Research Luncheon planned for National League for Nursing Convention

Wednesday, June 12, 1991
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

June C. Abbey and Carole Hudgings are back by invitation. Last year at the American Nurses Association convention, their presentation on information technologies was well received, and they were invited to address the NLN Research Luncheon on June 12.

They will address the use of advanced information technologies, which is critical for nurses to determine patterns from our vast amounts of scientific data. "In today's information age, information is the 'gold standard' of research," says Abbey.

Computers serve as "memory extenders" and physiological monitoring devices act as "sensory extenders," says Abbey. Hudgings will address the use of technologies specifically targeted to assist nurses with nursing research information and scientific literature.

A return speaking engagement by two knowledgeable nursing leaders on information management

Join us at the Stouffer Nashville Hotel, 611 Commerce Street, Nashville, Tennessee (NLN Headquarters Hotel).

Registration at NLN is not required to attend Sigma Theta Tau's Chapter Leader Session or the Research Luncheon.
Our challenge for the '90s

In approving the 'Actions for the 1990s,' the House of Delegates added the 'Resource Development' goal to the goals of "Knowledge Development, Dissemination and Utilization."

A proposal outlining the future leadership potential of Sigma Theta Tau and presenting a national development plan has been presented by the Society's Resource Development Committee, chaired by Virginia George.

Drawn up at the request of the committee, the proposal was developed by Luther Christman, RN, PhD, Dean, College of Nursing and Vice-President, Nursing Affairs, Buck-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago; and Sheldon Garber, Vice-President, Philosophy and Communications, of the same Center.

Pointing out that the leadership potential of Sigma Theta Tau is "the greatest reserve that the nursing profession has," the proposal outlined a concept plan that included establishment of a constituency and a major fund-raising program at local, regional and national level.

In a section of the proposal titled "Background" it is noted:

"In 1979 following a 100% increase in membership in five years, the leadership appointed the planning committee to explore ways to raise the needed funds to support growth and work toward excellence in nursing. In late 1985 the Department of Development was opened, and the first Director, Linda Brimmer, was employed. The successful Knowledge Building Campaign was designed and implemented to raise $5 million dollars to complete the Center for Nursing Scholarship.

In planning for the development of the educational goals, leaders of Sigma Theta Tau have been seen by our educational institutions as an excellent blueprint for a fund-raising program that have been implemented and for those that are needed to support the growth and the programs for the 1990s. I commend Luther Christman for this challenge made 12 years ago and for his wise direction.

Luther added as "To think big."

By Nell J. Watts
RN, MS, FAAN
Executive Officer

Executive Update

Organizations grow and prosper

To do all this requires money. For our society that means philanthropy. Not begging, for we do not seek funds for unnamed, unwarded or unworthy purposes. Philanthropy is an invitation to understanding, to exploration. Our goals on efforts that the donor clearly sees are worthwhile and deserve his or her support. As with any other effort, philanthropy needs organization.

Fund-raising leaders

To raise money is a major responsibility, and we should have the courage to ask for leadership just as that purpose. But there is a difference. Knowledge Building Development should be appointed — that is a task to be served rather than elected. The membership and educational committees do not include people from the Society and from the profession, but should also go beyond to recruit leadership and to explore research areas that recognize the mission of the Society and the help we need. We should take great pains to make sure that we are not just "using people's names" on such a committee, to make sure that it is a working committee that will and can take responsibility for solicitation that are called for to make aspirations become a reality.

At this point, our fund-raising should be national in scope and in purpose. Chapter development councils or committees will have to be formed, but extensive coordination will be necessary if a national program is started and if eventually local programs are undertaken.

Funds for current purposes

In setting out to raise money, we will quickly realize that our purposes break down into purposes of two kinds:

1. We will need funds for projects that will use up the funds in a given period of time, usually a year, that frequently two or perhaps three years. For the fund-raising leaders, let us call these funds for current purposes. They are expendable.

2. A second need can best be met with funds for endowment. Endowment must be raised in order to provide predictable steady support to the work of the organization. Endowment funds are derived from and serve our society's educational, research and professional organizations, and should be familiar in principle to most of our members. A disciplined program, starting with ourselves as members, will have to be undertaken however, if it is to help the Society. Remember, it will too take time.

This kind of philanthropy, selective, careful and long-term, will give the Society new resources to demonstrate its ideals in action. It is private philanthropy and we should not include in our thinking the subject any foundation from which public philanthropy needs organization. An entirely different matter, and philanthropy should be handled separately. The coordination and leadership of fund-raising will be started with a national fund-raising committee for this purpose with membership of stature from both within and outside of our membership. This is an area in which Sigma Theta Tau has the talent. A master plan is a prerequisite. A willingness to do is critical to the outcome. Raising the future level of our efforts will have to be spread out over longer periods of time.

The building of a fund-raising requires a different emphasis and often a different style. Foundations and corporations are rarely prospective for this purpose. The creation of an endowment is primarily an individual or family decision. We will need local help to identify these sources and working with them for National Society goals on long-term support. National society's aggregate personal solicitation will be very important, it too must be sustained. Endowment goals will have to be set in longer cycles, perhaps as five or 10 year expectations that will guide our year by year fund-raising programs.

We members will have to take the matter seriously. Members will find many routes to express their philanthropy.

Deferring giving

One thing is clear. Deferred giving programs will be very important in creating a significant endowment. The word "deferred" doesn't mean that a definite gift is not made. It just means that the giver and his or her beneficiary can still have some income each year and a specified maximum taxable benefit during their lifetime. The designation of the gift principal is firm. Models for these programs exist at most colleges and universities, related professions, some national societies, and organizations, and should be familiar in principle to most of our members. A disciplined program, starting with ourselves as members, will have to be undertaken however, if it is to help the Society. Remember, it will too take time.

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The need for funds

In 1979 following a 100% increase in membership in five years, the leadership appointed the first major Committee, chaired by Christman, PhD, RN, to establish a national fund-raising committee. The purpose of Sigma Theta Tau is to provide the nursing profession with the capacity for moving the profession with the greatest power of all — the power of ideas. As with all professions, the implementation of imaginative conceptual schema must have an economic base. The nursing profession has never had such an economic growth of some of the major professions. However, the time seems ripe for this form of growth also to occur. The growing number of well-prepared nurses provides the critical mass needed to do adventurous things, to explore research areas that require highly sophisticated training, to lift the level of clinical practice far beyond anything so far achieved, to provide behavioral models of career excellence so that many other nurses will be stimulated to emulate the pattern, to provide new formulations of interdisciplinary collaboration so that nurses can contribute more significantly to the care process, and to demonstrate new role expressions of clinical competence to give a visibility to the practice of nursing that can incite the profession. While all of the above does not assure the professional more strongly in that direction, funding mechanisms to catalyze these needed developments is a clinical necessity.

Loyal public needed

The nursing profession has lacked a lay constituency. The inability to develop such support has many factors that are fairly well known. However, Sigma Theta Tau can be the fuelwood for building such a constituency by two major efforts:

1. professional performance and
2. by involving citizens to strengthen the growth of the profession.

This entails a major, disciplined and well-organized fund-raising effort. The symbolic involvement of nurses and non-nurses in an endeavor to assist all nurses to become more socially useful can be the means of accelerating the needed energy enabling nurses to achieve exponential growth in professional competence. Sigma Theta Tau appears to be the only major nursing organization not shackled with "soft" problems, uncommitted by members fearful of bold decisions stimulated by the unknown and the unambiguous, with most members fully prepared for leadership to assure a constant impact of professional goal.

A time for growth

The leadership potential of Sigma Theta Tau is greater than that of any other organization in the nursing profession. Within the Society is the broad range of intellectual leaders that all professions must have. However, there is the capacity for moving the profession with the greatest power of all — the power of ideas. As with all professions, the implementation of imaginative conceptual schema must have an economic base. The nursing profession has never had such an economic growth of some of the major professions. However, the time seems ripe for this form of growth also to occur. The growing number of well-prepared nurses provides the critical mass needed to do adventurous things, to explore research areas that require highly sophisticated training, to lift the level of clinical practice far beyond anything so far achieved, to provide behavioral models of career excellence so that many other nurses will be stimulated to emulate the pattern, to provide new formulations of interdisciplinary collaboration so that nurses can contribute more significantly to the care process, and to demonstrate new role expressions of clinical competence to give a visibility to the practice of nursing that can incite the profession. While all of

The seriousness of establishing an endowment has been raised, and significant gifts to build it must be sought so that predictable steady income can be expected. If you turn around, however, you will quickly grasp what is meant by a "living endowment." Suppose you, as an individual, pledged to give the Society a specific number of dollars each year for many years. Let us be generous and say that you commit $1,000 a year for ten years. The sum of $1,000 is, for the sake of our example, 8% of $12,500. To effect your gift, the fund committee which you are committed is the equivalent of having $12,500 in the endowment fund. By what you do from year to year, you have created a living endowment.

Funds for current purposes

Fund-raising for current purposes is the most difficult task. Projects must be carefully designed, weighted, accepted, interpreted and put in motion. As members, we must consider ourselves the first line of prospect for these funds and realize from our members, various clusters of interest will be interested to respond. Prospects also must come from the profession, related professions, selected foundations, and corporations, individuals and families with special interests, and others who have already shown this interest or who can become interested. Some national special tax laws have been challenged. It is the interest year after year which will determine the future course of our fund-raising. We members themselves. We members will have to take the matter seriously... We members will find many routes to express their philanthropy.

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By Luther Christman, PhD
Reprinted from Reflections, June, 1979
improved information is essential to advances in health. Those who wish to guarantee the continued progress of nursing research and invest in their own future care are invited to contribute to the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library via the "Friends of the Library" program.

Library partners will enjoy the ability to support a unique, state-of the-art facility devoted to the improvement of worldwide health care. Partners will receive elegant INL mementos, an informative newsletter and invitations to participate in health-related, educational and social activities.

The Friends of the Library gift levels are based upon annual contributions. Opportunities also exist to permanently endow and name areas of the INL and Center for Nursing Scholarship. Sigma Theta Tau’s International Nursing Library represents the new frontier of research, which crosses organizational and disciplinary boundaries. As a non-traditional library containing not only books but also electronically stored nursing information and gateways to other databases, it serves as a model which may be replicated by other professions and associations. The $5 million International Center for Nursing Scholarship and the state-of-the-science electronic library offers nurses throughout the world a place to go for continuing education, scientific facts, published and unpublished research data, demographics and other information to improve their abilities to provide care.

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### Abstract guidelines

All abstracts submitted should be 250-300 words in length, and contain sufficient detail and information about the research project or dissertation to obtain a clear understanding of the following:

- Problem statement
- Purpose of the study
- Study objectives or questions
- Design and methodology
- Instrumentation
- Statistics and analyses, and
- Findings and results

In addition, submitted abstracts should meet the following specifications:

- Use 10-12 pitch; no script, italics, or dot matrix.
- Center the title of the abstract at the top of the page.
- Center name and credentials of the author at the top of the page, under the title.
- Allow 1 inch margins on all four sides, and include, on a separate sheet of paper, a maximum of 10 key words that describe the project.

Abstracts and completed Surveys should be submitted to the Library; Faxabstracts cannot be accepted.

### To submit

Individuals currently listed in the nurse researchers database may submit abstracts to accompany their research information by conforming to all abstract guidelines stated above. Please be sure that the title on the abstract is the same as the research project title listed in the database. During the coming weeks, nurses who have indicated interest in having their dissertation information in the electronic INL will be sent directions for providing the abstract and Survey information. Complete directions for submitting all information for these two databases can be obtained from the International Nursing Library, phone (317) 634-8171 or FAX (317)654-8188.

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Nursing Research and Its Utilization

International State of the Science Congress

Nurses are invited to submit abstracts for the conference at 7:00 p.m. on August 6-8, 1992.

PURPOSES AND SCOPE: This State of the Science Congress will celebrate the rapid growth and accomplishments in nursing research internationally over the past decade. The specific purposes include:

• Identify areas in nursing research with substantial growth in the decade.
• Summarize previous research and project future research directions and clinical applications.

There will be papers, symposiums and posters selected through an open call for abstracts. Invited papers will be given at plenary sessions. All paper symposiums and posters will be centered around the themes of nursing research and utilization on:

• Patient/client populations across the life span.
• Human responses/patient outcomes.
• Nursing interventions.

CONFERENCE FORMAT: The conference will include general sessions with invited speakers, as well as research presentations in two formats: Paper and Poster Presentation. Priority will be given to presentations submitted by joint efforts of research clinician-teachers or research teams or research presentations that link research and practice. (Size: single sided, 8½” by 11” inch paper.)

Paper Presentations: A paper presentation is research completed by the time of presentation, usually presented by the first author. It will be grouped according to similar topics around certain themes.

Poster Presentations: A poster presentation is completed on ongoing research at the time of submission; however, results must be presented at the time of the poster presentation.

REVIEW FOR SELECTIONS:

• Submissions that are complete will be reviewed by an appropriate panel of national and international reviewers.
• The planning committee will determine final selection, taking into consideration a balance among conference topics.
• A maximum of two presentations may be given by the same person.
• Unless specified otherwise on a submitted abstract, the first author listed will be expected to present at the conference.
• Research findings must not have been presented at another national or international meeting, or published in a national or international journal.
• Abstracts and presentations are required to be in the form of a poster presentation.
• In order to be reviewed, submissions are required to comply with procedures detailed.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission Deadline: October 15, 1991

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Theta Tau Founder Mary Tolle Wright, the Indiana University Founders' Room total now stands at $60,500.
Several pieces of lovely artwork were recently purchased for the Center's Joan K. Stout Board Room, the Ella Lilly and Company Foundation Reading Room, the Texas Room, and the area over the monumental staircase. These may be endowed by individuals, chapters, or groups, with appropriate signage to be affixed on or beside the lovely, eye-catching pieces. Contact the Development Department for additional information on these giving opportunities.

Mead Johnson Nutritionalss
Perinatal Research Grants
As announced in the last Reflections, the new Mead Johnson Nutritionalss's $10,000 research grant represents a dynamic partnership between that corporation and Sigma Theta Tau. The gift will not only advance perinatal investigations, but will also motivate other health-related corporations to consider investing in nursing research.

The Baxter Foundation Episteme Award and Mead Johnson Nutritionalss's Perinatal Research Grant are exciting steps forward in our quest to acquire philanthropic support for nursing.

Friends of the Library
Past President Vernon Ferguson has been appointed chair of the Friends of the Library Committee. "We welcome her leadership in this important effort."

An elegant Friends of the Library brochure has been produced for use with our external constituents. The committee hopes the publication will attract support from foundations, corporations and other friends of nursing. Sigma Theta Tau members are also invited to become "Friends" to enjoy the recognition and "warm glow" accompanying participation in the program.

The Friends program invites philanthropic contributions. Those who use the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library will pay subscription and user fees, which are now being developed.

The Friends of the Library Board of Directors will host a reception in New York City later this year at which foundations and corporations investing in nursing over the past decade are presented Archon Awards. (The creation of Archon Awards was approved by the Governing Council to recognize exemplary contributions to nursing, health care and/or the larger world community.)

We are all of us aware of the numerous nursing grants awarded by such major foundations as the Helene Fuld Health Trust, Pew Charitable Trusts, Commonwealth Fund, Kellogg Foundation, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (just to name a few), but we also welcome your nominations for other archon recipients.

A Celebration of Nursing Research
August 6-8, 1992
Washington, D.C.

Scholarly organizations co-sponsoring this Celebration of Nursing Research are:
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- American Nurses' Foundation
- American Organization of Nurse Executives
- National Center for Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health
- National League for Nursing
- North American Nursing Diagnosis Association
- Sigma Theta Tau International
- Southern Nursing Research Society
- Spring Publishing Company:
  Annual Review of Nursing Research

Nursing Research and Its Utilization
International State of the Science Congress

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Collegiates are invited to submit abstracts for the conference to be held in Washington, D.C. August 6-8, 1992.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE: This State of the Science Congress will celebrate the rapid growth and accomplishments in nursing research internationally over the past decade. The specific purposes include:
- Identify areas in nursing research with substantial growth in the decade.
- Synthesize previous research and project future research directions and clinical applications.

There will be papers, symposiums and posters selected through an open call for abstracts. Invited papers will be given at plenary sessions. All paper symposiums and posters will be centered around the themes of nursing research and utilization on:
- Patient/client populations across the life span
- Human responses/patient outcomes
- Nursing interventions
- Nursing education
- Professional issues

CONFERENCE FORMAT: The conference will include general sessions with invited speakers, as well as research presentations in two formats: Paper and Poster Presentation. Priority will be given to presentations submitted by joint efforts of research clinician teams or research administration and research presentations. (Size: single sided, 8 1/2 - by 11 - inch paper.)

Paper Presentations: A paper presentation is research completed by the time of presentation, usually presented by the first author. It will be grouped according to similar topics around certain themes.

Poster Presentations: A poster presentation is completed on ongoing research at the time of submission; however, results must be presented at the time of the poster presentation.

REVIEW FOR SELECTIONS:
- Submissions that are complete will be reviewed by an appropriate panel of national and international reviewers.
- The planning committee will determine final selection, taking into consideration a balance among conference topics.
- A maximum of two presentations may be given by the same person.
- Unless specified otherwise on a submitted abstract, the first author listed will be expected to present at the conference.
- Research findings must not have been presented at another national or international meeting, or published in a national or international journal.
- Abstracts and presentations are required to be in English.
- In order to be reviewed, submissions are required to comply with procedures detailed.

Submission Deadline: October 15, 1991
All submissions are required to be received at Sigma Theta Tau International by October 15, 1991.
Send to: Neil Watts Sigma Theta Tau International 550 West North Street Indianapolis, IN 46202 PHONE: (317) 634-8171 FAX: (317) 634-8188

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Student April 1991
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Dean Horns added an announcement about a meeting to determine the need for a support group for students who were directly affected by Desert Shield. Faculty were encouraged to inform their students and encourage their attendance. Other faculty could be invited to offer assistance and support to individuals who had family members and friends serving active duty. Within 24 hours after the notice was posted, four additional faculty members within the School of Nursing volunteered to assist with groups if needed. The support group concept was opened to the campus-wide student body.

Campus planning

As a support group facilitator, I collaborated with the Vice Chancellor for Student Life and with the Counseling Center staff about services offered on campus to the student population. A drop-in counseling service was offered at least two hours each day for students to discuss the Persian Gulf situation. A list of volunteer faculty the Center was compiled from the professional schools such as Nursing, Medicine, Psychology, Social Work, Child and Family Development and Family Relations. A 24-hour Crisis Hotline was established to provide information about the services offered. A resource list was distributed to faculty and posted on bulletin boards throughout the campus. This list included phone numbers, times of emergency counseling services, support groups available (on campus and in the community) and the phone numbers for various branches of military services.

Two nursing majors established Students Supporting the Troops, an organization to show the troops the support they had in eastern North Carolina. The organization also offered assistance and support to individuals who had family members and friends serving active duty. I was invited to present a program about the School of Nursing sponsored support group at the organization meeting.

Two faculty members decorated an artificial Christmas tree in the lobby of the School of Nursing as a commemorative tree for the troops. They provided 365 ribbons for individuals to write the names of their friends or loved ones, using the theme, 'Tie One On 'til They Get Home." Another school on campus used paper dolls hearts on a bulletin board and asked people to write names on the hearts with the theme, "Keep them in Your Heart 'til They Get Home."

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On behalf of the planning committees with members all over Ohio, please know that every effort is being made to make this event one you will long remember as a very positive and enriching experience.

By Joanne S. Stevenson
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The how-to's of writing and getting published will be presented by Donna Diers in a popular four-hour workshop for registrants on Monday, November 11, preceding the convention. Manuscript reviewers will offer hints regarding preparation of papers for publication.

Inspirational awards presentations will be interspersed throughout the four-day convention to individuals for their achievements of doctoral dissertations, research utilization projects, media presentations and research findings. Honorary Members will be inducted from a variety of disciplines.

More than 250 scientific paper and poster presentations will highlight the Scientific Sessions on Tuesday, November 12. Jody Glittenberg will start the day with an exciting keynote based on the day’s theme: “Nurse Scholars: Interfacing with the 21st Century.” Glittenberg is Professor and Chair, Department of Primary Care, University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Nursing in Chapel Hill and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Anthropology at UNC.

Angela Barron McBride, Interim Dean, Indiana U. School of Nursing will keynote the session on Wednesday, November 13 with the day’s theme, “Launching a New Era.” A multitude of symposia will focus on cutting edge, entrepreneurial or innovative issues that relate to collaborative and multi-disciplinary clinical practice, new patterns of education and new information resources.

Vernice D. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Chief Medical Director for Nursing Programs and Director, Nursing Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. will keynote the program November 14. Thursday’s Leadership Sessions’ theme is “Leadership: Visions for a New Era.”

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She has worked as a missionary nurse, researcher, teacher and consultant in Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, the Congo, Cameroon, Guatemala, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. She is well known for her cross-cultural, longitudinal National Science Foundation study of Guatemalan adaptation to the 1976 earthquake.

Glittenberg's other important work includes developing a model of community study and participation in primary health care called, Project GENESIS-A New Beginning, which has been used for more than a decade in community health nursing. She was a leader in establishing the first World Health Organization collaborative center for international nursing at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Three of her co-authored books received the American Journal Book of the Year Award: Out of Uniform and Into Trouble, Out of Uniform and Into Trouble...Still, and The Bicultural Basis of Health. She is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Community and Mental Health, School of Nursing, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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To share your ideas...
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Hyatt Regency at Tampa Center
(Headquarters Hotel)
Two Tampa City Center
Tampa, Florida 33602
(813) 225-1254 (10 minute walk to convention center)

Cost
85 single room
95 double room
105 suite

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Tampa, Florida 33602
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Tampa, Florida 33602
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Miami, Florida 33132
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Hosted receptions

Hosted receptions may be planned after candidates and award winners are announced. Chapters or individuals may choose to host a reception at the Hyatt Regency on Wednesday, November 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Space is available on a first come, first-serve basis. For information on costs, menus and space reservations, contact: Frank Shaffer, International Nurses' Educational Travel 1-(800)267-9220

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Registration forms will be available in the summer.
During 1990-1991, Faye G. Abdelhll, Sigma Theta Tau's Distinguished Research Fellow, has addressed the Regional Assemblies. Her keynote paper will be published. Abdelhll's address focused on policies and goals for restructuring the health care system. She spoke about avenues for health policy research and identifying types of data needed to promote effective policy decisions.

Patricia James' "bravo" response was part of a panel reaction to Abdelhll's address.

In general, I say, "bravo" to nursing's emphasis on policy research.

A. Promotion of policy research may cultivate a more fruitful, more benign nursing discourse among segments in health care.

B. The search for so-called "decisive data" at the "front" for use in policy research may clarify that:

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B. Consider the notion of the irrationals, and then consider that there may be ethnocentric and conceptogenetic harms within nursing but limited to nursing.

Ethnocentric Harm comes about in the very name of ethics. While claiming to be non-judgmental care givers, a nurse may impose unshared values in the very name of ethics.

Conceptogenetic Harms: That the very attempt to develop and use concepts, theories and research results as guides to practice may bring about harm despite intended good. One origin of these conceptogenetic harms may be that sometimes there is inadequate conceptual care so that:

1. Conceptual confusions are not sensed despite their predictable difficulties for agendas, strategies or practice guided by them.
2. Subtle, sometimes learned muddles give false assurance at the verbal or policy level.
3. "Strandulations" occur where we propose to conceive of strandulation as an over fixation on a single strand of concern without due alert in the composing strands. The alert at the very least admits the existence of conflicting strands that are avoided or forgotten.

2. Multiple avenues to the empirical data exist with some avenues more respected for some purposes, but multiple avenues begging due use and consideration for nursing research, policy research or other.

3. Purposeful attention to purpose is more than only an unfortunate biasing element in research. Concepts developed, designed and selected for one purpose may serve political or may do mischief when used for other purposes.

In particular, clearer and closer dealing with policy research may foster a realization of the eccentricity of the relatively unquestioned use for a whole variety of purposes from the ANA Social Policy statement. It includes:

a. nursing's "proper" phenomena of concern — human responses to actual or potential health problem,

b. the exact place of theory in nursing.

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Bravo to policy research promotion but still . . .

I have some reservations to the policy research emphasis:

A. Nursing agendas emphasize home care when we live in a time where:

1. There is often no one at home — given the two-person work forces in many homes.

2. The home may be a nursing home relative to which nursing seems to have been reprehensibly slow at assuming a suitable responsibility, busy as nursing has been with enhancing the status of nursing.

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Proposals for health care professionals claim to aim at securing best provider of care yet nursing lives with institutional policies that do not allow that provision. Consider care allocation and rationing on nursing units.

1. Economic factors should not affect care decisions.

2. Individual practitioners should not make policy relative to rationing.

Staffing responds to budget demands, and there results a virtual rationing of care on nursing units. There is a scarcity of the rationing of the scarce resource of nursing time, energy and priority on an acuity basis in an in-service unit. But when staffing budget is set on current measures of acuity, does that mean all receive care or that care is given by the best provider?

D. Nursing seems opportunistic at times in its agitation for care for the currently fundable groups such as the poor, elderly, children, disabled or AIDS. What about the rest, such as the wives of rich doctors, the middle class middle aged, or men afflicted by some aspect of aging?

E. "Good" research may cause harm because it was not completely conceived, whatever its ingenuity. In a forward-looking academic program on the West coast, a person is linked to care giving in long-term facilities (a teaching nursing home). A device is used for predicting urinary voiding patterns and then prescribes, orders, determines and sometimes delivers to nursing staffs who are the direct care deliverers shall follow the schedules of the various residents and then instruct them. Thus there is nursing in lamends, staff time, etc., along with enhancement of quality of life for the residents and respect for human dignity.

But, who makes any provision for the nursing home assistant so they have the time, schedule flexibility, motivation and patience to carry out the plan? Who plans research with suitable complexity to include these human factors as carefully and in­ten­tly as one deals with urinary output predictions and follow-up?

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Bravo to policy research provided there:

1. Nursing avoids abandonment of caring. It avoids delegating care for the bulk of those in need, — whether to natural care givers (if they exist and can shoulder the delegation), or to show that nursing cannot bother to care for providers giving direct care in nursing homes.

2. Nursing avoids imposition of ethics in the name of policy. Policy may be formed on the basis of pragmatically best and comfortable and often "received") presumptions about absolute or shared ethics. At the same time, there is such emphasis on differences, personalization and individualization of care.

3. Nursing desists from its denial of death, and and regeneration. It dismisses from insisting at least verbally, on the exclusion of the disease/care medical model and think rather in terms of inclusion of emphasis on well-being, life zest, rehabilitation and change of lifestyle. And, nursing does not forget nursing's special role in adding comfort to care and adding the luxury of life, quality, measured and treasured in the smallest of moments and gestures.

4. Nursing becomes ever more willing to see itself allied to other disciplines for caring purposes, however unwilling U.S. nurs­ing has been to see as an "allied health" discipline, so that nursing assumes a fitting leadership in the caring professions.

5. Nursing takes leadership responsibility for developing conceptual and other guides. It supports people providing direct care to the bodies and spirits of the "homed" people. Such people are often called "unskilled" or "bad" for policy, census, staffing and reimbursement reasons. Nursing takes leadership also for helping these care givers' needs in any other ways possible, including giving them due social recognition for their contributions.

6. Nursing helps formulate and support a public policy which will call for comfort care as a component in any care at all. It will help create a climate in which third-party payment will be available to pay for those moments when everything but comfort care can be rendered. The best providers would add to that comfort care with all the ingenuity available (whether or not professionals or nurses or physicians).

7. Nursing sees to allocating nurse power in fashions that attract and keep a proper proportion of its very best — including its Sigma Theta Tau status in vantage points for policy research.

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Regional award winners

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REGION 2

Media Awards

Nursing Media Print:
Mary Herringer, RN, MSN and LaVonne Sopher, RN, MSN, CNE, Iowa Nurse Reporter, “Nurses play hero in an disaster.”

Nursing Media Electronic:
Winfred J. Finch, RN, EdD, Biomedical Communications, Creighton University, “I’m Just the Mother.”

Regional Electronic Award:
Karole L. Meulenberg, RN, PhD, The McMurphy Nursing Project, Betty Briggs, RN, PhD, Ada Sue Hinshaw, RN, C, “Nursing: Check It Out.”

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Marcia D. Graeger, RN, PhD, U of Nebraska Medical Center, “The Use of a Masking Signal to Enhance the Sleep of Men and Women 65 Years of Age and Older in the Critical Care Environment.”

Regional Information Resources

Technology Award:
Karen L. Erickson, RN, Eta Theta, Sigma Theta Tau’s Research Round Table, “Growth Data” presented at the Regional Information Resources Council.

REGION 3

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Innovative Fall 1990 and Fall 1990, St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas.

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Sandra L. Watson, RN, PhD, U. of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, “Child Milton Enhancement/Nursing Demonstration Project.”

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Regional Research Utilization Award:
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Regional Information Resources

Technology Award:
NSA Resource Database and Laboratory, NSA Faculty and Staff, The College of Nursing, University of Iowa.

Chapter Leader Paper:
Renee Grothwold, RN, C, “Nursing:check it Out.”

REGION 5

Media Awards

Nursing Media Print:
New York State Nurses Association, Communications and Publications Department.

Public Media Electronic:
Linda K. Helmsman, RN, MSN, Southeast Missouri Hospital, “You and Your Heart.”

Chapter Leader Paper:
Rajjann Alpers, RN, PhD, Candidate, Gamma Chapter, “Always Elegant, Always Caring. Gamma Chapter.”

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Carol L. Loveland-Cherry, Sigma Theta Tau’s Research Round Table, “Growth Data” presented at the Regional Information Resources Council.

Research Round Table convenes at Sigma Theta Tau International

Representatives from major nursing organizations met at the Center for Nursing Scholarship on March 19-20 to discuss current activities and needs about the future direction of nursing research in the United States.

Participants included representatives from:

American Nurses Association
Lucille Joel
National League for Nursing
Peg Garbin
Nancy Borgstrom
National Center for Nursing Research
Per Rosenfeld
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
Ada Sue Hinshaw
Dorothy Blasing
Patricia Forni
Doris Bloch
Linda Berlin
Jan Heinrich
American Organization of Nurse Executives
Carolyn Zecan
Nursing South Carolina
Carolyn M. Hutcherson
Southern Nursing Research Society
Jennifer Bosma
American Nurses Association
Sigma Theta Tau International
Bijette Brown
Midwest Nursing Research Society
Beth Vaughan-Wrobel
Eastern Nursing Research Society
Nell Watts

Doris Bloch of National Center for Nursing Research explained the NINR research agenda. Dr. William A. Nunn and Joe Having of National Nursing Research Society were also part of the Round Table.

Officers review growth data

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Regional Research Utilization Award:

Suzanne Prevost, "Putting the Findings to Work."

Regional Information Resources: Technology Award:

Dean Teddy Langford and the other nursing faculty associated with the School of Nursing, John H. Texas Tech E. Health Science Center, Lubbock, Karenet Project (Kellogg Affiliated Remote Environments Network) funded by a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant.

Chapter Leader Paper:

Marion G. Anema, "Participating in the Miracle: Beta Beta Chapter's Contribution to the Center for Nursing Scholarship."

**REGION 5**

**Media Awards**

Nursing Media Print: New York State Nurses Association, Communications and Publications Department.

Public Media Electronic:

"Nurses and Politics - They're Not Strangers Anymore."

Nursing Media Electronic:

Catherine Adams, RN, A.D., "MSA: Problems and Solutions in Treating the Mentally Ill Chemically Addicted."

Public Media Print:

New York State Nurses Association, Communications and Publications Department, "Nursing: The Champion of Choice."

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**Research Round Table convenes at Sigma Theta Tau International**

Representatives from major nursing organizations met at the Center for Nursing Scholarship on March 19-20 to discuss current activities and needs about the future direction of nursing research in the United States.

Participants included representatives from:

- American Nurses Association
  - Lucille Joel
  - Peggy Gasper
  - Nancy Bongosin

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
  - Patricia Forri

- American Organization of Nurse Executives
  - Janet Moore

- Southern Nursing Research Society
  - Mary Kay Walker

- Midwest Nursing Research Society
  - Mara Baar

- Eastern Nursing Research Society
  - Gall Harkness

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Indiana University's Center for Nursing Research

Indiana University's School of Nursing has transformed some existing space into its Center for Nursing Research at IUPUI, which will involve faculty on all eight I.U. campuses.

The center includes an 8,000-square-foot research wing with two seminar rooms, a library, a conference room, and an area planned for electronic media.

The center's ultimate goal, according to Dean Angela Bunce McRitchie, is to have an institute where faculty and students can conduct research on a variety of topics as well as conduct research on their own.

McRitchie said the center will provide a gathering place for faculty and students to discuss research and to conduct research, and it will also provide a place for nursing to be discussed publicly.

In the center, research will be conducted on a variety of topics, including patient care, patient education, and health care delivery.

NLM launches ad campaign

The National Library of Medicine has launched an ad campaign listing special resources of their library. The ads focus on AIDS, Cancer, Grateful Dead, Money, and Tri. For more information contact:

The National Library of Medicine

8600 Rockville Pike

Bethesda, MD 20894

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Nursing scholarships campaign for minority students

The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis is launching a $4,000 scholarship for minority students at Indianapolis University. The scholarships are available to applicants who reside in Marion county, Indiana. According to Health Foundation representatives, the definition of "minority" is broad, and may include white minority students.

Application forms may be secured from the Sigma Theta Tau International Program Department.

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Enrollment continues upward climb

Overall, 119,729 students enrolled in baccalaureate nursing programs in 1990-1991, according to the AAN survey. Of these, 78,441 are first-time baccalaureate students, 41,288 are registered nurses returning to school for the bachelor's degree, 318 master's students, and 42 nursing doctoral students.

Though "admissions filled" cited by 76% of schools, faculty shortages were cited by more than 56%, followed by 54% with budget constraints and 56% with insufficient clinical space.

Specialty certification programs from American Board of Nursing Specialties

Eight national specialty nursing certification programs joined together to establish the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS). The goal is to assure quality specialty nursing and increase the public's ability to identify individuals who bring consistent standard of education and experience to their practice. ABNS members agreed to recognize a national standard in operating their programs and awarding credentials.

The ABNS development was accomplished under a grant from the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation. Charter members include the American Board for Occupational Health Nursing, the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing, the American Nurse's Credentialing Center, the American Nurse's Certification Board, the American Board of Orthopaedic Nurse Certification, the American Board of Nurse Anesthetists, the American Board for Pharmaceutical Support Certification, the American Board of Nephrology Nursing Certification Board, and the American Board of Rehabilitation Nursing. Collectively, these eight charter members represent more than 120,000 certified nurses, 65% of all degree holders from other fields who are pursuing the master's degree in nursing for work in advanced clinical specialties. Among the 23,470 students with a previous nursing degree, approximately one-third were sought by 5.6% over last year, while current doctoral enrollment of 2,629 increased almost 20%. More than 17% of first-time baccalaureate nursing students are members of a racial minority group.

Part-time study continues to be the most common educational pattern for all full-time students. Although total master's enrollment increased this year, the number of full-time students decreased 5% compared to 1989.

Students pay their own way

Master's degree nursing students combine their educational programs in an average of 27.5 hours, prepare for work predominantly in adult health care, and have responsibility for 67% of their educational expenses, according to the AAN survey. Most master's degree students work an average of 39 hours per week, and doctoral students average nearly 66 hours weekly to finance their educations.

Within six to nine months after graduation, 96.6% of master's graduates and 95.6% of doctoral graduates in the AAN survey were employed in nursing. Of the 1,530 new master's graduates, 865 were on staff in acute care hospital settings. Of the 69 new doctorates, 50 were employed in a nursing work site.

Copies of the report, A Data Base for Graduate Education in Nursing are $12 (prepaid orders only, postage and handling included) from AAN, One Dupont Circle, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202)463-5930.
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There was a dramatic 36% increase in enrollment and 29% more graduates this year due to faculty shortages and greater budget constraints, according to a report by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

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Sandra R. Mott, Theta Phi, Oakland U., Associate Professor, Boston College School of Nursing; Susan Bowers James, Alpha Chi, Boston College, Group Practice; and Arlene M. Spirehac, Director Nursing Education and Research, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago; wrote the book, Nursing Care of Children and Families. They received the National Jesuit Honor Society Award for the most significant nursing book of their field.

"Prenatal Exposure to Maternal Use of Cocaine: Birth Outcomes, Health Problems, and Child Malreatment in Early Childhood" by Susan Kelley, Theta, Boston C., Kappa, Catholic U. of America, Associate Professor, Boston College School of Nursing; Jane Hopkins Walsh, Comprehensive Child Care Program, Children's Hospital, and Kathleen Thompson, Alpha Chi, Boston College, Ambulatory Care, Children's Hospital, received the writers award from the Pediatric Nursing Journal, 1991.

Appointments


Beverly A. Baldwin, Ph.D., University of Maryland at Baltimore, was appointed to the Sonya Zierikowski Chair of Gerontology Nursing and named as an "Eminent Scholar" of the State of Maryland. The Eminent Scholars Program supports public institutions of higher education in attracting and keeping outstanding faculty who have achieved national eminence in their disciplines.

Dorothy L. Gordon, PM, University of Maryland, has been named Associate Dean for the graduate program at The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. The Dean, Mary Lawler Professor, Gordon has been a member of Hopkins' faculty since 1986.

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Loretta Reinhart, Kappa Sigma, OB/GYN, U., has been appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Nursing at Malone College, Canton, Ohio.

Grants & Scholarships

Cheryl A. Bean, Alpha, Indiana U., Associate Professor, is the project director for the Advanced Nurse Education Program grant from the Division of Nursing for an Oncology Specialization option within the Graduate Primary Health Care Nursing Major at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis. The grant will provide comprehensive course and clinical experiences throughout the cancer continuum. An outreach site in Indiana from the oncology program is planned.

The first recipient of the Salernus District VII Educational Fellowship is Anne Bievenui Brousseau, Delta Eta, U. of Southern Illinois. The $1,000 annual grant was awarded by the NAONE District VII to nurses working in obstetric, gynecologic and/or neonatal nursing for five years. Brousseau is pursuing her doctoral degree in nursing from the University of Southern Illinois at Edwardsville.

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Awards

G. Lorain Brault, Delta Eta, Calif., received the 1990 California Association for Health Services at Home's 1990 Lillian H. O'Brien Award. This award honors her contribution in advancing patient care and improving the entire home health industry.

Joyce C. Clifford, Alpha Chi, Boston College, was the recipient of the award of Honor from the American Hospital Association. Clifford, Vice-President for Nursing and Nurse-In-Chief, is the first nurse executive to receive this award and was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of people through major health service initiatives.

Sharon S. Dittmar, Gamma Kappa, State U. of New York at Buffalo, Associate Professor, was one of the recipients of the New York State/United University Professions Excellence Awards. She is also a member of Leadership Buffalo, Class of 1990.

Eaid Goldberg, Eli, U. of Pittsburgh, received the 1991 Leadership award from theEta Chapter. She recently retired as Dean of the U. of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

Frank Philip Lanumendola, Zeta, U. of Minnesota, received the Assistant Secretary for Health Award from the United States Public Health Service in Washington, D.C. L'amendola, a co-founder, consultant and educator for JOURNEWELL, was presented the award for his outstanding efforts in the care of people with AIDS.

Frank London, Ph.D., U. of Connecticut, has won NOSAN's Writing Award. Her article, "Nursing Diagnoses and Caring for Patients with Sickle Cell Disease" was selected from hundreds of manuscripts. London is the Psychiatric Consultation nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York.

Judith A. Pace, Gamma Phi, Rush U., Assistant Professor, was selected for the 1991 Oncology Nursing Society/Schnetinger Clinical Leadership Award.

Elects

Susan Dean Baer, Gamma Phi, Rush U., begins a two-year term as President of the Board for the Rehabilitation Nursing Foundation of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. She is an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Rheda de Tonvoy, Ruby Zeta, Calif., President of the California Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. de Tonvoy is a member of the 13-member board. de Tonvoy Upon her resignation as dean of the UW School of Nursing, she was named director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Nurse Program. de Tonvoy is the first nurse to serve on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Board.

Gael W. Wohalan, Alpha Zeta, Columbia U., was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Medical Centers of Brooklyn and Queens. Wohalan was also appointed to the National Alumni Board for the Wagner College National Alumni Association. Last year, Wohalan was elected President of the Nursing Educational Alumni Association of Teachers College, Columbia U.

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Governing Council summary

The Sigma Theta Tau International Governing Council met February 22–23, 1991 in Indianapolis, Indiana. A summary of actions includes:

1. Approve the appointment of the Regional Committee Member for Mentoring, effective the 1991-1993 triennium.
2. Establish Sigma Theta Tau Chapter Consultant, with the support of headquarters staff, to introduce prominent nurse researchers and teams as they show the process, goals, outcome and implications of the work.
3. Support the development of a program to seek corporate underwriting (or support for) special named lectures and international awards to be presented at each biennial meeting.
4. Explore the possibility of jointly sponsoring a research grant with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the Oncology Nursing Foundation.
5. Designate the publication activities of the Society's publications as the "Center Nursing Press of Sigma Theta Tau International."

Videos a "cameo" for research

A new video series, "Cameo," will focus on nurse researchers and their applications of their findings in health care. Sigma Theta Tau International, Samuel Merritt College's Studio Three and The C.V. Mosby Company are collaborating for the production of the series. "CAMEO" will be a tool for students and faculty designing research projects to gain "behind the scenes" information on published works. Each video will detail the research process by introducing prominent nurse researchers and teams as they show the process, goals, outcome and implications of the work.

Malcolm Maloof

Malcolm Maloof, Gamma Epsilon, Northeastern U., RN, MS, CRNI, President of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), died January 18, 1991 at his home in Washington, DC. He was 39.

Malcolm was associate professor and Nursing Director at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, DC, where he developed the hospital's center for nursing education and research. He also had held positions as Assistant Hospital Director and Director of Nursing at Montefiore Rehabilitation Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Maloof received his RN (nursing) from Becton College in Fall River, Massachusetts; a BSN from Northeastern University, Boston; and his MS from Boston University.

Lois C. Meier (former National Officer)

Lois C. Meier, Alpha Chapter, died on April 24. Dr. Meier, faculty, Indiana University School of Nursing since 1969, was second vice president of National Sigma Theta Tau 1967-1969. She provided leadership in the establishment of Sigma Theta Tau's first regional conference held at Case Western Reserve in October 1968. Dr. Meier was the first president of Alpha Mu Chapter, chartered at Case Western Reserve in 1966.

Death notices for the following Sigma Theta Tau International members were received from their families and friends. Sigma Theta Tau International pays tribute to these members and expresses sorrow over their deaths.

- Keith Henderson Alexander, Beta Phi, Oregon Health Sciences U., Virginia Arnold, Theta, Boston; Marlon Blow, Alpha Omegs, Dublin.
- Susan Kay Carlowicz, Epsilon, Ohio State U.
- Ernestine Downey, Gamma Kappa, State U. of New York, Buffalo.
- Sandra Diane Felton, Eta, U. of Michigan.
- Linda Gallagher, Delta Tau, St. Large.
- Elizabeth Heffenian, Alpha Nu, Valencia U.
- Blanche Kimbrow, Kappa, Catholic U. of America.
- Dorothy L. Mitchell, Upsilon, New York E.
- Jane Ness, Eta Eta, Yale College of Pennsylvania.
- Elizabeth Reese, Eta Kappa, Washington U.
- Cheryl Reilly, Theta Epsilon, U. of Central Florida.
- Beatrice Hyatt Robinson, Alpha, Indiana U.
- Michele Scanna, Kappa, Catholic U. of America.
- Roma Mary Seyfried, Xi, U. of Pennsylvania.
- Evelyn Sheehan, Theta, Boston U.
- Nancy Shiveles, Alpha Iota, U. of Missouri-Columbia.
- Anne Stimming, Alpha, Indiana U.
- Dixie June Trump, Delta, U. of Texas Arlington.
- Nancy Brock Wutt, Beta Rho, Texas Woman's U.
- Anita Lensack Yorrikson, Theta Phi, College of Wisconsin.
- Susan Deanne Zuhl, Alpha Eta, U. of California, San Francisco.

In Memoriam

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Calendar of Events

Chapter Conferences

Kentucky
September 27, 1991, Louisville
Nursing Research: A Challenge for the 21st Century
Sponsors: Network of Christian Nurses
Contact: Nurses Christian Fellowship, Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895

West Virginia
November 18, 1991, Morgantown
Creating the Future Through Practice, Research and Education
Sponsors: Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Rho Chapter and West Virginia Nurses Association
Contact: Dr. Pamela Dielaggl (304)293-2801

North Carolina
October 15, 1991
Key Aspects of Caring for the Chronically Ill: Hospital and Home
Sponsors: Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Rho, Chapter of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Alpha Alpha
Contact: Ruth Wise, (919) 966-2265

Other Conferences

Minnesota
June 15-19, 1991, St. Paul
North American Conference
Sponsors: Network of Christian Nurses
Contact: Nurses Christian Fellowship, Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895

Washington D.C.
June 29-July 2, 1991
Interactive Healthcare '91 Conference and Exposition
Sponsors: Interactive Healthcare Consortium and the American Journal of Nursing Co.
Contact: (703)354-8155

Colorado
Summer Institute: Adolescent Suicide & Adult Suicide
Sponsor: American Association of Suicidology
Contact: (303)602-9085

Missouri
September 22-26, 1991, Kansas City
15th Congress and Nursing Symposium, Sponsors: Society of Orthopaedic and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc.
Contact: SOHN National Headquarters, (904) 518-1055

Michigan
September 26-29, 1991, Detroit
17th Trancultural Nursing Society Conference
Sponsor: Transcultural Nursing Society
Contact: Madeleine Lietinger, (313)577-4923

Massachusetts
October 17-19, Cambridge
15th Conference: Providing Total Care
Sponsor: Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses
Contact: APON, (800) 379-9150

California
October 17-20, Anaheim
10th Educational Symposium and Annual Meeting
Sponsor: The American Association of Nurse Attorneys
Contact: (310)752-3318

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Deadline - June 1, 1991
North Carolina
National Conference on Gerontological Nursing
Education
January 31-February 1, 1992
Sponsor: Old Dominion University, School of Nursing
Contact: Christine Bein, (804)683-5244

Abstract Deadline - June 3, 1991
Kilombe, Indiana
Psychosocial Nursing Research Conference
September 20, 1991
Sponsors: Marion VA Medical Center Nursing Service and Indiana U. at Kokomo, Continuation in Education in Nursing
Contact: Dr. Linda Haber (317)677-3139

Abstract Deadline - June 5, 1991
Los Angeles
6th Research Conference - 1991
Sponsor: Association of Rogerian Scholars
Contact: (703)354-8155

Abstract Deadline - June 9, 1991
Little Rock, Arkansas
Nursing Research Conference
October 11, 1991
Sponsors: Gamma Alpha, Sigma Theta Tau International, U. of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Veterans Administration Medical Center, T. U. Hospital of Arkansas
Contact: Coramela Beck, (501)663-5734

Abstract Deadline - July 1, 1991
St. Louis, Missouri
15th Research Conference
October 4-9, 1991
Sponsor: Saint Louis University School of Nursing and Delta Lambda (Saint Louis U.)
Contact: Doris M. Edsforth, RN, MSN, Saint Louis University School of Nursing, 5335 Caroline St., St. Louis, MO 63104-1999

Abstract Deadline - July 1, 1991
Nashville, Tennessee
Tennessee 6th Research Conference
February 6-8, 1992
Sponsor: Southern Nursing Research Society
Contact: Barbara Holodzick, (615)345-4570

Abstract Deadline - July 15, 1991
Tampa, Florida
Florida Health Nursing Conference
December 5-6, 1991
Sponsor: Epsilon (New York U.); New York U. Division of Nursing, Alumni and Doctoral Students; and Society of Rogerian Scholars
Contact: Dr. John R. Phillips (212)908-5322

Yolo, Ohio
1st Invitational Forum: Application of Orem's Self-Care Deficit Theory to Nursing Education, Research or Practice
April 3-4, 1992
Sponsor: Medical College of Ohio, School of Nursing and Center for Continuing Nursing Education
Contact: Lorraine Rodgers-Fisher (419)581-5862

Abstract Deadline - Dec. 2, 1992
St. Louis, Missouri
5th Nurse Educator Conference
May 18-19, 1992
Sponsor: Missouri U. School of Nursing
Contact: Irene Kalb, (314)577-8090

Contact: (801)242-5859 or Med Johnson Nutritional Representatives

Abstract Deadline - Aug. 1, 1991
New York, New York
New York Chapter Conference
Sponsor: University of the State of New York, College of Nursing, Department of Nursing, 685 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222

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 Videos a “cameo” for research

A new video series, Cameo '91, will focus on nurse researchers and their applications of their findings in health care. Sigma Theta Tau International members were received from special named lectures and international presentations at the American Journal of Nursing Conference. Dr. Linda Haber (317) 677-3139

In Memoriam

Malcolm Maloof

Malcolm Maloof, Gamma Epilson, Northern Illinois University, RN, MS, CRNA, President of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), died January 18, 1991 at his home in Washington, DC. He was 54. Malcolm was Associate Administrator and Nursing Director at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, DC, where he developed the hospital’s center for nursing education and research. He also had held positions as Assistant Hospital Director and Director of Nursing at Montebello Rehabilitation Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Maloof received his AG (nursing) from Bristol Community College in Fall River, Massachusetts; a BSN from Northeastern University in Boston; and his MS from Boston University.

Lois E. Meier (former National Officer)

Lois E. Meier, Alpha Chapter, died on April 21, 1991. Meier, faculty, Indiana University School of Nursing since 1969, was second vice president of National Sigma Theta Tau 1967-1973. She provided leadership in the establishment of Sigma Theta Tau’s first regional conference held at Case Western Reserve in October 1966. Dr. Meier was the first president of Alpha Mu Chapter, chartered at Case Western Reserve in 1966.

Death notices for the following Sigma Theta Tau International members were received from their families and friends. Sigma Theta Tau International pays tribute to these members and expresses sorrow over their deaths.

Keith Henderson Alexander, Bata Phi, Oregon Health Sciences University, Virginia Arnold, Theta, Boston, UMass, Marlion Blow, Alpha Omegs, Medline, Susan Kay Carlowic, Epilson, Ohio State University, Ernestine Downey, Gamma Kappal, State U. of New York, Buffalo, Sandra Diane Felton, Rhu, U. of Michigan, Linda Gallagher, Delta Tau, U. of Iowa, Elizabeth Heffernan, Alpha Nu, Villanova U., Blanche Kimbrow, Kappa, Catholic U. of America


Abstract Deadline - June 1, 1991

Dallas, Texas

6th Research Conference

February 6-8, 1992

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Contact: Barbara Holzclaw, (615)343-4570

Abstract Deadline - July 1, 1991

Nashville, Tennessee

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Contact: Lorraine Rodrigues-Fisher, (904) 428-1695

Abstract Deadline - June 5, 1991

Scottsdale, Arizona

1st Invasive Forum

January 24-27, 1992

Sponsors: Mead Johnson Nutritional

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During 1990 - 1991, Faye G. Abdellah, Sigma Theta Tau’s Distinguished Research Fellow, addressed the Regional Assemblies. She focused on policies and goals for restructuring the health care system, research policy and policy decisions. Patricia James "Bravo" response was part of a panel reaction to Abdellah’s address.