

July 14, 2005

Editor
Edmonton Journal

Dear Editor:

We are writing to clarify some details surrounding "The MedShow" and your article which appeared in the *Journal* on Thursday, July 14, 2005. First of all, the "Nurses Song" which was performed in March 2005 as part of The MedShow was done in a setting in which the views expressed in the song were meant to convey mockery of an antiquated stereotype. The students deeply regret that some interpreted the performance as an endorsement of such a stereotype.

The organizers subsequently apologized to Dean Gray of the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta and met again today where the president of the Medical Students' Association reiterated that apology on behalf of the medical students. There will be no such MedShow in future.

As Dean of Medicine and Dentistry and Acting Dean of Nursing, we are satisfied that the students involved do not hold the views they were mocking, and that they understand and regret the hurt members of the nursing profession experienced as a result of a very failed attempt at humour. This has strengthened our resolve as Faculties to be second-to-none when it comes to graduating health science professionals who multiply the impact of individual excellence by working seamlessly as members of a health-care team.

Sincerely yours,

Rene Day, PhD
Acting Dean
Faculty of Nursing

Thomas J. Marrie, MD
Dean
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Office of the Dean
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
2J2.00 WC Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre · University of Alberta · Edmonton · Alberta · Canada ·
T6G 2R7
Telephone: (780) 492-6621 Fax: (780) 492-7303
www.med.ualberta.ca