

Oncology program organized at Concordia Hospital

Although the administration of cytotoxic (cancer treatment) drugs is not new to Concordia Hospital, there has not been an organized program within the hospital for patients requiring out-patient treatment, until now.

the community requiring this service to come to Concordia for this treatment rather than to more distant facilities.

Dr. Pat Harris is the physician in charge and will hold clinic sessions on Thursday mornings.

Marguerite Dyck, R.N. will be the nurse in charge of the program and will be responsible for booking the appointments and administering the treatments.

As in the past, the assistance of the volunteer department, especially Helen Pankratz, will be involved in making patients feel more comfortable.

The oncology department is located on Nursing Level II where some modifications have been made to a former office and treatment area.

"We look forward to providing an efficient, caring program for the people in our community," noted Diane Letwin, assistant executive director of the hospital.

EnCore sounds

Free lunch tunes for every taste continue this week with EnCore '83.

Feature groups include:

- July 20 - Dub Rifles, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at EnCore Park.
- July 21 - Duck Donald Band hosted by Dave McLean, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at EnCore Park.
- July 23 - Big Dave McLean, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at EnCore Park.
- July 22 - Ken Bloom hosted by Peter Paul Van Camp, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Gas Station Theatre



Cutting through the ribbon, officially opening the oncology department at Concordia Hospital were (left to right) Dr. Pat Harris, nurse Marguerite Dyck and Dr. B.B. Fast.

Commencement exercises at Miles Macdonell

by Darlene Lindsay

Graduates, with their families and friends gathered at Miles Macdonell June 29 for the annual commencement exercises. As is tradition, graduates were piped

graduating class was Sandra Tataryn, student council president for '82 - '83.

Following the benediction, the graduates' recessional was again led by the pipes. A reception was held for all in the Material Resource Centre.

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crowding cured



Approval for the construction of a major addition and some renovations to accommodate an expansion of the emergency and outpatients departments of Concordia Hospital has been granted.

In making the announcement, health minister Larry Desjardins explained that the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,419,000, resulting also in 9,680 days of employment.

"Construction is proceeding immediately," added Sig Enns, executive director of the hospital in a telephone interview.

Enns noted that the construction will relieve the crowded conditions which now

are experienced in emergency and outpatients.

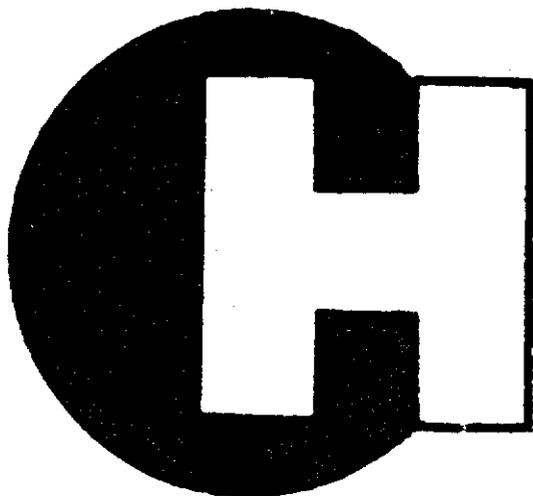
"For instance, last year alone 34,000 people went through those departments, and for each of the past five years the number has been over 30,000. Originally the space was designed to accommodate less than half that volume," the executive director stated.

Smith Carter Partners Architects provided design services for the project and Central Canadian Structures has been awarded the tender for construction.

Construction is to be completed within a year.

May 1985

Concordia day surgery contract awarded



Health minister Larry Desjardins has announced approval by the Manitoba Health Services Commission of a construction contract for development of the day surgery department at the Concordia Hospital.

The former labor and delivery area is to be renovated to accommodate an expanded day surgery program. This space will ac-

commodate 14 stretchers and related patient areas and an endoscopy suite. The project also includes relocation of the respiratory department.

The contractor for the project is Triple "L" Construction, the lowest of 12 bidders.

Total capital costs for the project, including equipment, consultant's fees, provision for contingency and interim financing, is estimated to be \$365,000.

Architectural and engineering consultants for the project are Smith Carter Partners.

The project is expected to take four months to complete, generating 1,000 person days of employment, Desjardins said.

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pital Society — Four-Storey
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"The Mennonite hospital society" has opened a new hospital in Elmwood, on the right bank of the Red river, just above Louise Bridge. It is to be known as "Concordia Hospital."

The building, a four-storey brick and stone structure, was formerly the Winnipeg Sanatorium, but has been out of use for several years. The Mennonites have completely decorated the building, and had new plumbing installed.

Though the move from their old location on Beverly st. was made within the past two weeks, already the hospital has 20 patients and is completely equipped for medical, surgical and obstetrical work. There are 50 beds and one of the features of it will some day be the natural salt spring, which, however, the hospital has not yet been able to put into shape.

A grand official opening of the hospital is being planned sometime in June, when the Mennonite farmers in Manitoba will be able to get away from the farms and come into the city for this occasion.

June 1934

NEW HOSPITAL TO BE OPENED SUNDAY WITH CEREMONIAL

With appropriate ceremony, the official opening of Concordia hospital, 437 De Salaberry street, will be conducted Sunday afternoon.

Special invitations have been issued to individuals prominent in civic and provincial circles as well as in the medical profession. An invitation has also been extended to any interested member of the general public.

The programme will begin at 1.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's church, Elgin avenue and Ellen street. Addresses will be given by Rev. C. M. Hiebert, Rev. J. Klassen and Dr. H. Seelheim, German consul. Several Mennonite choirs will contribute to the musical part of the programme.

From the church the gathering will adjourn to the hospital at 4.30 p.m. Several civic and provincial dignitaries are slated to speak and following that the hospital will be thrown open for inspection.

MEETING TO PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY



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Schroeder and Dr. Henry Dirks, director of the emergency department: performing a major ribbon cutting.

photo by Vienna Badiuk

We give You our humble thanks, O God, for the vision, for the dream which led to the beginning of the Concordia Hospital. This hospital has evolved from its humble beginnings to what stands here today. We are most grateful for the much needed addition to the Emer-

gency Department; for the two beds soon to be opened in the Intensive Care Unit; and for the newly installed Hearing Center.

We now dedicate these additions and renovations to You, and to the welfare of all who must enter these units for whatever reason, regard-

less of color, creed, or social status. Guide all who are part of the healing effort.

We give thanks for the Board of Directors, and for the government who worked diligently so that this expansion could become a reality. Bless also their future plans.

We are grateful for Your

Grace that has guided the construction — that there were no serious mishaps.

May we all dedicate ourselves to serve You as we serve mankind.

Amen!

Such was the invocation given by Concordia Hospital Chaplain, Reverend Jacob

Krause at the ceremony recognizing the hospital's expansion — early last week.

It was MLA for Rossmere, Vic Schroeder, minister of finance, who opened the new Concordia Hospital Emergency Department.

Phil Eyler, MLA for River
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Healthy helping

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East, represented health minister, Larry Desjardins. Hank Willms, chairperson of the Concordia Board, responded indicating the hospital's appreciation of the current \$3 million construction program.

Built at a cost of \$2,419,000 including equipment and some additional renovations that will begin shortly in the old emergency department space, the new Emergency Department received its first patients Tuesday, February 4.

The Emergency and Ambulatory Care Department expansion was required to meet the needs of the growing population of the north-east quadrant of Winnipeg. Concordia Hospital now handles the third largest number of emergency visits in Winnipeg after the Health Sciences Centre and the St. Boniface General Hospital. The new Concordia Emergency anticipates an annual total of 35,000 visits, noted hospital executive director Sig Enns.

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- A doubling of the capacity of the Intensive Care Unit from the current four patients to eight patients (although only 6 spaces will be opened initially) is expected to be completed in March, 1986 at a cost of \$185,000.

- A new hearing centre

\$490,000 to provide for increased annual operating costs.

"It's marvelous to finally have some expanded space to deal with the unremitting workload of an increasing number of patients visiting the department," said Enns during a telephone interview following the opening.

"It will facilitate our hard-working staff's ability to cope with these pressures, and better enable Concordia to maintain the reputation of being a caring hospital," he added.

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- A new hearing centre which will receive its first patients in the next few days

- A relocated and replanned Respiratory Medicine Unit.

The hearing centre is one of a province-wide chain of hearing centres under the Provincial Hearing Conservation Program. The hospital provides space and support staff and Manitoba Health supplies equipment and the services of an audiologist.

The hearing centre at Concordia occupies space that was formerly the Respiratory Medicine Unit. The Respiratory Unit was relocated as part of the Emergency Department construction.

In total this project created approximately 12,000 person days of employment for the design and construction industry.

An additional 16.5 equivalent full-time staff will be added to the existing Concordia staff complement to provide for the expanded programs. The Manitoba Health Services Commission has provided funding approval of

Nursing unit officially opens

A new 53-bed nursing unit at Concordia Hospital officially opened last month.

The unit, formerly the interim long-term care unit, has actually been in operation since May, after 60 residents were transferred from the unit to Concordia Place, the new personal care home located just east of the hospital.

At that time, 34 of the beds were utilized for acute care, and the remaining 19 beds were opened in October.

The newest unit is N1South, which provides short-term rehabilitation services through an inter-disciplinary team approach involving geriatric specialists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, therapeutic recreation staff, clinical dietitians, and speech language pathologists.

Funded by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, 14 of the beds fall under the surgical program, aiding patients who have had orthopedic surgery. Another 12 beds are for rehabilitation/geriatric programs, providing services to patients who require a short course of rehabilitation following an acute admission for a stroke and/or multiple medical problems.

N1North is a 27-bed sub-acute medical unit. Patients on the unit have medical needs but have passed the 'acute stage' and require geriatric assessments and convalescent time. These patients often have numerous age-related diagnoses which complicate rehabilitation and discharge planning. Patients are given the opportunity to be in a more relaxed setting away from the frantic pace of the acute medical floor.

Paulley To Turn Sod

Labor Minister A. R. (Russ) Paulley will turn the first sod Saturday to start construction of the new \$8 million Concordia Hospital in East Kildonan.

The sod turning ceremony, which is to be preceded by several brief speeches by Mr. Paulley and other provincial officials, will highlight a half-hour ceremony at the site of the new 132-bed hospital at Birds Hill Road and Concordia Avenue.

Within a few days of the ceremony, work crews are expected to move on to the site and begin laying the preliminary foundations of the new building.

The new facility, when completed in early 1974, will replace the existing 51-year-old Concordia Hospital building at 400 Desalaberry Street in the Elwood district of Winnipeg.

The present building was constructed in about 1920 and was used as the Winnipeg Sanatorium until 1932 when it was taken over by the Mennonite Society of Manitoba and converted into the Concordia Hospital.

Hospital officials say that, although the new building will allow for 132 beds, it is being constructed "in a manner that will allow future expansion when the need becomes obvious."

The weekend ground-breaking ceremony will get under way at 2 p.m. at the nearby Bethania Nursing Home, 1045 Concordia Avenue, and will be moved outside to the new hospital site at about 2:15 p.m.

Concordia builds with foundation and auxiliary

February 1986

by Vienna Badiuk

The mortar of the Concordia Hospital has been strengthened recently with the inception of a foundation board and ladies auxiliary.

Objective of the new Concordia Hospital Foundation will be to raise funds for equipment, supplies and furnishings for the enhancement of patient care at the hospital — beyond the level of the current government allotment.

An immediate goal will be to solicit monies for the installation of ultra sound equipment.

S.J. Enns, executive director of the hospital pegged the cost for that piece in the range of \$150,000.

Members of the foundation include:

- Judge Jim Smith — ad hoc chairman
- John Melnyk
- Anne MacTavish
- Peter Falk
- George Janzen
- Phil Grey
- councillor Jim Ragsdill (Springfield Heights)
- Tom Sill
- Russell Paulley
- Harold Piercy
- John Huyda
- Bruce Bodie
- Dr. Henry Krahn
- Dr. Jake Issac
- Gary Brazzell
- John Epp

The first meeting of the ladies auxiliary association, initiated by councillor Anne Jorowski (Miles MacDonell), a member of the planning committee of the board of directors of the hospital — took place last week.

"We need to be reminded of the extraordinary contribution over the years of the original Concordia ladies aid group without which the old hospital simply could not have managed," noted Enns.

Women interested in joining the auxiliary are invited to call the hospital's executive offices at 667-1560.

No more babies

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by Vienna Badiuk

The word is out.

It went out to the staff at Concordia Hospital on a yellow sheet of paper dated July 15.

"We have now set the closing of the obstetrical department for September 30th, 1983," read the bold letters.

The memo directed to all departments and all medical staff from S.J. Enns, executive director of the hospital said:

"At the regular meeting of our board of directors on June 30th, 1983 the following motion was adopted:

Whereas the Minister of Health has announced the Government's intention to amalgamate Obstetrical Services in Winnipeg;

AND

Whereas Concordia Hospital is one of the hospitals cited for discontinuance of this service;

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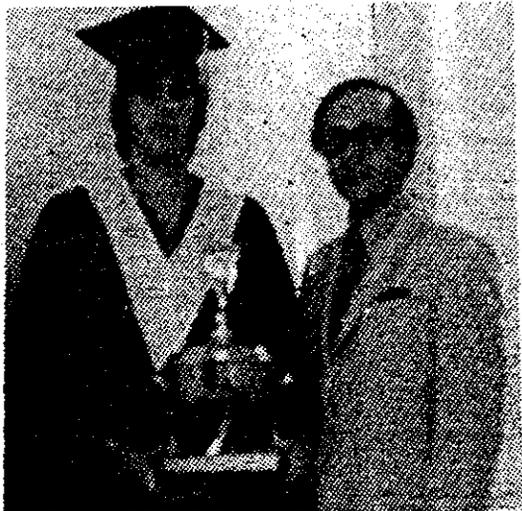
Whereas in spite of strong support to maintain this service from both the Medical and Nursing Staff, special meetings, dozens of letters, petitions, follow-up discussions with other cabinet ministers and local MLA's, we were unable to persuade the Minister to change his position;

Be it resolved with great regret and reluctance that Obstetrical Services be discontinued at Concordia

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Elmwood's Acton vaults into first place

Blaine Acton was named the outstanding track and field athlete at Elmwood High School and the recipient of the Doern



Blaine Acton (right) recipient of the outstanding track and field athlete trophy for Elmwood High School with presenter, local MLA Russell Doern.

Award which is annually presented by the MLA for Elmwood.

Acton is an all-round athlete who has competed successfully for his school in basketball, volleyball and badminton. During his years at Elmwood, he won the high jump at the Inter High Meet for three consecutive years. At the Provincial Championships he picked up two seconds and a third. He won the high jump at the Manitoba Indoor Games twice, plus at a number of outdoor competitions and a record-setting performance in the Big Six Meet in 1982.

He represented Manitoba in the Canadian Legion sponsored National Midget and Juvenile Track and Field Championships last year. Blaine also excelled in the big jump, triple jump and javelin.

An outstanding talent, Acton was well-liked among his fellow students. He plans to attend university this fall — where he will be playing on the Bisons basketball team.

No obstetrics at Concordia (continued from page 1)

Hospital effective the date beyond which safe staffing levels in Labour and Delivery cannot be maintained."

The paper further stated that several of the senior labour and delivery nurses of Concordia have accepted positions at other hospitals, with the result that the hospital could not assure safe staffing levels beyond July 31.

Noting however that St. Boniface Hospital was not able to accept additional maternity referrals by that date, "An arrangement has been worked out for up to three St. Boniface experienced labour and delivery nurses to work at Concordia 'on loan' for 60 days (after July 1983)," explained the announcement.

"There will be no lay offs resulting from this decision," was the promise given in the final paragraph.

And how does the hospital's administration feel about this turn of events?

"I think that the thing that we'd like to

stress is that we do it with a great deal of regret," said Diane Letwin, assistant executive director.

"I had hoped that our MLA's would support the retention of obstetrics at Concordia Hospital a little more," she added.

Ardis Nash, an LPN who works on the obstetrics ward at Concordia was a bit more blunt.

"I feel it's a bad decision," said Nash.

"If the letters I've received to date are any indication of the problem new mothers are currently facing in the large institutions, I hate to see what it will be like when our facility is no longer functioning," Nash said, referring to the letter-writing campaign against the closure, which she spearheaded.

"I think the decision was made basically without any regard for women."

Concordia Hospital origin was that of a maternity service on Machray Avenue in 1928.

Concordia: construction and cnic

October 1984

by Vienna Badiuk

September.

Most regard the month as one in which a variety of activities get into high gear.

Certainly that has been the case for Concordia Hospital.

On September 20 a sod turning ceremony was held for the expansion of the emergency department and the Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home.

And on September 26 the auxiliary held a fund raising fashion show and dinner at the International Inn.

It was a bright, windy day -- as hospital staff, board and auxiliary members, dignitaries, politicians and friends gathered on the hospital grounds in recognition of the recently approved expansion.

The mood was one of optimistic anticipation.

"I'm very pleased that we're getting this department (expansion). It's been a long time in coming. The number of patients coming through our department has been increasing every year," said Loris Holyk, head nurse of the emergency department -- one of the people whose work area will be most positively affected by the increase of space.

For foundation committee member, Phil Grey, the expansion was coming about none too soon.

"It's about time this community hospital was opened up," said Grey.

Speaking on behalf of the minister of health, Larry Desjardins, who was unable to attend the ceremony, Transcona Member of the Legislature, Wilson Parasiuk pointed to the economic reality of the times.

"Frankly, delivery of health care, especially during times of recession can be very difficult."

He added, however, that "This is a development that we know will add to our community."

Board and auxiliary member, councillor Anne Jorowski (Miles Macdonell) described the expansion as "tremendous".

"The area is expanding and we need the facility," she said.

That sentiment was echoed by councillor Reg Wyatt (Transcona).

Pointing to the need for expansion, hospital executive director, Sig Enns stated that for the past three months the hospital had been operating with an occupancy level of better than 95 per cent.

Further, Enns noted that this year was

the 10th anniversary of the hospital's Concordia Avenue location.

"We've had a good decade and we're looking for more," said Enns, to the energetic applause of those in attendance.

And six days later -- "more" was what it was all about, as some \$1900 were raised through the Fall Fashions by Polo Park Show.

President of the auxiliary, Linda said that although discussions have taken place as to what hospital equipment will be bought with it, a final decision has not yet been reached.



Parasiuk: expansion is reinforcement of the community hospital facility.

photo by Vienna Badiuk

