

Undergoes federal inspection ---

Day Care Center obtains license

The recently closed Campus Day Care Center underwent the long-awaited federal inspection necessary to keep its doors open last Tuesday, May 17. The results: the Center is now officially federally licensed to accommodate welfare children, as well as those paid for privately.

The Center closed last Monday, May 16, when its existing federal license expired. To receive a license renewal the Center had to undergo a federal inspection. However, repeated attempts to set up an inspection date before the expiration of the old license had failed, and the original day of

inspection was set for May 23. But calls of protest from several outraged parents caused officials in Columbus to send an inspector immediately.

Ida Magee, the Center's director, regretted the inconvenience that the Center's closing caused, but added that it was necessary if the Center hoped to continue offering its facilities to welfare children. She said that contrary to a statement made by one student in the May 17 issue of *The Jambar*, the Center has no intentions of closing its doors to welfare children.

"It's because of these children

that we have to get a federal license in the first place," she stated, and added, "I don't know where that person got her information, but it certainly didn't come from us [the Center]."

Magee said that to run a private day care center, without government support, all that is necessary is a state license, and added that the Center has already acquired that license without any problems. But she added that the federal government will not pay any center that accepts a significant amount of welfare cases unless that center meets all federally-set standards as well.

The Center has been federally licensed to accept welfare children since 1974. According to Magee, before that time the Center's fees were much lower,

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but that "federal inspections are so rigid and they demand so much that every year they force us to raise our fees in order to keep up with their demands."

However, Magee said that the Center goes through the yearly federal inspections and keeps up with the government's demands because they recognize the need for such a center by YSU students, especially those on public assis-

tance. She added, "We have a constant waiting list, and about 60 percent of that list is made up of welfare children."

Magee concluded, "It would probably be much easier just to stay private and not accept any welfare children, but we don't want to do that. We know the parents of these children need us too, and we have no intentions of closing our doors to them."