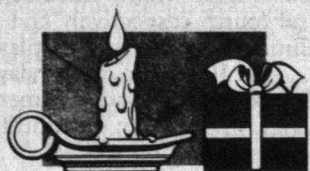


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Cutbacks hit hospital too

United Nurses of Alberta decried the announced cutbacks of nurses and nursing aides at the Lethbridge Rehabilitation Hospital, early in November.

"While other hospitals are suffering from a critical nursing shortage the Lethbridge Rehabilitation Hospital is imposing its own shortage creating a situation that not only jeopardizes patient care but also puts our members in a tenuous position," Simon Renouf, UNA chief executive officer said.

The cutbacks in staff at the Rehabilitation Hospital are being implemented in two stages beginning Oct. 1, 1981, and followed by further cuts starting on Nov. 29, 1981.

Until Oct. 1, the Rehabilitation Hospital was operating with a full staff complement including two team leaders on each of the two floors. But with stage one of the cuts, two of the team leader positions which entail direct patient care were changed into Nursing Care Co-ordinators. These new positions do not involve direct patient care. In

other words, on the day shift the number of individuals engaged in direct patient care on a floor has been reduced by one.

According to a memo circulated in late October, the first nurse who is on leave for whatever reason will not be replaced. In other words, on the evening shift where the cuts have been most severe, two nurses could be looking after about 100 patients if a nurse was ill. The same non-replacement policy applies to nursing aides.

"Patients in the Rehabilitation Hospital are for the most part

severely disabled and need a tremendous amount of help to be able to do a number of things including eating," Renouf said.

"It's clear to our members that patient care will be adversely affected by these cutbacks which may in some cases pose a real danger to the patient.

"If the hospital is facing budgetary problems then the administration should go directly to the Minister of Hospitals, Dave Russell for further funding — cutting back is no answer," Renouf said.

45 per cent difference

Parents and students say that school counselling and guidance is less than 40 percent effective while the schools maintain their programs are 85 percent effective.

This is one of the findings of the Task Force on School Counselling and Guidance. The task force's report was released November 17 by Education

Minister David King. The report also showed that trustees and school boards give much stronger verbal commitment to counselling and guidance than they do financial and resource commitment.

"There are no easy solutions to the weaknesses in our counselling and guidance programs. This report gives a wide-ranging look at the situation and deserves intensive study by the department and by school boards," says King. "We intend to analyze the recommendations thoroughly and encourage school boards and principals to carefully consider the recommendations directed to them."

The task force has made 23 recommendations to the minister. They deal with curriculum and programming, finance, communication, and research.

Alberta Education has already taken the initiative in computer-assisted delivery. A two-year pilot project has just been launched to field test and evaluate the use of computers in career counselling in 15-20 secondary high schools throughout Alberta, says King.

Copies of the 451-page report will be circulated to educational interest groups across the province — universities, school board chairmen and school administrators. These groups have been asked to send their comments to the minister.

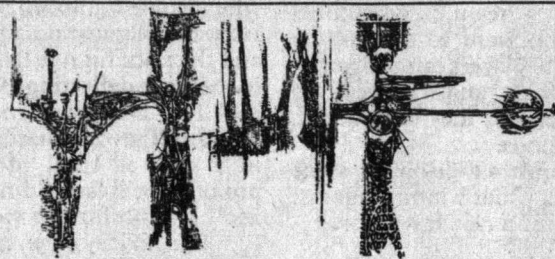
Scholarship for disabled

Disabled students wishing to pursue university studies received a boost with the announcement of the establishment of the Imasco Scholarship Fund for Disabled Students.

Paul Pare, chairman and chief executive officer for Imasco Limited, presented a cheque for \$100,000 to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada for the endowment of the scholarship program in Montreal, November 12.

The Imasco Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships of \$1,500 each to disabled students who wish to attend university with a view to ultimately obtaining a degree, and who may not be able to do so because of the additional expenses they may incur due to their physical disability. For the first year (1982), it is expected that a minimum of five scholarships will be available.

To be eligible for an Imasco Scholarship, the student must be a disabled Canadian citizen, and must be either a full-time undergraduate student attending a Canadian university which is a member or affiliated with a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, or must have completed the schooling requirements for admission to such a university.



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