

NURSING WEEKEND

Dr. Katherine McLaggan

Events

Friday, February 25 — Semi-Formal, Lord Beaverbrook Hotel; 9-1; Ralph Campbell and his orchestra.
Saturday, February 26 — Open House — Nursing building 6:00 p.m.
Sleigh ride — 7:00 p.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME



By Bonnie Hamilton

Dr. McLaggan in her capacity as the director of nursing at UNB since the school's beginnings in 1959, has established lasting relationships with her many students, largely because of her readiness to stop whatever she is doing to talk to her students. A woman of many ideas and activities she would discuss these at the drop of a hat, but has a particular aversion to blowing her own horn. So we have decided to do a bit of blowing — in the interests of "the School", of course!

Dr. McLaggan is a Frederictonian (a good start for any enterprising individual!) After her schooling, she taught at several points in the province and then became interested in nursing. She got her

initial training at the Royal Victoria in Montreal, after which she did anaesthetic nursing in the operating room. At this time she became interested in teaching students formally, since at that time, most of their training was "on the job". After this she did some industrial nursing, and then went to McGill for her baccalaureate degree. She then returned to home ground to practise public health nursing. She initiated the health teaching program at Teacher's College which is now assisted by the public health staff. She later got her Master's Degree at Columbia University and last year received her doctorate in the Administration of Education. Needless to say, she was one of the key figures in the inception of the UNB

Nursing School, and is presently the first Vice-President of the Canadian Nurse's Association.

One of the most delightful things about our director is her involvement in everything! She has a tremendous interest in all facets of public life, and loves to stand up and be counted when an important issue is at stake. In formulating the philosophy of the UNB School of Nursing, she has placed a very great emphasis on the dignity of the student — the right of each student to be an individual first, a nurse second. For these and many other reasons, she has justifiably been recognized as one of the most outstanding nurse educators in Canada, and we're glad she's ours!!

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Compatability???

Someone once said, "Nurses and foresters are compatible." Whoever he was, it is subject to question whether he was in complete control of his faculties at the time he made that statement.

In any case, there are still people who believe his words, and perhaps it is up to the Brunswickan to explain a few of the reasons that such a belief has persisted to this day, or night, if you prefer.

There are intelligent people who have compared nurses and foresters on the basis of the philosophies of the two professions. While there is little to defend a statement to the effect that there is any similarity at all, these people can still be called intelligent, because we are comparing them to the people who claim there is any comparison, (except in a few exceptions), on a physical basis.

Just as people have blamed the foresters for their mistakes on the grounds that they "couldn't see the woods

for the trees," there are those who have tried to chastize nurses by saying, "Be patient."

Nurses have an attraction for foresters. It may be because one of these professions is almost exclusively male while the other is mostly female. But another reason is their common knowledge of certain kinds of words. Other than the four-letter kind other professions also use, there are Latin terms which interest only foresters, others which interest only nurses. Some of the latter are, "fulus bedpanus", "insertenema", and "makubedplease". One latin term that has carried over

from the foresters' profession to the nurses' is Viscum album". This means, in a layman's terms (so to speak), mistletoe.

This term has also been applied to an astronaut with a (h)lete's foot.)

Most foresters are attracted to nurses by the alluring prospect of a pleasant "ischial tuberosities" (whatever that means).

But the myth of compatibility is cleared up when one realizes that the only reason nurses and foresters hang around together is that both groups simply can't get along with anyone else.

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