

Sigma Theta Tau growth chart from 1922 - 1991 . . . see page 17

Division	Membership			Convention		Finances		Governance	
	No. Chapters	No. Members	Internals	Delegates	Attendance	Operating Budget	Operating Income	Standing Committee & Task Force	No. Members Council
1922-71	761	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
71-76	85	7,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
76-77	76	8,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
77-78	79	8,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
78-79	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
79-80	111	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
80-81	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
81-82	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
82-83	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
83-84	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
84-85	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
85-86	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
86-87	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
87-88	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
88-89	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
89-90	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
90-91	110	11,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
19 year increase since 1971	44%	150%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL REFLECTIONS VOLUME 17 • NUMBER 1 • SPRING 1991

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.

**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.

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



June C. Abbey

RN, PhD, FAAN, is Associate Dean for Research and Evaluation, Director of the Center for Nursing Research, and Valere Potter Distinguished Professor at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tennessee. Her distinguished career in nursing is marked by continuous funding for research since 1971. Widely published in nursing and medical journals, Abbey has several inventions that improve patient care, delivery and monitoring. She serves on the Food and Drug Administration's General Medical Devices Panel and is chair of Sigma Theta Tau International's Library Scientific Committee.



Carole Hudgings

RN, PhD, is Director of the International Nursing Library of Sigma Theta Tau International, located in the Center for Nursing Scholarship in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is also Adjunct Associate Professor of Nursing Informatics at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Hudgings chairs the NLN's Council for Nursing Informatics and is a member of the NLN Board of Governors, ANA's Council of Computer Applications in Nursing and ANA's Council for Nurse Researchers. She has published and presented nationally and internationally on nursing informatics and the use of computer technology in nursing practice and education.



Nell J. Watts

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Organizations grow and prosper

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**, PhD, RN, Dean, College of Nursing and Vice-President, Nursing Affairs, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago; and **Sheldon Garber**, Vice-President, Philanthropy 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 conceptual plan that included establishment of a lay constituency and a major fund raising program at local, regional and national levels.

Complete text of the 1979 proposal follows:



Organizations that grow and prosper **think big**. In conceiving how to move a profession to its full potential, one must have both a grand scale design, as well as the insight to move opportunistically on small increments of growth. Nurses are being moved irrevocably, by the ever increasing sophistication of science and the demands of an educated society, to either take great leaps forward or to settle for less than secondary status unless an appropriate strategy for full development is devised. We need a conceptual plan that envisions the future. The Sigma Theta Tau membership, more than that of any other organization in the nursing profession, can mobilize the intellectual

Background

In 1979 following a 100% increase in membership in five years, the leadership appointed the first committee to explore ways to raise 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 eco-

energy needed to enable nurses to achieve exponential growth in professional competence. Sigma Theta Tau appears to be the only major nursing organization not shackled with "turf" problems, unencumbered by members fearful of bold decisions, stimulated by the unknown and the unambiguous, with most members fully prepared for leadership to assure a constant input of professional zeal.

A time for growth

The leadership potential of Sigma Theta Tau is the greatest reserve that the nursing profession has. Within the Society is the broad range of intellectual leaders that all professions must have. This leadership ranges from the international, national and regional to the local and has 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 the substantial economic growth of some of the other 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 attained, 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 forms of role expression of clinical competence to give a vividness to the practice of nursing that can invigorate the profession. While all of

the above does not assure the professional move strongly in that direction, funding mechanisms to catalog these needed developments is a clinical necessity.

Luther advised us to "Think Big."

By Nell J. Watts
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Executive Officer

Loyal public needed

The nursing profession has lacked a lay constituency. The inability to develop such support has many facets that are fairly well known. However, Sigma Theta Tau can be the fulcrum 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 symbiotic involvement of nurses and non-nurses in an endeavor to assist all nurses to become more socially useful can be the means of accelerating

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the formation of a loyal public.

The purposes of the fund-raising program have been outlined. If we work to make the major goal a success, we will establish our honor society as a full member and earn the respect of the other major honor societies by the quality and persistence of our efforts. These purposes are derived from and serve our scientific, academic, social, and community responsibilities and extend to the international community in their implications.

To do all this requires money. For our society that means philanthropy. Not begging, for we do not seek funds for unmerited, unearned or unworthy purposes. Philanthropy is an invitation to undertake and follow through on efforts that the donor clearly sees are worthwhile and deserve his or her support. As with any other task, philanthropy needs organization.

Fund-raising leaders

To raise money is a major responsibility, and we should have the courage to ask for leadership for just that purpose. A National Committee for Development should be appointed — that is asked to serve — rather than elected. The membership of this national committee should include members from the Society and from the profession, but it should also go beyond to recruit leadership from other walks of life who 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 plan and will take responsibility for solicitations that are called for to make aspirations become a reality.

Essentially, at this point our fund-raising should be national in scope and in purpose. Chapter development committees or councils will have to be formed, but extensive fund-raising for local or regional purposes should not be given priority at this stage in our tackling of fund-raising programs. But local efforts can support the national development program, and coordination will be necessary if a national program is started and if eventually local programs are undertaken.

Current endowment

In setting out to raise money, we will quickly realize that our purposes break-down into projects 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 but frequently after two or perhaps three years. For the sake of convenience, let us call these funds for current purposes. They are expendable.
2. A second need can best be met with funds for endowment. These funds must be wisely invested under the best management we can muster. It is the interest year after year which enables long-range continuing support to take place. The search for endowment is the search for large and generous contributions. Once undertaken, the building of endowment must be viewed as one of our longest-range commitments for it will bear great results only over a long period of time. Here

we need to think in terms of what we can do in a decade, in a generation. For us, that means sustained work.

A philanthropic program such as this will not succeed with only rhetorical support by the members themselves. We members will have to take the matter seriously and realize that fund raising means our giving as individuals. We will have to show that we believe in it with our own gifts. We have mentioned that members will be involved in many ways and will find many routes to express their philanthropy. One particular program which may have widespread appeal among ourselves is the creating of a “living endowment.”

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 put to use. If you turn the equation 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 sum every year for a specified number of 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. In effect, your gift for the period in 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 means that projects must be carefully designed, weighed, accepted, interpreted and put in motion. As members, we must consider ourselves the first-line of prospect for these funds and realize that from our members, various clusters of interest will be touched to respond. Prospects also must come from the profession, related professions, selected foundations, and corporations, individuals and families with special interests that tie into our projects who have already shown this interest or who can become interested. Some special nationwide task forces will have to be assembled behind important projects. However, much of this fund raising will be direct mail or handled through the mail by letters and proposals.

The building of an endowment requires a different emphasis and often a different style. Foundations and corporations are rarely pros-

pects for this purpose. The creation of an endowment is primarily an individual or family decision. We will need local help in identifying these sources and working with them for National Society goals over long periods of time. Systematic 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-

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year fund-raising programs.

Deferred giving

One thing is clear. Deferred giving programs will be very important in creating a significant endowment. The word “deferred” does not mean that a definite gift is not made. It just means that the giver and his or her beneficiary can still have the income from the gift and some very significant tax benefits during their lifetimes. The designation of the gift principal is firm. Models for these programs exist at most colleges and universities, among many 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 too will take time.

This kind of philanthropy, selective, careful and long-term, can give the Society new resources to demonstrate its ideals in action. It is private philanthropy and we should not include in our thinking on the subject any funding from governmental sources. Government funding is an entirely different matter, and philanthropy should be handled separately. The coordination and leadership of fund raising should begin with a national fund-raising committee formed for such a purpose with membership of stature from both within and outside of our membership.

Nurses can achieve. The ranks of Sigma Theta Tau have the talent. A master plan is a prerequisite. A willingness to do is critical to the outcome. Raising the future level of the profession to heights beyond our idealities and expectations should be the catalyzing element. Can we afford to wait?

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Reprinted from *Reflections*, June, 1979.

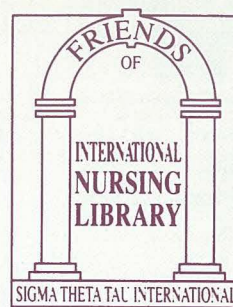
Friends of the Library Program offers opportunities to share the vision

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

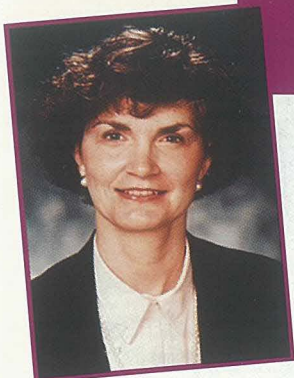
only books but also electronically stored nursing information and gateways to other databases, it serves as a model which may be replicated by other professions and associations.

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.

Categories of Membership Friends of the International Nursing Library

Category	Annual Fee	Recognition
Individual		
Friend	\$ 35	Certificate & <i>Reflections</i> listing.
Sponsor	100	All of the above, plus Commemorative Poster.
Pacesetter	250	Certificate, listing, poster and paperweight.
Benefactor	500	Certificate, listing, poster and computer disk holder.
Patron	1,000	Certificate, listing, poster and inclusion on official INL brass plaque.
Life Member	5,000 or more	Same as Patron, with receipt of etched crystal award.
Honorary Life		(Special designation awarded by the Friends of the Library Committee.)
Institutional		
Sponsor	\$ 100	Certificate and <i>Reflections</i> listing.
Pacesetter	250	All of the above, plus Commemorative Poster.
Benefactor	500	All of the above, plus framed certificate.
Patron	1,000	Certificate, <i>Reflections</i> listing, poster plus inclusion on official INL brass plaque.
Sustaining Members	5,000 or more	Same as Patron, plus receipt of etched crystal award.
Corporate		
Friend	\$ 500	Certificate, <i>Reflections</i> listing, and Commemorative Poster.
Patron	1,000	Same as above, plus inclusion in official INL brass plaque.
Sustaining Member	5,000 or more	All of the above, plus receipt of etched crystal award.
Corporate	10,000	All of the above, plus endowment of etched crystal Library window,
Knowledge Builder	or more	or choice of other naming opportunity.

Note: The Friends gift levels above are based upon annual contributions. Opportunities exist to permanently endow areas of the International Nursing Library. Those gifts may be paid over a multi-year period of time. The fees described above are not user fees but are an opportunity to provide philanthropic contributions.



Carole Hudgings

LIBRARY ON LINE

Full-text abstract databases to be developed on-line

Full-text abstracts will greatly augment information about research projects contained in the nurse researchers database.



Development is actively underway on several database projects for inclusion in the electronic International Nursing Library (INL). Three of these projects, drawn from the list of identified user needs, include:

- Accepted abstracts for national-international research conferences.
- Full-text abstracts for the nurse researchers database, and
- Database of information about doctoral dissertations.

Full-text abstracts will greatly augment information about research projects contained in the nurse researchers database. These abstracts will allow retrieval of more detailed information about the project than is given by the descriptors from the Survey of Nurse Researchers.

The database on doctoral dissertations will include abstracts, as well as demographic and research specific information obtained from the Survey of Nurse Researchers. This database will allow search and retrieval of dissertation abstracts based on the research descriptors and other terms in the full-text abstract.

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:

- Type/print single spaced on a plain piece of white paper,

- 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 mailed to the Library; FAXed abstracts 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) 634-8188.

Chapter archival Consultants available

Thirteen Archival Resource Consultants are available to help develop, maintain and improve each chapter's archive collection. The consultants were selected by the Sigma Theta Tau Heritage Committee based on demonstrated expertise in archival and historical matters. They represent expertise in a wide variety of areas, including: classification and organization of archives, development of historical collections, oral history, and preparation and preservation of chapter history.

The list of members who serve as Archival Resource Consultants is available from the International Nursing Library at Sigma Theta Tau International headquarters.

Address questions to Dr. Carole Hudgings (317) 634-8171.

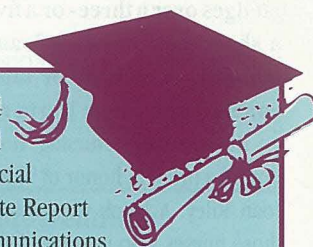
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Recent doctorates

reported to Sigma Theta Tau International will now be published each fall in the special research issue of *Reflections*. Doctorate Report Forms are available from the Communications Department of Sigma Theta Tau.

The "Perspectives on Recent Doctorates and Nursing Doctorate Programs," published in the Fall, 1990 *Reflections* is available in limited quantities on request. Please contact the Communications Department.

Recent Nursing Doctorates and doctorates in other disciplines are compiled from information submitted to Sigma Theta Tau International by members and/or doctoral graduates. The editors do not check the accuracy of degrees earned nor the accreditation status of the schools from which the degrees are received.



Only \$175,000 needed to complete Knowledge Building Campaign



Lucie S. Kelly

Each week the Knowledge Building Campaign moves closer to its goal. Approximately 3,000 members who registered verbal pledges in last year's telephone campaigns but who have not yet reconfirmed them in writing recently received reminder notes from headquarters. Another 2,000 individuals who said they would consider a gift were also contacted. These "knowledge builders" hold the key to completing the first phase of the capital campaign. (Such new pledges may be paid over a three-year period, as has been the case throughout the campaign.)

Our goal is to celebrate the completion of the Knowledge Building Campaign by the November Biennial Convention. If you have not yet participated in the campaign, we invite you to do so today. If all members who have not contributed would send in only \$5, our target would immediately be met. (Your contribution is tax-deductible, as provided by law.)

Members who submitted initial pledge payments, but who are not current are encouraged to send in 1991 installments. Because many contributors are paying their pledges over a three- or a five-year period, a short-term building loan was secured. Monthly, quarterly, or annual payments enable Sigma Theta Tau to retire that debt.

Regis College Nursing Honor Society endowed a brick in honor of Third Vice President Joan Riley. A brick was also added honoring those nurses who supported or participated in Desert Storm 1991.

The Indianapolis community continues to overwhelm us with their enthusiastic support: the Swisher Foundation has provided \$2,000 and L. S. Ayres and Company gave \$1,000.

Chapters recently pledging included: Beta Lambda Chapter, Avila College; Lambda Delta Chapter, Monmouth College; and Mu Kappa At-Large Chapter, Armstrong State College and Georgia Southern College.

Thanks to the benevolence of Sigma

Theta Tau Founder Mary Tolle Wright, the Indiana University Founders' Room total now stands at \$40,500.

Several pieces of lovely artwork were recently purchased for the Center's Joan K. Stout Board Room, the Eli 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 Nutritionals' Perinatal Research Grants

As announced in the last *Reflections*, the new Mead Johnson Nutritionals' \$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 Nutritionals' Perinatal Research Grant are exciting steps forward in our quest to acquire philanthropic support for nursing.

Friends of the Library

Past President Vernice Ferguson has been appointed chair of the Friends of the Library Committee. We welcome her leadership in that 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.)

Many of us are well 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.

Late-breaking news

The Indianapolis Foundation has announced its intention to contribute approximately \$50,000 for the acquisition of on-site computers, an optical scanner, laser jet printer, and gateway computer for the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. The equipment will allow Indianapolis residents and others to access the electronic database at the Center.

**by Lucie S. Kelly,
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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*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Nursing Research and Its Utilization International State of the Science Congress

Colleagues are invited to submit abstracts for the conference to be held in Washington, D.C. 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.
- Identify strategies for utilizing the research within practice settings.
- Serve as a forum for discussion of current research and its utilization.

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 care delivery and organization
- 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 administrator teams and presentations that link research and practice. (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.

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A member's perspective of
student support groups for

DESERT STORM

For families - the
war isn't over



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The 1989 national average of full-time counselors in counseling centers for institutions having more than 10,000 students was 1,723 students per counselor. Given such statistics, universities may often need to consider support groups to assist students through situational crises such as natural disasters or manmade disasters, according to a study of urban/non-urban counseling centers conducted by the University of Pittsburgh.

The following article describes how the East Carolina School of Nursing established and provided a support group to fill a particular need for students.

Orientation for Spring Semester 1991 in our international schools of nursing began according to the usual routine with course syllabi, calendars and new textbooks. As a faculty member, however, I noticed there was something distinctly different about this class of students enrolled in the psychiatric/mental health senior year course. The class was markedly quieter, eyes of students were downcast, and facial expressions echoed a theme of sadness. It was January 11—four days before the deadline for Saddam Hussein to begin moving his troops out of Kuwait.

Need identified

With East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. located near three military bases, I was aware that a number of our students were affected by the Persian Gulf situation. Still, I did not learn of the extent of its effect on our School of Nursing until I asked students to raise their hands if they had a friend and/or family member in Saudi Arabia. At least one third of the students in the class raised their hands! I requested that they stay a few minutes after class so I could talk with them.

When I met with the several students in the hall, I noticed an attractive young woman who cowered against the opposite wall, listening intently to my voice, her face filled with anguish and fear. I conveyed to the students that as faculty, I did not want to intrude in their personal lives but wanted to let them know I cared about what they were dealing with during this time of uncertainty. I wanted to support them but did not know what they needed. One of the students quickly replied, "I don't know what I need either!"

Following our discussion, I recognized that the School of Nursing might take a leadership role in establishing a meeting to determine if there was a need for a support group. Such a group might be needed more later, especially when our country became engaged in the anticipated ground war. I approached our Dean, Phyllis Horns, who was preparing a memo to the faculty which read: "As we embark on this Spring Semester in times of extreme unrest in our world, I would ask that you remember that many of our students have close family members and loved ones who are in the Persian Gulf. Please make every effort to give these students the attention needed to assist them through a time when life is consumed with impending peril."

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 involved to offer assistance and support to individuals who had family members and friends serving active duty. Within 24 hours after the memorandum was distributed, 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 the 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 offering time to the Counseling Center was compiled from the professional schools such as Nursing, Medicine, Psychology, Social Work, and Child Development and Family Relations. A 24-hour Gulf 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.

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 yellow 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 doily 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."

First support meeting

The initial meeting of the support group was ironically held on January 17, the evening after Baghdad was first hit by Allied Forces' missiles! Even at the first meeting, one student said: "I feel like everybody else is so tired of me talking about it." Since that meeting, the group has met weekly on an ongoing basis. Members exchanged names, addresses, birth dates and phone numbers. Support group members said they found people with whom they feel comfortable sharing their feelings and have enlisted support from each other. For more than three months, they have shared themes of apprehension, sadness, joy, anger and frustration.

The group evolved into three phases:

- The deployment and pending war phase,
- The war phase, and
- The cease-fire phase.

During the deployment and pending war phase, there was much information sharing among the group members. The main purpose of the initial

The class was markedly quieter, eyes of students were downcast, and facial expressions echoed a theme of sadness. It was January 11 - four days before the deadline for Saddam Hussein to begin moving his troops out of Kuwait.

meeting was to: let the students know that faculty cared, tell them other faculty were available for support, and to inform them of the available resources.

A needs assessment was conducted at the first support group meeting with six participants completing the written surveys. Students were asked to describe anonymously how the Dean and the faculty in the School of Nursing might offer support to them. While most of them immediately thought a support group would be helpful, other comments included:

"Offer a support group, have resources available to help out with everyday crisis—

What to do if...

Where to go...

How to find out about...

Provide an opportunity to communicate with people who know what this is like...

Be able to share information from letters.

I really don't know yet.

I need an opportunity to talk to people who are not going

The more information they gathered from each other, the calmer members became, as they seemed to add pieces of a jumbo puzzle together.

to get tired of talking about it.

I often feel like the people who are around me get tired of seeing me upset and hearing about the situation....

Many people, including me, don't know where to start looking.

I don't know exactly what I need right now, but this is an excellent start!"

Following the needs assessment, students agreed on group meeting days and times. Subsequently, during the deployment and pending war phase, the group members began sharing their problems and feelings. I assisted the group in identifying ways in which they could problem solve and constructively use this time. Students made plans to celebrate two members' birthdays and Valentine's Day by having dinner together at a local restaurant. Others set up appointments for private time with me.

One student mother who was aware of the support group, although not an active participant, consulted me about her 14-year-old son whose father had been deployed. She related: "I was so caught up in my own self that I couldn't see how it was affecting my son. He's not getting his feelings out. He's been so quiet." After listening to the description of her son's behavior, a referral was made to the Mental Health Center's Family Support Group, where the entire family found comfort, support, and reassurance that their feelings were normal and expected.

Sharing news

Letters and phone calls were shared among the group members and became increasingly important as the war phase emerged. Because all communication during Desert Storm was censored, the students received limited information in their correspondences from the Persian Gulf. The more information they gathered from each other, the calmer members became, as they seemed to add pieces of a jumbo puzzle together. Consciously aware of news updates on all television screens, the students' emotions often fluctuated from hope to despair as they accepted that Hussein would not give up easily. Group members were accepting and supportive of any emotional response that was shared.

Some members suffered the consequences of less than desirable test results while they were experiencing the war phase. Financial stressors were added to the ever-present stressors derived from apprehension about their husbands/fiancees' safety.

Knowing that mail was slow, they had empathy for persons serving active duty who may not have been receiving mail. At times the students experienced weeks of delayed mail. On one occasion, a student joyfully exclaimed, "I got 14 letters yesterday!" Some members constructively used their time to write to other nurses, as well as their own mates who were deployed.

Independent study from experiences

An exciting unanticipated result of the support group has been the development of a plan by a group member for an independent study centered around, "Writing for Publication," which she plans to implement this summer. This student has a desire to share her experiences with others and has requested guidance in the process of writing a scholarly manuscript and having it published. One of her experiences included receiving a prank phone call during the war phase, in which someone falsely identified himself

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Researchers around the world submit abstracts

International Nursing Research Conference
Columbus, Ohio May 19-22, 1992
Voyage into the Future through Nursing Research

Plans for the first Sigma Theta Tau International Research Conference to be held in the United States are on schedule and become more exciting every day. More than 550 abstracts were received and are proceeding through a blind review process to choose high-quality abstracts for this conference. A team of 64 doctoral-prepared nurse researchers are doing the more than 1,400 reviews. Once this process is completed, invitations will be issued to potential presenters.

The Program Committee is pleased that abstracts were received from every continent. Nurse-researchers representing 20 countries submitted their work for consideration.

The registration information will be published in an upcoming issue of *Reflections*. Individual copies will be sent to everyone on the 1992 Conference mailing lists.

The Research Conference will be:

- An unprecedented occasion to gain state-of-the-art knowledge about nursing research and the development of new nursing knowledge from around the world;
- A premier opportunity for networking among international nursing colleagues;
- A singular learning experience for nursing students at every level, but especially for

graduate students; and

- The occasion for a memorable blend of intellectual stimulation, mid-American hospitality, the fun of early morning walks or jogs and gala evening receptions.

A surprise-packed Midwestern County Fair party is on the evening of May 21. The room rates at the main conference hotel are exceptionally reasonable for a first-class conference hotel and convention center. The room rate is the same for one or two persons, so find someone to share a room.

The hotel/convention center has six restaurants. The convention center has 19 eateries for quick lunch service which will permit participants to attend as many of the scientific sessions as they wish. A continental breakfast will be served each morning as part of the registration fee. Other meals are not included. Tickets for the Midwestern party Thursday evening may be ordered by mail as part of registration.

The registration brochure will provide full details on registering for the conference and the hotel, as well as information about the conference airline. Special airfare rates will be available from an international carrier. The Conference registration brochure will be available during

the summer of 1991.

Look for more updates in future issues of *Reflections*. To be put on the mailing list for the brochure or for any questions contact: Dr. Joanne S. Stevenson, 1992 Sigma Theta Tau International Research Conference, in care of The Ohio State University College of Nursing, 1585 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210-1289 (614)292-3288.

**Nurse-researchers
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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**
*Program Chair,
RN, PhD, FAAN*

Desert Storm

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as a military officer and told her that her husband was missing. She spent several traumatic hours before she was able to confirm that he indeed was safe and that she had received a prank telephone call.

The needs of students whose family members are serving with Operation Desert Storm are not over.

Cease-fire concerns

While the initial response to the cease-fire was greeted with enthusiasm and joy, this phase has caused a different set of concerns to emerge. Students are faced with phone calls and letters which state: "I don't know when I'll be home. It may be May, June, or later."

Some of the questions that are now being

asked are as follows:

- What will it be like when they come home?
- How do we handle the relationships now that we have had to make so many decisions independently while they've been gone?
- How do we negotiate for time alone with each other without seeming selfish when parents and other family members will want time with them too?
- How can we get them to talk about things that might be bothering them about their experiences?
- How can we support them as they go from a very structured routine to a less structured one?

- How can we communicate things that are not always positive?

This cease-fire phase is an opportunity to use primary prevention, as well as secondary prevention concepts by presenting topics on "Effective Communication" and "Stress Management." In the following weeks, group sessions will cover these topics and provide an opportunity to discuss relevant personal situations to assist with conflict management and resolution. As the group facilitator, I believe that the war is not over for these individuals until all family members have been returned to their respective families, and family members have been able to resume at a minimum, the level of functioning they were experiencing before the deployment phase.

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Members and friends continue to contribute generously

Sigma Theta Tau International warmly thanks the following members, chapters, foundations and corporations contributing to the Knowledge Building Campaign from December 1, 1990—March 13, 1991. Gifts and pledges continue to arrive at the international headquarters each day.

If all members making verbal pledges in the telephone campaign would reconfirm their commitments, fund raising for the Center for Nursing Scholarship would immediately be completed. Also, if all 79,000 members who have not yet contributed would provide a nominal contribution of \$5 (the cost of one movie) or more, the goal would be attained.

To become a "Knowledge Builder," simply direct your check or money order to: Development Department, Sigma Theta Tau, 550 W. North St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. (VISA and MasterCard are also accepted.)

Note: A special reserved section in the Commemorative Wall has been designated for those wishing to endow wooden bricks at this time. Gifts and pledges of \$500 or more are recognized in the wall.

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The how-tos 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.

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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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Meet Jody Glittenberg



Jody Glittenberg

A product of the Dust Bowl Days of the 1930s in eastern Colorado, Jody Glittenberg learned early the capacity for survival. As the winds blew the family farm away, her parents and six brothers and sisters trekked to the West coast. They lived in a tent, on a day-to-day existence just as depicted in Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*.

Glittenberg discovered that survival depended on social support, family and friends. These lessons of adaptation and coping are still found in her work as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and a cultural anthropologist.

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 Guatemala's 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 collaborating 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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Tuesday, November 12, 1991

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Wednesday, November 13, 1991

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Bravo

to the nursing emphasis on policy research

by Patricia James,
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During 1990-1991, Faye G. Abdellah, Sigma Theta Tau's Distinguished Research Fellow, has addressed the Regional Assemblies. Her keynote paper will be published.

Abdellah'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 Abdellah'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 intercourse among segments in health care.
- B. The search for so-called "decisive data" sought at the "front" for use in policy research may clarify that:
 1. No data are ever in themselves *decisive*. Factors beyond only the data help decide which policy is formulated or adopted by the people empowered to make the decision to form policy.

Background to response

My response to nursing's emphasis on policy research is influenced by elements of James Dickoff's work, specifically these two proposals:

- A. Ethical doing is complexly considerate thoughtful doing. Caring involves actions of a thinking doer for another thinking doer in the context of still other thinking doers.
- B. Consider the notion of the iatrogenic, and then consider that there may be ethicogenic and conceptuogenic harms — within nursing but limited to nursing.

Ethicogenic: 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.

Conceptuogenic: That the very attempt to develop and use concepts, theories and research results as guides to practice may bring about harm

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 poorly 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.

Unquestioned use for any and all purposes of these concepts suggests that there are no difficulties with this delineation of nursing phenomena of concern (whether within nursing or from medical phenomena of concern) and no dissenting voices on the various roles of theory within nursing.

- C. Promotion of policy research may help assure focus in nursing concepts beyond the patient-professional dyad.
- D. Promotion of policy research may heighten awareness that research and conceptual development in nursing needs to exhibit impact — relatively immediate impact, impact in significant bulk, impact relative to perceived health needs, impact for services conceived as reimbursable.

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.

despite intended good. One origin of these conceptuogenic harms may be that sometimes there is inadequate conceptual care so that:

1. Latent conceptual conflicts 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; and
3. "Strandulations" occur where we propose to conceive of strandulation as an over fixation on a single strand of concern without due alert to the complexing strands. The alert at the very least admits the existence of complexing strands that are avoided or forgotten.

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.

Nursing policy might be directing — maybe without realizing it — care burdens on natural care givers without resources.

- B. Nursing agendas call for direct reimbursement for primary care,** though nursing practices a certain denial of disease, dying or degeneration and frowns somewhat on those who focus on pathology.

I say, “bravo” to nursing’s insistence on self-patrol of lifestyle, wellness and rehabilitation. BUT, why is there a relative emphasis away from pathology (in some academic scenes)? Why the denial of degeneration? Why the press to give up the medical model? Why not both/and — versus either/or?

- C. Nursing agendas call for arranging for best providers but:** Nursing professional strategy may be moving to protect and expand nursing’s independence and enhance its status. However, this occurs at the expense of abandoning patients to the care of those less equipped than nurses. In some ways it makes it difficult for patients to receive concurrent care from professionals other than nurses.

Nurses policy agendas 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 scarcely a demure in the rationing of the scarce resource of nursing time, energy and proficiency 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 all the care they need or that care is given by the best provider?

- D. Nursing seems opportunist 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 complexly enough 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, directs and expects that those who are the direct care deliverers shall follow the schedules of the various residents and toilet them successfully. (Thus there is savings in laundry, 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 assistants 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 inventively as one deals with urinary output predictions and follow-up?

Bravo to policy research *provided that:*

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 ungrounded but comfortable (and often “received”) presumptions about absolute or shared ethics. At the same time, there is such emphasis on differences, personalization and individualizing of care.
3. Nursing desists from its denial of diseases, death and degeneration. It desists from insisting at least verbally, on the exclusion of the disease/cure medical model and thinks 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 be seen 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 “unsick” or healthy 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 that 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 *nothing* 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 Taus — in vantage points for policy research.

“Good” research may cause harm because it was not complexly enough conceived, whatever its ingenuity.

Regional award winners

Sigma Theta Tau's Regional Assemblies recognize winners for excellence. The award winners from regions 2, 3 and 5 are listed below:

REGION 2

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Winifred J. Pinch, RN, EdD, *Biomedical Communications*,
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Linda K. Heitman, RN, MSN, Southeast Missouri Hospital, "You and Your Heart."

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Rojann Alpers, RN, MN, PhD Candidate
Gamma Chapter; "Always Excellent, Always Elegant, Always Caring: Gamma Chapter."

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Norma Metheny, RN, PhD; **Maryellen McSweeney**, PhD; St. Louis U., "Safer Management of Patients with Feeding Tubes."

Regional Dissertation Award

Marcia D. Gragert, 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:

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

REGION 3

Nursing Media Print:

Innovator, Fall 1989 and Fall 1990, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Nursing Media Electronic:

Sandra L. Warner, RN, CS, PhD, U. of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, "Child Milieu Enhancement Nursing Demonstration Project."

Public Media Print:

Suzanne Prevost, Editor, *Innovator*, Spring 1990, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Public Media Electronic:

The McMurphy Nursing Project, **Betty Skaggs**, RN, PhD,
Director, Learning Center, University of Texas at Austin, "Nursing: Check It Out."

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, *Iota Mu*, Texas Tech U. 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."



Carol Loveland-Cherry, Assistant Professor from the U. of Michigan, described grant administration during a workshop at the Memphis Region 3 Assembly.

REGION 5

Media Awards

Nursing Media Print:

New York State Nurses Association, Communications and Publications Department,

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

Nursing Media Electronic:

Catherine Adams, RN, EdD, "MICA: Problems and Solutions in Treating the Mentally Ill/Chemically Addicted."

Public Media Print:

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

Public Media Electronic:

Cathy Ray, RN, MS, **Jim Karpeichik**, Photographer, "The Miracle Workers."

Teresa Aprigliano, RN, C; **Margaret Leonard**, RN, C; WBAU, Adelphi University, "Nursing News for the Community."

Regional Research Utilization Award:

Elizabeth Tassinari, RN, MS, *Eta Omega*, NE Deaconess Hospital, Massachusetts, "New Standards for Care for Post Cardiac Catheterization."

Regional Dissertation Award:

Pamela J. Burke, RN, PhD, *Alpha Chi*, Boston College, "The Relationship Between Stressful Life Events and Social Support for Adolescent Mothers as Compared with Older Mothers and Non-Parenting Female Adolescents."



Members from Region 5 discussed the regional assembly between sessions.

Officers review growth data

The Governing Council is reviewing recommendations for updating the governance structure of Sigma Theta Tau International. They recently reviewed the "Growth Data" reported in the following chart.

Biennium	Membership			Convention		Finances		Governance	
	No. Chapters	New Members	Renewals	House of Delegates	Convention Attendance	Operating Account Income	Operating Account Expense	Standing Committees & Task Forces	No. Members Council
1929 - 73 44 years	56		- 0 -	116	120			4 + 1	5
73 - 75	65	7,050	8,800	127	225	\$258,450	\$249,950	5	5
75 - 77	76	8,020	24,400	150	450	350,200	375,550	5	5
77 - 79	94	9,850	35,900	195	685	571,800	544,100	10 + 1	7
79 - 81	128	14,400	43,850	250	700	997,810	936,720	10 + 1	7
81 - 83	161	16,940	59,700	330	1,100	1,408,400	1,385,550	10 + 4	7
83 - 85	190	19,700	80,600	340	1,200	2,412,150	2,236,950	10 + 6	7
85 - 87	221	20,600	100,600	375	1,160	3,432,600	3,418,350	11 + 4	7
87 - 89	263	23,640	115,840	490	1,730	4,441,000	4,141,300	11 + 5	7
89 - 91	301	24,200	132,200			<u>Budget</u> 5,495,100	<u>Budget</u> 5,400,400	11 + 5	7
18 year increase since 1973	440%	350%	1400%	320%	1340%	2000%	2000%	300%	40%

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 the:

American Nurses Association

Lucille Joel
Nancy Bergstrom

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Patricia Forni
Linda Berlin

American Organization of Nurse Executives

Janet Moore

Southern Nursing Research Society

Mary Kay Walker

Annual Review of Nursing

Nikki Polis

Midwest Nursing Research Society

Mara Baun

Eastern Nursing Research Society

Gail Harkness

National League for Nursing

Peg Garbin
Peri Rosenfeld

National Center for Nursing Research

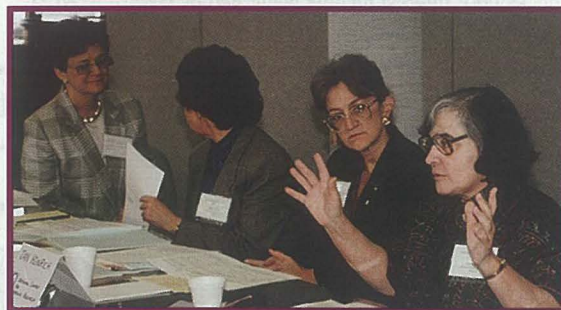
Ada Sue Hinshaw
Doris Bloch
Jan Heinrich

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Carolyn Yocum
Carolyn M. Hutcherson
Jennifer Bosma

Sigma Theta Tau International

Billye Brown
Beth Vaughan-Wrobel
Nell Watts



Doris Bloch of National Center for Nursing Research explained the NCNR research agenda. Jan Heinrich of NCNR and Mara Baun of Midwest Nursing Research Society were also part of the Round Table.



Ada Sue Hinshaw, National Center for Nursing Research, looked over reports with Sigma Theta Tau President Billye Brown at the recent Nursing Research Round Table.

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.

Interim Dean Angela Barron McBride reports that the I.U. School of Nursing has a long-standing commitment to research. It was the site of the founding chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Interna-

tional and played a role in that honor society's establishment of a Research Fund for Problems in Scientific Nursing in 1934. More recently in 1977, the school hosted the first meeting of what became the Midwest Nursing Research Society. This organization now ranks as the largest society in the United States dedicated exclusively to nursing research.

Opportunity to endow research grants

Sigma Theta Tau invites members and other friends of nursing to underwrite research grants. The grants may be designated as a one-time award, or may be added to the society's Research Fund where the interest will be applied to a grant in perpetuity.

The grants may be named in memory or in honor of an individual, group of individuals, foundation or corporation. One-time research grants may be underwritten by gifts of \$3,000 and \$5,000. Interest income generated by tax-deductible gifts of \$10,000 or more will provide

for grants in perpetuity. No administrative costs are deducted from the gifts. Contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law.

Dr. John P. McGovern, honorary member, recently named the "John P. McGovern Research Grant" for alcohol-related or allergy-related research.

For more information, contact Sigma Theta Tau's Development Department, 550 W. North St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 or call (317)634-8171.

Chicago forum offers direction to doctoral students

Chicago, the only city in the United States offering three nursing doctoral programs, was the site for the first annual Chicago area doctoral nursing student forum at Rush University November 1, 1990.

Presentations addressed survival skills for progression through programs, the importance of student/mentor relationships, and ideas about professional practice beyond a DNSc/PhD.

Common objectives identified by students were:

- Student organizations' roles in doctoral nursing education;
- Networking;
- Successful progression from doctoral edu-



The Chicago forum planning committee included (left to right): Mary Johnson, MSN, Loyola; Sara Horton, RN, MS, Rush; Rick Zouche, MS, RNC, Rush; Julie Carbray, RN, MS, Rush; and Jean Berry, RN, MS, U. of Illinois at Chicago.

cation to doctoral practice; and

- Mentoring's role to professional advancement.

Research award triples

The Mary Louise Brown Research Award has increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for 1991. The award is presented to an occupational health nurse who is planning or in the early stages of conducting research related to the improvement of occupational health.

Specific guidelines are available from the Senior Specialist, Governmental Affairs, American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, 50 Lenox Pointe, Atlanta, GA 30324 (404) 262-1162. Proposals must be postmarked by December 1, 1991.

NLM launches ad campaign

The National Library of Medicine has begun an ad campaign publicizing special resources of their library. The ads focus on: AIDS, Cancer, Grateful Med, Toxnet, and Tri. For more information contact:

The National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894

Nursing advertising campaign launched in Hispanic market

The U.S. Bureau of Labor estimates that by the year 2000, the United States will be short 612,000 nurses. In February, San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell, the National Commission on Nursing Implementation Project and the Ad Council unveiled a national public service campaign targeting Hispanics and addressing the nationwide nursing shortage.

The aim of the campaign is to raise national awareness of the value of nurses' contributions and to recruit more Hispanics into the nursing profession by highlighting career and educational opportunities.

The public service announcements are similar in purpose, but differ in focus from the general campaign. The ads are in Spanish and were created with donated talent by Sosa, Bromley, Aguilar & Associates of San Antonio, specializing in Hispanic advertising.

Nursing scholarships for minority students

The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis is underwriting two \$4,000 scholarships for minority students at Indiana University who reside in Marion County, Indiana. According to Health Foundation representatives, the definition of "minority" is broad, and may include white males.

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

Graduate education recommended for all entry-level neonatal nurse practitioners

The National Association of Neonatal Nurses released a position paper recommending formal graduate education for all entry-level Neonatal Nurse Practitioners. This position paper is the result of input from members of the Advance Practice Subspecialty Interest Group, and was ratified by the Board of Directors in November, 1990.

Neonatal nurses are urged to work with academia, individually and in conjunction with nursing organizations, to ensure availability and accessibility of graduate neonatal nursing programs.

HIV report available

The report, *Nursing and the HIV Epidemic: A National Action Agenda*, summarizes the proceedings of a workshop sponsored by the Division of Nursing and the National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR) in Bethesda, Maryland. The publication includes presentations and background papers from the workshop, as well as an agenda for nursing practice, education, research and policy relating to the HIV epidemic.

Copies of the report are available by sending a self-addressed mailing label to the Division of Nursing, Room 5C26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

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

AACN Survey shows nursing educational trends

Reduced resources force nursing schools to turn away students

Despite enrollment increases for the second year, significant numbers of qualified students could not be admitted to schools of nursing this year due to faculty shortages and other budget constraints, according to a report by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

The report found that 2,292 prospective qualified bachelor's degree students were turned away in the current 1990-1991 academic year by nursing programs that did not have sufficient resources. The AACN survey found that 78 institutions could not accommodate 2,141 first-time baccalaureate students, 151 registered nurses wishing to return to school for the bachelor's degree, 318 master's students, and 42 nursing doctoral students.

Though "admissions filled" was cited by 70% of schools, faculty shortages were listed by more than 56%, followed by 54% with budget constraints and 36% with insufficient clinical space.

Enrollment continues upward climb

Overall, 110,739 students enrolled in baccalaureate nursing programs in 1990-1991, according to the AACN survey. Of these, 78,441 are first-time students and 30,824 are registered nurses returning for the bachelor's degree. Current enrollment increased 10.6% compared to last year, with the heaviest increase (14%) among first-time students. This compares to the 6% increase in 1989-1990 that reversed five years of steady declines in enrollment.

There was a dramatic 36% increase in enrollment and 29% more graduations of

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, current master's enrollment increased 5% over last year, while current doctoral enrollment of 2,629 increased almost 10%.

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 but first-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 complete their educational programs in an average of 27.5 months, prepare for work predominantly in adult health care, and have sole responsibility for 67% of their educational expenses, according to the AACN study. Most master's degree students work an average of 33 hours per week, and doctoral students average nearly 36 hours weekly to finance their educations.

Within six to nine months after graduation, 99.6% of master's graduates and 95.6% of doctoral graduates in the AACN 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 school of nursing as their primary work site.

Copies of the AACN report, *A Data Base for Graduate Education in Nursing* are \$12 (prepaid orders only, postage and handling included) from AACN, One Dupont Circle, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 463-6930.

American Board of Neuroscience Nursing, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, the National Board for Nutritional Support Certification, the

Nephrology Nursing Certification Board, and the Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board. Collectively, these eight charter members represent more than 120,000 certified nurses, 65% of all

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Achievements

Connie R. Curran, *Zeta Sigma*, DePaul U., was named the Editor of *Nursing Economics*. Curran is President of The Curran Group, a Chicago-based consulting firm that assists hospitals, schools and corporations in strategic planning, operations and research.

Judy G. Ozbolt, *Beta Kappa*, U. of Virginia, co-edited the book, *Decision Support Systems in Nursing*, with Denis Vandewal and Kathryn Hannah. The book was named an *American Journal of Nursing* book of the year. Ozbolt is Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean for Research, U. of Virginia School of Nursing.

Members of *Alpha Chi*, Boston College School of Nursing received the following awards: **Joellen W. Hawkins**, Professor, and **Loretta P. Higgins**, Associate Professor, wrote the book, *Nursing and the American Health Care Delivery System*. The book received special recognition by the 1989 Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society) National Book Award Program.

Sandra R. Mott, *Theta Psi*, Oakland U., Associate Professor, Boston College School of Nursing; **Susan Rowen James**, *Alpha Chi*, Boston College, Group Practice; and **Arlene M. Spirhac**, 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 in their field.

"Prenatal Exposure to Maternal Use of Cocaine; Birth Outcomes, Health Problems, and Child Maltreatment in Early Childhood" by **Susan Kelley**, *Theta*, Boston U., *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.

The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment appointed **Linda H. Aiken**, *Xi*, U. of Pennsylvania, to the Physician Payment Review Commission. She is the Director of the Center for Health Services and Policy Research; and Associate Director, Leonard David Institute of Health Economics, U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Beverly A. Baldwin, *Pi*, University of Maryland at Baltimore, was appointed to the Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair of Gerontological 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.



Marlene Zichi Cohen

Marlene Zichi Cohen, *Gamma*, U. of Iowa, was named to a new position for psychosocial support in the Division of Nursing City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte, California. This position in the Department of Nursing, Research and Education focuses on the development of a program for psychosocial support of nurses involved in the high stress environment of oncology nursing.

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

Mary Beth Hanner, *Delta Pi*, Russell Sage College, has been appointed Dean of Nursing Programs at Regents College, U. of the State of New York, Albany.

The National Organization for Competency Assurance has appointed **Bonnie McCandless**, *Gamma Tau*, U. of California Los Angeles, to its national board of directors. "This is an exciting opportunity to

Appointments

be even more involved in issues regarding consumer protection through certification of health care workers," said McCandless, director of certification at the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Corporation, with headquarters in Orange County, California.

Carol A. Olson, RN, MSN, *Alpha*, Indiana U., was named Assistant Administrator for the Patient Care Services Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois.

Rosemary C. Polomano, *Xi*, U. of Pennsylvania, is Chairperson of the Nursing Practice Advisory Panel for the United States Pharmacopeial Convention. She is an Oncology/Pain Clinical Nurse Specialist, Hospital of the U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Loretta Reinhart, *Kappa Sigma*, Olivet Nazarene U., has been appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Nursing of 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 at Indianapolis. The oncology program 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 Salmeron District VII Educational Fellowship is **Anne Bienvenu Broussard**, *Delta Eta*, U. of Southwestern Louisiana. The \$1,000 annual grant was awarded by the NAACOG District VII to nurses working in obstetric, gynecologic and/or neonatal nursing for five years. Broussard is pursuing her doctoral degree in nursing from the Louisiana State U. Medical Center School of Nursing and is an assistant professor in the College of Nursing at the U. of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette.



Dorothy L. Gordon

Awards

Anne Keane, *Alpha Nu*, Villanova U. and **Ruth McCorkle**, *Xi*, U. of Pennsylvania, both Penn Professors of nursing, Philadelphia are the recipients of a \$1.6 million grant over five years from the National Institute of Mental Health. They will conduct a study on the problems faced by the survivors of residential fires.

"We believe there is a great need to attend to people whose lives have been disrupted by this disaster," said Keane. "Survivors have frequently suffered loss of a loved one and injury, as well as emotional, social and financial consequences. The process of reorganizing their lives is a long one." More than 6,000 people die each year in house fires in the United States, with the majority of the victims being poor and elderly.

Ellen K. Mahoney, *Alpha Chi*, Boston College, received the Rehabilitation Nursing Foundation's 1990 Research Grant for her proposal, "Managing the Trajectory: Determinants of Self-Care in Individuals with Parkinson's Disease."

Co-investigator on the project is **Cathi Thomas**, Coordinator of the Parkinson Program at Boston University Medical Center. Mahoney is assistant professor at Boston College School of Nursing in Boston, Massachusetts.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Foundation Fund Board named three faculty members from the South Arkansas Area Health Education Centers Program as recipients of a research grant from the 1990-1991 Medical Research Endowment. The grant is awarded to **Mary Wainwright**, *Gamma Xi*, U. of Arkansas, assistant professor, College of Nursing; **Donna Rote**, *Beta Chi*, Northwestern State U., clinical instructor, Maternal-Child Health; and **Robin Ray**, MD, faculty, Family Practice Residency Program. The team received the award for further research on its study, "Improving Parenting Skills of Rural Minority Adolescents."



G. Lorain Brault

G. Lorain Brault, *Iota Eta*, California State U., Long Beach, received the California Association for Health Services at Home's 1990 Lillian H. O'Brien Award. This award honors her contribution in advancing patient care benefitting 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.



Enid Goldberg

Enid Goldberg, *Eta*, U. of Pittsburgh, received the 1991 Leadership Award from the *Eta Chapter*. She recently retired as Dean of the U. of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

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

Fran London, *Epsilon Xi*, U. of Rochester, has won NOAADN'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. Paice, *Gamma Phi*, Rush U., Assistant Professor, was selected for the 1991 Oncology Nursing Society/Schering Clinical Lectureship Award.

Elizabeth H. Winslow, *Delta Theta*, The U. of Texas at Arlington, received the American Heart Association, Council on Cardiovascular Nursing, Katharine Lembright Award for Nursing Research. The award was accompanied by a \$2,000 research honorarium.

Elections

Susan Dean-Baar, *Gamma Phi*, Rush U., begins a two-year term as Chairman 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.



Rheba de Tornay

Rheba de Tornay, *Psi*, U. of Washington, professor and dean emeritus of the UW School of Nursing has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She is one of five new members of the 13-member board. de Tornay Upon her resignation as dean of the UW School of Nursing, she was named director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Nurse Scholars Program. de Tornay is the first nurse to serve on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Board.

Caryle G. Wolahan, *Alpha Zeta*, Columbia U., was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Medical Centers of Brooklyn and Queens. She was also appointed to the National Alumni Board for the Wagner College National Alumni Association.

Last year, Wolahan was elected President of the Nursing Educational Alumni Association of Teachers College, Columbia U.



Caryle G. Wolahan

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 biennium.
2. Establish Sigma Theta Tau Chapter Consultants, with the support of headquarters staff, effective the 1991-1993 biennium.
3. Approve the establishment of the International Heritage Award.
4. Support the development of a program to seek corporate underwriting of (or support for) special named lectures and international awards to be presented at each biennial convention.
5. Explore the possibility of jointly sponsoring a research grant with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the Oncology Nursing Foundation.
6. 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 '91, 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 demystify the research process by

introducing prominent nurse researchers and teams as they show the process, goals, outcome and implications of the work.

A pilot series of three to five videos will feature different researchers in each episode and be produced by Studio Three. The Sigma Theta Tau advisory group recommends researchers to be featured, as well as providing technical and critical input into the productions.

The advisory committee is: Joanne S.

Stevenson, RN, PhD, FAAN, chairperson, Professor Ohio State U.; Linda Cronenwett, RN PhD, FAAN, Director of Nursing Research, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; Beverly Johnson, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, U. of Vermont; David Wallace, Executive Producer of Studio Three, Don Ladig of C.V. Mosby; Nell Watts, RN, MS, FAAN, Executive Officer; Margaret M. Pike, Consultant.

In Memoriam

Malcom Maloof

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

Maloof 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 ASC (nursing) from Bristol Community 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 -

1973. 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 Psi*, Oregon Health Sciences U.

Virginia Arnold, *Theta*, Boston U.

Marion Blow, *Alpha Omega*, Adelphi

Susan Kay Curlovic, *Epsilon*, Ohio State U.

Ernestine Downey, *Gamma Kappa*, State U. of New York, Buffalo

Sandra Diane Felton, *Rho*, U. of Michigan

Linda Gallagher, *Delta Tau*, At-Large

Elizabeth Heffernan, *Alpha Nu*, Villanova U.

Blanche Kimbrow, *Kappa*, Catholic U. of America

Dorothy L. Mitchell, *Upsilon*, New York U.

Jane Ness, *Eta Eta*, York College of Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Reece, *Eta Kappa*, Washburn U.

Frances Righi, *Theta Epsilon*, U. of Central Florida

Beatrice Hyatt Robinson, *Alpha*, Indiana U.

Michele Scenna, *Kappa*, Catholic U. of America

Roma Mary Seyfried, *Xi*, U. of Pennsylvania

Evelyn Sheehan, *Theta*, Boston U.

Nancy Shivers, *Alpha Iota*, U. of Missouri-Columbia

Cheryl Lynn Sikes-Lynch, *Alpha Lambda*, U. of Illinois at Chicago

Anne Stimming, *Alpha*, Indiana U.

Dixie June Trump, *Delta Theta*, U. of Texas Arlington

Nancy Brock Watt, *Beta Beta*, Texas Woman's U.

Anita Lensack Yorkston, *Theta Phi*, College of Misericordia

Susan Dunne Zahl, *Alpha Eta*, U. of California, San Francisco

Chapter Conferences

Kentucky

September 27, 1991, Louisville
Nursing Research: A Challenge for the 21st Century
Sponsors: Iota Zeta, Iota Gamma, Lambda Psi
Contact: Anne McCollom (502)588-8381

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 Deiriggi (304)293-2801

North Carolina

October 15, 1991
Key Aspects of Caring for the Chronically Ill: Hospital and Home
Sponsors: U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Alpha Alpha
Contact: Ruth Weise, (919) 966-2263

Other Conferences

Minnesota

June 15-19, 1991, St. Paul
North American Conference
Sponsor: 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

July 19-24, 1991, Aspen
Summer Institutes: Adolescent Suicide & Adult Suicide
Sponsor: American Association of Suicidology
Contact: (303)692-0985

Missouri

September 22-26, 1991, Kansas City

15th Congress and Nursing Symposium,
Sponsors: Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc.
Contact: SOHN National Headquarters, (904)428-1695

Michigan

September 26-29, 1991, Detroit
17th Transcultural Nursing Society Conference
Sponsor: Transcultural Nursing Society
Contact: Madeleine Leininger, (313)577-4392

Massachusetts

October 17-19, Cambridge,
15th Conference: Providing Total Care
Sponsor: Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses
Contact: APON, (804)379-9150

California

October 17-20, Anaheim
10th Educational Symposium and Annual Meeting
Sponsor: The American Association of Nurse Attorneys
Contact: (301)752-3318

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract Deadline - June 1, 1991

Norfolk, Virginia
National Conference on Gerontological Nursing Education
January 31-February 1, 1992
Sponsor: Old Dominion University, School of Nursing
Contact: Christine Heine, (804)683-5244

Abstract Deadline - June 3, 1991

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

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October 11, 1991
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Contact: Cornelia Beck, (501)661-5374

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St. Louis, Missouri

18th Research Conference
October 4, 1991

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Contact: Doris M. Edwards, RN, MSN, Saint Louis University School of Nursing, 3525 Caroline St., St. Louis, MO 63104-1099

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3rd Family Health Nursing Conference
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Contact: Barbara Redding, RN EdD, Family Health Nursing Conference - 1991, University of South Florida, College of Nursing, Box 22, 12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612-4799

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Contact: John R. Phillips (212)998-5322

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Faye G. Abdellah



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