From the President

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The President's Charge, presented in the closing moments of the 26th Biennial Convention, was a reflection on three profound, yet simple, questions. Who Are We? What Are We? Where Are We Going?

These three questions served as a vehicle for looking at the future but also as a way to summarize the feelings and decisions characterizing the Convention. Throughout the entire Convention, delegates were on a psychological high. There was a feeling of pride in Sigma Theta Tau. Delegates were proud of their heritage and they also sensed the strength that comes from group commitment to common goals. The belief that the world could be different because Sigma Theta Tau exists grew from day to day. The theme "Scholars in Action" was a reality. A sense of identity, a pride in the talents of our members and the wish to move on with the action were common themes in the Convention buzz.

Just who are we? If we add into our numbers the 1982 chapters, we are now 65,000 members from 161 chapters associated with 167 schools located in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. That is a significant growth in the 60 years of our existence. Sixty years ago there were 6 founders, one chapter associated with one school in one state.

But what are we? We are several very important things. First, we are a united group committed to common goals able to handle the intellectual friction necessary to ensure quality in our pursuits. Next, we are a resource-rich organization. Our human talents are unlimited. Our members are willing to contribute to special programs. Foundations have shown an interest in supporting our activities. And we have an effective organizational structure. Lastly, we are a group of nurses who have knowledge that can directly affect the health of the public.

And where are we going? We are going to influence the health of the public by further developing the scientific base for the practice of nursing. Our goals relate to Resource Development, Knowledge Expansion, and Knowledge Utilization. Our strategies include information, education, and service activities addressed to the public, the community of nurses and the body of nursing knowledge. We will work with chapters, the regional assemblies, other nursing organizations, other non-nursing health professions, the lay public and every other appropriate group.

One thing is absolutely clear. We are Scholars in Action. We have overcome the one real obstacle to success which is the failure to try. We are on the move--and it feels good. The 26th Biennial Convention is now a matter of history. But the enthusiasm, the vision, the sense of Who We Are, What We Are and Where We Are Going are not history. This is with us today, it propels us into the future.

Carol A. Lindeman
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**Members of the Nominating Committee:**
- Dr. Linda Daniel (Beta Lambda), Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Dr. Susan Dean (Delta Chi), Professor and Assistant Dean, College of Nursing, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Dr. Margaret Grossman, Ph.D. (Delta Chi), Dean, School of Nursing, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Beth Vaughan-Wrobel, Ed.D. (Gamma), Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Graduate Studies, Texas Woman's University, Dallas, Texas.

**Executive Committee:**
- Dr. Helen Ference (Alpha Gamma), Associate Professor, School of Nursing, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Susan Sellers, Ph.D. (Beta Lambda), Professor and Associate Dean for Graduate Education, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania.
- Dr. Lucie Young Kelly (Epsilon), Professor, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.
- Dr. Joseph Sullivan, M.S.N. (Sigma), Dean, School of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Dr. Neill Watts, Ph.D. (Delta Chi), Professor and Executive Director, Visiting Nurse Association of Huron Valley, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Dr. Rosemary Donley, Ph.D. (Kappa), Dean, School of Nursing, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

**Regional Chapter Coordinating Committee Members:**
- Dr. Margaret A. Williams, Ph.D. (Beta Eta), Helena Denise Schulte Professor of Nursing, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Dr. Lucie Young Kelly, Ph.D. (Alpha Zeta), Professor, School of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Lexington.
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**Secretary . . . Helene Clark**

Helene Clark, M.S.N. (Kappa) is Assistant Professor of Nursing, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. She is currently first vice president for Kappa Chapter, a past chapter chairman and chairperson of the eligibility committee. Ms. Clark is currently working on her doctorate degree in Health Education at the University of Maryland.

**Treasurer . . . M. Virginia Sellers**

M. Virginia Sellers, M.A. (Upsilon) was re-elected to serve a second two year term as treasurer. She is a Consultant, Department of Test Development for the National League of Nursing. Ms. Sellers was Upsilon Chapter Treasurer for three terms and has served on chapter committees since 1970.
Focused Awards are the highest honor bestowed by Sigma Theta Tau to recognize the excellence of contemporary nursing leaders, honor individuals and chapters for superior achievement and to pay tribute to the vision of the founders.

Montefiore Hospital and Senior Counselor; and Claudia Leath, President. Carolyn Carson, Vice President; Gloria Rauch, Junior Gamma Xi Officers (left to right) Dr. Cornelia Beck, ELIZABETH PALMER (Upsilon) Professor, Sister Rosemary Donley, President, and author, Sister Gamma, from the University of Rochester. He is a prolific writer, speaker, consultant, and nursing organization leader. ELIZABETH McMILLINS MILLER Award for Excellence in Research Martha M. Brown, Gamma Phi Glendale, Arizona, is a nurse researcher in gerontology responsible for establishing in 1967 at the University of Nebraska the first non-profit, independently supported Nursing Care Research Center in the United States. Her research was source material for drafters of the Mental Health Systems Act signed in 1980 by former President Carter. She was Professor of General Nursing Science and Dean of Washington U. School of Nursing and Director of the Nursing Care Research Center at the University College of Nursing in Omaha from 1968 until her retirement in 1980. DOROTHY GARRIGUS ADAMS Award for Professional Standards Sister Callista Roy, Ph.D., Gamma Tau from the University of California, Los Angeles, is best known for her book, "Adapting Model of Nursing Practice. She is Chair of the Department of Nursing, Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles. As a nursing educator and author, Sister Callista has drawn on her advanced studies in nursing research and psychology to develop the Roy Adaptation Model as a way for nurses to reinforce and expand a patient's ability to cope with illness. Since 1978 she has co-authored four texts. Each book deals with theoretical approaches to nursing.

MARY HIPPESTSTEIN LINGEMAN Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice Genevieve F. Foley (Alpha Chi) is Assistant Director for Perinatal Nursing at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City. At Massachusetts General Hospital as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Pediatric Oncology, she is credited as a prime motivator in the establishment of a pediatric clinic for children with cancer and for parent support groups. She is a children's rights advocate who has interpreted childhood leukemia and the nurses' role to the media. MARY TOLLEY WRIGHT Award for Leadership Claire M. Fagin (Xi) is Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, since 1977. Formerly Director of Health Professions Institute, Lehman College - Monmouth Hospital and Medical Center, Professor and Chairman, Nursing Department, Herbert H. Lehman College of the City University of New York, she served on editorial boards of several journals, member of the Institute of Medicine, National Board of Medical Examiners, American Academy of Nursing. Major interests in health professional educational policy. Her major areas of research have been effects of maternal attendance during children's hospitalization and many changes in this field are attributed to her work. MARY TOLLEY WRIGHT Award for Leadership Martha E. Rogers, (Upsilon) is originator of the Rogers' Nursing Conceptual System. She is a member of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, a professor of nursing at the University of New York. She has been a consultant to national health, education, and professional organizations, and has written numerous articles, book chapters and book reviews in the field. She has been an active member of Sigma Theta Tau since 1977.

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1981 — Founders’ Awards

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EDITH MOORE COPELAND AWARD for Creativity
Lutherie Christman, Gamma Phi Chicago, is Vice President, Nursing Affairs, The John L. and Helen Kellogg Dean of the College of Nursing, Rush University. She is responsible for the development of the primary nursing and joint practice model, the creation of the J.L. and Helen Kellogg Center for Excellence in Nursing, and the Rush University’s College of Nursing Programs leading to bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in nursing science. He is a prolific writer, speaker, consultant, and nursing organization leader.

ELIZABETH McWILLIAMS MILLER AWARD for Excellence in Research
Marta M. Brown, Gamma Phi Glendale, Arizona, is a nurse researcher in genetics, responsible for establishing in 1968 at the University of Nebraska the first non-federally supported Nursing Care Research Center in the United States. Her research was source material for drafters of the Mental Health Systems Act signed in 1980 by former President Carter. She was Professor of General Nursing Science and Dean of Washington U. School of Nursing and Director of the Nursing Care Research Center at the University of Nebraska College of Nursing in Omaha from 1968 until her retirement in 1980.

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Claire M. Fagin (Xi) is Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, since 1977, formerly Director of Health Professions Institute, Lehman College - Bronx County Hospital and Medical Center, Professor and Dean, University of the City of New York, she served on editorial boards of several journals, member of the Institute of Medicine, National Board of Medical Examiners, American Academy of Nursing, major interests in health professional educational policy. Her major areas of research have been effects of maternal attendance during children’s hospitalization and many changes in this field are attributed to her work.

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DELEGATES from 128 chapters of Sigma Theta Tau voted at the 26th biennial convention to award chapters to 33 honor societies at distinguished colleges and universities and to amend two existing chapters.

* Charter Revision

ALABAMA
Capstone College U. of Alabama, Zeta Omega
Chartering Date: 3/26/82
Presiding: Virginia George

ARKANSAS
Harding U., Epsilon Omicron
Chartering Date: 2/9/82
Presiding: Rebecca Markel

ARIZONA
State U., Epsilon Eta
Chartering Date: 4/20/82
Presiding: Helen Ference

CALIFORNIA
State College U., Zeta Xi
Chartering Date: 5/9/82
Presiding: Virginia George

U. of South Alabama, Zeta Gamma
Chartering Date: 6/16/82
Presiding: Nell Watts

COLORADO
U. of Denver, Epsilon Rho
Chartering Date: 7/5/82
Presiding: Helen Ference

Hawaii, Epsilon Sigma
Chartering Date: 1/23/82
Presiding: Carmen Westwick

FEBRUARY
D’Youville College, Zeta Nu
Chartering Date: 5/8/82
Presiding: Rebecca Markel

GEORGIA
Valdosta State College, Epsilon Pi
Chartering Date: 2/20/82
Presiding: Beth Vaughan-Wrobil

ILLINOIS
DePaul U., Zeta Sigma
Chartering Date: 5/16/82
Presiding: Lily Lasson

Emblurst College, Zeta Beta
Chartering Date: 4/4/82
Presiding: Andrea Hollingsworth

OHIO
Med. Col. of Ohio/U. of Toledo, Zeta Theta
Chartering Date: 4/21/82
Presiding: Susan Stockel

OKLAHOMA
* U. of Oklahoma, Delta Delta
Chartering Date: 4/23/82
Presiding: Carol Lindeman

U. of Tulsa, Zeta Delta
Chartering Date: 4/16/82
Presiding: Beth Vaughan-Wrobil

PENNSYLVANIA
Albright College, Zeta Tau
Chartering Date: 5/22/82
Presiding: Susan Stockel

DUQUESNE U., Epsilon Phi
Chartering Date: 3/26/82
Presiding: Lucie Kelly

Indiana U. of Penn., Zeta Lambda
Chartering Date: 4/30/82
Presiding: Sr. Rosemary Donley

SOUTH DAKOTA
Augustana College, Zeta Tau
Chartering Date: 4/19/82
Presiding: Carmem Westwick

TENNESSEE
U. of Tennessee — Chattanooga, Zeta Alpha
Chartering Date: 4/4/82
Presiding: Rebecca Markel

East Tennessee State U., Epsilon Sigma
Chartering Date: 3/7/82
Presiding: Beth Vaughan-Wrobil

TEXAS
U. of Texas Health Science Center—Houston, Zeta Pi
Chartering Date: 5/14/82
Presiding: Sr. Rosemary Donley

VIRGINIA
Radford U., Epsilon Pi
Chartering Date: 4/3/82
Presiding: Kitty Smith

Old Dominion Epsilon Chi
Chartering Date: 3/28/82
Presiding: Kitty Smith

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Recent Doctors

Reflections/November, December, 1981

Call for Abstracts

Beta Xi Chapter and the College of Nurs­ ing, University of Illinois at Chicago, announce a call for abstracts on completed research to be presented at the Beta Xi Chapter Harmonic National Nursing Research Symposium, April 16, 1982. Abstracts should be received before January 15, 1982 and submitted to Joanne E. Ryan, Ph.D., Chairman, Research Committee, Beta Xi Chapter, College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago, 801 S. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, 60680.

Members Publish


Lambda Chapter, Wayne State University will hold its Annual Dinner Program on April 1, 1982 at Detroit, Michigan. For more information contact: Maureen Frey, R.N., M.S., Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

Delta Gamma Chapter and the Continuing Education Department of the Intercollegiate Central Nursing Students' Association, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, are co-sponsoring a conference "Nurse Research Impact - The Past, Present and Future, " Delta Gamma, Chagrin Falls, OH, Thursday, May 13, 1982.

Delta Gamma Chapter announces its Second Annual Research Program to be presented at the 7th Annual Delta Gamma Research Conference, April 29-30, 1982. For more information contact: Richard Fehr­URNS, B.S., Department of Nursing, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 47404.

The Delta Gamma Research Conference will be held September 25, 1982 at Alfred University, Alfred, NY. For more information contact: Program Chair, Alpaca Omega Chapter, Alfred University, School of Nursing, Garden City, NY 11530.

Lambda Chi Alpha will be held on March 11, 1982 at Saint Xavier College, Chicago, IL. For more information contact: Darlene O'Callaghan, Saint Xavier College, 700 West 33rd Street, Chicago, IL 60650.
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Delta Gamma Chapter and the Continuing Education Department of the Intercollegiate Collegiate Nurses, Delta Sigma Theta Research Committee, is co-sponsoring a conference "Nurse Research Impacting on the Role of a Nurse. " Contact: Barbara J. Ebel, Delta Gamma Chapter, College of Nursing, University of Minnesota, 3209 N. 49th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210. The Delta Chapter held its Fall Program of Delta Sigma Chapter was held September 25, 1981 at Alfred University, Alfred, NY. The program featured a panel discussion on Hospitals.

Alpha Delta Chapter at Galveston sponsored a Second Annual Clinical Nursing Research Conference, "Implementing Nursing Research for Better Patient Care" on November 7, 1981. The keynote was given by Janelle Krueger, Ph.D., Professor of Nursing, University of Colorado, Boulder.

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VANDA J. ALLEN, R.N., M.S. (Beta Xi), "Nursing", U.J. University School of Nursing, Durham, NC, May 1981.


House of Delegates Conducts Business

The House of Delegates meets every two years to focus attention on five major areas of responsibility:

1. Receive reports of past biennium from officers, committees, and chapters.
2. Amend bylaws as needed to provide framework for continued growth and pursuit of goals.
3. Pass resolutions which state position and provide direction.
4. Elect officers and committee members to provide leadership for the coming biennium.
5. Approve schools which are eligible to receive charters.

Resolutions passed:

The National Council to appoint a Nursing Press Task Force to study potential ways nursing journalists can be organized to promote the purpose of Sigma Theta Tau.

Constance Becker

Patricia Christensen Memorial Scholarship Awarded.

Constance Becker is the third recipient of Sigma Theta Tau's Patricia Smith Christensen Memorial Scholarship. Ms. Becker will use the scholarship toward her Ph.D. in Nursing: Maternal-Infant-Parent Health at the University of Texas at Austin. Planning to complete her degree in 1983-84, Ms. Becker is currently an Associate Professor and Team Coordinator for the University of Manitoba School of Nursing. Ms. Becker received her M.Sc. N. from the University of Texas at Austin, her B.N. from the University of Manitoba and her Diploma in Nursing from St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing. She has completed and is currently working on several projects dealing in maternal-child nursing.

The Patricia Christensen Memorial Scholarship Fund was established as a tribute to the Canadian nursing scholar and former chairman of the maternity nursing department at Texas Christian University. Application forms for the 1982 Scholarship are available from the National Office.

1981 Bylaws Amendments passed by the House of Delegates included:

1. Deleted "National" whenever it appeared to remove restraints to "international" development.
2. Provided that National Council elect Honorary Members rather than have them elected by chapter mail ballot.
3. Changed the name of "Educational Development Committee" to "Regional Chapter Coordinating Committee".
4. Increased the National annual renewal fee from $5 to $10 to cover increased cost of publications, mailings, services and programs. The National annual membership renewal fee will become $10 in June of 1982. The National organization appreciates the great support from renewing members and looks forward to using part of the increased fees to implement the Ten-Year Plan.

Convention Tapes Available

Cassette tapes of Wednesday’s information sharing sessions and Thursday’s program sessions from the 26th Biennial Convention are available at the price of $4.00 per cassette from GREATAPES, 123 S. 12th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

For an order form, contact the National Office (317) 264-4689 or send orders directly to GREATAPES.