

Nursing Centennial (5/2/91)

Format: Dean Dumas speaks briefly and introduces JJD.

Audience: About 300, mostly alums plus distinguished panelists.

Talk Points

Dean Dumas, Dr. Fagan, distinguished panelists,
honored colleagues, alumni and guests.

Delighted and honored to be here at this centennial celebration
of the University of Michigan's School of Nursing.

One hundred years!

Think of it.

The changes during that time are breathtaking to consider.

Just in health care, think how far we have come.

And then, think of the profession of nursing
and the role of women in society

--for the two have been closely related--

And how far they have come.

...and how far we have yet to go!

But we are getting there, we are moving ahead.

And I am proud to know that our School of Nursing

and our Dean of Nursing, Rhetaugh Dumas and her colleagues,
are in the forefront of progress.

The transformation they are leading

along with colleagues across the country

is making Nursing

- an equal professional partner in health care delivery.
- a vigorous contributor to scholarship,
not just about Nursing but about human behavior and its relation to health.
This scholarship in the field of Nursing, I am convinced,
will be crucial in altering our American approach to health care
as we shift our emphasis to preventive care
to care for people in the full context of their lives rather than in isolated abstraction.
- an educational adventure as it prepares students
for the challenges of professional nursing practice
in a new century that promises many revolutions in medical practice.
- a strong advocate and leader in the development
of the health care professions
as they adapt to rapid social, economic and medical change
not only across America but around the world.

Our School of Nursing, I should also note,
contributes far more than its share to University governance
---Dean Dumas is one of my most astute and trusted advisors--
what I will do when she is on sabbatical, I don't like to think of--
and so many of the faculty and staff have taken
on key administrative and educational leadership in all areas of University life.

But Nursing and health care leadership by Michigan is nothing new.

It is a hundred years old this year!

I wish the founders could be with us today.

They must have been an exceptionally gifted and daring group
....probably much like the School's faculty and leaders today....

How proud they would be!

When you think how they had the courage to rock the medical world.

When you think how many lives have been saved or improved,
how much suffering has been alleviated,
how much care has been given,
by our graduates.

Today, we have with us many alumnae of the School of Nursing.
I hope you are feeling proud of your School.

It ranks among the top Nursing Schools in the country
and our alums are at the top of their profession,
As our Song, the Victors says, you are "the leaders and the best."
Let me extend a special welcome to our distinguished panel
of nursing executives and educators.
This promises to be an exceptional program.

Presentation to Dean Dumas

Rhetaugh, please join me.
I want to make a presentation.

**In commemoration of this wonderful occasion,
I would like to present this award to the School of Nursing.**

It says:

**"It is with great pride and pleasure that this award is presented
on behalf of the University of Michigan community to
the School of Nursing
in commemoration of your centennial celebration.**

**It is an honor to recognize your one hundred years of leadership
in nursing education, scholarship, and research.
Your contributions have advanced the nursing profession
and have enriched the quality of life in our society.**

**The University looks forward
to continuing outstanding achievement during your second century."**

**Congratulations and best wishes
for a new and extraordinary century.**