything from maintenance to negotiating the union contract with staff to programming of the centre's activities. According to the statistics provided by the UBC Daycare Office, approximately 60% of the parent users of UBC Daycare are students (which on a percapita basis represents .6% of the total student population), 10% of parent users are staff (which on a per capita basis represents 1% of staff population), and the remaining 30% of parent users are faculty (which on a per capita basis represents 3% of faculty population). Of the total parent population, 45% are single parents.

THE PROBLEM

Nine of the campus daycares are located in army huts that have been given a mandatory two-year replacement limit by the UBC Fire Marshall as being fire hazards. It is important to note that the time limit for replacement has been extended in the past by interim measures such as painting the buildings with fire-retardant paint and it is unlikely that the limit can be extended again. Other problems include low water pressure and insufficient heating systems due to aging.

THE PLAN

The Daycare Building Project is a plan to replace the army huts. The total cost of the project is \$1,000,000.00. The AMS has contributed \$350,000.00 to date which represents \$15.00 per enrolled student (.6% of the student population being users of the Daycare facilities). Faculty members have been asked to contribute \$30 per member, CUPE members \$20 per member, and CUE members \$15 per member. Off campus organizations such as the Vancouver Foundation are willing to contribute based on contributions made by groups representing the parent users, namely the AMS (students), unions (staff), and Faculty Association (faculty). There is also a possibility of provincial government contribution if support from the campus community is given.**

TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE ON
CAMPUS, PLEASE VOTE "YES" ON THIS REFERENDUM BALLOT.

**TRUSTEES NOTE:

Information given to us at this time on the position of other campus groups is that CUPE 116 is recommending that there be a donation from their general funds rather than an assessment, and that the Faculty Association is discussing setting up a voluntary fund, out of which donations could be made to the Daycare Centre.

B A L L O T I N S T R U C T I O N S

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2. Put the small coin envelope in the medium sized identification envelope addressed to the CUE Union Office.
3. SIGN your name next to your name label on the medium sized identification envelope. IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPES THAT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED WILL NOT BE OPENED.
4. Return your ballot enclosed in the two envelopes by January 29, 1987 to the CUE Union Office via Campus Mail.
5. When your name has been checked in the dues check-off list, your identification envelope will be opened and the ballot envelopes mixed before opening, thus ensuring a secret ballot.

REFERENDUM MOTION: That there be a \$15.00/member assessment to build new day care facilities and that members be assessed \$1.00/paycheque for 15 paycheques.

YES

NO