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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1983

February 18-19

San Diego Writers' Seminar
Keynoter - Dr. Carol Lindeman
Travel Lodge - San Diego, CA

March 4-5

Region 6 Regional Assembly
Washington, D.C.

April 29, 1983

San Antonio Writers' Seminar
San Antonio, Texas

May 5-6, 1983

Chicago Writers' Seminar
Chicago, Illinois

1983 Biennial Convention

October 12-14, 1983
Boston, Massachusetts

Patricia Leedke Allsworth Memorial Scholarship Established

The National Council has approved the establishment of a scholarship fund donated by Hazel Brooks in memory of her daughter, Patricia Leedke Allsworth. The Patricia Leedke Allsworth Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in cardiac nursing studies in an accredited nursing program.

The first scholarship award will be in the amount of \$500. Application forms for the 1983 scholarship are available from the National Office. The deadline for applications is January 31, 1983. Announcement of the recipient will be made in February.

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national honor society of nursing

From the President

Promoting the Image of Nursing

What is one concern that three national nursing organizations, the Academy, the National League for Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau, have identified as having high priority? If you responded "the image of nursing," you are correct. The fall 1982 meeting of the Academy addressed the image of nursing from several theoretical and empirical perspectives. The National League for Nursing appointed a task force to design an action plan to improve the public image of nursing. Sigma Theta Tau's Ten-Year Plan emphasizes both public information and education and intraprofessional information and education. The Sigma Theta Tau Program Committee has reiterated our concern for image by choosing as the theme of the 1983 Biennial Convention, "Image Makers: Richness and Diversity."

What image of nursing is Sigma Theta Tau communicating with its Ten-Year Plan and action strategies? First, I believe we are aggressively restating that nursing is a **profession** of great social significance. Our goal is nothing short of improving the health of the public through improved nursing practice. Our statement is clear — there is a direct link between the health of the public and the availability of quality nursing care.

Secondly, Sigma Theta Tau is promoting the image of nursing as a professional practice. Nursing is an academic discipline. Improving practice means increasing the scientific base for our practice.

Thirdly, Sigma Theta Tau presents nursing as a multi-image profession. The researcher, educator, practitioner, administrator, scholar are all roles that nurses play. They are all equally important to the continuous development of the process of nursing. People practice nursing in multiple ways!

Sigma Theta Tau itself portrays an image — an image of an active, committed group of sophisticated nurses who know what they want to do and how to go about it. Part of our image is that of caring. The sheer amount of time contributed to the organization speaks clearly to how much we care. Another part of our image is our willingness to focus on nursing, not nurses. Our goals are not self-serving; they reflect a willingness to tax ourselves to improve practice.

Sigma Theta Tau is also promoting a national image of unity and strength. Our role in facilitating the development of a National Center for Nursing would be enhanced as one activity associated with that image. Other health professionals and legislators frequently refer to us as a collection of splinter groups, disagreeing with each other on vital issues of practice and education. We are, therefore, perceived as weak and needing others to make decisions for us. Bringing nursing organization together under one roof will be a major step forward to changing that image to one of unity. Insuring the independence of the organization housed under that single roof is essential to

strengthening that part of the image. There is much to do to move nursing forward. Organizations with different purposes serving different interest groups are necessary if we are to have strength.

Sigma Theta Tau is clearly an image maker. We are emphasizing the particular image of nursing and nurses. Each of us needs to remain cognizant of this membership responsibility. At a local, regional and national level, let each of us remain clear and convincing as we link a quality nursing practice and the health status of the public. Let each of us facilitate unity and strength within nursing by promoting the National Center for Nursing.



Region 4 Assembly — Columbus, OH — (Left to Right) Dr. Carol Lindeman and Dr. Jeannette Spiro discuss issues during the "Meet the Press" session.

1982 Activities of the Society

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1982 was marked by significant progress for Sigma Theta Tau at the chapter and national levels. At their October 29 and 30 annual meeting, the National Council and Committee Chairs reviewed and assessed the activities and data of the past year and planned for 1983. Some highlights of 1982 follow.

Members and Chapter Growth

Thirty-three new chapters were chartered, two charters were amended to add three additional universities and more than 10,000 new members were inducted in the societies 161 chapters. Renewing members increased to 30,000 and 20 chapters report more than 500 active members. Thirty-two Honor Societies have submitted applications for consideration of their eligibility to become chapters. More than 700 members were involved in developing the 33 new chapters to support their growth.

Member and Chapter Involvement

Member participation at chapter and national level continues to increase. In addition to the more than 1,200 elected leaders, chapters report an attendance of more than 50,500 members at 560 scholarly programs and awarded grants totaling \$73,000. National programs report an attendance of 700 at the 26th Biennial and more than 1,500 at regional programs including Writer's Seminars, research conferences and regional assemblies. National research grants totaling \$21,500 were awarded. In 1982, there were 3,800 contributors to the research and building funds and these funds increased by \$62,000. Manuscripts submitted for *Image* review increased from 50 in 1981 to more than 145 in 1982.

Three month evaluations were sent to participants in regional Writer's Seminars. Summary statements derived from data tabulated from ten seminar evaluations forms include:

- 55% from schools of nursing, 28% from hospitals, 6% community health and 12% from other settings.
- 77% of the participants were 25-44 ages
- 77% held a Master's degree and an additional 9% held a doctorate
- 55% obtained their basic nursing education from a baccalaureate program.
- 66% of registrants reported follow-up actions in relation to publishing.
- 23% had written an article or book.
- 24% developed parts of books or articles.
- 14% had outlined an article or book.
- 6% had sent a letter of inquiry.

- 34% had taken no action in relation to publishing.
- 88% forecast publishing activity in the next six months.

Eight chapters in the Boston area are co-operating to host the October 1983 Biennial which will celebrate Sigma Theta Tau's 60th anniversary.

National Center for Nursing

Sigma Theta Tau is spearheading the development of a National Center for headquarters offices and support services for national nursing organizations. The proposed National Center can provide opportunities for increased communication, cooperation and collaboration between separate autonomous nursing associations and can serve as a National resource center for nursing information.

The Indianapolis Community offers to finance the project in Indianapolis and plans to raise the funds to develop the Center through a partnership between the public and private sectors including the city, university, industries, foundations and volunteer organizations.

Currently, 25-30 nursing organizations are exploring the concept and the value and support the National Center can provide for member access and services. Re-location and long-range planning committees appointed by many of the organizations are collecting data on the effectiveness, efficiency, economy, resources and networking potential of the Center. Several organizations have sent letters of intent and interest in participation in the Center. In 1983, the agendas of boards and policy making groups of various additional national nursing organizations will include consideration of this invitation to locate their national offices in the National Center.

The Center concept addresses some of the communication, cooperation and collaboration problems that have limited nursing effectiveness, which were identified by a 1975 Sigma Theta Tau study. The Center promises to have a historic and positive effect on American Nursing and Health Care.

Additional information on the development of the National Center for Nursing is available on request from the National Office.



Members Volunteer for Ten Year Plan

Members returned the Opportunity Checklist with their renewal forms and volunteered for 8,900 activities to implement the Ten Year Plan.

- 1,360 members volunteered for activities to increase the development and utilization of research,
- 3,500 volunteered for strategies to increase public and professional information,
- 1,600 checked activities to expand publication and the library,
- 2,440 indicated their willingness to participate in activities to expand Sigma Theta Tau programs and support development.

National Officers, editors, committees, staff and chapter officers are reviewing the volunteer lists to plan for ways to involve the maximum number of our talented members and resources at the chapter and national level.

Madrid Research Congress

Sigma Theta Tau is planning to sponsor the first research conference outside the United States July 7-8, 1983. The Spanish-American Research Congress will be co-sponsored with the Universidad de Complutense in Madrid. Members will have the opportunity to participate in a two week study tour incorporating the research congress July 5-19 or in a one week group travel. Abstracts for consideration for the seminar "Dissemination and Utilization of Nursing Research" are due January 15 with notice of acceptance by March 15. Additional information is available on request from the National Office.



October Council Meeting (Left to Right) 1. Jacqueline Fawcett, Research Chair, and Nadine Nelson, Nominating Chair. 2. Peggy Chinn, Press Task Force, and Mary Ann Curry, International Task Force. 3. Susan Steckel, 1st V.P., Beth Vaughan-Wrobel, 2nd V.P., and Luther Christman, Development Chair. 4. Betty Thomas, Finance Chair.

Post-Biennial Convention Research Conference Planned

by Jacqueline Fawcett, Chair
National Research Committee

Sigma Theta Tau is sponsoring a Post-Biennial Convention Research Conference on Saturday, October 15, 1983. The conference is being modeled after the Sigma Theta Tau Regional Writers' Seminars and the Regional Research Conference held in Philadelphia in 1982. The conference is being designed to supplement, not compete with, individual chapter research days. The theme of the conference is "Dissemination and Utilization of Nursing Research."

The one-day conference will include a keynote address dealing with the conference theme; concurrent presentations of nursing research followed by group discussion of the immediate and/or long-range applicability of each study for nursing practice; poster sessions featuring nursing research findings; and a luncheon address dealing with clinical nursing research.

A Conventional History Lesson

Encore! Encore! The 27th Biennial returns to Boston for the third time since the inception of national Sigma Theta Tau conventions in 1929. The outstanding difference between Boston's past (1951 and 1961) and present is chapter growth. The 16th Biennial was hosted solely by Theta. Eight chapters encompassing Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island are co-sponsoring the 1983 event.

The 1961 program focused upon post graduate education. Interestingly, as the first rumblings of social upheaval and the women's movement were felt, Dr. Leo Simmons delivered "Past and Potential Images of the Nurse in a Changing Society."

Fourteen years and seven conventions later, the Houston Biennial "Avenues in Action" identified gaps occurring in nursing. Dr. Lucie Young Kelly's keynote on future direction, "What's at the End of the Road?"

"Leadership in Action", the next biennial in 1977, concentrated on strategic approaches. The setting — Washington, D.C. — was aptly chosen.

The 25th 1979 Biennial theme "Leadership in Action" was repeated in name only. Future oriented in nature, the elements of leadership were analyzed from varying perspectives: education, research, and practice.

Presentations by eleven top national nursing innovators structured the most recent biennial "Scholars in Action".

The upcoming 1983 Biennial, "Image Makers: Richness in Diversity" promises to equal and surpass previous programs. It will form its own special place in the dynamic history of Sigma Theta Tau Conventions.

Pamela Worobel (Alpha Chi)
1983 Convention Planning Newsletter
Editor

Convention Announcements

Convention Announcements — April 15 is due date for suggestions to Nominating and Bylaws Committees and for Founders Awards and Honorary Member Nominations.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee invites chapters and members to submit names for consideration for the 1983 ballot. Nominations are open for the following 23 offices: President-Elect, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Coordinating Committee (7 members from 7 Regions), Research Committee (15 members), Nominating Committee (5 members). All elected positions are for a two-year term. Elections will be held during the October Biennial Convention. Information regarding qualifica-

Convention Update

Call for Abstracts

1983 Post-Biennial Convention Research Conference

Nurse researchers are invited to submit abstracts of completed or on-going research for consideration for the 1983 Sigma Theta Tau Post-Biennial Convention Research Conference.

Announcement

DATE: Saturday, October 15, 1983
LOCATION: Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA
SPONSOR: Sigma Theta Tau
THEME: Dissemination and Utilization of Nursing Research

Abstracts

DEADLINE: May 1, 1983
LENGTH: Limited to one single-spaced, typed page.
CONTENT: A statement of the research problem and hypotheses.
—Methodology, including sample size.
—Findings.
—Implications for dissemination and utilization of the results.
—Indicate if presentation is for a **concurrent research reports session** or for a **poster session**.
Send abstracts to Nell Watts, Executive Officer, Sigma Theta Tau, 610 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46223.

Call for Videotapes Images Which Portray the Richness and Diversity of Nursing

Sigma Theta Tau is inviting videotape segments depicting images of nurses in their multiple roles. Of particular interest is material portraying the unique images and activities in diverse situations.

The situations should stimulate discussion about the innovative and productive roles of nurses as they influence the health care of the public. Examples of various roles for nurses are in the area of practice, research, education, and scholarship. Videotapes invited could project the nurse as a practitioner, writer, speaker, counselor and community member, scientist, theoretician, and collaborator in health care policy.

For Presentation: A collection of the tapes will be edited and compiled for national presentation during the 1983 Convention in Boston.

Audience: Premier showing to 1500 national leaders in nursing and distribution to 161 chapters nationally in one-half of the university and collegiate programs of

nursing in the country.

Format: Segments of one- to five-minutes filmed on 3/4" videotape, slides or other film mediums.

Vintage: The situation should be from 1980 to the present.

Credits: Credits will be given to the sponsoring agencies or persons whose tapes appear in the final film collage.

Deadline: May 1, 1983

Sigma Theta Tau National Headquarters
c/o Dr. Helen M. Ference,
3rd Vice President
610 Barnhill Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46223

Reviewing: Reviewing of the video scenarios will take place during the month of May and June, 1983. Participants who have been awarded inclusion in the film collage will be notified in early fall, 1983. Copies of the film presentation will be given to contributors of the clips used.

tions, responsibilities and process for recommending nominees are available from the National office. Forms will also be sent to each Chapter President.

Nominations are due by April 15 to: Nadine Nelson, Nominating Committee Chair, c/o Sigma Theta Tau, 610 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46223

Bylaws

Proposed bylaw amendments for consideration by the National Bylaws Committee are due by April 15. Bylaws amendments will be submitted to the 1983 House of Delegates for action during the Biennial Convention.

Founders Award Nominations

Founders Awards nominations are invited for consideration for seven awards. Nomination forms are available from the National office and are due by April 15. Supporting documentation is due on each nominee by May 2, 1983. Awarded in honor of the six founders and the director of the school of nursing, the following awards will be presented: **Marie Hippensteel Lingeman Award** for excellence in nursing practice; **Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award** for excellence in research; **Elizabeth Russel Belford Award** for excellence in education; **Edith Moore Copeland Award** for

creativity; **Mary Toole Wright Award** for leadership; **Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award** for fostering high professional standards; and the **Ethel Palmer Clarke Award** for the chapter whose efforts during the biennium best fulfills the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau.

National Honorary Membership Nominations

Honorary membership is awarded by the Council. Any active member through a chapter or the Council may nominate for honorary membership persons who are not eligible for regular membership in Sigma Theta Tau but who have gained national recognition in the field of nursing or in any field contributing to nursing. The names of the nominees should have supporting data regarding their outstanding contributions to nursing and should be submitted to the Council by April 15.

Regional Media Awards for Public and Nursing Journalists

Criteria for the media award entries will be available in January. The deadline for the entries will be August 15.

Chapter Newsletter Competition

Categories for the competition will be available in January. The deadline for the entries will be August 15.

Highlights from the Fall Regional Assemblies

More than 700 members attended the Fall Regional Assemblies in Columbus, OH, Garden City, NY, Birmingham, AL and Kansas City, MO. They provided a stimulating mini-convention program format focusing on "Shaping the Scholarly Image." Keynotes: Dr. Carol Lindeman, Dr. Beatrice and Dr. Philip Kalisch; Dr. Cecilia Cantrell and Dr. Connie Curran presented the "Emerging Images of Nursing."

Each Assembly hosted thought provoking "Meet the Press" forums established to discuss nursing issues from the public media's perspective and interest. Topics of discussion included: health care costs, nursing research, patient contracting, patients' rights and a myriad of other issues.

The first annual Regional Media Awards were presented during the Assemblies to recognize outstanding journalistic coverage of nursing issues in both the public and the nursing press. The awards program was initiated this year to recognize excellence in media coverage.

Public Media Awards

Region 4: Barbara Varro, reporter *Chicago Sun Times*, "Quelling Unrest in Ranks of Nursing" (a comprehensive look at the various aspects and changes in nursing).

Region 5: New York Counties Registered Nurses Association District 13 — Diane Mancino and Paula Tedesco, "Tune-in to Nursing Programs" (a monthly hour program on women's health on WBAI-FM Radio).

Region 3: Joan Kent, feature writer, *New Orleans Times Picayune/States Item*, "Stress Specialists Helps to Cool Off Nurse Burnout" (a comprehensive look at critical care nursing).

Region 2: James Denney, writer-photographer *Omaha World Herald Sunday Magazine* entry, "The Nurse Who Knows Her Patients" (human in-

terest story on graduate nurse students at the U. of Nebraska).

Special Recognition

Region 4: Lorraine J. Henke Jones, Assistant Prof. Sch. of Nsg., Ball State U., "On the Level" (an educational series on teenagers' personal and social growth).

Region 2: M. Theresa Shaefer, Assistant in Instruction, U. of Iowa, Col. of Nsg., entry "The Community of Iowa Nurse Contributor Media Project" (a marketing project soliciting nursing's involvement in writing for the public press).

Nursing Media Awards

Region 4: Connie Curran, RN, Ed.D., Associate Dean, Sch. of Nsg., Medical College of Wisconsin "Alive at Five" (a nightly news segment on nursing and health care on WITI, Channel 6 in Milwaukee, a CBS affiliate).

Region 5: Gary Goldenberg and Mae Rudolph, Managing Editors of *SNC, Journal of the Sch. of Nsg.* at Columbia U.

Region 3: Paula Zahn, reporter-producer with KPRC-TV, Channel 2 in Houston, an NBC affiliate, "The Nursing Shortage Cries for Help" (a three part series on why nurses are leaving the profession and burnout).

Region 2: Dr. Jeanette Lancaster, RN, and Dr. Wade Lancaster, entry "Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice: The Nurse As A Change Agent" (C. V. Mosby Company).

The second day of the Regional Assemblies focused on chapter leader development and active ways chapters are currently implementing the Sigma Theta Tau Ten Year Plan action strategies.

Editors Note: Dr. Marilyn Rawnsley's, Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Department of Nursing, University of Lowell, title was listed incorrectly on the Region 5 Program Highlights in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Reflections*.



Top: Dr. Susan Steckel, First Vice President challenges members to take an active role in changing nursing's image through the action strategies of the Ten Year Plan. Dr. Steckel keynoted the Leadership Development day during the Region 5 Assembly in Garden City, NY.

Bottom: Second Vice President, Dr. Beth Vaughn-Wrobel responds to the press during the Region 3 Assembly at the University of Alabama, Sch. of Nursing, UAB in Birmingham.

Member News

Nancy J. Brent, R.N., J.D. (Alpha Lambda) has opened a law firm, Nye, Brent and Shoenberger, Limited, which concentrates its practice in health and human service law. The firm is located in Chicago.

Michael Allen Carter, R.N., D.N.Sc. (Alpha Kappa) has been appointed Dean of the College of Nursing at the U. of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in Memphis.

Darlene Dommel (Zeta) has been appointed by Governor Al Quie to the Minnesota State Council for the Handicapped.

Helen Erickson (Rho) was awarded the Amoco Outstanding Teacher Award at the U. of Michigan's annual faculty recognition program. A doctoral student at the U. of Michigan School of Education, Erickson is currently Interim Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies at the U. of Michigan School of Nursing.

Beverly Flynn (Alpha) recently returned to Indiana U. School of Nursing from a sabbatical leave at the U. of Cambridge in England. Flynn was the first nurse involved as a Fellow Commoner at Churchill College and a visitor with the Dept. of Community Medicine.

Joan Mary Ganong, R.N., Ph.D. (Alpha Alpha) has become the President of the W. L. Ganong Company, Healthcare Management Consultants, Chapel Hill, NC.

Dr. Barbara C. Hansen (Rho), Professor and Associate Dean of the School of Nursing, U. of Michigan, has accepted the position of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, and Dean of the Graduate School of Southern Illinois University, effective Jan., 1983.

Linda M. Mowad (Epsilon) was recently appointed Clinical Nurse Specialist, East Orange General Hospital, East Orange, NJ.

Dr. Mary-Charles Santopietro (Kappa) has been appointed Clinical Director for Mental Health Nursing at Suburban Hospital Association, Bethesda, Maryland. **Roberta M. Conti**, R.N., M.S. (Pi), Asst. Administrator for Nursing created the new position recognizing the need for nursing leadership in mental health-psychiatric nursing in a hospital setting.

Darlene Paduano, R.N., M.S.N. (Alpha Omega) was elected President Elect of the American Association of Diabetes Educators in Sept. 1982.

Eleanor Palermo Sullivan, R.N., Ph.D. (Delta Lambda), Asst. Dean, School of Nursing, U. of Missouri-St. Louis, was named Distinguished

Alumna of 1982 by Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, School of Nursing.

Jo Joyce Tackett, M.P.H.N. (Epsilon Eta) has been named Chairperson of the Division of Nursing at McKendree College, Lebanon, IL.

Joseph J. Tomaino (Kappa) has been selected for inclusion in the 1982 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

Mary Grace Umlauf, R.N., B.S.N. (Epsilon Theta) has been selected to receive a Veterans Administration Health Professional Scholarship to apply to her masters degree at the Texas Woman's U. in Dallas, TX.

Duane Walker, R.N., M.S. (Beta Gamma), Director of Nursing Services at Stanford University Hospital, will serve as chairperson of the interim executive committee of the National League for Nursing's new Council of Nursing Service for Hospitals and Related Facilities.

Mary F. Woody (Alpha Epsilon), Dean of the School of Nursing, Auburn University, AL, has been re-elected chairperson of the Board of Directors of the American Journal of Nursing Company.

Pamela J. Brink (Gamma Tau), a distinguished nurse-anthropologist and researcher, has been appointed visiting professor in the University of Iowa College of Nursing.

Recent Doctorates

A listing of chapter members who have received doctorates within the last year is a regular feature.

- AL.** CHARLOTTE ANN SKELTON PITTS, Ed.D. (Nu), Phoenix City, "Predicting Student Performance on State Board Test Pool Examinations for Graduates of a Career Mobility Associate Degree Program." Doctorate from Auburn University, Auburn, AL, March, 1981.
- AZ.** ALICE M. TRIPP, Ph.D. (Beta Mu), Tucson. "A Comparison of the Effect of Conventional and Complex Multiple-Choice Options on Item Difficulty and Discrimination." Doctorate from the Department of Educational Psychology and Research, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, October 1982.
- CA.** JO ELLEN MURATA, Ph.D. (Gamma Tau), Los Angeles. "Delinquency and the Mexican American Family: Predication and Prevention." Doctorate from University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, October 1982.
- FL.** MARIE E. COWART, Ph.D. (Beta Pi), Tallahassee, "A Comparison of Attitudes, Working Conditions, and Nursing Practice of Foreign Nurse Graduates and U.S. Nurse Graduates in Florida." Doctorate from Columbia University School of Public Health, New York, NY, 1982.
- IL.** DENISE W. BENTON, Ph.D. (Alpha Lambda), Chicago. "Students' Views of Nurses and Nursing." Doctorate from University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Chicago, IL, September 1981.
- IL.** MAUREEN E. SHEKLETON, D.N.Sc. (Gamma Phi), Chicago. "The Effect of Preoperative Instruction in Coughing and Deep Breathing on Postoperative Ventilatory Function." Doctorate from Rush University, Chicago, IL, 1982.
- IL.** JANICE MARY STANISLAWSKI ZELLER, Ph.D. (Alpha Lambda), Chicago. "Effects of Methotrexate on Macrophage Function and Metabolism." Doctorate from the University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Chicago, IL, December 1981.
- KY.** RUTH B. CRADDOCK, D.S.N. (Alpha), Louisville. "Women's Health Beliefs about Breast Cancer: An Assessment of a Five Year Teaching Program in Breast Self-Examination." Doctorate from University of Alabama in Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, June 1982.
- MD.** CDR KAREN A. RIEDER, D.N.Sc. (Kappa), Bethesda. "The Relationship Among Attitudinal, Perceptual, and Behavioral Factors as Indicators of Hospitalized Patients' Participation in Care." Doctorate from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., May 1982.
- MA.** MARY ELIZABETH EDDY, Ph.D. (Theta), Boston. "Perceptions of Work Climate at Baccalaureate Schools of Nursing Utilizing Open Curriculum Practices." Doctorate from University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, May 1982.
- MA.** ROSEMARY M. KRAWCZYK, Ph.D. (Alpha Chi), Boston. "Moral Development of Nursing Students in Three Different Baccalaureate Programs." Doctorate from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1982.
- MA.** PAMELA GAHERIN WATSON, Sc.D. (Theta), Boston. "The Effects of Short Term Post Operative Counseling on Cancer/Ostomy Patients." Doctorate from Sargent College, Boston University, Boston, MA, May 1982.
- MN.** BRENDA HARAM CANEDY, Ph.D. (Chi), Minneapolis. "Definition, Maintenance, and Spanning of Boundaries: Case Study of a Nursing Service Department." Doctorate from University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, August 1982.
- MS.** M. JANET MARTIN, Ed.D. (Gamma Lambda), Hattiesburg. "Relationship Between Perceived Stress Levels of Life Change Events of Adults Prior to Re-entering College and Academic Success in College." Doctorate from University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, May 1982.
- MO.** KAREN MITCHELL, Ph.D. (Delta Lambda), Kansas City. "The Relationship of Selected Cost Factors and Teaching Activities in Community Hospitals." Doctorate from University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Education, Kansas City, MO, Fall 1982.
- NE.** NORMA MORGAN, Ph.D. (Theta), Omaha. "An Economic Analysis of Selected Hospice Programs." Doctorate from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, July 1982.
- NJ.** MARILYN JEAN (PLYS) HAUSER, Psy.D. (Alpha Tau), Cranbury, NJ. "Profiles of Widowhood: Characteristics of Widows Related to Bereavement Outcome Scales." Doctorate from Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers The State University, New Brunswick, NJ, October 1982.
- NY.** MARIANNE D. BORELLI, Ph.D. (Upsilon), Pelham. "The Effect of the Practice of Meditation by Eight to Eleven Year Old Children on Their Trait Anxiety and Self-Esteem." Doctorate from New York University, October 1981.
- NY.** JUDITH ANN MORAN, D.N.Sc. (Alpha Chi), Mineola. "Factors Associated with Psychosocial Stress in Postoperative Aortocoronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Patients." Doctorate from University of California, San Francisco, CA, January 1982.
- NY.** KATHERINE R. WILLIAMS, Ed.D. (Alpha Zeta), New York. "Major Trends in Public Health Nursing 1902 to 1925: The Transition from Specialized to Generalized Practice." Doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, October 1981.
- NC.** SUZANNE P. MURPHY, Ph.D. (Alpha Omicron), Charlotte. "Factors Influencing Adjustment and Quality of Life of Hemodialysis Patients: A Multivariate Approach." Doctorate from University of Illinois-Medical Center Campus, Chicago, IL, June 1982.
- OH.** PERRI J. BOMAR, Ph.D. (Delta Omega), Akron. "Job Stress and Coping Behaviors of Nurse Faculty Members in Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs." Doctorate from The University of Akron, Akron, OH, May 1982.
- OH.** MADELINE MARTIN, Ed.D. (Beta Iota), Cincinnati. "Effects of Verbal Feedback vs. Written Feedback on Student Achievement." Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, August, 1982.
- OH.** NANCY OPIE, D.N.S. (Beta Iota), "A Comparison of Parents versus Professional Perceptions of Parents' Behavior." Doctorate from Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN August, 1982.
- OK.** JUANITA CUSACK QUINN, Ed.D. (Zeta Delta), Tulsa. "Physical Therapist Intervention with the Total Hip Replacement Patient: The Effect of Preoperative Instruction of Postoperative Recovery Rate." Doctorate from Tulsa University, Tulsa, OK, December 1981.
- PA.** KATHLEEN BOLLEN AMMON, Ph.D. (Eta), Pittsburgh. "A Case Study of Undergraduate Nursing Faculty Team Members Using Diagnostic Supervision as a Resource for Faculty Development." Doctorate from University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, August 1982.
- PA.** MARION A. DOUGAN, Ed.D. (Beta Sigma Loretto. "Utilizing Kolb's Inventory as a Partial Base for Individualizing Learning/Career Opportunities for Registered Nurses." Doctorate from The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, August 1982.
- PA.** BERYL B. JACKSON, Ph.D. (Eta), Pittsburgh. "Life Satisfaction of Black Climacteric Women in Relation to Specific Life Events." Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1982.
- PA.** CAROLYN SHINSKY SCHMIDT, Ph.D. (Eta), Pittsburgh. "A Comparison of the Effectiveness of Two Nursing Models in Decreasing Depression and Increasing Life Satisfaction of Retired Individuals." Doctorate from University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, July 1982.
- TN.** WYNELLA B. BADGETT, Ed.D. (Epsilon Sigma), Johnson City. "Identification and Comparison of Characteristics of the Male and Female in Professional Nursing Programs in Tennessee." Doctorate from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, August 1982.
- TN.** CHERYL LORANE COX, Ph.D. (Beta Theta), Memphis. "An Interaction Model of Client Behavior: Formulation and Test." Doctorate from University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, May 1982.
- TX.** JANE COOPER EVANS, Ph.D. (Delta Kappa), El Paso. "A Study of the Cognitive Style Profiles of Baccalaureate Nursing Students." Doctorate from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, May 1982.
- TX.** NORMA NEAHR WILKERSON, Ph.D. (Epsilon Theta), Austin. "Effects of Two Preinstructional Strategies on Cognitive Learning of the Roy Adaptation Model of Nursing." Doctorate from University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, May 1982.
- TX.** ELIZABETH HAHN WINSLOW, Ph.D. (Beta Beta), Dallas. "Oxygen Consumption and Cardiovascular Response in Normal Subjects and in Acute Myocardial Infarction Patients during Basin Bath, Tub Bath, and Shower." Doctorate from Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, August 1982.
- Correction:** Sister Marita Callahan, S.P., Holyoke, MA, received her doctorate in Education from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, not from The Catholic University of America as reported in Sept.-Oct. *Reflections*.

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

Alpha Omicron Chapter at St. Xavier announces Madeline Leininger as Keynote for the Third Annual Sr. Annette Walsh Symposium on May 5, 1983. The theme is "Transcultural Nursing" for the program scheduled at St. Xavier, Chicago.

Alpha Sigma Chapter presented its outstanding senior award to Brian Loeppky. He was cited for his academic achievements and leadership ability during the May Induction Banquet.

Epsilon Beta Chapter, Fitchburg State College, is having an information sharing Open House in December for nursing students and nurses in the community who are interested in learning more about the honorary.

Epsilon Psi Chapter at Radford University, School of Nursing and the Alumni Association sponsored a Research Presentation on October 2.

Alpha Mu Chapter at Case Western Reserve University hosted their Fall Clinical Day November 12 with Jo Eleanor Elliott as Keynote. Elliott serves as Director, Division of Nursing, US Public Health Service. The Conference theme dealt with "Clinical Nursing: Issues and Trends."

Kappa Chapter, Catholic University of America, presented its second annual Excellence in Nursing Awards to members Dr. Faye G. Abdellah and Mary Blackburn Walsh.

Alpha Zeta Chapter at Columbia University, will sponsor its annual Research Day Conference March 5, 1983, at the University

Health Science Library. The theme is "Discovering Research Questions in Everyday Clinical Practice," with Dr. Marilyn Oberst, Director of Nursing Research, Memorial Sloan Kettering, as keynote.

Gamma Pi Chapter's third annual Nursing Research Conference met in August at the College of Nursing, University of Nebraska-Omaha. Keynote speaker was Florence Downs, Ed.D., speaking on "Nursing Research in the 80's," and Mara Baun, RN, D.N.Sc., describing her research on "The Cumulative Effects of Sequential Endotracheal Suctioning on Selected Indices of Cardiopulmonary Status."

Gamma Alpha Chapter at Loma Linda University presented "Diagnostic Nomenclature in Nursing" November 18 with Sr. Callista Roy, RN, Ph.D., as speaker. This is the first in a series of presentations with future topics including: practice issues related to nursing diagnosis, how shall we teach nursing diagnosis?, and how shall we test and validate a nomenclature system?

Epsilon Gamma Chapter at Wichita State University SON along with the Department of Nurse Clinician and the Center for Continuing Health Education, sponsored a one-day program entitled "The Second Midwest Self-Care Day" on October 16. Educators, researchers and scholars met to share with each other on how self-care concepts are used in these and other areas.

Beta Delta Chapter at the University of Oklahoma became a Chapter-at-Large with

Central State University and Oklahoma Baptist University. The Revised Chapter ceremonies were held in April 1982, with Dr. Carol Lindeman presiding as Installing Officer. That evening 93 members were installed including alumni from CSU and OBU along with students from all three schools. The Chapter's October meeting focused on Nursing's Image. Mary Jane Madden, R.N., Ph.D., was the keynote.

Beta Iota Chapter, University of Cincinnati held their Annual fall meeting in November. Dr. Carol Lindeman presented the keynote address, "Shaping our Destiny". Dr. Lindeman stated that nursing can shape its destiny by resolving its differences within the profession and firmly pursue its goals despite outside pressure from other health care professionals.

Delta Gamma Chapter, U. of California, San Francisco will hold The Third Annual Research Conference/Workshop on February 10 and 11. Dr. Anslem L. Strauss will present the keynote. The Conference theme is "The Lens for Discovery: Qualitative Research".

Beta Omicron Chapter and the School of Nsg. Medical College of Georgia will hold a Research Conference "Research in Action", on March 24-25. The keynote speakers will be Mary Conway, Ph.D., Dean School of Nursing, Medical College of Georgia and Ann Burgess, D.N.Sc., Associate Director of Nursing Research, Department of Health and Hospitals of the City of Boston.

Call for Abstracts

Gamma Nu Chapter will conduct their Spring Research Symposium on May 27, 1983, and abstracts related to nursing research should be sent by February 28, 1983, to Theresa Valiga, College of Nursing, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ 07079.

Midwest Nursing Diagnosis Task Force requests abstracts for presentation at their conference, "Key Issues In Practice, Education and Research" to be held September 29, 1983, at the Kalamazoo (MI) Center. Deadline for submission is April 1, 1983. Contact: Louette R. Lutjens, Midwest Nursing Diagnosis Task Force, Borgess Medical Center, 1521 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

Delta Xi Chapter and the Kent State University School of Nursing are sponsoring "Politics in Nursing," the third in a series of Linnea Henderson lecture series on April 21-22, 1983. Abstracts of studies with results applicable to clinical practice, education, or administration should be submitted by January 15, 1983, to Patricia Estok, Ph.D., Chair, Planning Committee, Linnea Henderson

Lecture Series, Kent State U. School of Nursing, Kent, OH 44242.

Delta Omega Chapter and the College of Nursing at the University of Akron are sponsoring the Fourth Annual Research Symposium on April 29, 1983. Papers with relevance to the health of families or individual family members should be submitted by February 15, 1983, to Dr. Perri J. Bomar, College of Nursing, University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325.

Gamma Gamma Chapter at San Diego State University invites abstracts on research in nursing for their program "Advancing Nursing Science," scheduled for April 16, 1983. Deadline for abstracts is February 1, 1983. Write Dr. Sharon McDonald, Research Facilitator, San Diego State U., School of Nursing, San Diego, CA 92182.

Zeta Mu Chapter and the University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing Spring Research Program is planned for April 23, 1983. Reports of completed research including, but not limited to historical, clinical, educational, biobehavioral and theory de-

velopmental should be submitted by February 1, 1983, to Dr. Evelyn Anderson, Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing, U. of San Diego, Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110.

"A nationwide search is underway to seek qualified applicants for the distinguished **Woodruff Fellowships** at Emory University School of Nursing. The fellowships will be awarded in the amount of full tuition to students entering the first year of graduate study in nursing at Emory University, Fall 1983. Criteria include the achievement of a 4.0 grade point average in nursing and nursing supporting courses with high achievement in Liberal Arts, demonstration of high levels of creativity and leadership, outstanding motivation and dedication, and clear potential for enriching the lives of others at Emory University. Deadline date: March 1, 1983."

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Research Notes



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The Elderly in LTC: Protected to Death from Research?

Considerable progress has been made in protecting rights of participants in research, following flagrant violations such as those that occurred when 1) a variety of painful experiments were conducted on Nazi concentration camp inmates during World War II, 2) cancer cells were injected into clients at the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital in 1963 (Katz, 1972); and victims of syphilis were allowed to remain untreated for 40 years (Heller, 1972). In these research endeavors, people did not know and/or had no choice about what was done to them. Progress has taken the form of ethical codes (The Nuremberg Code of 1947), declarations (Declaration of Helsinki of 1961 and a revision, the Declaration of Tokyo in 1975), and extensive regulations (DHHS, 1981), enforced primarily through institutional review boards (IRBs). A document, usually called an "informed" consent, has become the foremost strategy to protect participants in research.

Informed consent is generally understood to require three conditions; the individual must 1) freely volunteer to participate, 2) be mentally competent, and 3) be informed of the risks, benefits, discomforts, and compensation arrangements associated with the research (Ratzan, 1980, p. 35).

Perhaps "progress" has gone too far, particularly where the potential participants are legally incompetent or otherwise unable to give "informed" consent, and risks associated with research are low. When excessively elaborated, written consent mechanisms seem to serve the needs of the subject as little as those of the research (Makarushka and McDonald, 1979). Nowhere is this statement truer than in the case of institutionalized elderly people.

This population is presently understudied. Rehabilitation-oriented programs, including restorative nursing services, tend to be minimal and available only to the most able clients. Clients suffering from common, multiple, functional impairments in the areas of immobility (37%-76%) (NCHS, 1979; Robb, 1982); incontinence (57%) (Wells, 1980); and confusion (58%) (Lawton, 1980) are not considered very able. Under these circumstances research would contribute positively if it did no more than increase the breadth and depth of assessment, including invasive laboratory tests; the number and kinds of programs/interventions tested; and the proportions of residents involved

in making decisions and interacting with people, in this instance, researchers.

Ultimately, the subject's only real protection "depends on the conscience and compassion of the investigator and his peers" (Ingelfinger, 1972). However, the reality is that few investigators believe they are free to act on the basis of their consciences or feelings of compassion. Nurse researchers, in particular, seem compelled to abide by both the letter and spirit of requirements for truly informed consent from people they study. Reasons for this compulsion may relate to the profession's orientation toward care, rather than cure, a relative lack of experience with ruthless competition that prevails in male-dominated professions, and pressures to avoid censure that other professionals, particularly physicians, can tolerate because of the greater power they hold.

Evidence is accumulating to indicate that researchers who abide by conditions and procedures required by IRBs to ensure "informed" consent from elderly people in institutional settings, risk losing entire study populations. (This same evidence also raises questions about consent procedures used by researchers who enroll substantial proportions of elderly populations in their studies.) An evaluation of sweat patches for estimating digoxin levels failed to recruit a single participant (Ratzan, 1981). Of 312 institutionalized clients, 107 were on digoxin. Of these, 47 were eliminated for reasons of gross mental incompetence (60 left); 36 were eliminated for less obvious mental incompetence, that is, inability to give truly informed consent (24 left); and 13 were eliminated by their private physicians — 6 for legitimate reasons, 7 for no reason (11 left). Interviews with the remaining 11 yielded 11 refusals to participate: 9 outright, 1 at the time of the "after-you-have-thought-this-over" interview, and 1 on the day the study was to begin. A study to evaluate the impact of association with companion dogs on a host of psychosocial variables, including depression, managed to recruit only 44 of 100 potential participants, most of whom are not depressed (Robb and Miller, 1982).

Some ethicists (Lasagna, 1977; Ramsey, 1970) have gone so far as to say elderly people in institutions should not be studied,

implying they should remain impaired and those of us confronting old age should do so, fearful of unresolved problems. Other people (Downs, 1967) have suggested research designs should be modified to be less rigorous and, by implication, less fundable.

Simply stated, if avoidance or cancellation of research continue to be the protective devices that are used by researchers to protect rights of impaired elderly people in research, thousands of present and future institutionalized elderly people may well be "protected" to death or to lives devoid of quality.

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Summary Of The Council Actions At The October 29-30 Annual Meeting

Ten Year Plan

- Reviewed the first year progress on the Ten Year Plan, discussed the second year strategies and arranged for a June meeting to establish priorities, timetables and plan for resources.
- Reviewed data from members who returned volunteer opportunity checklists and initiated plans to involve these volunteers in implementing the Ten Year Plan.

Research

- Planned to recognize Sigma Theta Tau Research Award recipients during research luncheons hosted at the ANA and NLN Conventions.
- Initiated plans to present a research session at ICN in Israel in 1985.
- Approved addition of post-convention regional research conference for Boston, October 15, 1983.
- Approved additional professional staff member to have educational and research development responsibilities.
- Continued planning for July, 1983 Madrid Research Congress.

Chapter Development

- Reviewed thirty-two applications for Sigma Theta Tau Charters and approved site evaluation visits for 27 of the petitioning honor societies.

- Reviewed report of data compiled from chapter annual reports and commended chapters on increase in numbers of scholarly programs, grants and awards.
- Arranged schedules for National Officers and Eligibility Committee to make evaluation visits to 28 petitioning schools, January-June, 1983.

Public Affairs

- Approved establishment of a list of complementary subscriptions for *Image: The Journal of Nursing Scholarship* beginning with the January 1983 issue. The list to include senators, governors and university officials.
- Continued the regional Media Awards program in 1983. Awards to be presented to nursing press and the public media in each of the seven regions during the 1983 Biennial Convention in Boston.
- Approved the recommendation to establish categories and to implement a Chapter Newsletter Competition — the Public Affairs Committee will arrange for awards to be presented during the Biennial Convention.
- Directed that a letter indicating inaccuracies and offering resource material be sent to Newsweek regarding the October 25, 1982 article on "Our Under-trained Nurses."

Financial

- Revised the Financial Guidelines to include consultation for chapter treasurers and chapter financial planning.
- Approved a proposal from Balfour Company to offer a new line of specialty jewelry to Sigma Theta Tau members. The Company will advertise the availability through *Image: The Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.
- Reviewed 1981-82 auditors report and commended financial administration and \$152,000 increase in cash of assets.

Biennial Convention

- Accepted the invitation from Indiana chapters to host the Sigma Theta Tau 1985 Biennial Convention in Indianapolis.
- Accepted the 1983 Convention theme "Image Makers: Richness in Diversity."
- Appointed a Media Task Force to solicit and develop A-V materials for presentation at the 1983 Convention.

National Center for Nursing

- Endorsed the National Center for Nursing and attended an information session related to the Center.

Commendation

- Commended the committee chairmen, chapters and staff for the remarkable progress in implementing the first year of the Ten Year Plan.

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