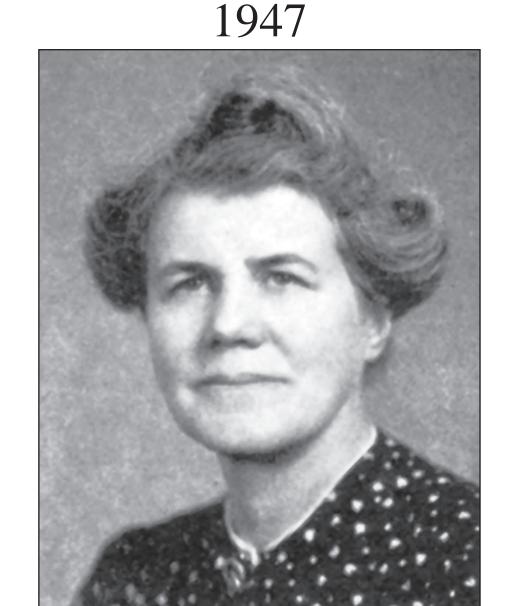
# The Nursery School

# Kindergarten 1947-1956



1947 –1948 Edna worked tirelessly on her Nursery School goal. "I will never forget the loud booming voice of hers on the telephone. Almost every minute she used the office busily involved in establishing a nursery school." - H. Gerthon Morgan "Roots" 1945

1947

MARYLAND'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Front row: Rachel J. Benton; Gladys A. Wiggin; Dean Harold Benjamin; Edna B. McNaughton; and Marie D. Bryan Back row: Arthur S. Patrick; B. Harlan Randall; Denzel D. Smith; Alvin W. Schindler; Clarence A. Newell; Louis R.

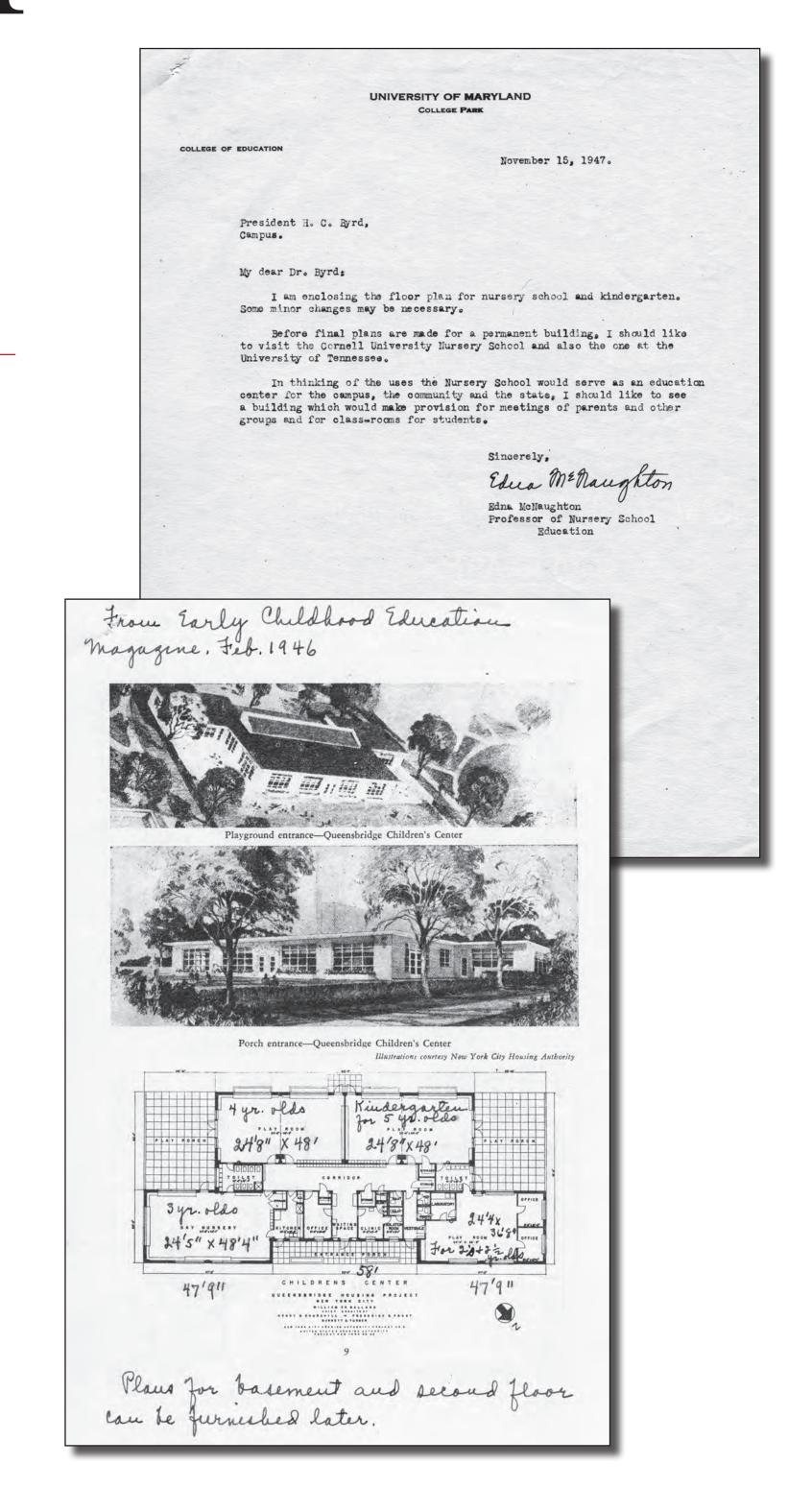
Dr. Clarence Newell, above, in a March 9, 2009 communication, indicated he

was the Vice President of the parent group at the Nursery School, a group estab-

lished by Edna McNaughton, "a pleasant older woman", to "help provide com-

munication between her and the families with children in the center".

"All worthwhile movements have a background of planning, foresightedness, and hard work. The kindergarten had as its sponsor, Professor Edna McNaughton, whose pioneering spirit was, and is, the backbone of our preschool education. Miss McNaughton saw the great possibilities of such a movement, in a county where no public school Kindergarten existed. She saw too, the need in the State of Maryland for trained teachers, to fill the many Kindergarten positions available in nearby counties. Her dream, now a reality, has materialized on the University Campus."



-Margaret Stant, This is Kindergarten, 1950)





**CLUB OF VETERANS' WIVES** These wives of G.I. students constitute a class in child development, conducted by Miss Edna B. McNaughton.

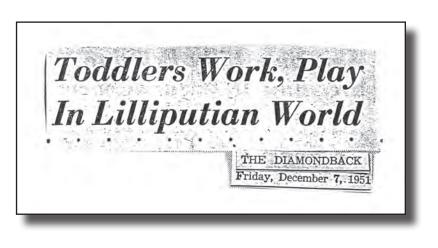


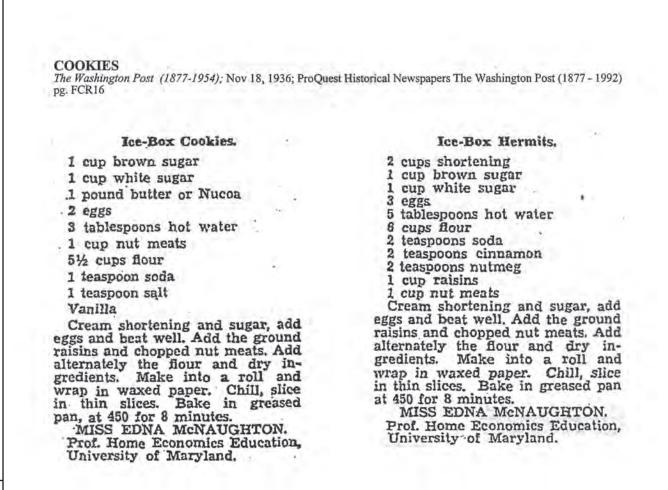
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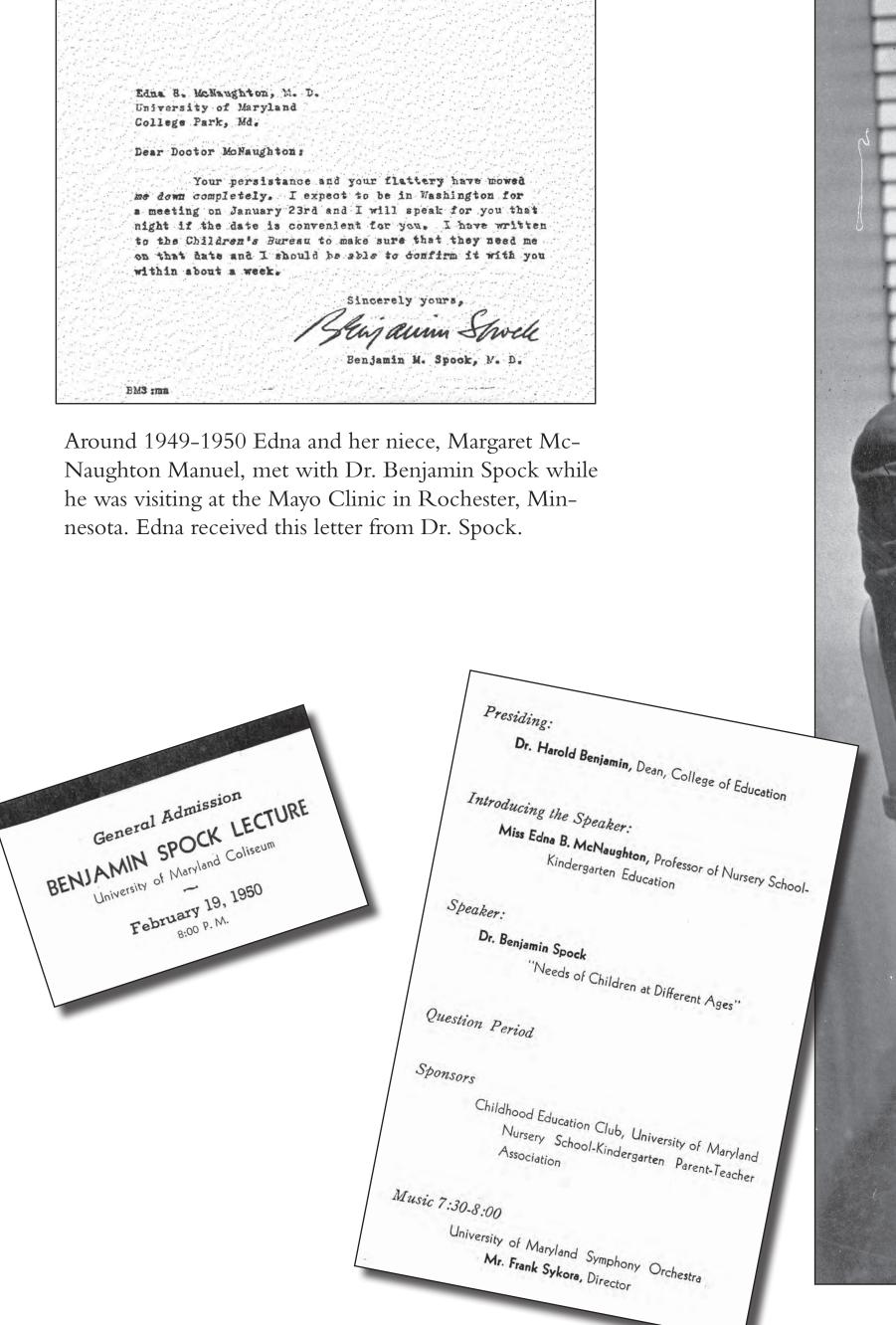
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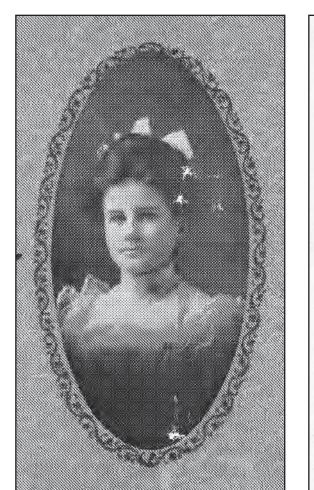


Doctor Benjamin Spock

# Edna Belle McNaughton

#### UMD Professor from 1919–1956

## Childhood Education Pioneer & Early Childhood Advocate



• During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration was organized under the

• The Works Progress Administration partially funded the establishment of over 1500 nurs-

• On March 16, 1934, the Board of Regents unanimously approved the establishment of

• Edna McNaughton became head of the "Nursery School". In addition to a focus on the

nutrition and child care needs of community children, the "Nursery School" provided a

laboratory in which undergraduate students could observe and gain practical experience

Special Problems in Child Study courses to the increasing number of child development

• Federal funding for the "Nursery School" was discontinued in 1937, forcing the closure

of the campus school. Cooperative schools, such as those in the Calvert Hills neighbor-

Progress Administration program, as well as the University's need for laboratory settings.

• The Works Progress Administration nursery school movement, with its emphasis upon the

cation, preceding, by three decades, another significant federally funded program, Head

(extracted from Liz Tobey, "The History of the Center for Young Children", 6/12/2006)

well-being of underprivileged children, is important in the history of early childhood edu-

hood in College Park, continued, when possible, to fulfill the missions of the former Works

working with children. McNaughton taught Child Study, Nursery School Techniques, and

a Works Progress Administration nursery school program on the University of Maryland

campus, under the supervision of the College of Education. The University's financial ob-

ery schools across the country to feed and care for children whose lives had been especially

Roosevelt Administration to provide relief to the poor and unemployed.

impacted by the Great Depression.

Start (1965).

ligation toward this school was not to exceed \$250.00.



Edna McNaughton

#### University of Maryland Professor: (the earliest years)

- Hired at the University of Maryland in 1919 to develop and oversee the Home Economics Education Department whose curriculum was offered jointly by the University's "Schools" (later called "Colleges") of Education and Home Economics establishing very close ties between the two programs.
- In 1920—Professor McNaughton began offering a course in Child Psychology
- In 1924—The Home Economics Department offered a course in Child Care as part of the Home Economics curriculum subsequently adding courses in Child Development

#### **Biographical Information:**

- Born—May 7, 1889 in Coopersville, Michigan
- High School—Middleville Union School—graduated in 1907 College—Michigan Agricultural College—graduated with a degree in Home Economics—1911. She also served as her Class Vice-President
- Graduate School—Columbia University Teachers College—after graduating, she served as the President of the Columbia University Alumni Association

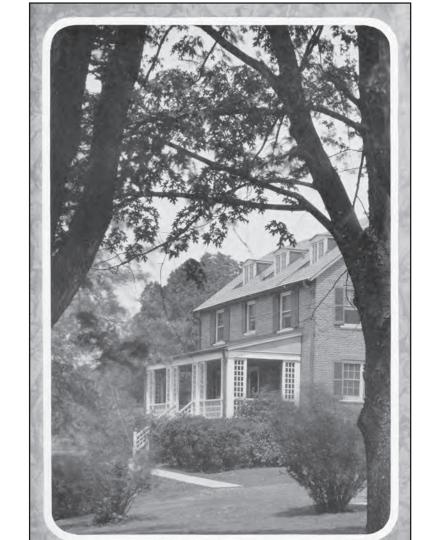


College of Education Faculty in 1921 Harold Cotterman, MM Proffitt, Edna McNaughton, and Franklin Day

#### WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION NURSERY SCHOOL 1934-1937

The "Practice House", also called the "Home Management House", was the initial (1934) location of the Works Progress Administration nursery school on campus. This building was located near the present site of the campus Health Center.

Co-operative Training Replaces Individual
Instruction in Maryland U. Nursery School

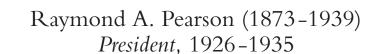


Practice House



McDonnell Hall

The Works Progress Administration nursery school was moved to the ground floor of McDonnell Hall (where the Home Economics Department was located) from 1935–1937. This building was near the present site of Tydings Hall.





Summary of Correspondence to President Pearson, May 16, 1934 from W.S. Small, Dean College of Education

#### Description of Nursery School Program

- Miss McNaughton, a professor of Home Economics directed the nursery school
- The staff included 4 previously unemployed persons as follows: a head teacher, an assistant teacher, a nurse and a cook.
- 14 children, ages 2–6 years, were enrolled from a population of families on relief. Many were underweight and showed signs of malnutrition.
- The program of the Nursery School extended from 9-3 five days a week.

#### THE PROGRAM Play 9:00 - 10:30

Story hour & Music 10:30 – 11:30 Prep lunch 11:30 – 11:45 Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 Nap 1:00 - 2:00Snack 2:30 – 3:00 Home 3:00

#### **MOST POPULAR MENU** Scrambled eggs

Baked potato Spinach Stewed tomatoes Whole wheat bread Milk Raspberry jello

Results: All the children gained weight with one exception. This was because of illness.

Now Who Doubts the Popularity of Spinach?



Nursery School 1937



Marie Mount, Dean College of Home Economics

#### June 30, 1937 -Mount to Byrd

Ms. Mount said, "Twelve cents per child per day for luncheon will give a liberal adequate diet. Since there is talk that Works Progress Administration money would not be furnished next year for luncheons. I hope there will be no difficulty in maintaining this nursery school for another year at least."

#### April 25, 1939

-Mount to Byrd "The University should offer better facilities for the Works Progress Administration Nursery School."



Edna McNaughton, Professor Childhood Education

#### June 26, 1937

-McNaughton to Marie Mount, Dean of Home Economics.

In this letter Edna asks for money for children's lunches. "There is a tendency to limit funds, I would suggest that we ask for ten cents a child per day. If it is possible to get a larger amount, that would be desirable".

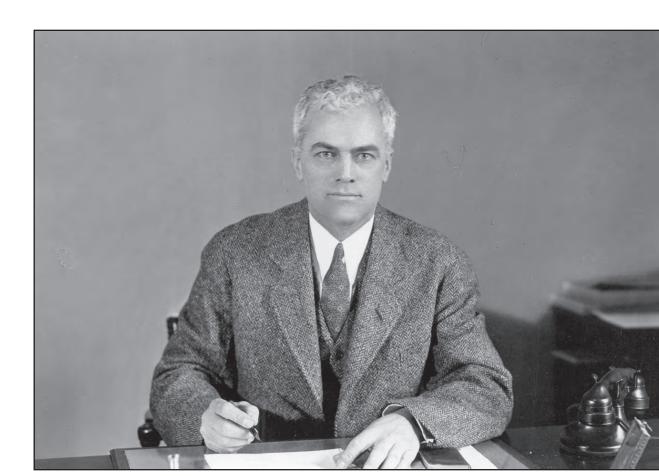
#### April 25, 1939

#### -Edna to Byrd

During the Easter vacation, Ms. Mount and I went to Frederick to talk to Mr. Springer & Miss Worrilow about reopening the Nursery School. They stated that they did not feel that the Nursery School was housed in satisfactory quarters, and unless better quarters were found they would not recommend the continuation of the Works Progress Administration Nursery School at the University. They also felt that the University Works Progress Administration Nursery School should share in the improvements being made on the campus.

#### September 24, 1941 -Edna to Byrd

In the Baltimore papers on Sunday, there was an article regarding the University, which stated that there were Works Progress Administration funds allotted for a Nursery School. Does this mean there are funds for a building?"



H.C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland 1937-1954

#### July 13, 1937 -Byrd to Mount

"It will be a pleasure to take up with the Works Progress Administration people the matter of making larger allotments for the food for the children in the Nursery School".

#### April 26, 1939

-Byrd to Mount "Do you have any suggestions of what could be done?"

#### September 29, 1941 -Byrd to Edna

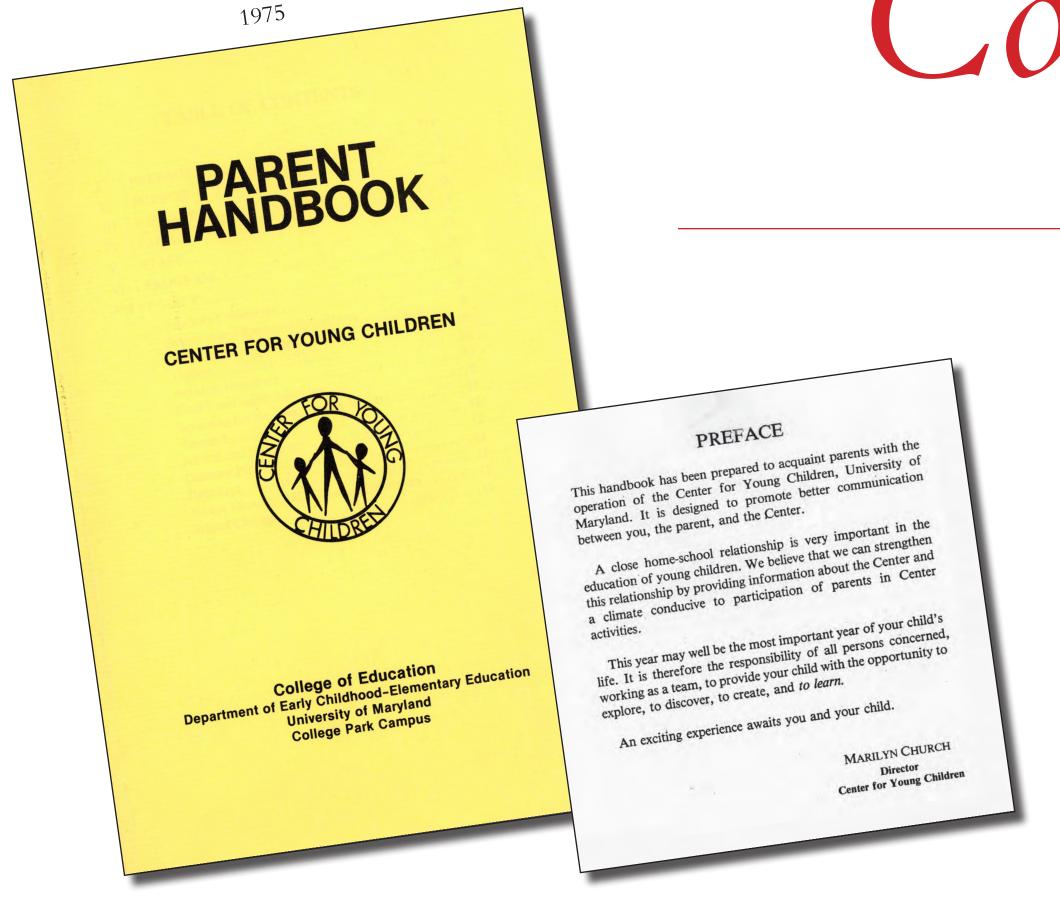
"Glad to get your letter about the Nursery School, but strange as it may seem, I do not know a thing in the world about funds allotted for that purpose."

#### November 1945

-Byrd confided his frustration with Edna to acting Dean of Education Harry Brechbill "Although I personally like Miss McNaughton a great deal, There are circumstances which make her request impossible to grant."

# Center for Young Children

College of Education
— BENJAMIN —



# Silencing The Chorus of Yuks Researchers Seek To Open Young

The Prince George's Sentinel - March 17, 1977

Food Lesson for the Cookie Set

Minds and Mouths to Nutritious Food

This article explains a three year nutritional study conducted with preschoolers at the University of Maryland, Center for Young Children. The two researchers were Dr. Primala Brewster and Dr. Marilyn Church.

"Three and four year olds are capable of forming good eating habits. A child likes what is given to him when he is little and he develops special feelings for different foods. It is hard to change those feelings. You'd be surprised how many kids choose things like lettuce and green beans", said Dr. Church.



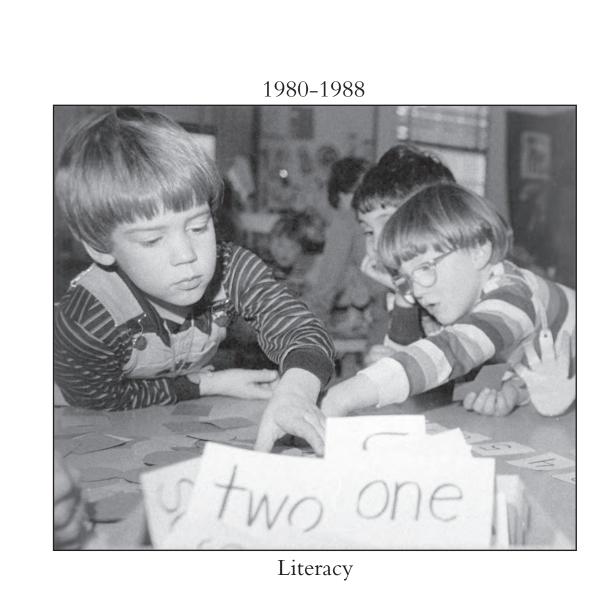


Nursery school brings old and young together











# CAMBRIDGE COMPLEX



Outside Playground Benjamin



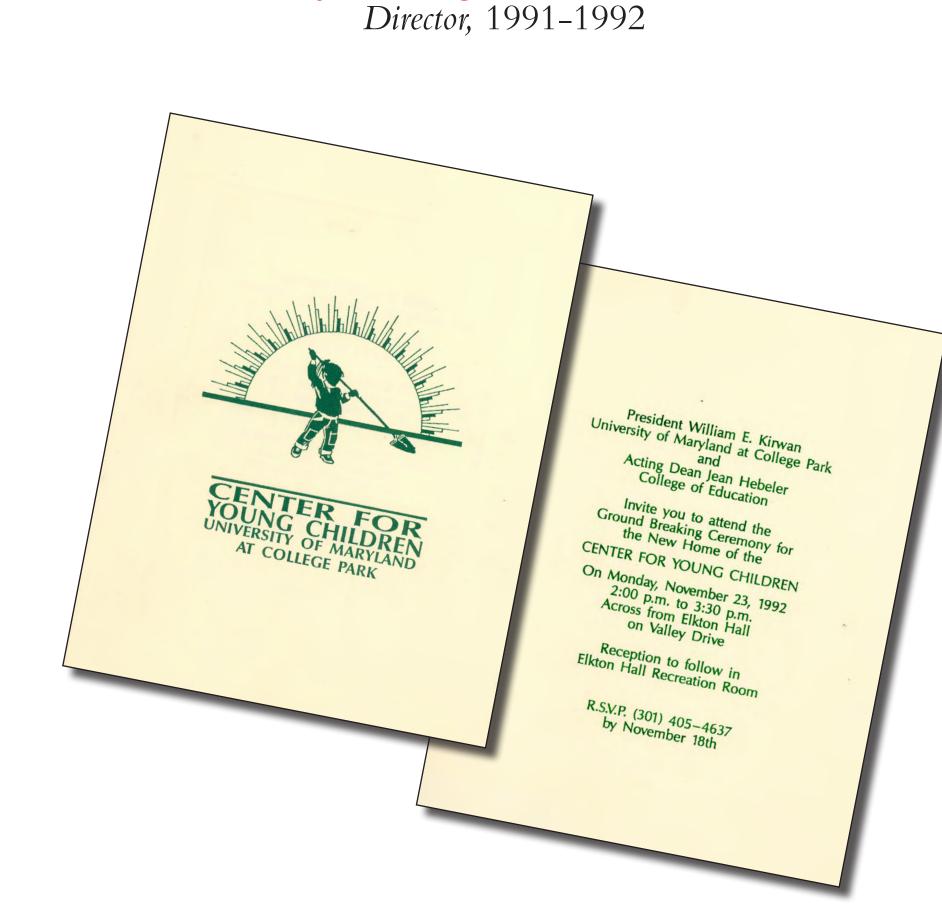


June Wright (second from left),

Letter to Dennis Blumer, Office of the Chancellor from Elisa Klein, newly hired Center for Young Children Director

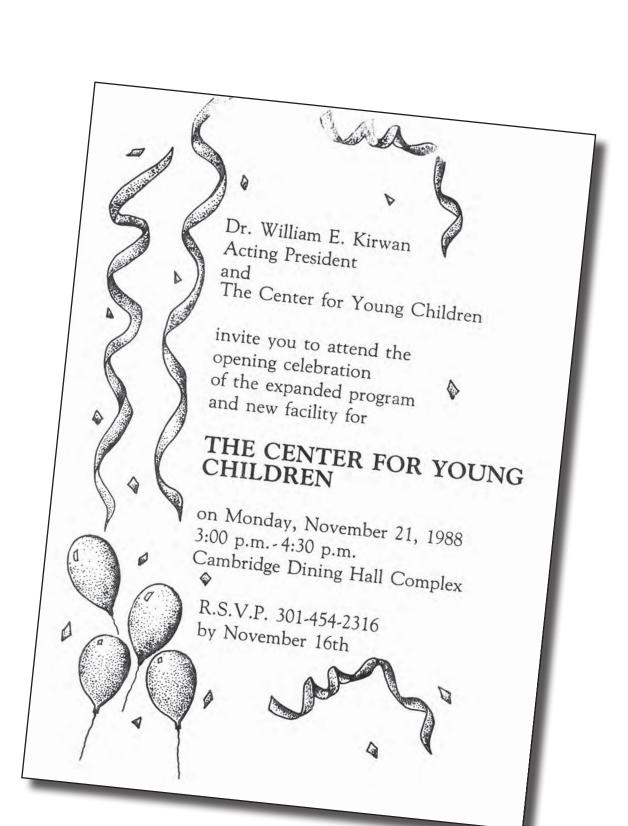
*Director*, 1988–1991

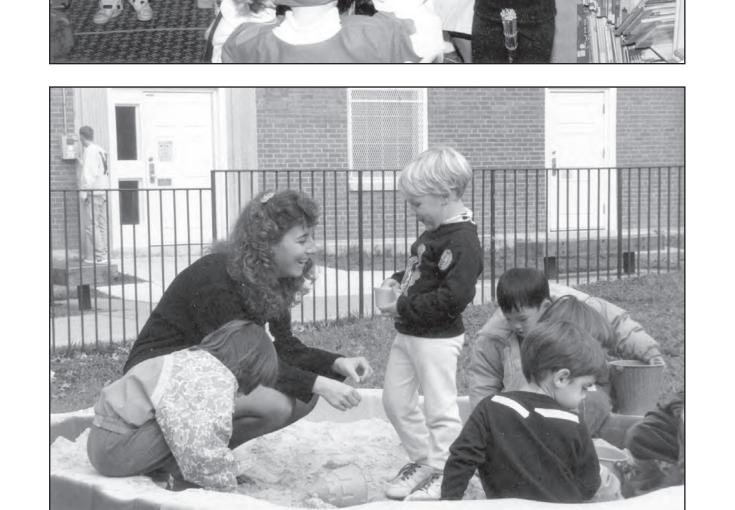
"The new Center for Young Children will provide full time child care for faculty, staff, and students of the University of Maryland in the newly renovated Cambridge Hall. Our commitment to meet the child care needs of the University community must never run at cross purposes with our commitment to design and implement a high quality program that provides a model for others, that provides outstanding teaching opportunities for our students, and that provides an exciting arena for research."



Carla Ford, *Director* 1992–1993

Dr. Ford planned the ground-breaking ceremony for the new state of the art building to house the Center for Young Children. President Kirwan along with Jean Hebeler, Acting Dean of the College of Education presided.





Children Playing, Cambridge complex

# Nursery School Kindergarten

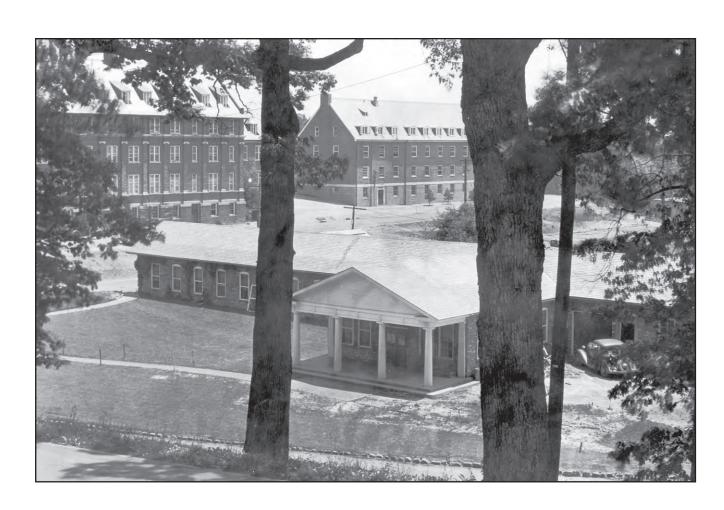
1950's

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# Through the Decades



Halloween at the "Gulch" 1950's



December 10, 1993

Letter to Ms. Gail Mickie from Mrs. Lois Mast.

Recollections of teaching at the Nursery School, 1954–1957

"The College of Education was a friendly, helpful College in which to be enrolled. During my years on campus, the lab school was located in temporary buildings in what we called the 'gulch'. I taught kindergarten there and remember it was difficult teaching and having classes in the building which only had partitions between the rooms."



Playground See Saw 1950's James L. Hymes Jr., Teacher and Children

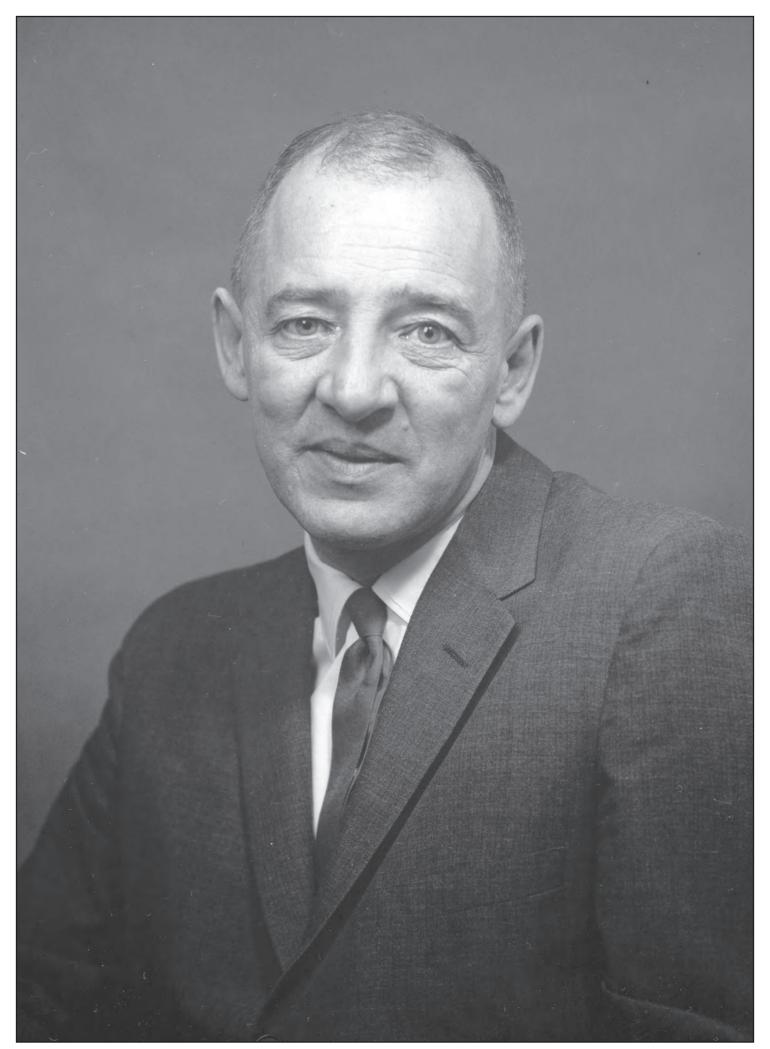


Finger Painting, Nursery School 1956





Nursery School 1950's

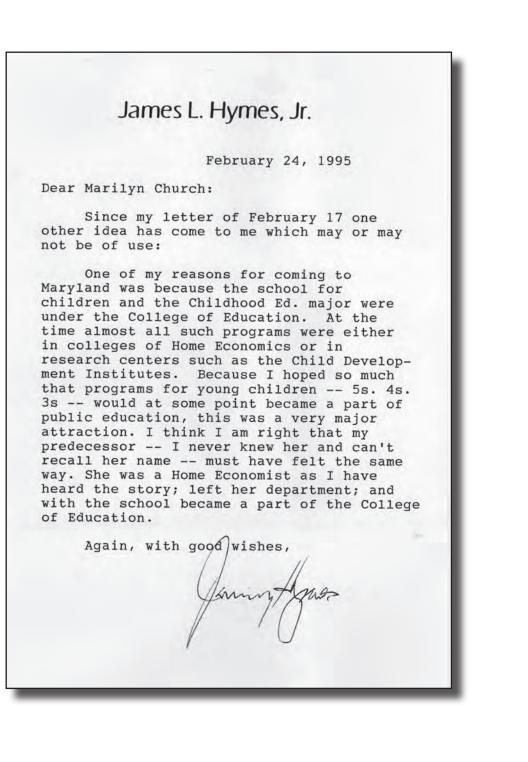


James L. Hymes Jr. Director, 1957–1967

February 17, 1995
-Correspondence to Marilyn Church from James L. Hymes Jr.
Recollections of the Nursery School

"When I came to Maryland the school was in the barracks, not unhappily incidentally. The 'barracks' setting had virtues. Our Early Childhood classes were held there, so planned observation and continuous informal observation was built in.

Being separate and apart helped create a certain esprit de corps among our staff. There were vices too. Only our early childhood majors ever saw the school. No Elementary Human Development people ever found their way down there. When a new Education building (Benjamin) became possible, and we were smack in the middle, it was hoped more students would mean greater use by Elementary Human Development students. No flood of other majors ever took place."



Dr. Berman, who announced

her protest resignation after Emans' decision, said the plan has not yet been accepted by

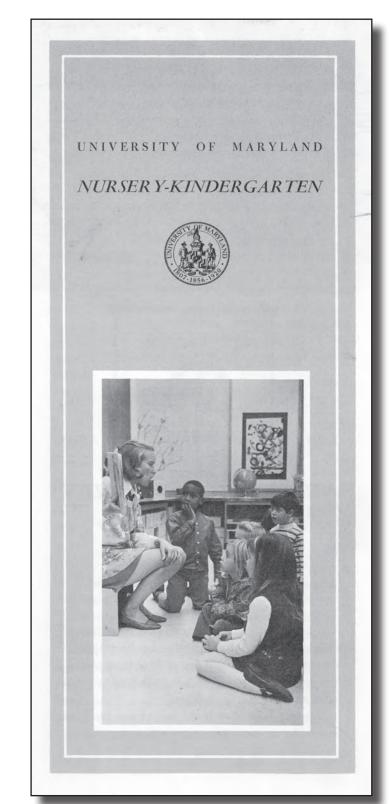
the university's president or its board of regents. The parents' group, Dr. Berman said,

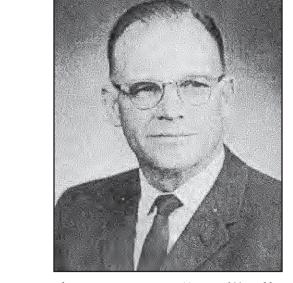
hopes to persuade the president and the regents to keep

Dr. Berman said she has resigned because she felt that center had already committed itself to 70 children who were enrolled for next fall and to four full-time faculty members who were scheduled to teach

the center open.

the students.

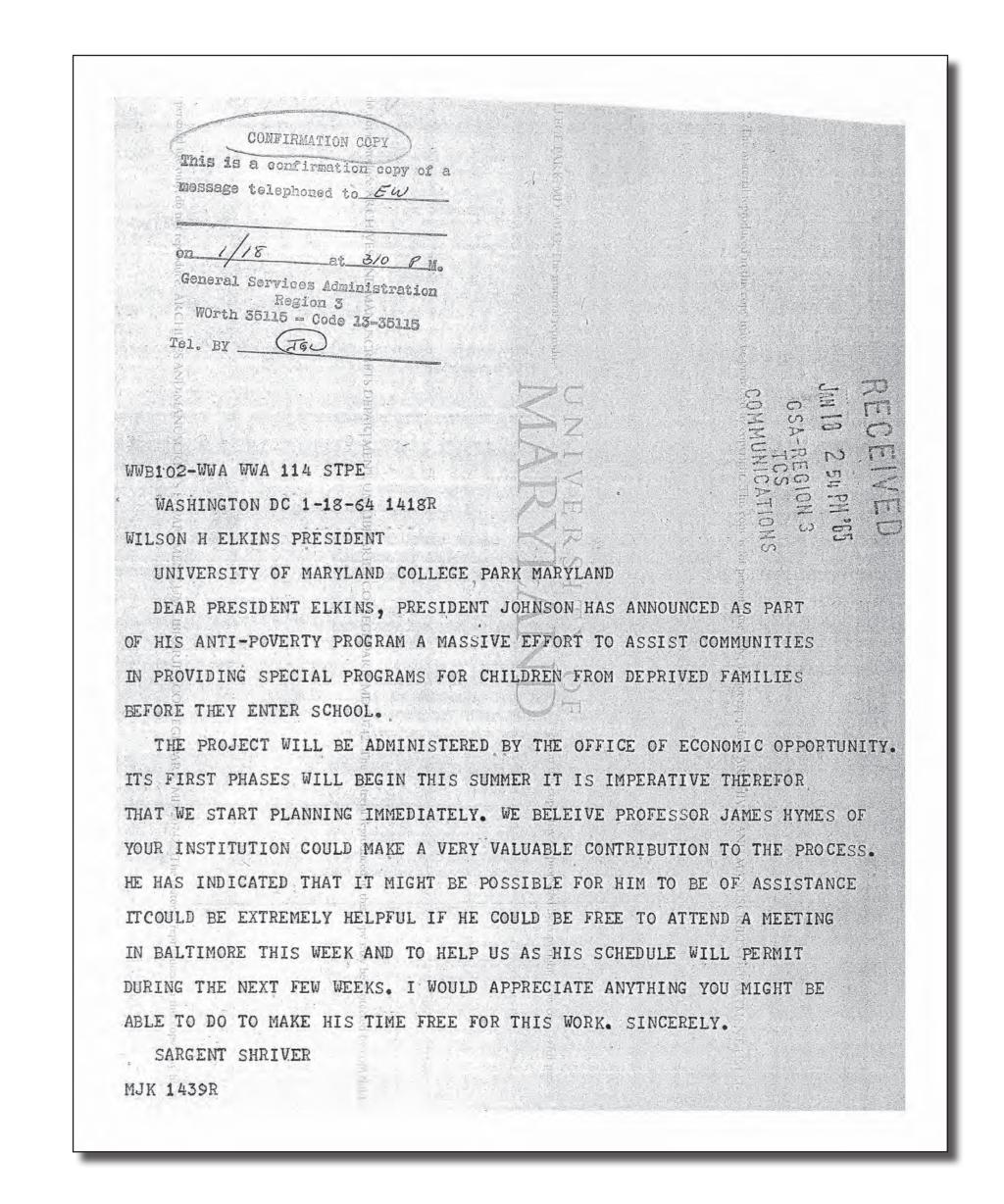


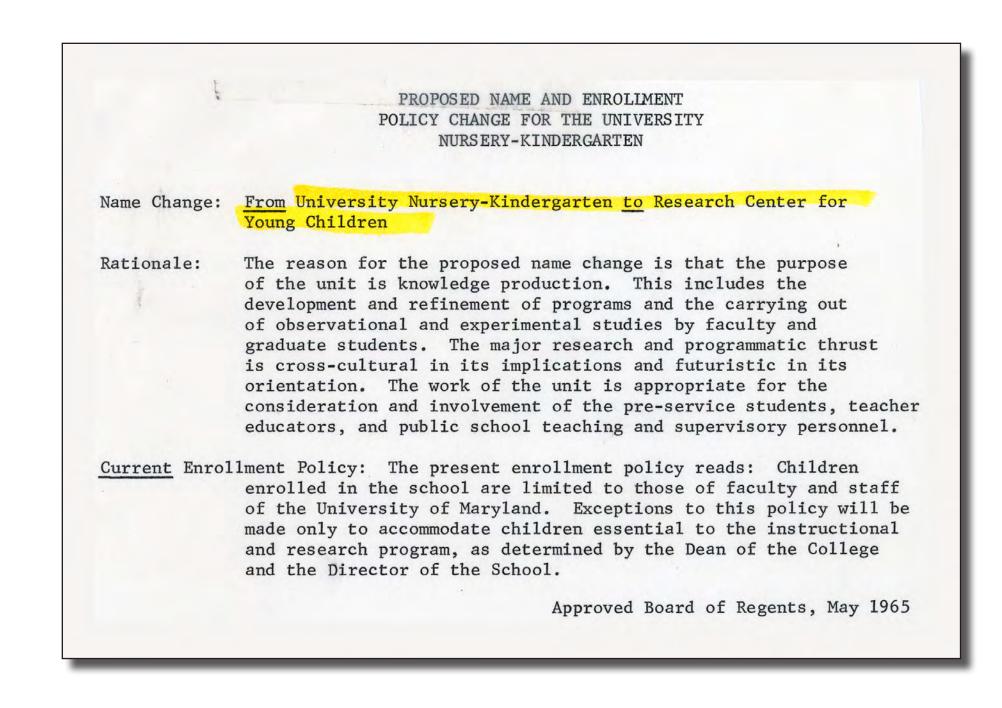


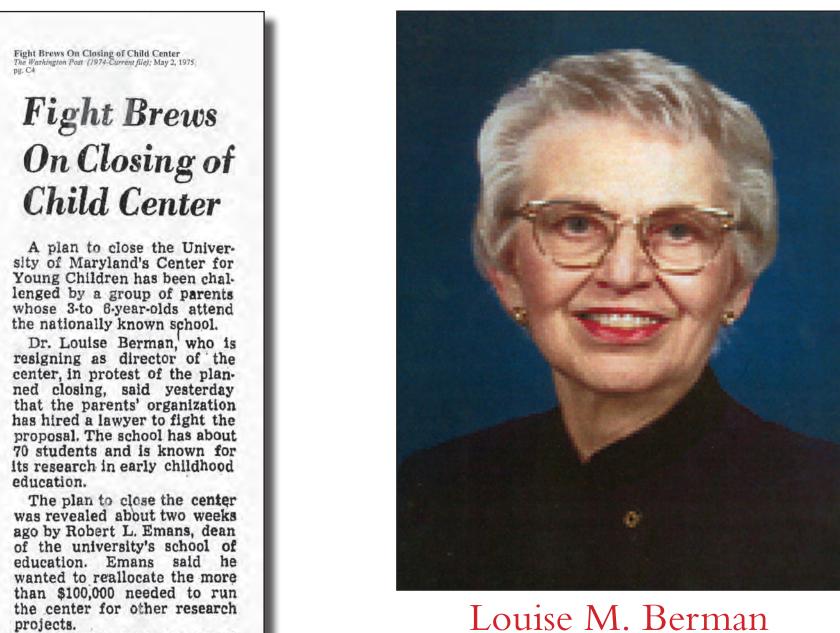
Wilson Homer "Bud" Elkins President of the University, 1954-1978

#### February 6, 1968

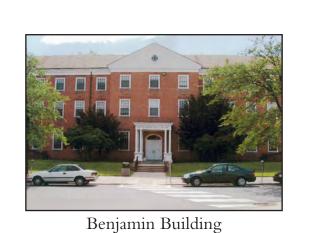
-Correspondence to Sargent Shriver from Wilson Elkins, President "We are pleased that Professor Hymes has been asked to make a contribution to a massive effort to assist communities in providing special programs for children from deprived families before they enter school." (Headstart)







Louise M. Berman Director, 1967-1975





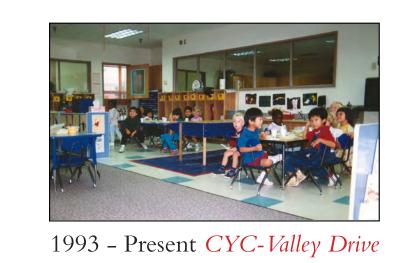


Observation Rooms, Benjamin Building

# Young Children Then and Now



1970's - 1980's Benjamin Building



PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT









PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT









THE ARTS









LANGUAGE AND LITERACY





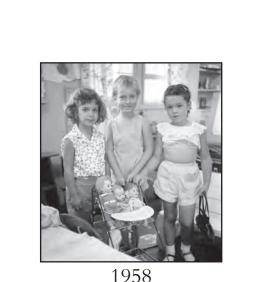


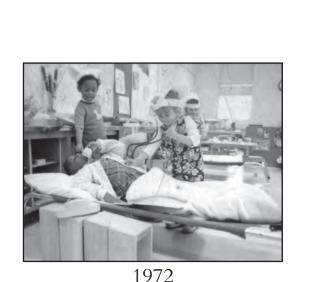


# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Have things really changed over the years?

### SOCIAL STUDIES & DRAMATIC PLAY









#### SCIENTIFIC THINKING

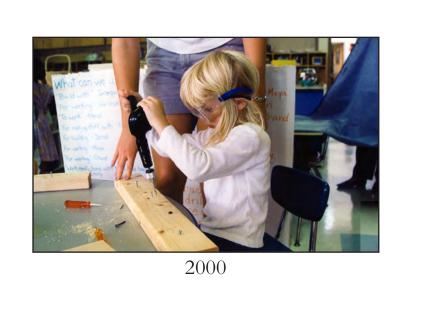












#### MATHEMATICAL THINKING















# 1948-2008





#### EXEMPLARY EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

The Center for Young Children bases its curriculum on current research, teacher knowledge, and the interests of the child. The Project Approach and Reggio Emilia, a northern Italian preschool model, influence our "Study Approach". Our main goals for children are:

- To encourage critical thinking
  To facilitate questioning and problem solving
  To encourage curiosity
  To encourage enthusiastic and engaged learning
  To encourage social competence
  To encourage parent participation on behalf of children

#### **TEACHERS**

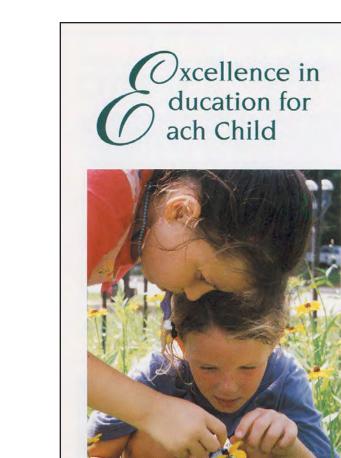
The Center's strength lies in the faculty. Teachers with degrees are in each classroom. At the Center all teachers have an enthusiasm for teaching young children, a bright and curious intellect, a foundation in child development, and a quest for the teachable moment.





CYC FAMILIES READ PROGRAM

This school wide parent-initiated, PTA-funded reading program began in Spring 2004 and continues to offer a carefully selected collection of twelve picture books each semester for all families to read together. The CYC Families Read Program has been presented at a NAEYC conference, was featured in the spring 2009 Terp magazine as one of the diverse "book clubs" on campus, and has been the model for a reading club at a homeless shelter.



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Charles Flatter Former EDHD Chair



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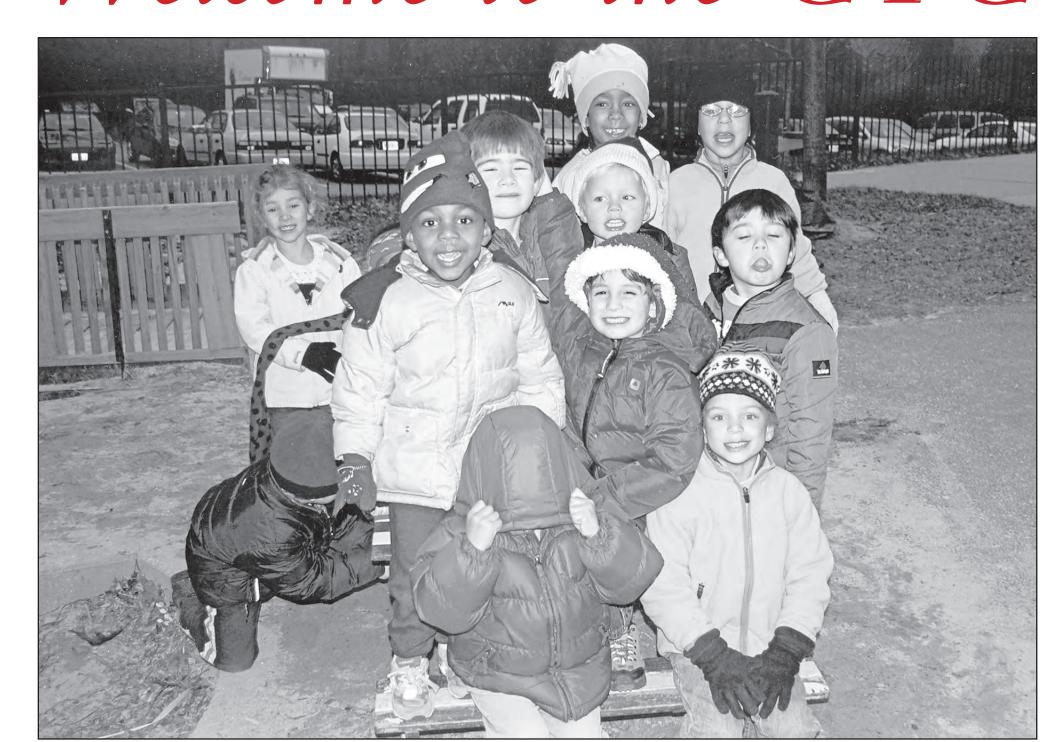
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Keynote Speaker



Dean Donna Wiseman College of Education

#### Welcome to the CYC



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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 18 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION / EDHD CENTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Dr. Carol Seefeldt Institute for Learning Meaningful Mathematics and Science in Early Childhood Programs April 4, 2009 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



#### **CURRENT RESEARCH**

Early Childhood Education Undergraduate Classes Held at CYC



Melanie Killen Professor, EDHD Children's Evaluations of Social Rule Transgressions



Colleen Worthington Director of Speech-Language Clinic Workshop for CYC Faculty

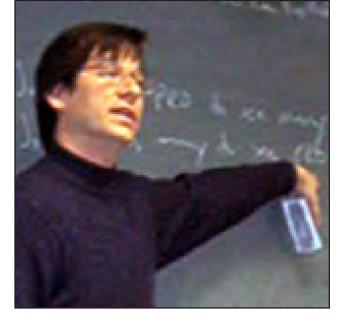
Hedy Teglasi Professor, School Psychology Temperament and Development



Geetha Ramani Assistant Professor, EDHD Promoting Children's Number Skills Through Playing Board Games



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