

U of A meds head the list

Student teachers receive attention

Those classroom teachers who work with student teachers from the University of Alberta will receive increased financial recognition from the university.

The Board of Governors has voted to give the Faculty of Education a \$65,000 grant to enable the faculty to increase the honoraria paid to co-operating teachers, retroactive to September 1, 1975.

Co-operating teachers, who normally work with two or three students during the year,

currently are paid \$60 per student for a half-year course and \$110 per full-year course.

Now they will receive \$90 for a half-year course and \$165 for a full-year course, per student.

The increase means that a total of \$193,500 will be paid to co-operating teachers for 1975-76.

The last adjustment to the honoraria paid co-operating teachers was made in 1970.

The U of A has made an outstanding contribution to medical research in the past 30 years, according to Dr. Walter MacKenzie, Executive Director of the Provincial Cancer Hospitals Board and former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta.

Research at the U of A Medical School, says MacKenzie, started after the Second World War when returning veterans and our own graduates were unable to find training posts in the post-grad programs in large hospitals... Eastern Canada, Great Britain, or the United States because they were completely filled.

The Medical School therefore developed post-graduate training programs in the clinical specialties, one of the requirements for such a program being active research.

The surgical medical research institute in the depart-

ment of experimental surgery was one of the early research developments in the Medical School and has been very successful. This institute makes it possible for individuals to undertake a research project in either a basic science or clinical field and provides facilities for so doing.

In the early years, research at the University of Alberta Medical School was confined to the basic science departments. However, even in the early fifties the medical and surgical clinical members of the faculty began to be involved in research and their contribution today is substantial, says MacKenzie.

In recent years, group research has become efficient and productive and has gained considerable support from the national granting agencies. The first group established on the University of Alberta campus

was the McEachern Laboratory Research Institute.

The MacEachern research institute is a joint venture of the National Cancer Institute and the U of A Medical School. Scientists are working to produce drugs that will affect cancer cells. These are tested and when found to be effective are taken to the patient. They are also used in the W. W. Cross Cancer Institute and in centres in the United States.

MacKenzie maintains that, several contributions of "outstanding merit" have been carried out on the University of Alberta campus. The late Dr. J. B. Collit, he said, did much of his original work in "parathormone" here which, of course was of world significance.

The anaesthetic, Divinyl ether, was developed in the Department of Pharmacology.

At the present time, one of the scientists in the immunological laboratory is carrying out research in the field of tolerance in immunity, which is of international importance.

There are many other similar examples. The Department of Genetics, for instance, has developed an assay which will test industrial products or by-products to determine if they are cancer producing.

A crucial factor in medical research is adequate financing. The University of Alberta Medical School depends for the most part on national granting agencies for their support.

However, they get additional support from the voluntary granting agencies; some from individuals; and occasionally from other public funds.

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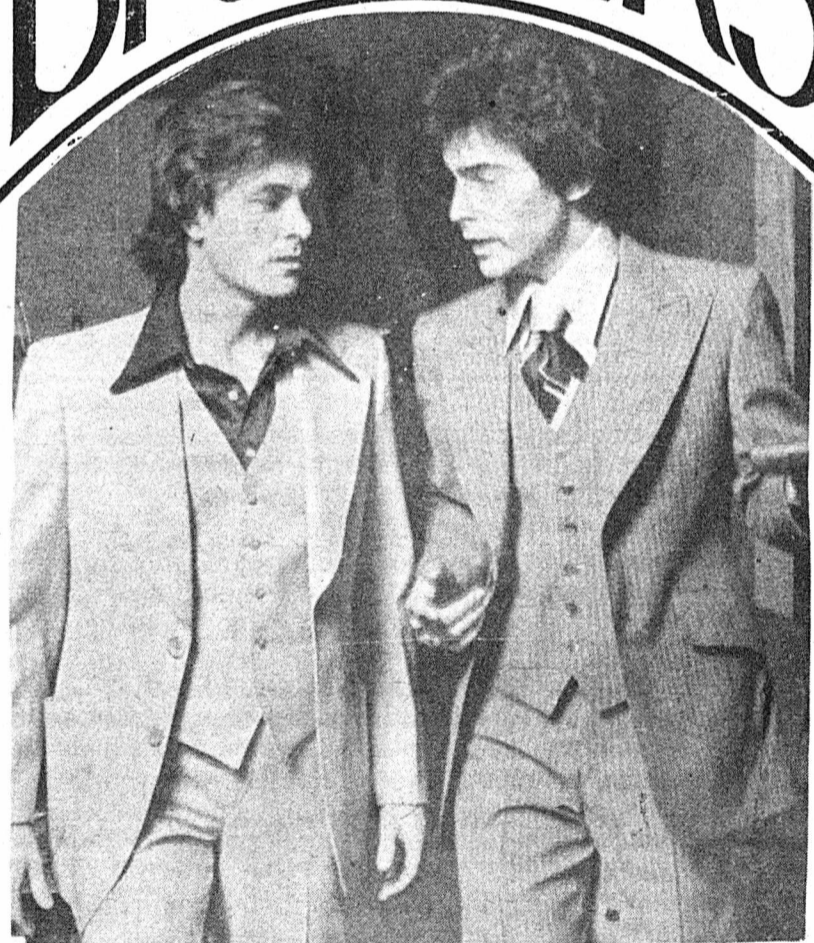
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