



— Greg Neiman

Renovations

Work continues on the renovations of the University President's house which is budgeted to cost \$75 thousand. Workers at the president's house don't like to be disturbed as Gateway's photographer was showered first with curses, and then with gravel for his trouble in getting this picture.

U nursing schools mark golden anniversary

The history and present state of development of nursing education in Alberta will be reviewed Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16 when the University of Alberta and University Hospital Schools of Nursing mark their 50th anniversary.

The School of Nursing was established under the jurisdiction of the Faculty of Medicine early in 1924. It offered a three-year program leading to the Diploma in Nursing and a five-year program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Seventeen students were attracted to the nursing programs that year.

Two academic years at the university, two years in residence at the University Hospital and the final year at the university were necessary to complete the degree program. However, the final year was not offered at the University of Alberta until 1936 and students attended the universities of Toronto, British Columbia or McGill to fulfill the degree requirements.

Students in the diploma program received instruction and practice in nursing at the University Hospital and took classes in anatomy, bacteriology and pharmacology at the university.

From 1924 to 1937, the nursing courses in both the degree and diploma programs were directed by the University Hospital "Corps of Officers."

Miss Agnes Macleod, the first full-time director of the University School of Nursing, was appointed in 1937 to operate the degree program.

At the request of the University Hospital Board, the diploma program was placed under the jurisdiction of the University Hospital in 1954. An affiliation with the University of Alberta is still in effect.

The University School of Nursing achieved full autonomy in 1966. The Universities Act was enacted that year and, through action by General Faculties Council, the School of Nursing stood apart from the Faculty of Medicine.

That year also saw the degree program changed to a four-year integrated program and placed solely under the university's control.

In addition to the basic four-year degree program for students entering the School of Nursing directly from high school, programs specifically designed for registered nurses (graduates of diploma schools) are provided.

During the school's formative years programs were devised to prepare students for public health nursing or teaching and supervision duties. In 1952, a two-year program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing was made available to registered nurses.

Since 1943, the University School has offered a five month program in advanced practical obstetrics (midwifery) to prepare nurses for positions in the maternal health field. It is the only program of its kind in Canada.

The Nurse Practitioner Program, in which nurses employed by the National Department of Health and Welfare are offered a four-month program to supplement their training for work in northern nursing stations, was established in 1971. The Registered Nurse diploma program at the University Hospital has recently been revised and now consists of a 30-month program with three classes each year.

The half-century of nursing education with its student growth (534 are registered for 1974-57 programs), its fee increases (a university tuition fee of \$70 in 1924 has given way to a university tuition fee in the degree program of \$400 in 1974) and its present enrolment

quota (only one-third of the qualified applicants can be accepted into the degree and diploma programs) will be examined in several ways.

Miss Margaret Street, the keynote speaker and a leading authority on nursing education and nursing service, will lecture at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15. A panel discussion will center on changes in the School of Nursing and current programs at the University of Alberta and University Hospital will be studied.

Displays of old pictures and programs and a wine and cheese party at Lister Hall on campus complete the first day's activities.

A coffee party at the Nurses' Residence at 10:00 a.m., tours of the University Hospital and School at 2:00 p.m., and a banquet at the Edmonton Inn at 7:00 p.m. are featured on Saturday, November 16.

Persons wishing to attend the anniversary must pre-register before Sunday, November 10. The registration charge for both days is \$15 and includes the banquet and a momento. Cheques should be made payable to the School of Nursing, University of Alberta and sent to the School of Nursing, University of Alberta, 3-119 Clinical Sciences Building.

About 100 complimentary tickets are available to the public for the Friday afternoon educational session. Interested persons should phone the School of Nursing at 432-6236 to obtain tickets.

Lang aborts money

Justice Minister Otto Lang intervened recently to stop a Secretary of State grant to the Saskatoon Women's Centre because the centre offers information on abortions in the U.S. to women who have been turned down by a Canadian hospital.

The grant has been delayed so that an investigation can be carried out to determine if the group is involved in illegal activities. Mr. Lang stated that if centres want funding "they just shouldn't do anything that could be illegal". However, he did not know if the centre's advising women on American abortion facilities could be considered illegal.

"They may or may not be doing something illegal", he commented. "I am not going into the niceties of that".

Lang has admitted that he has also prevented funding to other groups involved in abortion counselling. Although refusing to name these other groups, Lang said, "I have no idea what I have stopped, but I have talked to my colleagues in the Secretary of State Department, the Department of Health and Welfare, LIP and OFY, and they know my feeling on this matter.

Interestingly enough, Secretary of State, Hugh Faulkner stated, with regard to the Saskatoon group, that he was satisfied the group deserved the grant.

He further commented "I have no objection to women's centres advising on the state of facilities and the law on abortion." A SOS official said that whether or not abortion counselling is part of the centre's activities is not one of the criteria used to judge applications.

In response to Lang's intervention, women's centres and concerned individuals have been sending letters and telegrams to him, to their local MP's and newspapers.

The following is a telegram which was sent to Lang by the Canadian Women's Educational

Press:
"Otto Lang
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Parliament Hill
Ottawa

It is your duty as minister of Justice to be aware of the concerns of women in Canada. Your attempted intervention to cut off funding to women's centres across Canada because of their abortion referral service, is an outrageous abuse of your ministerial position. The Canadian Women's Educational Press objects to your imposing your own personal and reactionary values to narrow the interpretation of an already out-dated law on abortion."

Tarsands suspension?


Alberta Liberal leader Nick Taylor called for the suspension of further Tar Sands development last week.

Reports indicate that the lye content in tailing ponds could damage the sub-surface by seepage or could contaminate the Athabasca River in case of dike breakage.

Mr. Taylor implied that this was responsible for the provincial decision to cut back development rather than federal taxation, the reason that the government has put forth.

"Mr. Lougheed knows that his dreams of an industrial empire are up the 'smoke stack', so to speak, if the tar sands can not be put into production because there are just not enough conventional oil and gas reserves to be further exploited from the province, upgraded or not."

Gateway called the premier's office for comment but was told that this was simply more evidence of Mr. Taylor's anti-industrialization attitude and that no specific comment was being considered.



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