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Especially concentrating on adolescent cancer patients and their families, Mrs. Heiney supports her patients through a variety of programs after they have left the hospital to return home and re-enter school. If a child dies, she continues to offer treatment for the entire family.

Her research on the effects of group therapy on bereaved family members has resulted in the creation of a program to help the survivors of cancer victims. There are follow-up assessments of families, birthday and anniversary cards for two years, educational materials, a bereavement lending library and a memorial guest book.

As she builds bridges to healing, she also finds solace for herself in long walks to maintain an emotional transition between work and home-life. In moments of reflection between clients, she listens to the piano masterpieces of Chopin and Tchaikovsky, which echoes from her office cassette recorder.

She and her husband Michael, a pharmacists, are the parents of Elizabeth, 15, and Amanda, 11. As their daughters face some of life's most important occasions, Mrs. Heiney has found her clinical techniques can be a welcome healer at home.

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We all know what a wonderful thing it is to hear a baby laugh. But in many parts of the world, poverty and sickness still ensnare the lives of men and women of every age. Nurse-scientists have a sharply felt commitment to fight on behalf of the health of vulnerable children to prevent low birth weight among population sub-groups. Every year in the United States, nearly 30,000 infants die because they do not weigh enough. Those that do not live are likely to suffer from chronic handicapping conditions such as blindness, mental retardation and deafness. Those reaching their first birthdays with low birth weight among population sub-groups.

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In this country, when little babies become children, their health care usually consists of monitoring nutrition, seeing that they get immunized and trying to prevent serious injuries. Yet children with traumatic injury account for the second greatest number of children needing hospitalization. How can we help them cope with the trauma? This is an extraordinarily turbulent time of headlong risk-taking. In many parts of the world, poverty and sickness still ensnare the lives of men and women of every age. Nurse-scientists have a sharply felt commitment to fight on behalf of the health of vulnerable children to prevent low birth weight among population sub-groups.

A crucial question for nurses is the presence and intensity of an infant's pain. After all, a baby can describe it. Perhaps the reason pain remains undetected is because we do not know how to assess it. Dr. Barbara Fishman of the University of Colorado is studying infant reactions to pain at different months of age. She is looking at their vocalizations, stress arousal and physiological indications. She is analyzing nurses' reports of their observations. She wants to develop interventions that will improve how nurses manage the pain infants experience.

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Turning to the age of adolescence—that extraordinarily turbulent time of headlong risk-taking—many nurses are focusing on ways to promote health and prevent disease for these young people. How can we help them make healthy choices about exercise, nutrition, smoking, alcohol and sexual activity? How can healthy choices be made exciting and fun? Choices made during adolescence set the patterns for a lifetime. Health promotion studies funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development include multiple populations: Hispanic youth in Texas; rural, low income African-American and white children in Kentucky; and African-American children in Detroit.

Let me say that nurse research is a mission of the heart and the head. I am encouraged by the exciting opportunities available to us and the scientific vitality, brainpower and commitment of nurse-scientists around the world. Our efforts trained at solving the health problems of children, particularly those who are so vulnerable, are just beginning to show results. The years ahead are bright, and since it is human to underestimate the future, I am confident that we will look back in this time ten years from now and be amazed at how far we have come.
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Keynote speaker Elaina Neves Arruda, RN, DNSc, professor of nursing at the Federal University of Santa Catarina in Florianopolis, Brazil, stressed the history and global future of nursing in her address which opened the conference. The opening ceremonies featured a colorful procession in which nurses, dressed in native costume, presented their country's flag.

Countries represented at the conference included Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Iceland, India, Italy, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Uganda and the United States of America.

Angela Barron McBride, RN, PhD, FAAN, Alpha (Indiana Univ.) and special speaker, nursing legend Virginia Henderson, RN, closed the conference with their views on the role of nursing research and scholarship into the 21st century.

"The leading health care problems of the world—cardiac problems, cancer and lung disease are connected to lifestyle issues. A goal of nursing should be to educate populations worldwide about not smoking, exercise, diets that are low in fat and high in fiber and how to handle stress," Dr. McBride said.

"We need to help ensure an environment that makes healthy choices easy choices," she added.

In many areas of the world, particularly in underdeveloped and developing nations, nurses are the primary health providers. In some cultures, this not only establishes a problem in child care issues, but also in dealing with the elderly who are used to being cared for by their families," Joanne Stevenson, RN, PhD, FAAN, Gamma (Ohio State Univ.), conference director, said.

"In these cultures, it has been the duty of women who were at home to care not only for their children, but for their elders. As these women go to work, the elderly are left alone without anyone to care for them, and with little idea of how to care for themselves. Previously, nurse researchers in these areas concentrated on maternal and child health, because the need was greatest. Now those nurses are going back for training in gerontological care, because that need is growing very rapidly.

Among the many areas of research discussed at the conference were homelessness, AIDS and infants born addicted to cocaine.

Following the research papers, symposia and poster presentations, the international nurses had the opportunity to get a taste of the Midwest. Conference planners recreated a Midwestern state fair in the Hyatt Regency, complete with corn dogs, lemon shake-ups, cotton candy and square dance dancing at "Celebrate Midwest USA" Thursday evening. Nurses could also participate in a night out on the town or a walking tour of the nearby German Village.

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- Mu Sigma's chapter at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, inducted 175 new members on April 26 with Dr. Sarah Hall Gueldner and Dr. Elizabeth Cameron, second vice-president, presiding.
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- Mu Psi ceremony at Kennesaw State University, Georgia, inducted 27 new members on April 17 with Dr. Kristin Akin, former Sigma Theta Tau secretary, presiding.
- Mu Chi ceremony at Fairfield University, Connecticut, inducted 21 new members on April 3 with Dr. Beth Loughran, third vice-president of Sigma Theta Tau, presiding.
- Mu Phi ceremony at Queens College and Westchester College, North Carolina, inducted 133 new members on April 15 with Dr. Kristin Akin, former Sigma Theta Tau secretary, presiding.
- Mu Omega ceremony at Purdue University at Calumet, Indiana, inducted 232 new members on April 5 with Dr. Patricia Thompson, second vice-president of Sigma Theta Tau, presiding.
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21 Honor Societies Become Chapters

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**California**
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Maryline McCathie, RN, PhD, Lenskiy Gavna (Sonoma State Univ.) was awarded the Jo Eleanor Elliot Award and Emeritus member of the Western Institute of Nursing in April.

Janet A. Rodger, RN, PhD, FAAN, Upsilon (Newark College of Nursing) has recently been published in the largest hospital in the state. She has also received a Distinguished Service Award from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Mary Ellen Skipper, RN, PhD, FAAN, Alpha Xi Delta (Univ. of Washington, Pacific Lutheran Univ., and Seattle Pacific Univ.) was selected as executive director of the Association for the Care of Children's Health.

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**Georgia**
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**Illinois**
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Connie Henske Ybarro, RN, Alpha Iota (Univ of Missouri at Columbia) director of nursing resource development at the Regional Cancer Center Memorial Medical Center in Springfield received the second Friend of the Foundation Award from the Oncology Nursing Foundation.

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Anita Sturgeon, RN, MA, Alpha (Indiana Univ.) was named Indiana's 1991-1992 School Nurse of the Year.

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**Michigan**
Jan B. Atwood, MA, MN, PhD, Alpha Alpha (Univ. of Michigan) was the Alumna-in-Residence at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, April 8-11.

Naja I. Pender, RN, PhD, FAAN, R (Univ. of Michigan) became the president of the Michigan Academy of Nursing for the 1991-1992 biennium.

**Montana**
Wendy P. Blakey, RN, MN, CORN, Phi Alpha Rho (Univ. of Washington, Pacific Lutheran Univ., and Seattle Pacific Univ.) was named the winner of the second annual NSNA/Mosby Yearbook "Leader of Leaders" Award for support and service to nursing students.

**Nebraska**
Jeanna Kemmy Bossinger, RN, MN, PhD, Gavna Pi (Univ of Nebraska Medical Center) received a Distinction Service to Nursing Award from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Bossinger led the development of the medical-surgical graduate program at the College of Nursing.

**North Dakota**
Diane Langemo, RN, PhD, Epsilon Pi (Univ. of North Dakota) received an Honorary Recognition Award from the North Dakota Nurses' Association.

**New Mexico**
Rob Rayner, Gavna Sigma (New Mexico) was named the 1992 Multiple Sclerosis Society Young Investigator Award for her contributions to the nursing profession. She is currently the executive director of the American Academy of Nursing Association.

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Kathleen B. Gaberson, RN, PhD, Eta Nu (Univ. of Pittsburgh) and Epsilon Pi (Duquesne Univ.) assistant professor of nursing at Duquesne University received the 1992 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Operating Room Nurses.

**Texas**
Billey J. Brown, RN, PhD, FAAN, Epsilon Theta (Univ. of Texas at Austin) immediate past president of Sigma Theta Tau International received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, CT, on April 3, 1992.

**Washington**
Lori N. Stinson, Delta Chi (Washington State University) director for the Center for Women's Health Research at the University of Washington received the Distinguished Contribution to Nursing Science Award presented by the American Nurses Foundation.

**Virginia**
Margie Saunders Howell, RN, MN, Kappa (Catholic Univ. of America) visiting professor at the University of Virginia School of Nursing, received the 1991 Avis Bohlen Award for her efforts on behalf of the American, Kuwaiti and foreign communities during the Persian Gulf conflict.

**In memoriam**
Sigma Theta Tau International's annual tribute to these members and expressions of sorrow over their deaths were noticed from their family members and friends.

**Dr. Grace Ann Ethier, Epsilon Zeta, George Mason University,** was an assistant professor of George Mason University and a recipient of a Sigma Theta Tau International Research Grant in 1988.

**Dr. William E. Field, Alpha Delta, University of Texas Medical Branch,** was the dean of nursing at the University of Texas School of Nursing at Austin.

**James Douglas Parsley, Beta Eta, University of Wisconsin at Madison,** was the associate director of the department of standards for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

**Tornicne Tjelta, Mu Alpha, Oral Roberts University,** was the founding dean of the Anna Virginia School of Nursing at Oral Roberts University.

**Sr. Annette Walsh, Alpha Omicron, Saint Xavier College,** was the director of the Saint Xavier College School of Nursing.
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Rachel Z. Booth, RN, PhD, MS (Univ. of Alabama) dean and professor of nursing at the University of Alabama has been elected president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

California
Erika Froelicher, RN, MPH, PhD, Alpha Eta (Univ. of California at San Francisco) has been appointed chair and professor of physiological nursing at the University of California at San Francisco.

Maryline McCathie, RN, PhD, Lambda Gama (Simon State Univ.) was named Indiana’s 1991-1992 Dean Award recipient for her contributions to continuing education for nursing.

Connecticut
Kristine Krall, RN, Delta Mu (Yale Univ.) has been recognized by the national program of the American College of Physician Executives for her work, “Approach Encouraging ‘Savviness’ Rather Than ‘Consumed Spending’.”

Georgia
Ann R. Cox, RN, MN, CAE, Alpha Alpha (Georgia State Univ.) has been named the executive director for the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses.

Illinois
Marion E. Broome, RN, PhD, Gamma Pi (Rush Univ.) associate professor of nursing at Rush University, assistant chairperson of maternal-child nursing at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center and research consultant for the Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago was recently elected president of the Society for Pediatric Nurses.

Minnesota
Jannet A. Rodgers, RN, PhD, FAAN, Upsala (New Jersey) and Zia Mo (Univ. of San Diego) dean and professor of nursing at the University of San Diego has assumed the presidency of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Louisiana
Patricia E. Thompson, RN, EdD, Alpha Chi (Northwestern State Univ. at Natchitoches) second vice-president of Sigma Theta Tau International received the 1992 Search for Excellence Award from the Louisiana Nurses Association.

Maryland
William Scarrillo, RN, MSN, ScD, Phi at-Large (Univ. of Washington, Pacific Lutheran Univ., and Seattle Pacific Univ.) was selected as the executive director of the Association for the Care of Children’s Health.

Massachusetts
Joyce C. Clifford, RN, PhD, FAAN, Alpha Mu (Boston College) vice-president for nursing and nursing-in-chief at Boston’s Beth Israel Hospital received an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Pennsylvania in May.

Michigan
Jan R. Atwood, MA, MN, PhD, Gamma Alpha (Univ. of Michigan at Detroit) dean and professor of nursing at the University of Detroit Mercy received a Distinguished Service to Nursing Award from the American Academy of Nursing Graduate Program of Adult Health Nursing.

Nebraska
Joanne B. Hanks, RN, MS, Alpha Xi (Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center), dean and professor of nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center received the 1992 ninetieth year founder’s alumni award of Sigma Theta Tau International.

New Mexico
Rob Raymer, Gwenn Sigge (Univ. of New Mexico) associate professor of nursing, sponsored by the Army Nurse Corps and the National Student Nurses’ Association for excellence in student nurses.

New York
Susannah Ditmar, RN, PhD, and Marietta P. Stanton, RN, PhD both of Gwenn Kaye (State Univ. of New York at Buffalo) are co-directors of a federally funded grant to the Rehabilitation Nursing Graduate Program at the University of New York at Buffalo. Doris Farzan, RN, MS, Zeta Nu (FDY Tuvalu College of Nursing) and Helen Tol, RN, MS, Gwenn Kaye, have been appointed part-time clinical instructors in the program.

North Dakota
Cynthia M. Freund, RN, PhD, FAAN, Alpha Pi (Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) received the 1991 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award in the nursing education category for her book, The Unity of Education, Research, and Practice: A Reflective Viewpoint of Nursing, the text of the 1990 Jessie M. Scott Award Lecture.

South Dakota
Nelda Samard, RN, MS, EdD, Alpha Phi (William Patterson College) associate professor of nursing at William Patterson College School of Nursing recently received a speech grant from the American Cancer Society. Dr. Samard also received a $10,000 grant from the Oncology Nursing Foundation, Snail Lake, Minn. for her work with breast cancer patients.

Virginia
Margie Saunders Howell, RN, MN, Kappa (Catholic Univ. of America) visiting professor at the University of Virginia School of Nursing, received the 1992 AISI Robin Award for her efforts on behalf of the American, Kuwaiti and foreign communities during the Persian Gulf conflict.

Washington
Lori N. Stinson, Delta Chi-at-Large (University of Washington School of Nursing and Gonzaga Univ.) received a $1,000 graduate scholarship from the Transcultural Nursing Society.

Pennsylvania
Dorothy P. Beasly, RN, PhD,Alpha Gamma (Pittsburgh) and Epiphos Phi (Duquesne Univ.) assistant professor of guest nursing at Duquesne University received the 1992 Papalian Academic Nurse Educator Award from the Association of Operating Room Nurses.

Texas
Billy Jo Brown, RN, PhD, FAAN, Epsilon Phi (Univ. of Texas at Austin) immediate past president of Sigma Theta Tau International received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, CT on April 3, 1992.

In memoriam
Signa Theta Tau International’s pays tribute to these members and expressions sorrow over their deaths. Notices were received from their family members and friends.

Dr. Grace Ann Ethek, Epiphi Zeta, Georgia Mason University, was an assistant professor of George Mason University and a recipient of a Signa Theta Tau International Research Grant in 1988.

Dr. William E. Field, Alpha Delta, University of Texas Medical Branch was the assistant dean of nursing at the University of Texas School of Nursing at Austin.

James Douglas Parks, Beta Zeta, University of Wisconsin at Madison, was the associate director of the department of standards for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Tommie Tjejd, Mu Alpha, Oral Roberts University, was the founding dean of the Anna Vaughn School of Nursing at Oral Roberts University.

Dr. Anne Welch, Lltna Omicron, Saint Xavier College, was the director of the same Saint Xavier College School of Nursing.
University of Virginia

The University of Virginia recognized students and faculty for academic excellence and contributions to the school of nursing this spring. Bettie Kappy (Univ. of Virginia) members receiving awards included Hope Andrews, who received the individual contributing most to the school of nursing in the 1992 graduating class. Sue Bryant, from the School of Nursing, was also a member of Kappy's. From the School of Nursing, Lisa Gantner was named the individual contributing most to the University of Virginia in the 1992 graduating class. Rachael Holmes, RN, MSN, administrative coordinator for the infant-toddler unit at the University of Virginia Children's Medical Center received the Nans Hill Excellence in Nursing Practice Award presented by Bettie Kappy. Associate Professor Judith K. Sands, RN, EdD, was selected as one of the recipients of the University of Virginia's All University Teaching Award for 1992.

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO

Genevieve Zete Chat du Châtelet celebrated the 25th anniversary of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Nursing, April 3-5. In that past 25 years, the School of Nursing has awarded the bachelor of science in nursing degree to 2,119 students and the master of science in nursing degree to 47 students. Lynna Goodykoontz, Genevieve Zete (Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro) dean of the school, and Sarah Hall Goodykoontz RN, DNS, C.FAAN, Jack O'Connor (Medical College of Georgia) first vice-president of Sigma Theta Tau.

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Sigma Theta Tau International Conferences

Regional Assembly

The Leadership Challenge: Building the Future through Nursing Leadership (additional information has been omitted)

Schedule at-a-Glance

Day One - Program Sessions
9:00-10:00am Opening Session
10:15am-12:00pm Multidisciplinary Panel Response
12:15pm-1:00pm Luncheon
3:00-3:30pm Concurrent Sessions: Building for the Future through... Information Technology, Financial Planning, Communication to the Public, Knowledge Development, and... Sigma Theta Tau International Research Grant
5:00-6:00pm Awards: 1st place for Excellence in Action Reception, Regional Media Awards, Chapter Displays, Research and Poster Workshops
5:30-6:15pm New Member Roundtables
6:00-7:00pm Dialogue with Regional Committee
7:00pm Opportunity for planned dinners and networking

Day Two - Leadership Sessions
7:00-9:30am Chapter Member Breakfast
Chapter Leader Paper
Chapter Secretary
9:45-10:30am & 10:45-11:30am Concurrent Sessions
1. Member Involvement through Programs and Services
2. Developing Financial Resources
3. Developing Publicity Resources
4. Chapter Administration and Governance
5. Sigma Theta Tau International Award Recipients 1992-1993: Vicinity Award, Region Award, and State Award
11:30-12:00pm CLOSING SESSION
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12:00pm Presidential Address
Regional Resource Utilization Award
Regional Dissertation Award
Each session will be followed by networking events specific to each region's interest.

Chapter Conferences

Midwest Nursing Research Society Spring Conference
"Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNSR) announces their new President-elect Nancy L. Bergstrom, RN, PhD, FAAN, Gamma Pi (Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center) professor at the University of Nebraska."

Sigma Theta Tau International

Notice...

of the annual meeting of members, annual officers reports and general meeting. The annual meeting of Sigma Theta Tau International will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1992 at 1:00 p.m. in the International Center for Nursing Scholarship, 530 West North Street, Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.A., during the Board of Directors and Committee Chair's meeting. The annual meeting is the officer reporting session. Active members who would like to attend should make arrangements prior to the meeting. Members attending the meeting should notify: Sandy Abel, Sigma Theta Tau 530 West North Street Indianapolis, IN 46202.

The 1993 annual meeting will be the 0fficer reporting session at the opening session of the House of Delegates during the 23rd Biennial Convention in Indianapolis.

Invitation...

to Sigma Theta Tau Grant Recipients to Submit Abstracts for 1993 Biennial Sessions All Sigma Theta Tau International research grant recipients are invited to submit abstracts of their funded projects and/or subsequent research for the 1993 Biennial Convention Scientific Sessions. Special recognition will be given to STTI grant recipients' posters and posters presented at the 23rd Biennial Convention.

Monograph Series Announced

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Anthologies that include critical appraisals of previously published works.

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Preliminary components of the second funding phase include:

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- Research Fund
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- Leadership Institute
- $500,000
- Sustaining Fund (building replacement reserve)
- $650,000
- Nursing Advancement (fellowship and scholarship funds)
- $250,000
- International Outreach & Information Exchange
- $100,000

TOTAL: $7,500,000

Brochures provided in the June membership renewal mailing describe the benefits and recognition in the new campaign.

Planned or outright contributions to the campaign are welcomed, with gift levels being designated in honor of Sigma Theta Tau's distinguished past presidents from 1974 to the present. Of special interest are bronze, book-shaped recognition items in the Tribute Wall in the International Nursing Library (similar to the Knowledge Building Campaign's popular Commemorative Wall in the Center lobby—for those giving $500 or more), inclusion in a profile booklet to be published by the Center Nursing Press (recognizing gifts of $5,000 or more), and opportunities to be a "Virginia Henderson Fellow," which pays tribute to those providing a gift of $25,000 or more through a planned or direct gift (which may be paid over a five-year period) and conveys substantial contributor benefits.

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Gift Opportunities
Alpha Iota Chapter at University of Missouri's Columbia School of Nursing will endow one of the lovely pieces of artwork exhibited in the Center's Joan K. Stout Board Room. Remaining endowment opportunities include a second composition in the Board Room, oriental screen in the Ella Lilly and Company Foundation Reading Room, Persian rug displayed over the monumental staircase, columns in the executive office's office, monumental staircase crystal windows, and mahogany bookcases and shelves in the International Nursing Library.

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Recent Center for Nursing Scholarship Endowments

Sigma Theta Tau warmly thanks the following for their investments in the International Center for Nursing Scholarship:

• International Nursing Library administrative suite by Dolores Higgins, RN, EdD (see photo)
• International Nursing Library demi-column by the Hugoton Foundation in honor of Joan M. Stout, RN, EdD
• Sligh grandfather clock in Joan K. Stout Board Room by Iota Chapter, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
• Iris/Cold-Leaf lobby artwork by President Beth Vaughan-Wroblewski, RN, EdD, in honor of "my Sigma Theta Tau colleagues"
• Iris/Four Seasons artwork in Texas Room by Second Vice President Patricia Thompson, RN, EdD, in honor of Beta Chi Chapter
• Duo of floral artworks in library by Donna Meyer, MSN, CS, Epsilon Eta, in honor of her mother, Venie Meyer

Dolores Higgins, RN, EdD, who has designated a planned gift of approximately $450,000 to Sigma Theta Tau, visited the International Center for Nursing Scholarship in April. She is shown with Executive Officer Neil J. Watts viewing the commemorative plaque which cites her endowment of the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library executive suite. Dr. Higgins’ generous gift is in memory of Philip J. and Marie Higgins, her parents, and Alice Higgins, her sister.
This will help insure that the library will maintain the most current information available. You will be able to update your entry by simply sending an abstract that information is scanned and the entire record is printed and proofread to help the library staff inputs it into the database. It is rapidly going out of date. To address this issue, our staff is developing a computerized method where members can update their information that you have previously submitted, please complete and return the survey to Headquarters. What happens when you send your research information. Please help the journal. Our next step is to develop the process for accepting submissions, and then we will put out a call for an electronic manuscript.

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The Electronic Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing Practice is an exciting concept that will make information about research-based practices available for the immediate use by clinical nurses, academicians and researchers, and nursing students. Our idea is to be at the forefront of knowledge synthesis. It is appropriate and exciting for Sigma Theta Tau to be embarking on this venture. We are fortunate to have a group of nationally known researchers whose specialty is research utilization working along with academicians and clinicians to produce this important and innovative publication. The journal will be a peer-reviewed publication on clinical research in nursing generated specifically for the use by the clinician. We expect to have our first issue released by the fall of 1993. The editorial board has agreed on the format and is currently working out the details of the publication. Our next step is to develop the process for accepting submissions, and then we will put out a call for an electronic manuscript.

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Sigma Theta Tau International gave its first Heritage Award for chapter archives to Alpha Omega chapter at Adelphi University at the 31st Biennial Convention in Tampa, Fla. Over the years, Alpha Omega archives have collected videotapes, photographs, newsletters, meeting minutes and other important documents of Alpha Omega’s history.

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University and Association Conferences

Aug. 27-29  Nursing Strategies for the Nineties: Thinking Ahead, Acting Now  Harvard Community Health Plan, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston College School of Nursing, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Northeastern University. College of Nursing at Boston, MA. Contact: (403) 621-8794.

Sept. 10-11  Joy in the Journey: Paths to Healthy Aging  Univ. of Texas Health Center at Houston School of Nursing and the Center on Aging and the Joseph C. Valley Foundation Adam's Mark Hotel Houston, TX. Contact: Susan Ruppert, RN, MSN, CCIN (713) 792-7822.

Sept. 11-12  National Nurses Society on Addictions Annual Educational Conference  Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Contact: Tom Leiker, RN, MN, CARN, NCAC (718) 966-5010.


Sept. 23  Videoconference: Caring for Our Own: The Healthy Workplace American Association of Critical-Care Nurses and PBS. American University. Arlington, VA. Contact: (800) 257-2579.

Sept. 23-24  1992 Educational Conference American Association for Continuity of Care Casper College's Pathway Piper, WY. Contact: Louis Forer (505) 386-3585 or Pat Hanson (617) 372-9875.

New Research Grants

Sigma Theta Tau & the American Assn. of Critical-Care Nurses Critical-Care Grant Program 1992

Max Budget $100,000 to award research grants in any area relevant to critical-care nursing practice

Grants Available: One

Contact: Program Development, Sigma Theta Tau Intl., 550 W North St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

The Oncology Nursing Society and Oncology Nursing Foundation offer 6 various grants, scholarships and awards ranging from $500-$10,000.

Contact: Oncology Nursing Society, 801 Kildaire Dr., Philadelphia, PA 19119.

Call for Abstracts

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Every Child in America Needs A Professional School Nurse

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Dr. Novello said. The potential for school-based health programs to provide relevant care to children, this philosophy has undergone careful scrutiny.

Growing numbers of families are without adequate health insurance. A cohesive, broad-based school health program available to all children. Thus, education started after the World War I draft revealed numerous preventable disorders. This three-dimension focus of the public school budget, which comes primarily from the state and local community, while the federal government contributes program-specific funds. Several legislators are allocating state monies to expand school health services. School-linked health programs are the obvious mechanism to deliver primary health care services to children. In all there are more than 200 school-based clinics in the United States delivering a range of services.

Many national professional organizations, policy institutes and civic groups have studied these issues. There is a growing consensus that a paradigm shift is needed in school health. Multiple changes are proposed for the school health enterprise. One fact is clear in the expansion of the concept of school health from the triad of healthy environment, health services and health education. This financing would like to include nutrition and food services, physical education and fitness, guidance and psychological services, health promotion efforts which are integrated with the community and school-site health promotion for family and staff. Another goal is calling for a complete transformation of the traditional concept to become school-linked with family health centers. In this setting professional nurses would deliver primary school health and provide leadership in health care program development. Models to deliver school health service must evolve beyond basic screenings and first-aid by one nurse who responds to emergency situations to expanded health services for regular and special needs students by appropriate professionals. And further, it needs to expand beyond primary and comprehensive services to include a multi-disciplinary team-school linked family health centers.

New funding streams are needed to expand the proposed programs. Currently school health services represent about one percent of the public school budget, which comes primarily from the state and local community. Many families are paying no health care costs, since the federal government contributes program-specific funds. Several legislators are allocating state monies to expand school health services. Some school districts have become eligible for third-party reimbursement, and others are expanding their programs as privately-supported demonstration projects.

The public school system in the United States is undergoing change. Students' health care needs must be met to facilitate their academic achievement. As school systems design strategies to meet the nation's education goals, school health and the nurse's role will be critical to the nation's education goals, school health and the nurse's role will be critical to the achievement. As school systems design strategies to meet the nation's education goals, school health and the nurse's role will be critical to the achieving this goal, nurses are needed to resign the school health programs and simultaneously prepare themselves for more comprehensive professional practice. Similarly, nursing faculty needs to examine the relevance of the graduate programs for advanced professional practice in non-traditional and non-academic settings. Introducing more professional advisory boards and nursing research in the schools. Recruitment efforts must be attracted more nurses to graduate schools preparing for primary health care practice in the schools. With the recent emphasis on expanded school health programs, a nursing career in the schools promises to be even more challenging and rewarding, because every child needs a professional school nurse.
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