



MG 129 – Campus Day Care Committee (E.D. Olfert) / Daycare Centre fonds

Dates: 1974-1977.

Extent: .13 m of textual material.

Administrative history: On 29 May 1975, a group of University personnel and students met to discuss the feasibility of building a day care facility on the University campus. They presented a proposal to construct a 3,000-square foot building on a 1.3 acre site east of the farm residences; it was estimated that the building could provide daycare services for approximately 52 children, at a capital cost of \$289,000. The proposal was accepted by the Board of Governors, but was not initially accepted by the Universities Commission; although the Commission eventually lent their support as well. However, the provincial Treasury Board refused to provide capital funding, arguing that such a facility would establish an unwelcome precedent for other government or public employees. Although the Cooperative documented similar facilities at other universities and noted that the day care was intended to benefit students as well as employees, the government did not accept their arguments.

Scope and content: This fonds contains documentation of the process undertaken by the Campus Day Care Committee in their efforts to establish an on campus day care and get a building built for the purpose. This includes minutes, correspondence, conference material, and publications. The material appears to have been collected by E.D. Olfert who was the interim chairman.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.

1. Daycare Committee. – 1975-1977.
Minutes, correspondence and newspaper clippings relating to the Committee's activities. All related to the proposed new daycare building to be built on a plot of land near the Campus Dr Preston entrance.
2. Correspondence. – 1974-1976.
Correspondence and pamphlets relating to childcare legislation in other provinces and experiences of other groups in establishing child care facilities. Includes issues of "Day Care garde de jour" a bulletin put out by the National Day Care Information Centre".
3. Conferences. – 1975-1976.
Contains the Report of the seminar "Women in Saskatchewan Economy", Sept 27 1975; schedule and papers of Women's Studies Conference March 11-12, 1976.
4. Articles and Pamphlets on Day Care. 1974-1975.
Various articles, pamphlets and studies on child care services; regulations governing day care centres.