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Reared in Dimmitt, Texas, she became the first member of a large family to attend college. Her father Charles Vaughan, a salesman, and her mother, Betty, a bookkeeper, were always supportive of nursing.

But even as a teen-ager, she was no stranger to nursing. She had already been practicing nursing since age 14. For 50 cents an hour, she worked as a nurses aide in Dimmitt. She helped deliver babies, bandaged the wounded and severely burned.

"I have wanted to be a nurse for as long as I can remember," she says. She earned her doctorate of education in 1978 from East Texas State University and her master's and bachelor's degrees in nursing science from Texas Woman's University. She currently is the associate dean for academic programs at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing, assistant director for nursing education in the Arkansas Area Health Education Program and associate director of nursing for the Rural Health Center.

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When it comes to an accurate portrait of nurses, the public seems to have slumbered like Rip Van Winkle, while the entire nursing progress was changing people's lives and the structure of their environments. She believes this older view prevents the recognition of nursing research that can significantly cut health care costs.

Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel cites Thelma Wells' research on urinary incontinence, which will keep countless numbers of older women from needing surgery or from being placed in nursing homes. And Dorothy Brooten's work with low birth weight babies, that has enabled infants to be discharged from hospitals earlier than usual.

Adding to the obscenity of nursing research, has been confusion among health care professionals and the public over what exactly nursing research is. Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel adds some distinctions: Nursing research focuses on how people respond to health care. And she would like to increase nurses with advanced education to bring renewal to degenerating systems of health care.

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Secretary Gebbie said Washington state, as an employer and purchaser of care, that rising health care costs are eating up its budget. The state is facing a $900 million deficit that the legislature must reconcile.

The timing is right for the bill's passage, but politically split legislative houses could mean hours of confrontation, deliberation and compromise between politicians and lobbyists. Her success, in part, comes from avoiding being labeled either Democrat or Republican.

"I'm not a politician," Secretary Gebbie ex plains. "I am a health professional appointed to head a health care agency. The body politic has given me permission to interfere with its life, but I am, to my core, a nurse. It is my experience and expertise as a nurse that I bring to a multi-discipline table," she says.

She began her public health care service career in the Oregon Health Division in 1978, heading the division for 11 years.

In 1989, in the midst of numerous government reforms, Washington split up its Department of Social and Health Services in an effort to make health care services more efficient. As Gov. Gardner proposed tax and education reforms, he was also looking for someone to take control of the newly formed Department of Health and its more than 750 employees. He only needed to look to his southern neighboring state to find his first secretary of health.

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She is currently a member of the executive board of the American Public Health Association and the editorial board of the Journal of Public Health Policy. Secretary Gebbie, a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, received her nursing education first at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, gaining her masters degree at the University of California School of Nursing in Los Angeles in 1968. From 1968 to 1978 she taught at UCLA and St. Louis University, focusing on community mental health nursing.

Today Secretary Gebbie continues to inspire and educate young nursing professionals by hiring some within her department. "Being able to participate in making certain that our profession contributes all that it can to the process of having a healthier public is one of the joys of how I spend my time," she said at the Sigma Theta Tau International Awards Banquet in Tampa, Fla.

Secretary Gebbie often finds herself in the minority, if not the only representative, of nurses in many of the committee or policy meetings she attends. It is the values she has learned as a nurse, in practice as well as theory, that help her cope with representatives from other disciplines.

In her role as a health leader, Secretary Gebbie encourages other nurses to involve themselves in policy-making decisions.

"I like to say that there are two kinds of people: those who do what they are told and those who do what they feel they should do, until they are told not to. I consider myself one of the latter, but I think that sometimes nurses put on blinders and become one of the former," she says.

As a nurse, Secretary Gebbie has shed her blinkers and broken down many barriers in an effort to keep Americans healthy. In her pursuit for universal health care in the state of Washington and the U.S., she is paving the way for nursing leaders of the future.
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In her role as a health leader, Secretary Gebbie encourages other nurses to involve themselves in policy-making decisions.

"I like to say that there are two kinds of people: those who do what they are told and those who do what they feel they should do, until they are told not to. I consider myself one of the latter, but I think that sometimes nurses put on blinders and become one of the former," she says. As a nurse, Secretary Gebbie has shed her blinders and broken down many barriers in an effort to keep Americans healthy. In her pursuit for universal health care in the state of Washington and the U.S., she is paving the way for nursing leaders of the future.
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While studying at Case Western Reserve in 1969, Dr. Wells volunteered at the local home, which she described as a wretched place made from a converted hotel for impoverished old folks and psychiatric patients. In this setting, the two women swapped stories about their lives.

Thelma Wells grew up in Massachusetts. Her mother had a wooden leg, after having fallen out of a horse drawn wagon and catching her foot in its wheel at age 16. She would tell her daughter stories of the expert nurses who saved her life.

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Nursing experts judged "The Miracle Workers," produced by anchor Cathy Ray, RN, MS, and photographer Jim Karpeichik of WJAR-TV of Providence, R.I. as the Overall Grand Media Award. Ray and Karpeichik went behind the scenes of a neonatal intensive care unit to focus on the role of nursing in a highly stressful environment.

The first Heritage Award, presented during the Media Awards Luncheon, recognized Alpa Omega, Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y. for its video, photographs and documentation of chapter history. Articles included in the display included the chapter charter, induction record book, compilations of the chapter's newsletters, meeting minutes, financial ledgers and awards received by the chapter and its members.

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"This recognition occurs not because of one person, but because of a group of people working together called Delta Omega. It's our call to accountability as a chapter," Martha Conrad, past president of Delta Omega, said.

When members of the awards Selection Committee met to recommend the Founders Award recipients, they were met with a unique problem. One person had been nominated for, and rightly deserved several Founders Awards.

The issue was presented to the Governing Council, which created the new Lifetime Achievement Award, encompassing the qualities of the founder's Awards.

Luther Christian, RN, PhD, of Chapel Hill, Tenn. received the extraordinary Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Christian, dean emeritus of the Rush University College of Nursing and president of Christian-Cornesky and Associates, was recognized for his scholarship in relation to improving nursing practice through the formulation of his Unification Model of nursing combining service, education and research and his efforts to gain recognition for nursing as a scholarly, professional discipline.

Dr. Christian graduated from Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing in 1959, seeking his bachelors and masters degrees at Temple University and his doctorate in sociology and anthropology at Michigan State University. He later became the founding dean of Rush University.

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In pursuit of high professional standards, Sigma Theta Tau International recognizes one nurse each biennium who helps guide other nurses in their careers. The 1991 Mentor Award was given to Assistant Surgeon General Jessie M. Scott, RN, DSc, FAAN of McLean Va.

"If I have been, in any way, able to help others with whom I have worked, to help them get a sense of self and a sense of internal consistency in their own careers, then I am indeed touched and extremely satisfied," Dr. Scott said.

She has led a distinguished nursing career, rising in ranks to hold one of the highest health care positions in the U.S. As educator and policy-maker, Dr. Scott provided career guidance, assisted in placing nurses into professional settings and assisted in the evaluation of nursing on an international level.

Local, state, national and international media have played a large part in the recognition of nurses and the nursing profession. Sigma Theta Tau International awarded the efforts of print and electronic media at the Media Awards Luncheon.

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“Sometimes creativity backfires,” Dr. Burnside said. She explained that a student introduced herself several years after taking one of Dr. Burnside’s classes and perfectly repeated a poem she had learned in class. The former student, however, could not longer remember the subject of the course.

Maryjane V. Bates, RN, PhD, FAAN, Psi, of Seattle, Wash, was recognized with the Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Research. She has been instrumental in heightening the awareness of nursing research in the U.S. Congress and has extensively researched conditions that promote or impede goal attainment in nursing. “If we (nurse researchers) do not have the supportive environments, we will not have the productivity that gives us the knowledge to serve patients,” Dr. Bates said.

Toni Tripp-Reimer, RN, PhD, FAAN, Gamma of Iowa City, Iowa, was also honored with the Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Research. Dr. Tripp-Reimer’s main research focus has been relating ethnic and aging anthropology to practical nursing.

Ann Marriner Tomey, RN, PhD, FAAN, Alpha of Trafalgar, Ind, was recognized with the Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice. Ms. Tomey is an expert on psychosocial care in pediatric oncology, providing individual, family and group therapy to children and adolescents with cancer, their parents and siblings.

Linda K. Amos, RN, PhD, FAAN, Gamma Zeta of Salt Lake City, Utah, received the Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership. Dr. Amos is dean and professor of the University of Utah College of Nursing in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Amos served as president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing from 1984-86. She is a founding member of the National Forum of Women Health Care Leaders. “In education, practice, research, community organizations and government agencies, nurses are making the difference, so that health care can be better improved for all people of the world,” Dr. Amos said.

Kristine Gebbie, RN, MN, FAAN, Psi of Olympia, Wash, received the Marie Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership. She is Secretary of Health for the state of Washington and has been a public health advocate for her state as well as the U.S.

The Ethel Palmier Clarke Award for Excellence in Chapter Programming was presented to the Sigma Theta Tau International’s Delta Omega chapter at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. “This recognition occurs not because of one person, but because of a group of people working together called Delta Omega. It’s our call to accountability as a chapter,” Martha Conrad, past president of Delta Omega, said.

When members of the awards Selection Committee met to recommend the Founders’ Awards recipients, they were met with a unique problem. One person had been nominated for, and rightly deserved several Founders Awards. The issue was presented to the Governing Council, which created the new Lifetime Achievement Award, encompassing the qualities the Founder’s Awards.

Luther Christman, RN, PhD, of Chapel Hill, Tenn, received the extraordinary Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Christman, dean emeritus of the Rush University College of Nursing and president of Christiana Care in Delaware, was recognized for his scholarship in relation to improving nursing practice through the formulation of his Unification Model of nursing combining service, education and research and his efforts to gain recognition for nursing as a scholarly, professional discipline.

Dr. Christman graduated from Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing in 1939, seeking his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Temple University and his doctorate in sociology and anthropology at Michigan State University. He later became the founding dean of Rush University. Dr. Christman, a founding nurse member of the National Academies of Practice, currently serves as chair of the Nursing Academy of Practice.

In addition, Dr. Christman is widely published in multi-discipline fields and has presented more than 500 papers in his career. He has numerous awards to his credit including the Edith Moore Copeland Award for Creativity, the Jessie M. Scott Award, the Outstanding Male Nurse in the Nation by the American Association of Men in Nursing and the Trustees Medal of Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center.

In pursuit of high professional standards, Sigma Theta Tau International recognizes one nurse each biennium who helps guide other nurses in their careers. The 1991 Mentor Award was given to Associate Professor General Jessie M. Scott, RN, DSc, FAAN, of McLean Va.

“If I have been, in any way, able to help others with whom I have worked, to help them get a sense of self and a sense of internal consistency in their own careers, then I am indeed touched and extremely satisfied,” Dr. Scott said.

She has led a distinguished nursing career, rising in ranks to hold one of the highest health care positions in the U.S. As educator and policy-maker, Dr. Scott provided career guidance, assisted in placing nurses into professional settings and assisted in the evaluation of nursing on an international level.

Local, state, national and international media have played a large part in the recognition of nurses and the nursing profession. Sigma Theta Tau International awarded the efforts of print and electronic media at the Media Awards Luncheon.

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Helene Moriarty, RN, PhD, CD, of Villanova University was recognized for her dissertation, "The Relationship of Family Cohesion, Family Adaptability and Time Postdeath to Parental Bereavement Reactions After the Death of a Child," with the Dissertation Award. The award is given for the dissertation that exemplifies high standards of nursing scholarship, contributes to the body of knowledge for nursing practice, and which creates avenues for further research.

The Mead Johnson Nutritional's Perinatal Research Grant is a new, $10,000 grant to increase the amount of nursing knowledge in the areas of pregnancy, childbirth and infant care. The new Grant was awarded to Joy V. Browne, RN, PhD, of The Children's Hospital of Denver, Co. Dr. Browne's research focuses on the effects of handling very low birth weight infants in routine care.

The Baxter Foundation Episteme Award, which included a monetary award of $10,000, was presented to Thelma Wells, RN, PhD, FAAN, FRCN, of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y. for her findings on urinary incontinence and gerontology. Dr. Wells' leadership in a series of research projects concerning nursing interventions for urinary control in women has earned her the title Episteme Laureate for her highly significant research.

Susan Grobe, RN, PhD, FAAN, of The University of Texas at Austin was the recipient of the Information Resources Technology Award. The award honors those nurses who have created and implemented information resources technology in a wide scale for health care professionals. Grobe was recognized for her book, Computer Primer and Resource Guide for Nurses, her work as chair of the National League for Nursing's Council for Nursing Informatics and her research studying the terminology of nursing and ways to develop computer technology based on nursing linguistics.

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Prior to her present position, Dr. Bower was dean, academic vice president and director of institutional planning and research at the University of San Francisco. She served on advisory committees and boards and is an accreditation site visitor and member of the board of review for the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs for the National League for Nursing. She is a member of the Georgia League for Nursing and as a member of the governing board of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Her ten-year research program centers on health promotion in frail elders with secondary work related to instrument development and health care problems surrounding AIDS. She has been the principal investigator/project director for three federal grants relating to gerontology.

I will continue to work diligently to place Sigma Theta Tau in a proactive position for interfacing with and influencing other organizations," she added. "Essentially, I believe the president-elect should be prepared to provide leadership as Sigma Theta Tau moves into the 21st century," she concluded.

Sarah Hall Goedeker, RN, C, BSN, first vice president is professor and gerontological specialist at the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing where she is a member of Beta Omicron. She has held a variety of teaching and clinical positions in Tennessee, Mississippi, California and Georgia. She has served on Sigma Theta Tau International Research Committee for four years and was elected first vice president in 1989. In the past she has served as president of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, vice president of the Georgia League for Nursing and as a member of the governing board of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Her ten-year research program centers on health promotion in frail elders with secondary work related to instrument development and health care problems surrounding AIDS. She has been the principal investigator/project director for three federal grants relating to gerontology.

"I will continue to work diligently to place my colleagues in the vital process of nursing scholarship through program planning, and through the nurturing of high quality research. As a member of the national governing board, I will continue to support Sigma Theta Tau's efforts to provide support for nursing's beginning researchers and see as priority the expansion of funding for research," Dr. Goedeker said. "The goal of scholarship is to improve the care of patients. I believe in the principles of fiscal accountability, stewardship, long-range development, balanced investment, risk-taking and philanthropy," Dr. Bower said. "I believe that Sigma Theta Tau's goals for excellence can be achieved by clearly understanding eligibility criteria for membership of qualified members and chapters," Dr. Thompson said.

J oan M. Riley, RN, EdD, third vice president, recently completed doctoral studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Beginning her nursing career as a staff nurse at Cape Cod Hospital, she has since been involved in various nursing research projects based at Boston College.

She worked to advance nursing research as a nursing research proposal reviewer for the National Advisory Council of Nursing Training of the Department of Health and Human Services. In 1985 she became a member of the Department of Health and Human Services Ad hoc Advisory Group on Financing Education of Health Professionals.

Dr. Riley, a member and past president of Alpha Chi at Boston College, has served as an instructor/leader for Sigma Theta Tau for more than a decade as third vice president and member of the international nominating and by-laws committees. She is an old proverb that says, 'Tell me the road you have travelled and I'll tell you where you are heading.' Over the past 20 years, I have travelled a long, full road with Sigma Theta Tau. These experiences have given me the deepest respect for Sigma Theta Tau members' commitment to a vision of excellence in nursing worldwide," Dr. Riley said.

"Support for chapter leaders has been strengthened with the expansion of the work of North Carolina, a social service agency, and serves as a consultant for Sunbeam-Oster Housewares in Coushatta. She helped develop the Sunbeam-Oster prenatal program for pregnant employees and significantly decreased its maternity and nursery costs."

Dr. Thompson has served Sigma Theta Tau internationally in a variety of regional and chapter roles, including region coordinator, publications committee member, Distinguished Lecturer and president of Northwestern University's chapter. As second vice president, I want to promote the goals and purposes of Sigma Theta Tau as we move toward meeting the Actions for the 1990s. As we expand in size and scope, issues related to eligibility for both members and petitioning honor societies become critical for providing the foundations for our future," she said.

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She has a broad background in clinical practice and teaching, and has earned a master's and Ph.D. degree in nursing education. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International through the activities of the Heritage Hour chapter, and in 1982 she was elected to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

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The Nominating Committee is responsible for preparing the ballot for the 32nd Biennial Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind. in 1993.

Nominating Chair — Billye J. Brown, RN, MSN, DSN, Epsilon Theta (Univ. of Texas at Austin), is past president of Sigma Theta Tau International. She is the retired dean of the School of Nursing of the University of Texas at Austin. In her distinguished nursing career, Dr. Brown has been president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and currently sits on the board of directors of the American Journal of Nursing Company.

"I cannot think of any role more critical to the well-being of the society than serving on the Nominating Committee. Selection of appropriate future leaders will help to insure Sigma Theta Tau's continued advancement," Dr. Brown said.

Joan M. Creed, RN, MS, Alpha Xi (Univ. of South Carolina), is a clinical instructor at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing and consultant in psychiatric/mental health nursing. Ms. Creed has been an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International since 1975, serving as the Region 7 coordinator for two terms as well as on the Convention Local Arrangements Committee.

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Regional Coordinators 1991-1993

Region 1 — Sigma Theta Tau International's Region 1 includes 13 states spanning from Alaska to Arizona and Hawaii to Colorado. As the new Region 1 Coordinator, Suzanne Van Ort, RN, PhD, DSN, Beta Mu (Univ. of Arizona), will be responsible for uniting this large region and its growing membership. Dr. Van Ort is associate dean for academic affairs at the Univ. of Arizona College of Nursing in Tucson.

"The regional coordinator serves an essential role in facilitating communication among chapters in the region, among regions and with international headquarters. My first goal is to capitalize on the wealth of individual and collective talents within Region One to promote individual, chapter and regional growth," Dr. Van Ort said.

Region 2 — Regional Coordinator Susan Gifford Liberman, RN, MS, Delta (Univ. of Kansas), Alpha Omega (Univ. of Missouri at Columbia), is a clinical nurse specialist and pediatric nurse in Kansas City, Kansas. She was appointed Region Two coordinator in 1990 and continues to lead the area that spans from North Dakota to Oklahoma and Nebraska to Missouri.

"It is important to support all of the presidents and chapters in the region through the regional newsletter and president's conference calls. There are many talented nursing leaders in Region Two, and I am excited to continue working with them," Ms. Liberman said.

Region 3 — Sigma Theta Tau International's Region 3 extends from Kentucky to Louisiana and Texas to Tennessee. Regional Coordinator Ruth Tucker, RN, PhD, Alpha Delta (Univ. of Texas Medical Branch), is associate professor and coordinator for the high risk maternity graduate program at the Univ. of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston.

"I am committed to building strength in the organization through leadership opportunities for members through local chapters activities," Dr. Tucker said.

Region 4 — Sigma Theta Tau International's Region 4 includes six states in the Great Lakes region and chapters in Ontario, Canada. Regional Coordinator Elizabeth (Betsy) Weiner, RN, PhD, Beta Iota (Univ. of Cincinnati), is associate professor, department head-medical-surgical nursing director of instructional computing technologies of the College of Nursing and Health Medical Center of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

"I endeavor to provide Region 4 with an effective communication link (using technology when possible) so that we might provide comprehensive membership services," Dr. Weiner said.

Region 5 — This region includes the New England states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York. Regional Coordinator Maureen P. McCausland, RN, DNS, DSN, Alpha Chi (Boston College), is associate vice president for nursing at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, Mass. This is Dr. McCausland's second term as regional coordinator.

"Sigma Theta Tau members are leaders of our profession. It is a privilege for me to continue to work with the organization as we face challenges which require energy, creativity and action," Dr. McCausland said.

Region 6 — Regional Coordinator Cecelia Gunston Grindel, RN, PhD, Alpha Mu (Villanova Univ.), is assistant professor at the Villanova Univ. College of Nursing in Pennsylvania. This is Dr. Grindel's second term as coordinator of the area spanning the Middle Atlantic states.

"I hope to assist chapters in implementing creative strategies to increase membership participation in the chapter and identify fund-raising strategies that meet the chapter's needs and resources," Dr. Grindel said.

Region 7 — Astrid Heller Wilson, RN, DNP, Beta Omicron (Medical College of Georgia), is assistant professor of the parent-child nursing department of the Medical College of Georgia College of Nursing in Augusta. She will lead Sigma Theta Tau International's Region 7, which includes the southern states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

"I serve as a facilitator of interaction, communication and program planning for both individuals and chapters in the region. Building on the leadership provided by past coordinators, I will continue to pursue excellence," Dr. Heller Wilson said.
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Nominating Committee 1991-93

Dr. Carolyn A. Williams, RN, MSN, FANS, director, is dean and professor at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing in Lexington. Prior to her appointment, she worked as a staff public health nurse of the Dallas County Health Department, Dallas, Texas, associate professor of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and professor and director of graduate programs and research at the School of Nursing at Emory University. She is a member of Delta Psi at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Williams' practice and research interest are development of community-focused primary care programs and the evaluation of health services and social epidemiology. In this context she has held several national appointments as a member the Presidential Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and the World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Nursing.

"I am particularly interested in enhancing our leadership role in the international arena, actualizing the potential of our International Nursing Library and in fostering nursing scholarship," Dr. Williams said.

"I am also quite sensitive to the desirability of active chapter and regional participation in the development of the organization's agenda for the future and will work to facilitate such involvement," she added.
Scientific Sessions • Research Poster Awards

First Place — "Instruments to Measure Factors Associated with Obesity in Children," by Mary A. Alexander, RN, BSN, Beta Mu (University of Arizona), assistant professor of the University of Arizona College of Nursing in Tucson.

Second Place — "Employed Primiparas’ Attitudes Toward Combining Motherhood and Employment," by Laura Dockert, RN, PhD, Zeta (University of Minnesota), assistant professor of the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis.

Third Place — "Lessens’s Health Care Needs and Barriers for Not Seeking Care," by Susan E. Trappett, RN, BSN, Gamma Lambda (University of Tennessee), assistant professor of the University of Southern Mississippi School of Nursing in Hattiesburg.

Theme Award — "Sound in the NICU and Its Effects on Early Preterm Infants," by Patricia A. Martin, RN, MS, PhD, Zeta Phi (Wright State University), nurse researcher at Miami Valley Hospital in Beavercreek, Ohio.

Health Leaders Installed As Honorary Members

Sigma Theta Tau International recognized events during its annual meeting in San Francisco, awarding and honoring health-care advocates from diverse professional fields with honorary membership at its 31st bimennial convention.

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Owner and president of Springer Publishing, Ursula Springer, PhD, has a exceptional talent for finding authors who want to make a difference in nursing. She has often taken financial risks to support her authors and encourage the discovery of new nursing frontiers. She is responsible for the hallmark 13-volume series Teaching of Nursing and the Annual Review of Nursing Research, now in its ninth volume. In extending honorary membership to me, you are giving recognition to a publisher of the books that mean a lot to you, besides the only woman publisher of nursing books," Dr. Springer said as she received the award. In addition to her publishing efforts, Dr. Springer has established the Bernard Springer Fellowship in Nursing which partially supports doctoral studies.

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Since 1954, Dr. Schaefer has served as department chair at the University of Pittsburgh College of Nursing, and has served on dissertation committees of many nursing scholars in her pursuit to further gerontological nursing.
Members of the Research Committee are responsible for reviewing research grant applications, making funding recommendations and encouraging the development of nursing research.

Kathleen Buckwalter, RN, PhD, FAAN, Gamma (Univ. of Iowa), is the associate director of the Office for Nursing Research Development and Utilization at the University of Iowa College of Nursing. In her active career as a nursing research advocate, she has served on several national committees and has received grants for 22 research projects as principal or co-principal investigator. Dr. Buckwalter founded the Research Awards Committee of Gamma chapter. In some ways I bring a unique mind set to nursing research. In addition to my commitment to scholarly inquiry, I have remained an active clinician, maintaining a caseload of clients for 15 years," Dr. Buckwalter said.

Carol P. Germain, RN, EdD, FAAN, Xi (Univ. of Pennsylvania), is associate professor and chairperson of the Science and Role Development Division of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing serving her second term on the Research Committee. Dr. Germain has been active in nursing research as an investigator, presenter and author. In addition, she serves on the manuscript review panels of Image Journal of Nursing Scholarship, Nursing Research and Qualitative Health Research. "As an incumbent, I will be able to contribute to continuity for the committee's work and see some of its current initiatives to fruition," Dr. Germain said.

Maureen B. Keefe, RN, PhD, Alpha R kappa at Large (Univ. of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Regis College), is associate professor of the University of Colorado School of Nursing, vice president for nursing research at The Children's Hospital and associate director of the hospital's inter-disciplinary facilitation center. Dr. Keefe has served as president of Alpha Kappa and chair of the research committee. She served as a research subcommittee member for the review and selection of the first Mead Johnson Nutritionals Perinatal Research Award. "I will use my organizational talents to develop further program innovations in the areas of research dissemination and utilization of nursing research findings in practice and education," Dr. Keefe said.

Bonnie Rogers, DNP, COIN, FAAN, Alpha Alpha (Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), is assistant professor of nursing and public health and director of the Occupational Health Nursing program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This is Dr. Rogers' second term on the Research Committee. Dr. Rogers is dedicated to improving health care problems through the application of research findings. "I am strongly committed to advancing nursing practice through research and to supporting collaborative ventures among disciplines which will improve the health of individuals, groups and populations," Dr. Rogers said.

Joyce A. Verran, RN, PhD, FAAN, Beta Mu (Univ. of Arizona), is associate professor and division director of adult health nursing at the University of Arizona College of Nursing. Dr. Verran is currently involved in several nationally funded nursing research projects. She is on the manuscript review boards for Research in Nursing and Health, Western Journal of Nursing and the Journal of Neuroscience Nursing. This is Dr. Verran's second term as a member of the Research Committee, and she will serve as the committee chair. "If nursing is to continue to improve its practice and image, it is critical that scientifically sound research be conducted in all areas which affect practice," Dr. Verran said.

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In addition, Dr. Schafer has published in many journals and multi-discipline proceedings, representing her personal interaction with nurses and the aging. "Dr. Poon has the ability to bring together international and multi-discipline representatives to solve pressing gerontological problems," said Sigma Theta Tau International First Vice President Sarah H. Goodwin, DNS, FAAN. Dr. Poon is dedicated to promoting post-graduate nursing scholarship, directing doctoral and post-doctoral programs in gerontology. He has served as a dissertation committee chair of nurse scholars in his pursuit to further gerontological nursing.
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"I’m Sue Malloy, I’m a Commander in Naval Reserve. I served at Fort Stewart, Georgia. I too was casually assigned for many."

"I’m Marcia Ross, Lieutenant Colonel. I’m with Air Medical Evacuation Squadron out of Travis Air Force Base in California. I served for 4 months and some odd casualties during the 106th of the ground war and I’m affiliated with Zeta Omegna at Northern Illinois University."

"I’m Lieutenant Carrie Nero. I work out of the 34th Combat Support Hospital Hospital I served in Fort Stewart, Georgia. I was a nurse. I worked with over 50 families who received notification that loved ones were killed or wounded over in Saudi. I am a member of Delta Beta in Tampa."

The U.S. Central Command Color Guard (above) at the public service luncheon honoring General Schwarzkopf and the nurses of Desert Storm (right).
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Some 800 nurses attended the public service luncheon, and she enthusiastically agreed to give her autograph and have her picture taken with about 250 attendees. While accepting the award, Mrs. Schwarzkopf turned to 31 nurses who served in Desert Storm and said, "For all of those men and women on stage, the General was very impressed with the attitude of those people in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. "He would make visits to far off places to see the men and women and their medical units to make them feel better," Mrs. Schwarzkopf said. "But instead, they made him feel better." Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel unveiled an engraved wooden brick in honor of Sigma Theta Tau nurses who participated in the Gulf War. The brick will be displayed permanently at International Headquarters.

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"I'm Captain Lori Heidt. I'm active duty. During Desert Storm I was at Fort Sam Houston."

"I'm Captain Judith St. Onge, Army Nurse Corps. I served at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and I belong to the Delta Zeta chapter."

"I'm Perkins Leeverett, Lieutenant Colonel, Army Reserve here from the 33rd-44th Reserve Hospital Tampa. I served at Fort Rucker, Alabama and Fort Sill, Oklahoma."

"I'm Lieutenant Colonel Jeanine Dahl, 453rd Combat Support Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. I served at a point close to the Israel border and Kuwait border, about 5 miles from the border. We took in 1/5 of the casualties from the ground war."

"I'm from Beta Gamma chapter at Temple, Arizona - ASL."

"I'm Maryann Kupla. I'm a Major in Air Force. I served at Beale Air Force Base in California."

"I'm Captain Debbie Cox of the Army Nurse Corps. During the conflict I served in the recruiting command. I am a member of Lambda Zeta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau." I'm Major Janet Harris of the Army Nurse Corps. I served at Fort Stewart, Georgia and I'm a member of Mu Kappa at Large."

"Hi, I'm Jane Petphilose, Lieutenant in U.S. Air Force Reserve. I am a Flight Nurse. I stationed at 123 out in Kuwaiti desert. We saw about 300 and some odd casualties during the 100 hours of the ground war, and I'm affiliated with Zeta Omicron at Northern Illinois."

"My name is Belle Storm. I'm a Commander with the 53 44th U.S. Army Reserve Hospital here in Tampa and was mobilized to Fort Rucker, Alabama."

"I'm Ruth Harris. I'm a Major in Army Reserve. During Operation Desert Storm I served with 30th Field Hospital in Bramsholz, Germany. I'm president of PI chapter at the University of Maryland School of Nursing."

"I'm Colonel Marilyn Ray. I'm with Zeta XI and Alpha Kappa at Large chapters. I served at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida."

"Colonel Patricia Charmings and I'm in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps. I served at Eglin Air Force Regional Hospital. I'm with Gamma Zeta chapter and chair the International Eligibility Committee."

"I'm Colonel Rebecca Sisson. I served in the Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois and at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, and I'm a member of Delta Beta."

"I'm Lorayne God-Balleness, Major Active Duty Army. Would you believe I served in An.ar Project in Saudi Arabia in the 449th Evac?"

"I'm Lieutenant Jean Anderson, U.S. Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps. I'm with the 65th Air Medical Evacuation Squadron out of Travis Air Force Base in California. I served for 4 months in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. I am a member of Alpha Eta and Zeta Eta chapters."

"I'm Candice Ross, Lieutenant Colonel. I'm with Air Force Reserve 57th Air Evac here in Tampa. I'm with Delta Beta and I served as director of Air Medical Operations for Dhahran and Jubail."

"I'm the First Lieutenant Debra Krupa. I'm with Air Medical Evacuation Squadron at Scott Air Force Base Illinois. During Desert Storm and Desert Shield our unit provided air medical evacuation home for our friends and loved ones all throughout the U.S., North and South America, and also from theater back to Germany."

From left, Mrs. Nell Watts, Dr. Bille J. Brown, Mrs. Brenda Schwarzkopf and Dr. Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel

The Central Command Color Guard

"I'm Carol Darby. I'm a Major U.S. Air Force. I'm from 1st Air Medical Evacuation Squadron stationed at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. I had the opportunity during Desert Shield and Desert Storm to be the DIC of what we call a mobile air staging facility. I was located at a couple of different locations in Djibouti, then an area called Al Jof and in an area called Rafah, Saudi Arabia. Thank you." I'm Captain Dorothy Anderson, I'm active Duty Army stationed at 349th Combat Support Hospital in St. Petersburg during Desert Storm I served as a member of the casualty assistance train out of Fort Stewart, Georgia."

"I'm Commander Johanna Detis and I served in Alwah Bahair also in Fleet Hospital 6. We did see 225 inpatients and over 2,000 outpatients. I live in Tampa, Florida and would like to join Sigma Theta."

"I'm Renalda Furtrell, Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army Nurse Corps. I'm a member of 53-44th U.S. Army Hospital out of Tampa, Florida. During Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm I was stationed at Fitzimons Army Medical Center in Colorado where we planned to expand that hospital to receive the many casualties that, thank God, we did not have to receive. I then returned to Fort Rucker, Alabama. I was part of a demobilization team where we received about 5,000 troops returning from the Gulf to civilian life."

Vietnam Nurses

"It is a day to express appreciation to all nurses who have served in the military," Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel said. She introduced Doris Lippman, RN, PhD, Vice chair of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. Dr. Lippman was a captain in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1967-68 in the 7th field hospital in Tokyo, Japan. Dr. Lippman announced that the national memorial design competition of 1990 named Goodacre from Santa Fe, N.M. as the winning sculptor. She has been commissioned by the board of directors of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project for her figurative design of three women with a fallen soldier.

The sculpture will be placed at the site of the Vietnam Memorial. Dr. Lippman also added that on Nov. 7, 1993 the Capital Planning Commission approved the design concept. With no more planning obstacles, she stated, "We are going to build the memorial. And it will be dedicated in 1993." The Vietnam Women's Memorial Project is looking for sisters veteran of the Vietnam War. The project hopes to raise $2 million for the completion of the commemoration.

To contact the organization, write: Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Suite 302, 2001 S. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
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- California State University - Los Angeles, Nu Mu, May 9, 1992
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Bylaws Changes

A Governance Task Force examined forecasts and future trends to get a picture of the type of environment in which Sigma Theta Tau will operate as the year 2000 approaches.

The Task Force commended the Society on its strategies and goals, especially in its focus on knowledge, sharing information through technology, and in global interest and involvement.

With those goals in mind, the 31st Biennial Convention agenda provided the opportunity for updating the bylaws. The House of Delegates wholeheartedly supported bylaws changes that allowed for increased leadership positions and for preparing for the future that also delivers more services to its members and to advance health-care.

Delegates evaluated, recommended and voted to change the governing council from a "governing council" with seven members to a "board of directors," expanding the new board's size to include four directors at large.

The total number of members elected to the new board of directors is now 11, giving members leadership opportunities.

The cost of delivering member services has risen with the cost of living and increased benefits. The House also voted to increase the insurance fee for the first time in 12 years. A $10 increase, effective July 1, 1992, raises the insurance fee from its current $25 to $35.

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Festive balloons, elegant hors d'oeuvres and sparkling champagne punch helped to create an appropriate atmosphere for the historic occasion. President Billye Brown, Executive Officer Nell Watts, and Past Presidents Sr. Rosemary Donley, Angela McBride, and Luci Kelly (also National Campaign Chair and Chair of the Development Committee) were among the featured speakers. Members especially enjoyed Luci Baines Johnson's rendition of a section from The Velveteen Rabbit, and her presentation to close friend and colleague Billye Brown. Participants received a copy of Legacy, the Knowledge Building Campaign commemorative book, and an article on the campaign from Fund Raising Management magazine.

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Address

Two years ago, in my charge as incoming President, I proposed several goals and issues for the biennium. Today it is evaluation time. How have we done? I may not speak to each and every one of the goals and issues. Some may be incomplete because they are evolving throughout the next biennium and the years to come. That is one of the joys of working with this society. It builds on the past and looks to the future with its creative and constantly developing leadership.

For expedience, I will combine issues and goals as I report the results of my evaluation. On November 18, 1989, among other things, I said, we will:

• Provide programs through regional conferences, which will assist chapters in developing resources leading to greater financial stability.

• Provide opportunities for leadership development through mentoring.

• Provide incentives for inactive members to become active and involved.

• Continue to develop the International Nursing Library and to establish endowments which will support the library, including a scholarship-in-residence program.

Relative to the goal to provide chapters with information about development of resources, opportunities for leadership development and incentives for inactive members to be active, the theme of the 1989-1991 regional assemblies was The Dynamics of Developing Resources: Support for Nursing in the 21st Century.

Distinguished nursing leaders were featured at those assembly programs, coupled with equally well received presentations by expert fundraiser David G. Bauer and National Center for Nursing Research Representatives, Suzanne Feehan and Sally Nichols.

Nursing's Role In The Future — The Case For Health Policy Decision Making, was presented at each of the regional conferences by Dr. Faye Abdellah, The Biennium Distinguished Research Fellow.

We met to some degree a related goal: encouraging grassroots involvement in Sigma Theta Tau through programs in the seven regional assemblies. I believed at the beginning of this biennium, and I am now even more committed to the importance of grassroots involvement in the organization.

In addition to member involvement, it was my goal to involve chairs and deans of nursing programs through re¬

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Gold Circle - $1,000-2,999
Silver Circle - $500-999
Patron's Society - $250-499
Bronze Circle - $100-249

--- August 1, 1991- January, 1992 ---
STTI has led nursing in the development of an electronic library which, when fully developed, will house state-of-the-art and science equipment in a database which can be accessed and utilized by researchers and practitioners. We have developed a lexicon and taxonomy for categorizing nursing knowledge which is being assessed and will have an electronic and print version for use by members and other subscribers.

During the biennium we named our international nursing library in honor of our esteemed colleague Virginia Henderson. To evaluate and respond to the database and in services, many more dollars will be needed. The society has therefore decided to invite foundations and corporations in Indianapolis and throughout the nation to provide some grants for the international nursing library. Others will be invited to commemorate Ms. Henderson in other ways. We expect the initial campaign emphasis to be upon our outside sources.

Another goal was to establish an endowment which would fund research at a higher level. We have done well toward this goal. Contributions from members have increased significantly. We have raised $4.6 million in 1988 in order to cover increased building costs, and then to $5 million in 1990 to enable us to purchase a building. Contributions from members have increased significantly. We have raised $4.6 million in 1988 in order to cover increased building costs, and then to $5 million in 1990 to enable the repayment of increased construction costs and fund raising messages advanced by the society over the four year campaign period. In 1988 we have lost about 20 per cent of our membership; we are philanthropists.

Our society has grown in these past two years. In 1981 the number of renewing members was approximately 20,000. In 1990 the figure is approximately 70,000. The society continues to grow. During the four years in which I served as president-elect then as president, 79 chapters were chartered. Tomorrow you will consider a recommendation of the council for the application of 22 petitioning honor societies which will add another total of 323 chapters.

Once the society was six student nurses in Indiana. In 1974, we were 20,000 nurses in the United States, today, we are 160,000 nurses worldwide. We have chapters in all of the United States and Puerto Rico, in Canada, Korea, and Taiwan.

Our organization, in addition to being a society to promote scholarship, is a business — a large business with a $3+ million annual budget. During this biennium, we have further developed the strategic plan, first written by the admnistrative staff of the organization in 1981 as the "Ten-Year-Plan", then modified by President Angela McBride and her council and accepted in 1989, as the "Action For The 90s". Using that document, we now have a business plan which will be used by the administrative staff of the organization in planning, recommending to the board, and implementing the annual budget.

The society continues to grow and change. We continue to be on the cutting edge in leadership development in rewarding members for excellence in research, leadership, creativity, education, practice, and for their contribution to national standards. Our council continues to grow and change. In the future we will reflect an international, a global view, of professional nursing and scholarship. The issues before our society will be of a global nature necessitating a broader representation in our governance.

The council has accepted, for implementation during the 1991-1993 biennium, a master plan for systematic and timely evaluation of all programs and objectives of every program and of the society as a whole. This includes our governance structure, utilizing the AASIE findings, for the purpose of determining what, if any changes needed to be made, at the international level of governance as we prepare to lead this society into the 21st century.

We are making an assessment of recommendations to the council for change in the governance structure, those changes were assessed and approved by the governing council and sent to the bylaws committee for the changes which have been seen and will be voting for in this meeting.

These changes will provide your elected leaders of the society the structure to meet the needs of the members of our quest for the society to continue to have an impact on the profession.

If approved by this house of delegates, the new structure will enhance STTI's operations, transform our governance structure and prepare the society for the challenges of the 21st century. Such changes have been proposed throughout our organization's long history, and because we are a profoundly purposeful organization, I feel confident that you will approve these. We are probably in better financial condition than most organizations. So you may ask why we needed to look at the governance structure, why titular. There are several reasons.

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Our new members will learn from our ongoing members in order to maintain the pride in membership envisioned by our founders. The more people are involved, the more likely they are to feel the commitment that we want our members to feel to the society and to its purposes and mission. You are members of Sigma Theta Tau because you are people of the future. You are high achievers, with vision, daring, and an extraordinarily developed sense of caring. You are those who have made possible our society's incredible progress in the last decade.

Before the end of this decade, I believe that this organization will be recognized as the organization of the future which the high achievement professional nurse will be an active member. We will offer our members many opportunities for development, for example, programs which provide leadership training through post-doctoral study. We will be the major organization providing nursing scholarships and research funding. We will be the repository of high quality research information, which is instantly retrievable by the practitioner at the patient's side.

That information will demonstrate our ability to translate research into practice, and will be a boon to nursing both economically and financially. Evaluation time has not resulted in achievement of all our goals, or resolution of all issues which faced us in this biennium, but I can say that each of us on the governing council has done the best we could in this biennium to reach goals and resolve issues. We have conscientiously dealt with issues, with our foremost thought always being that our decisions were for the greater good of the organization.

I want to publicly thank the members of the 1989-1991 governing council for their support of me, the organization, and for their hard work during this time of transition for the organization. I also thank the staff. The staff of this organization are extraordinary individuals. Each has played an important role in the success of our programs. Linda Brimmer has been that individual with whom I have worked closely first as president-elect, then as president.

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During the biennium we named our international nursing library in honor of our esteemed colleague Virginia Henderson. To evaluate and plan a real-time system taking into account the many dollars will be needed. The society has therefore decided to invite foundations and corporations in Indianapolis and throughout the nation to provide philanthropic grants for the international nursing library. Others will be invited to commemorate Ms. Henderson in other ways. We expect the initial campaign emphasis to be upon our outside constituencies.

Another goal was to establish an endowment which would fund research at a higher level. We have done well toward this goal. Contributions from members have increased by $100,000 during this biennium, and will result in a total of $350,000 in 1989. In addition, our research program was enhanced by the new $10,000 Mason Johnson Nursing Research Grant which provided a new dimension to our activities. We were also delighted to have the $5,000 award which was contributed by President Angela McBride and her staff.

The society continues to grow and change, and we must keep our eyes focused on our purpose and mission. We may need to change the way we do things in the future, in order to keep pace with the changes which you have seen and will be voting for in this meeting. We want to enhance the membership focus so that our members will have a sense of belonging, with that sense of belonging there is an obligation to the mission of the society, and we will expect that concept of membership will be passed along from one generation to the next. The leaders in our society will provide a catalyst to activate other members. They will serve as mentors.

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Karen Brown

Region 2 — Lilly B. Chrisman, RN, MSN, Eta Kappa (Washington Univ.), is a medical-surgical nurse at the Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka, Kansas. In her project, "Enhancing Membership Participation in Eta Kappa Chapter," Ms. Chrisman proposes to increase the financial base, leadership and morale of nurses in the Washington University School of Nursing chapter through a multi-step plan that includes mentoring.

Lilly Chrisman

Region 3 — Linda T. Fitzgerald, RN, MN, Iota Zeta (Univ. of Louisville) of Louisville, Kentucky is a clinical nurse specialist in internal medicine practice. Ms. Fitzgerald is working to increase the commitment of nurses to their workplace and academic institutions through workshop activities. In her project, "Emerging Voices: Extending the Caring Curriculum Toward the Caring Profession." Linda Fitzgerald

Region 4 — Christine J. Brugler, RN, MSN, Delta Xi (Best State Univ.), of Warren, Ohio is a health-care consultant and gerontological nurse. Mrs. Brugler's project, "Empowering the New Sigma Theta Tau Member — Activities to Enrich Leadership Potential," is designed to enhance the leadership of nurses and aid in their career development for the outset of their careers.

Christine Brugler

Region 5 — Patricia Latona, RN, BS, Eta Sigma (College of Mt. St. Vincent), is a Larchmont, N.Y. nurse and television producer. She has been chairperson of two New York conferences on public policy and nursing. Ms. Latona's project, "The Route to Power, Action and Influence," will be to help nurses contribute their views to public policy and influence their skills in policy-making.

Patricia Latona

Region 6 — Karen T. O'Connor, RN, MSN, Delta Tau at Large (Holy Family College and Neumann College), director of the cancer program at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, N.J. in leading the project, "Enhancing Chapter Public Relations: A Two-Faced Approach." Ms. O'Connor proposes to help nurses increase their leadership skills by enhancing their public information skills.

Karen O'Connor

Region 7 — Sherrilyn Coffman, RN, DNS, Iota Xi (Florida Atlantic Univ.), is a pediatric nurse and professor of nursing at the Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Coffman's project proposes to increase the computer management skills of nurse scholars for their future research needs. The project is entitled, "Narrowing the Gap: Computer Literacy Workshops in Information Technology." Sherrilyn Coffman

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Sigma Theta Tau's 31st

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

LAUNCHING A NEW ERA

Continue to visit exhibits in the colorful convention center, network with colleagues and new friends, talk to candidates, award winners and presenters. Share quality and photo opportunities with Virginia Henderson. View President Billie Brown's slides as she detailed the beginning of the Center dedication ceremony in 1989. Moves out of the Convention Center to view the spectacular fireworks display over Tampa Bay and to light individual sparklers.

EVENING: Facilitate 16 chapter and school-based receptions honoring award winners. Provide "pomp and circumstance" for the entrance of the elegantly dressed officers and winners at the Awards Banquet. Appreciate the magnificent contribution and acceptance remarks by the award winners.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW ERA

Provide a platform for St. Rosemary Donley to articulate new visions for leadership in an inspiring keynote supported by the Tampa Convention Company. Introduce the business agenda for the bimonthly in a delegate briefing session. Evenings: Combine the Delegates for convention seating and name plates for delegates for each chapter arranged in Greek order according to the chart. Remove coat-arms and gavel, symbols of authority, from the convention office and place on platform tables. Sound the trumpet for buglers to bring in the flags of four countries followed by the Governing Council's cozy fashion for their designated seats on the platform. President Brown pounds the gavel and calls the House to order as presidents have done in 20 prior conventions. Following award presentations to 27 chapters and the induction of 6 honorary members, Dr. Brown rescues the House for the election as the delegates vote and choose their society's leadership for the next two years. Evening: Delegates meet, authenticate và count ballots and carefully prepare and verify election reports for Friday a.m. Candidates are notified of the vote tally.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

NEW CHAPTE R S AND NEW LEADERS

Present all reports to the House. Discuss representation of 22 Honor Societies to the platform to present their petitions for charters. Evening: Celebrate! President Brown installs the newly-elected committee officers and president-elect Dr. Beth Vaughan-Wrobel presents the office president's key, chair of the House and turns over the official Society gavel. Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel presents her vision, goals and charges for the bimonthly and invites members to accept the leadership challenge. With the gavel the president adjourned the 31st House.

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Continue to visit exhibits in the wide colorful conventions. Conferences network with forums to make new friends, talk to candidates, award winners and presenters. Share quality and photo time with Virginia Henderson. View President Billie Brown's slides as she unveils the opportunity to celebrate the Seite's 75th Anniversary in 1997. Establish a $75 million goal to raise in endowments and planned giving in the next six years. Arrange for 30 program sessions on creating the future with cutting-edge and innovative nursing. Design a new public service luncheon to salute Desert Storm nurses, past and current military nurses, and to receive a tribute from H. General Norman Schwarzkopf, delivered by Mrs. Brenda Schwarzkopf.

Evening: Facilitate 16 chapter and school-hosted receptions honoring award winners. Provide "pomp and circumstance" for the entrance of the elegantly dressed officers and winners at the Awards Banquet. Appreciate the magnificent contribution and acceptance remarks by the award winners.

Thursday, November 14

LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW ERA

Provide a platform for St. Rosemary Donley to articulate new visions for leadership in an inspiring keynote sponsored by the Baptist Health Company. Introduce the business agenda for the bimonthly in a delegate briefing session. 

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Oct. 8-10
The Making of Champions "A National
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Lexington, KY
Contact: Carol Dickey
(606) 233-5545

Nov. 1-4
The National AJN Conference on
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Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
Contact: Marjorie Riordan
(212) 586-6070

Nov. 6-8
Politics of Caring Conference: Health and
Health Care Policy: Women's
Strategies for Change
Emory Univ., Atlanta, GA
Contact: Jennie Perryman
(404) 727-3181

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Nursing, Western Institute for Nursing,
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Contrast these quite ambitious efforts with those of nurses where less than one percent have doctorates and only about seven percent have a master's degree. Yet, in his noteworthy book examining what is likely to happen early in the next century, predicts that the knowledge expansion combined with the accompanying cybernetic system will reduce the number of health professions needed.

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The members of Sigma Theta Tau can make their giving a means of obtaining parity and equity on the health team. Everyone recognizes that knowledge is power. No one can use knowledge if he or she does not have the power to use it. Thus, rich preparation is an assured way of having the nursing profession fully recognized. Scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships should be funded in fairly large numbers to undergird the process.

It is a time to think big and do big things. Scholarship funding can be established in a variety of ways. Individual nurses can contribute to creating and building a scholarship fund by donation, or a specific sum to be given over a specified period of time, or however each nurse deems a giving plan. Chapters could follow a similar pattern or could pool their funds as a state effort.

Patrons outside the profession, such as individuals, corporations or foundations, may be stimulated to become donors if the goals are presented in a manner that creates better outcomes for patients and more effective care system for all citizens. Enthusiasm spreads when there is commitment. A deliberately planned program with lofty but realizable goals is the key. If all the imaginative powers, intellectual abilities and organized energy of the membership can be focused on a goal that will greatly enrich the care of patients in whatever setting they are found. The contribution of nurses to health care could increase exponentially if thirty percent of nurses were to become clinically competent at the doctoral level. It remains for nurses to envision and implement this goal and move forward from there. When momentum is achieved, goals become attainable.

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In fact, nurses have not moved as strongly as have the other health professions, what can be done? Until nurses accept the Doctor of Nursing, as pioneered at Case Western Reserve University, or some similar preparation as the entry level steps need to be taken to facilitate the movement toward parity with the other health professions.

Scholarships directed at substantially increasing the number of nurses with powerful preparation are a strategic move. Greatly increased numbers of nurses with powerful preparation are a strategic move. Greatly increased numbers are necessary to become behavioral models to stimulate nursing students to examine them. The belief of many nurses that clinical competence is achieved at the master's or doctor of nursing levels will continue to place us in an awkward relationship to the fast pace of knowledge growth. Additionally, it will increase the ethical dilemmas cited above.

The PhD programs in nursing should be examined to ascertain whether they produce as competent a clinician as emerges from the PhD in clinical psychology. Funds will be needed to enrich clinical practice level. The DNSc needs to be strengthened by postdoctorates. If all clinical practice is applied science, then postdoctorates in the sciences will enrich nursing practice to a considerable degree. To emulate the MD-PhD program strength, a DNSc-PhD is possible. Perhaps a goal of every sixth DNSc graduate should have the combined doctorate, in view of what physicians have stated as their aspiration. One combined doctoral program was formulated (Bush University), but there was only a weak response to this opportunity. Nurses, as a group, have not been socialized into rigorous clinical preparation. Individual efforts rather than group goals have been the theme. Lengthening the nursing preparation is not as onerous as it seems.

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