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Women's roles in medicine expanding

By Jeff Goodwin

Women in medicine have made gains during the last 10 years, Dr. Ann Lott told a group at the Student YWCA Tuesday afternoon.

Lott spoke on "Women in Medicine" as part of the Women in Perspective series sponsored by the Student Y.

"The role of women in medicine has changed dramatically since the 1960s," she said.

Lott said that when she went to the NU Medical Center, women made up 10 percent of the class. Women now make up about 25 percent of the classes at medical

schools across the country.

Lott said she was not aware of overt discrimination against women when she was in medical school.

"There may have been a lot of discrimination that I wasn't smart enough to see," she said. "But I think it was more my problem than theirs. I just didn't volunteer things because I was afraid I was wrong."

Lott, a dermatologist, said women are getting into more areas of medicine.

"One of the exciting areas for women is internal medicine," she said. "We're seeing more women in that field."

Lott said that orthopedics is one area in which women doctors are not prominent.

"There is a belief that women aren't strong enough to be orthopedic surgeons," she said. "I don't think that's true."

Lott said role models for women going into medicine have changed over the past few years.

"When I first went into medicine, the first role model I had was called "Typhoid Mary" by the medical students. I like to think I'm a better role model than that."

Lott said patients are not assertive enough in dealing with doctors, citing examples of patients who wait for a long time in doctor's offices and are afraid to ask the doctor what their medication is being prescribed for.

In spite of her politically liberal ideals, Lott said, she is against the idea of socialized medicine.

"I've worked in too many Veterans Administration hospitals (to support socialized medicine)," she said. "It loses something in that situation. People become terribly depersonalized."

Lott said she thinks the doctor's image also has changed.

"Doctors don't have the respect in the community that they used to," she said. "I feel I always have to defend myself and my motives for being a doctor."

Lott said women were making gains in medicine, but slowly.

"The more people we have who say these things out loud, the more people who'll listen," she said. "I still look at myself as being odd, but that's because I look around me sometimes and whisper to myself, 'I'm a Democrat.' There's a lot of education that still has to go on in the medical profession."

"The patriarchy is still very strong in the medical profession. But it's not as conservative as it used to be," she said.



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The following calls and complaints were received by UNL police from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.

8:28 a.m. - Two cassette recorders reported stolen from Regents Hall, 3835 Holdrege St.

11:50 a.m. - Wallet that had been reported stolen was found minus cash at the Teachers College.

4:18 p.m. - Car tires reported vandalized at 1716 N. 16th St.

5:20 p.m. - Car reported egged in parking Area 22 by 10th and Avery streets.

5:35 p.m. - Item that had been reported stolen was found by owner.

6:26 p.m. - Nuisance phone call reported at Smith Hall.

10:03 p.m. - Arson reported at the Plant Industry building on East Campus. A trash can was set on fire; a custodian put it out.

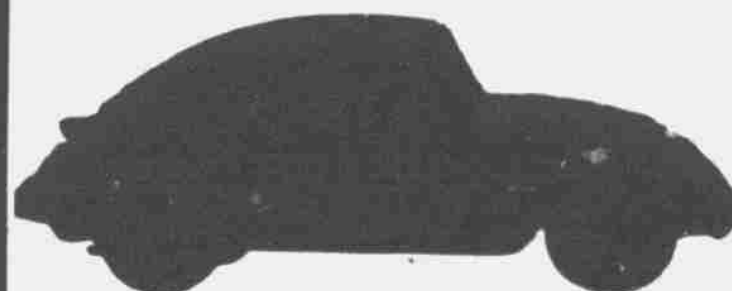
10:38 p.m. - Nuisance phone call reported at Neihardt Residence Center.

1:40 a.m. - Person cited for driving while intoxicated and for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

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