



The Sanctuary gives youngsters a 15-day period to plan their future and think about the past (Photographed by Douglas Bauman).

The Sanctuary

House helps youths

By JUDITH BERNE

A 16-year-old house in Pleasant Ridge is the setting for dealing with a problem of modern society—the teenage runaway.

Called the Sanctuary, and located at 28 West Ten Mile Road across from The Detroit Zoo, the house has been temporary home to 36 youngsters on the run since it opened last spring.

Of these only three have continued to run, according to Sanctuary records.

Founded as a non-sectarian, professional agency primarily serving Oakland County, the Sanctuary gives emergency shelter and professional counseling to 12 to 17 year olds on a one-to-one basis.

Funding is from federal, state and county sources, in addition to the Birmingham Junior League.

The services of a director, two counselors, two night-time relief people, a secretary and a set of houseparents are available to the runaways who periodically turn up on the front porch.

They come, referred by the schools or a social agency, because they heard about the Sanctuary from other

runaways, or after a day or more out on the streets, according to Ed Korin, newly-appointed director.

NEWCOMERS ARE NOT immediately asked to sit down and fill out a lot of forms, he explained.

Instead they are given time to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings, read the rules and meet the staff and residents.

Later on, they are more receptive to talking, according to counselor Kathy McGinnis.

Since harboring a runaway is considered illegal, the Sanctuary must have parental consent for a youth to be admitted to the 15-day program.

Ms. McGinnis recalls only one or two times when that permission was not given, although some persuasion may be necessary.

When the dangers of the child remaining out on the streets where they could be victimized or commit a crime are explained, we usually get the consent, she said.

Sanctuary workers are firm in their belief that the runaway is generally not a delinquent, although runaways make up the second largest category of juvenile crime.

They work to create a "no hassle" atmosphere for the youngsters, but each must sign a contract if he chooses to remain.

Contact and negotiations with parents, group and individual counseling and abiding by Sanctuary house rules are a part of the contract as are no drugs, alcohol, sex or weapons.

THE RUNAWAY MUST continue to attend school, if possible, help out with housekeeping chores at the Sanctuary and abide by established curfews.

During the 15-day period, the youngster is encouraged to zero in on his problem, consider alternatives and to take responsibility for his own behavior.

"We try to tell them that everything won't be perfect," Ms. McGinnis said. "What has been going on 15 years and more isn't going to end in a couple of weeks."

In general, runaways leaving the Sanctuary return to their homes or may live with another relative. A few are placed in foster or group homes.

The staff feels that 15 days is adequate to bring a reconciliation between parents and children if it is possible. The agency does not usually extend the period or accept the runaway a second time.

If additional funds become available, workers hope to provide more extensive follow-up counseling to youngsters completing the Sanctuary's program.

O.U. union joins UAW

Oakland University's Clerical/Technical Association (CTA) has voted to affiliate with the United Auto Workers (UAW).

During a general membership meeting Thursday (Oct. 24), CTA members cast 150 ballots, 121 for affiliation and 29 against affiliation. With the vote, CTA's new legal name is CTA UAW, the group will remain autonomous with its own representation to the UAW.

CTA UAW President Marilyn Stroud describes the move to affiliate as a long overdue decision.

"We've been doing the best we can as an independent," she explained.

"But we've found we're basically not capable of getting for our membership much of what it wants, and much of what it needs, without help from an organization like the UAW."

"So, we did some investigating and came up with a proposal to join the UAW, which we believe can offer us the best benefits."

UAW AFFILIATION gives CTA UAW access to the UAW's legal counseling, accountants, economists, plus advisors for grievances and educational opportunities.

Such affiliation also enables CTA UAW to tap the UAW's resources for assistance during contract bargaining and during daily dealings with the university. If CTA UAW votes to strike, it will fall under the UAW's strike fund.

CTA UAW won't fall under the UAW's dues structure until a 1975-76 agreement is reached with the university and ratified by CTA UAW members. CTA UAW will continue to fol-

low the old CTA constitution until it officially adopts the UAW's constitution on July 1, 1975.

O.U. changes parking rules

ROCHESTER—With the endorsement of the campus parking commission (CPC), Oakland University will experiment with an undesignated parking system for a three-month period.

The trial system begins Monday (Nov. 4) and concludes Friday, Jan. 31. It will permit persons with valid parking decals to park in any lot previously designated for faculty, staff or student use. The only exceptions will be paraplegic parking, ride pool lots and trailer home parking behind Hannah Hall.

Parking between 2-6 a.m. will be permitted in lots M and N behind the residence halls and in half of lot O behind the Sports and Recreation Building.

THE TRIAL system is designed to test the premise that undesignated parking will increase parking utilization and decrease enforcement costs and problems.

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