

# Planned Parenthood centers would aid University coeds

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Lessons from overpopulated countries give Planned Parenthood-World Population the slogan "more can mean less."

Founded in 1916 by Margaret Sanger, a birth control pioneer, Planned Parenthood has grown from a single clinic in a Brooklyn slum to over 157 nationwide affiliates.

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. serves the area with branches in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties, the District and Northern Virginia.

Local clinics are at 344 University Blvd. west, Silver Spring and Sherman Avenue, Takoma Park.

There is no residence requirement so out-of-state and out-of-county University students can avail themselves of Planned Parenthood services.

Mrs. Russel W. Nichols, executive secretary of the Prince Georges and Montgomery branch, stressed in a recent interview that its purpose was "to provide information and service in the field of family planning."

Women over 18 consult with a social worker and receive a complete gynecological examination

including a cancer test from a physician before receiving birth control devices.

Each method of contraception and its relative safety is carefully explained. Patients are required to return for regular checkups.

Payment is determined according to income and a month's supply of pills can cost a student as little as \$1.

"The choice is voluntary, but it is most important that a woman know and understand not only the methods of birth control available but how and why they work," Mrs. Nichols said.

The organization also does pre-marital counseling and sponsors a community education program of free films, speakers and literature.

Planned Parenthood works by invitation in the maternity wings of D.C. General and Prince Georges County hospitals explaining birth control methods and practice.

According to Mrs. Nichols, the group is also involved in basic sex education.

"Young people should be knowledgeable about their own bodies and sensitive to the emotional and psychological differences be-

tween male and female to understand their respective roles and each other better," she said.

The second yet equal thrust of the organization is world population.

Family planning service should be freely available to the poor and near poor, who in the past have been denied this aid, Mrs. Nichols explained.

This service should be treated just like medical, dental and eye care and housing and education, she said.

Lack of competent free and low cost family planning across the nation was charged with producing hundreds of thousands of children with little opportunity to rise from poverty in "Facts About Planned Parenthood."

The fact sheet noted, though that "significant birth rate declines among the poor following intensive family planning information and service programs "have been observed in Baltimore, Washington and Chicago."

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## TV workshop to open

With the "emphasis on quality, not quantity," according to Pete Warren, president of the University radio and television workshop, the group will begin preparations for the year at a meeting next Tuesday.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. in room 40 of the fine arts building.

The workshop produces programs for broadcast over the University's closed-circuit system, to receivers in dorms and classrooms.

Shows 30 minutes in length are taped, using the two studios, six cameras, and two video tape

machines available for use by the workshop.

Most of the workshop participants enter the program with no experience. All production roles are filled by workshop people, and several weeks of preparation go into each broadcast.

While Warren feels the workshop is capable of producing two shows every week, to insure high production quality, only one a week will be produced.

Two types of programs will be presented this year; drama and public affairs. The first dramatic presentation scheduled is "The Owl and the Pussycat."

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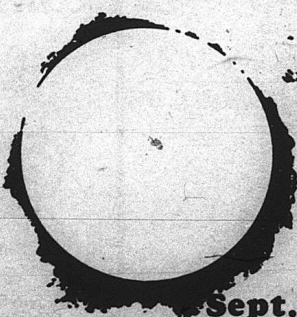
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