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Lucille Garrison

Dean Warner, host

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Dean Warner said a student's health can often play a role in his studies. The University of Alaska has opened a new student health facility to serve the more than 2,000 students. It is located in the west wing of Wickersham Hall. Lucille Garrison, university nurse and head of the student health center, said the new quarters will offer more health care. Doctors will see students in the morning under a contract with the university.

Warner asked about the purpose of the student health program. Lucille Garrison said the program has a dual role on campus. Besides caring for the sick student it also cares for the well student. They have programs in preventive medicine. They have checks and follow ups on diseases. In addition to the new facility they also have separate rooms for patients. They have beds to keep students during the day. They look forward to having an infirmary with overnight service.

Warner asked about an educational program in regards to student health. Garrison said the education program is one of the most important. They try to get what the students want to hear about such as birth control and family planning. They try to organize films and speakers more or less by student invitation. They organized a smoking clinic. They are trying to accumulate a medical library for the students.

Warner asked about the student health insurance program. Garrison said the insurance premium is paid through the student health fee. It is supplemental to what they have on campus. If lab work is needed the students have to go into town and their insurance covers it. The program is designed for student needs.