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Gathering for specialized midwifery *Employment opportunities*

This week, a small class of women gathered on the university campus to begin training in a half-year course in practical obstetrics.

Actually 20 weeks in length, the course is the only one of its kind in Canada which offers a highly specialized approach to "midwifery", preparing nurses for any position in the obstetrics department of large and small hospitals, as well as for public health work.

The course is offered twice each year, beginning in February and August. The first ten weeks are spent in Edmonton, with theory presented by doctors and members of the university staff. Eight weeks are next spent in a hospital in the province for further observation and practice. The last two weeks are for conclusion of the course and for final exams.

BEGAN IN '43

The Advanced Practical Obstetrics Course was started by the School of Nursing of the University of Alberta in 1943. During the opening years of the century, an estimated one million people had moved into the Canadian west, and the population of Alberta alone had increased over 400 per cent.

Nurses working outlying districts were responsible, frequently without the help of a doctor, for much of the care given these people, including that of the obstetrical patient in her home.

This presented them with a challenge which some felt they were not

prepared to meet. The advanced course at the university was seen as an answer.

CHANGEOVER

Recently a change in status of the course has taken place. For a number of years there has been correspondence between the school and the secretary of the Central Midwives' Board of England and Wales, regarding the possibility of the Board's recognition of the advanced practical obstetrics course as the equivalent of a part of their midwifery program.

COURSE RECOGNIZED

After investigations regarding quality of field studies and effectiveness of graduates of the course the school was notified that the board would recognize completion of the Edmonton course as the equivalent of Part 1 Midwifery.

Because the course stands unique in Canada, students come from all parts of the Dominion.

School authorities hope to see more Alberta students, however, taking advantage of the course which was originally planned for them.

Philosophers define "god"

What God means to the philosopher was debated recently in a panel discussion, "God and Philosophy," in Wauneita Lounge.

Panel members were Prof. A. M. Mardiros, Philosophy; Dr. I. R. Royce, Psychology; Dr. Peter Radcliffe, Philosophy; and A. B. Hough, Student Counselling Services.

"God is an idea—a thought in peoples' minds. Philosophy is a criticism of ideas, interested in God only as an idea," said Professor Mardiros. Even the first conception of God was a kind of philosophy because it was man's first attempt to reason about forces around him. God then became man's own image of himself.

GOD ABSTRACTED

The ethical value of religions is important, but the ethics are really a product of man's own mind, projected in a God. The ethics could be held without the projection.

The God of philosophy is less personal, more of an abstraction, said Dr. Mardiros.

Dr. Royce declared that God is not a personality projection of man. "God can't be thought of as a being, natural or supernatural. He is a symbol only. God is unknowable ultimate reality."

Dr. Radcliffe also disclaimed the idea of God as a projected image of man. "Man is both man and woman. God would have to be a cosmic hermaphrodite!" Most of religion can not be given philosophical support,

therefore, in philosophy, God can only be a concept.

TRUE POSITION

Agnosticism, said Dr. Radcliffe, is the correct position. "Admit you don't know, then believe anyway." It is not knowledge, but faith that is necessary to understand God. Atheists find God meaningless because they lack faith.

Mr. Hough—quoting Stephen Leacock—said, "theology is the queen of the sciences," and has yet been unable to find factual evidence that there is a God. However, neither is there proof that He does not exist. Perhaps, he said, God is not meant to be discernable to finite man.

Dr. Royce supported this claiming that ultimate reality or ultimate knowledge can never be obtained. Knowing all is not possible in any field, he explained. "Even the physics department will never hang up a sign saying 'Closed. We know it all now.'"

The panel was the first of three to be sponsored by SCM. Chairman was Bas Van Fraassen, Phil. 3.

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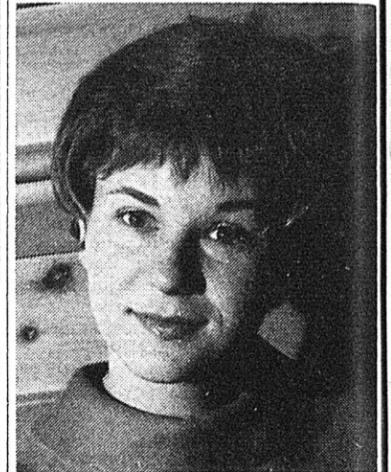
The annual EUS Carnival will be held this month in connection with Varsity Guest Weekend. Highlighting the carnival will be the queen contest, the ice carvings and a moccasin dance in the Phys Ed gym.

Competing for the title of Education Winter Carnival Queen are Gertrude Hirt, Ed. 2; Doreen McIntyre, Ed. 2; Mary Mycyk, Ed. 3; and Marilyn Reid representing the fourth year students.



GERTRUDE HIRT

Gertrude Hirt comes to Edmonton from Westlock. In high school she was a member of the athletic council, secretary of the UN club, president of the modern dance club and a participant in track and field. She has worked as a receptionist and switchboard operator. And in the line of handy hints for kidnapping engineers she is 5'5" tall, has brown hair and blue eyes.



MARY MYCYK

PONOKA STUDENT

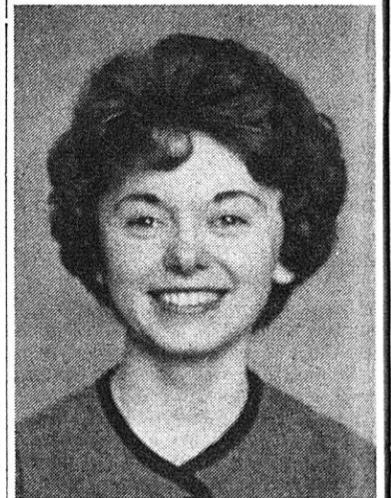
Representing the fourth year students is Marilyn Reid of Ponoka. During high school she was secretary of the Students' Union, a member of the curling club, and worked on the school newspaper. At university she has worked on Signboard Directorate and is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Marilyn stands 5'2" in her stocking feet, has green eyes and brown hair.



DOREEN MCINTYRE

FRAT GIRL

Doreen McIntyre graduated from St. Joseph's high school in Edmonton. She was active in extra-curricular activities and a candidate for a queen contest in high school. Doreen belongs to Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She has brown hair, brown eyes and is 5'5" tall.



MARILYN REID



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