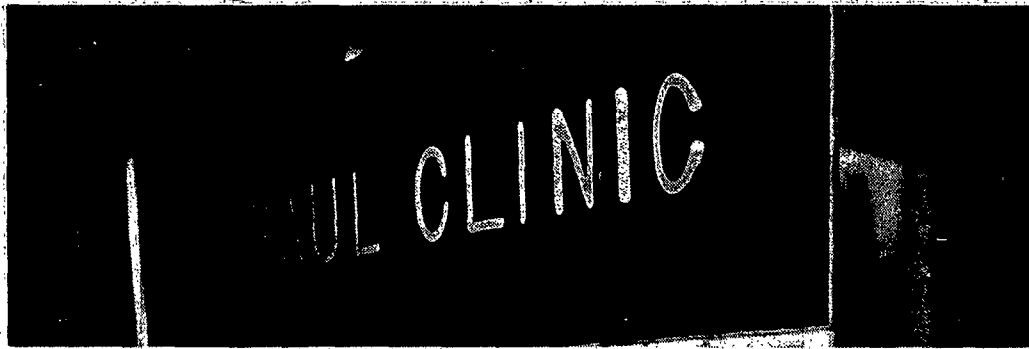




...a Place of Healing for Bro

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A father waits anxiously in an ante-room (above) as Gerald Pashby, director of social work for the clinic, peruses the history of a child-patient.



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the child and the other with his parents.

A battery of tests is then given and the potential patient is seen by one of the two psychiatrists. Since Dr. Sullivan is a children's doctor, he ordinarily handles the smaller children. Those 12 years old and on through high school age are seen by Dr. Marion. The staff work as a team, so together they decide the best method of therapy at this point.

The DePaul Clinic cannot meet the growing need for mental health therapy; therefore, their emphasis is more and more on helping both parents and educators to work not only with the already disturbed child, but to prevent disturbances from developing. One method used toward achieving this goal is to have groups of parents meet with Dr. Sullivan or one of his staff. This group might be therapeutic—that is, the parents themselves might need help; or it might be a group which meets to share a mutual problem.

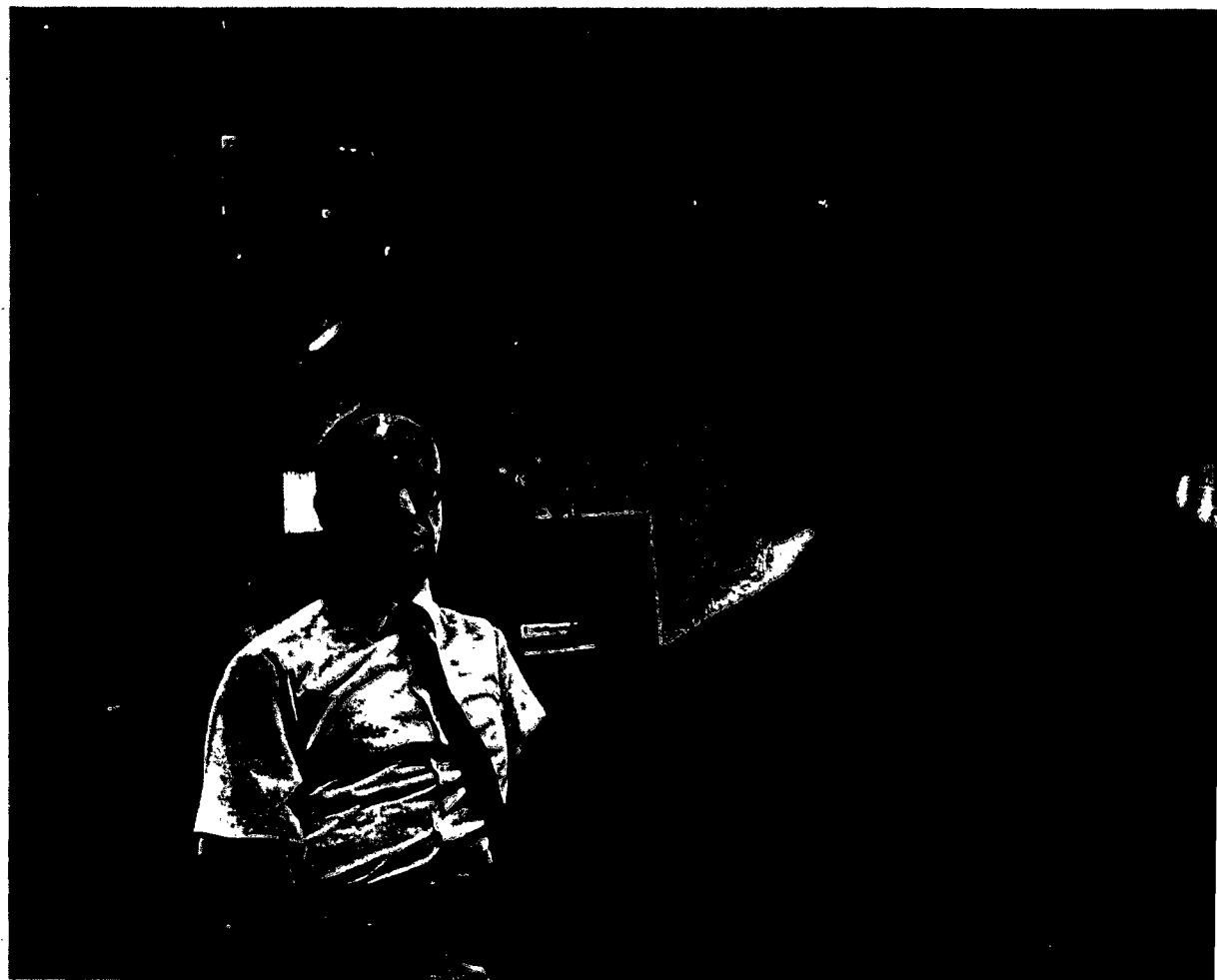
A number of schools have taken good advantage of the DePaul staff by setting up programs toward achieving sound mental health. Pashby's

work at McQuaid Jesuit High School and at Good Shepherd Grammar School indicates the kind of program which can be organized.

At McQuaid Pashby spends one full day and one afternoon each week at the program teacher-conferences, and occasionally pupil-conferences. Faculty members discuss their own difficulties with Pashby. "If students fail, then something has to replace that failure in his life if he is to develop as a whole human being," explains Pashby.

An experiment begun four years ago at McQuaid brought a large group of freshmen together weekly with a DePaul social worker for a one-hour discussion. The purpose was for the newcomers to express themselves, to evaluate the school, to help them adjust to high school, and hopefully to develop good leaders. Since most orientation programs are one-sided, from the point of view of the administration, this gave the pupil a chance to give the other side.

The original 50 boys eventually narrowed to 10 who came faithfully every week for four years. This fall, one of that group, now a college student in the area, will come back



Pashby interviews a mother (above), as Dr. Albert Sullivan, director of clinic, confers with Joanne Weiders, a mental health aide.

