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Standing On Honor

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By Gail Connor

Dr. Dreher says, “It takes taking and acting of courage are consistent themes in Melanie Dreher’s life. According to her, nursing careers are almost necessarily filled with challenges. “Anyone who decides to become a nurse has to expect to encounter problems, but that’s what makes nursing so interesting, so fulfilling and so much fun,” Dr. Dreher says.

Most recently, she took on Massachusetts higher education in a daunting challenge on behalf of quality education in nursing. She joined the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1980, with the goal of initiating the state’s first publicly supported doctoral program in nursing. The nursing faculty developed a model community program and received federal grants that enlarged the academic environment, helping both the university and the public.

But in 1993 plans for the PhD in nursing became mired in state-level politics. Dr. Dreher received notice that the program proposal has been “deactivated,” and she decided that she had no choice but to “decamp at Dean.” Rejoining from her position, she cited the state’s unfilled promise for the doctoral program. The news media immediately picked up the story of the woman who resigned as dean of nursing on principle.

After four months and almost 4,000 letters from the nursing and health care community to university and government officials, she proposed for a doctoral program was approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It began the following semester.

Framing New Cultures, Preserving Old Ones

With the encouragement of faculty, students and nurses throughout Massachusetts, Dr. Dreher withdrew her resignation. Was the challenge worth the risk? “It wasn’t really a risk. It was just a response,” Dr. Dreher says. “There are certain times when you simply can’t compromise. When you believe in something and are convinced it is the right thing to do, acting on principle makes for some difficult days, but it sure helps you sleep better at night.”

As the newly-installed president of Sigma Theta Tau International, Dr. Dreher draws much of her strength from having a global perspective and back-ground. She has conducted a large body of nursing research in Jamaica, where she helps people improve their quality of life through her studies on drug use and child development. Her research has influenced the shape of drug demand reduction and treatment programs.

In Jamaica she holds the title of Professor of Medical Sciences at the University of the West Indies. Her relationship (She calls it a “love affair”) with Jamaica began in 1969, when she was enrolled at Columbia University’s Teachers College as a doctoral student in anthropology. “Ironically, it was my work with a traditional healer in Jamaica that first made me realize the enormous potential of nursing,” Dr. Dreher says. Later under the guidance of her professor and mentor in anthropology, Labreros Comias, she went back to Jamaica as part of an interdisciplinary team of medical scientists and anthropologists to study chronic drug use.

Nursing is Form of Anthropology

“Melanie is a rare mix,” says Dr. Comitas. “She is a first-rate anthropologist and a first-rate nurse. With her, neither profession sufffers. Her ability to communicate and become part of the culture inspires confidence. It took her about three hours in Jamaica! The people whom she works with in West Indies love her as much as her students at the University of West Indies.”

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She joined the faculty at Columbia University’s School of Public Health and Nursing in 1977. There she was mentored by the renowned author, editor and educator, Lucie Kelly, RN, PhD, FAAN, Past President of Sigma Theta Tau International and Professor Emeritus of the School of Public Health and School of Nursing. After many years as a graduate student in anthropology, Dr. Dreher re-entered nursing under the guidance of Dr. Kelly, who continues to be a primary counselor. “I recognized the nursing leadership potential in Melanie from the start,” Dr. Kelly says. “She’s an unusual person, intellectually curious, yet warm and generous with people.” Dr. Kelly sponsored Dr. Dreher’s induction into Sigma Theta Tau.

As Dean at both the University of Miami and later, the University of Massachusetts, Dr. Dreher has provided strong chapter support. During the past biennium, as President-Elect, she served as Chair of both the Leadership Institute Advisory Committee and the International Chapters Development Task Force.

Michelle Ansell, President of Pi Beta Zeta chapter at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the architect of Melanie’s president-elect campaign in 1993, says, “Melanie has never sat in an ivory tower. She has always supported the nurses at the bedside as well as the academicians. She understands that nursing is about family and that we have an obligation to serve them.”

Dr. Dreher graduated magna cum laude from Long Island University in 1967 with a bachelor’s of science in nursing, and at Columbia University, she was awarded a master of arts in anthropology in 1974, a master of philosophy degree in 1976, and a doctor of philosophy in anthropology with distinction in 1977.

She has served as Dean and Distinguished Professor of Transcultural Nursing at the University of Miami, Assistant Professor of Nursing in Public Health at Columbia University, Visiting Professor of Anthropology at Teachers College, and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Miami’s School of Medicine.

Dr. Dreher maintains editorial and review responsibilities with a broad spectrum of journal including the Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, Journal of Medicine and Social Science and Western Journal of Nursing Research. She was a former Associate Editor of Nursing Outlook. From 1987-89, she served as president of the Council on Nursing and Anthropology.

Dr. Dreher is a strong believer in statesmanship and voluntary service at all levels. In her local community she has served on a variety of organizations. For example, she is trustee at Goslee Dickinson Hospital and a board member for the Music in Deerfield chamber music society.

The mother of three children, Colby, Jay and Jacob, Dr. Dreher quips, “They forgave me for not being a perfect mother, because it liberated them from being perfect children.” Colby, a recent University of Virginia graduate, says her mother’s “open-mindedness, respect for others and her logical thinking influenced” him while he was growing up. According to her younger son, Jay, “My mom’s real cool.” She likes to scuba dive, hike and camp for recreation but claims that she probably derives her greatest enjoyment from reading a book. She belongs to a book club in which she and eleven other women meet monthly to discuss “books and life” over coffee and dessert.

Care-Giving for all Peoples

The significance of diverse views, peoples and cultures will also shape the Society’s growth and development. As president of Sigma Theta Tau International, she will be responsible to a worldwide nursing community that shares common knowledge. “One of the most appealing features of Sigma Theta Tau is that it transcends narrow, nationalistic constraints. We acknowledge and act upon the universality of the human spirit and challenge ethnocentric barriers,” Dr. Dreher says.

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“New settings for practice, new kinds of patients, new roles and responsibilities all have generated a need for new ways of thinking, practicing and educating. While there are those who lament what I refer to as the displacement of nurses, we have advocated and advocated for decades that patient care be transferred to home and community, that there be a greater focus on prevention and health promotion, that primary care be set in the workplace or school.

“Well our wish has been granted,” Dr. Dreher says. “And though we may not have been as ready as we would have liked to have been, it is abundantly clear that we now have an opportunity to create the kind of system that has been our vision, independent, research-based, high quality, cost-effective and culturally sensitive.”

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Advance the Concept of the Clinical Scholar, Uniting Practice and Academe

When nursing education shifted from the hospital to academia, the separation of education from practice was requisite to the development of nursing as an intellectual endeavor. Now we have reached a new era in which practice is a scholarly undertaking, theory and research are grounded in biological phenomena and the old distinctions between clinician and academician are spurious, at best. With our chapters housed in universities and colleges while our membership is predominantly in the practice setting, the Society is well-positioned to promote the scientific base of practice and advance the development and application of knowledge.

* Create a forum for non-academically based researchers, to identify the methodological, operational and ethical issues confronting clinical scholarship.
* Create a Clinical Scholarship Symposium Series convening leading scholars for discourse on selected clinical topics.
* Advance the theme of clinical scholarship in regional assembly programs, showcasing the application of nursing research in clinical practice.
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The chapters are the primary organizational units of the Society. We must advance initiatives that are responsive to the needs of the chapters and their constituents and engage them in setting the direction for the future of the Society.

* Continue to develop strong and comprehensive communication between the board of Directors, the chapters and members.
* Encourage the induction of nurse scholars from around the world into existing chapters.
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• Celebrate seventy-five years of scholarship and leadership by exceeding the 7.5 million dollar goal.

Nursing's New Clinical Studies

Jointly-sponsored grants

By Julie Goldsmith

Sigma Theta Tau International began joint efforts with three major nursing organizations to increase research in vital areas of health care in 1992. The goal was to expand science by pooling intellectual and financial resources. Currently five organizations have joint research grants with Sigma Theta Tau International: American Association of Diabetes Educators, Emergency Nursing Association, American Nurses Foundation, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and Oncology Nursing Society. The joint grant for diabetes research is in the earliest stages of grant review and has not yet been awarded.

Research results from the 1994-95 studies are just being reported. Here is a glimpse of key people with clinical impact.

Elder Depression

Faces New Scrutiny

While osteoarthritis impairs a person's functioning, it may lead to, or aggravate depression. In turn, the depression may influence the ability to function. Carol E. Bitton, RN, CS, PhD, is the first researcher to look at depression and quality of life in older persons with osteoarthritis. Her work is being supported by the 1994 Sigma Theta Tau International/American Nurses Foundation Research Grant.

"Many elders with chronic disease suffer from depression, but most of these studies have focused on younger-aged groups with rheumatoid arthritis," Dr. Bitton says. Since older adults with chronic diseases and depression are at greater risk for institutionalization and death than their healthy counterparts, it is vital to understand the intricacies of the relationship between osteoarthritis and depression and the impact on the quality of life of older adults. Her preliminary findings show that most of the elders in the study were moderate to severe pain with arthritis in multiple joints. They did not use visiting home nurses or occupational therapists. They needed help with activities such as laundry, transportation and preparing meals.

They used surprisingly few formal social support services and were extremely satisfied with their family support network of friends and family. Her reported a good quality of life and scored relatively
Coal Country Nurse Advances Ventilator Care

Before Susan K. Frazier, RN, MS, CCRN, entered a doctoral nursing program in 1991, she worked as a critical care nurse in the Appalachian region of the U.S., where she was reared. Her father engineered the town boom that hauled loads of coal, steel and grain on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Coal mining is an essential industry dominated largely by the citizens of Gallipolis, Ohio, and as a daughter of a community health nurse, Ms. Frazier was surrounded with the health hazards of a mining life.

As a critical care nurse, Frazier became particularly interested in the acute pulmonary disease that afflicted the local people and which often necessitated periods of mechanical ventilation.

"Coal mining is a rough life. It’s a tough way to make a living—underground," Ms. Frazier says. "Miners never know when they are going to be on strike, when there is management and union tension in the air, increasing the potential for accidents, injury and death."

In 1994, Ms. Frazier won the 1994 Sigma Theta Tau International-American Association of Critical Care Nurses Critical Care Grant providing $10,000 to study "Right Heart Hemodynamics During Weaning From Mechanical Ventilation." Her goal is to reduce the complications that occur when individuals make the transition from mechanical support to spontaneous breathing.

Frazier is also the recipient of a Presidential Fellowship from The Ohio State University for her research, which is a part of a larger examination of cardiopulmonary hemodynamic changes.

“I studied the impact of weaning on the blood flow through the side heart of the lung and the venous return of the lung," she says. "And the majority of the patients are middle-aged men," Frazier says. "In this particular population right heart dysfunction is very common. If we are using a weaning method that exacerbates that dysfunction, we are doing more harm to our patients than good."

Complications can mean losing a patient.

Having nearly completed her data collection, she says she is seeing trends in blood volume and heart rate that suggest the need for a transition from mechanical to spontaneous breathing, the traditional method of spontaneous ventilation, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), pressure support and assisted atrial.

Preliminary results show that spontaneous ventilation and continuous positive airway increase the amount of blood returned to the lungs. This may increase dyspnea and reduce the likelihood of successful weaning. Pressure supports predominate the length change to the right heart blood volume and this method may be a better way to wean individuals with right heart dysfunction.

"On every critical care unit, if not on a daily basis, on a weekly basis, is there difficulty with weaning, determining when the patient is ready, and not really knowing what methods are the best to use for the individual. It may not be as individualized as it needs to be for a particular patient," she says.

Frazier is conducting research that is currently being conducted on dogs. Two companies at the forefront of mechanical support to ventilators, Petitt Bennett and Baxter Edwards, are providing her with state of the art equipment for her research. The physiological concerns for people with acute pulmonary diseases are intrinsically bound with a reduced quality of life.

"The longer they require mechanical ventilation, the more their respiratory muscles change, and they have tube feeding or parenteral feeding, and both of those have their own complication rates," Frazier says.

Ms. Frazier earned her BSN and MS from The Ohio State University in Columbus. Her first position in the 1970s were as a staff nurse in coronary care and a head nurse in intensive care at the Holzer Medical Center in Galipolis. Dedicated to her community’s health, she returns every weekend, while still serving as a research associate at the university.

Prescriptive Practice Gains Research

The chief concern of advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority is being without free medicines sample to give to patients whom they cannot afford, as South Carolina researchers.

Jeremie Sherman, RN, CS, PhD, a Professor at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing in Columbus, received the first Sigma Theta Tau International/Glaxo Wellcome grant for $5,000. She is studying prescriptive practices of advanced practice nurses in South Carolina with co-principal investigators Fullen, CPNP, PhD, BSN, and Sheila Hunter, PharmD.

Research is conducted at the University’s John A. Martin Primary Care Clinic, located off campus in a rural area where Dr. Fullen and Ms. Hunter practice. The first of four rounds of research has been reported. The study involved obstacles to practice, classes of drugs prescribed, patient diagnoses and patient demographics.

In the literature, there is little research on prescriptive practice among nurses," Dr. Sherman says. "We wanted to look at how nurses use their prescribing authority and what type of barriers they perceived," Dr. Sherman says.

In 1992, South Carolina nurses were granted prescriptive authority. Fifty-eight percent of them, advanced practice nurses who are clinical specialists, midwives and nurse practitioners, hold master’s degrees. Sixty-five percent of nurses who choose to participate in the study held master’s degrees. Everyone in the study is officially recognized by the South Carolina State Board of Nursing as certified in their field with the authority to prescribe drugs and therapeutics.

The average participant is 43 years-old, has been a nurse for 18 months, practices as a nurse for 20 years and working in advance practice for 9.3 years. "An important element of providing primary health care is the ability to prescribe pharmaceutical therapies," Dr. Sherman says. "The research in South Carolina is a larger portion of the population than in the United States as a whole. Because they often cannot access adequate housing, nutrition, health care and other services, the poor and the near poor are most likely the people who will be studied. Prescribing conditions will not be eliminated until there are sufficient numbers of appropriate providers in rural, unserved areas of the state," she says.

Prescriptive laws governing pharmacists vary with each nation, and by state when applied to South Carolina nurses. The South Carolina nurses’ top five prescriptive concerns are:

1. When pharmaceutical representatives come to the office and talk about new drugs, nurses aren’t sign for samples of them. Few drugs are often given to patients who can’t afford them, and if you can’t sign for them, you’re going to see less illness, Dr. Sherman says. It creates a barrier. Nurse practitioners are often in the office or clinic by themselves, with a physician present. Representatives cannot leave samples unless the physician is there to sign for them.

2. The major restriction in South Carolina law is having to work under protocols that have to be signed by a physician. The protocols are guidelines specific to presenting signs and symptoms of a patient that followed the advanced practice nurse. Certain drugs, laboratory tests and X-rays for nurses to practice a "recipe" for some care. In some state there is no requirement for physician supervision.

Across the board physicians get paid more money when they perform the same work as advanced practice nurses who treat acute and chronic illnesses. "A child with an ear infection treated by a nurse practitioner will be paid less than a physician," Dr. Sherman says. "If however a nurse is salary on a pharmacy and she treats a patient, she can bill through a physician and get paid more.

3. Third party reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and some insurance plans cover advanced practice nurses who work in rural and not urban areas. South Carolina Medicaid covers only two types of nurse practitioners—pediatric and family nurse practitioners.

Patients have to be seen by their nurse for a prescription and for all the refills. Physicians are able to phone in a prescription to a pharmacy, while a nurse practitioner cannot, even though the physician’s secretary or nurse is the person most likely to contact the pharmacist.

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Coal Country Nurse Advances Ventilator Care

Before Susan K. Frazer, RN, MS, CCNS, entered a doctoral nursing program in 1991, she worked as a critical care nurse in the Appalachian region of the U.S., where she was raised. Her father engineered the tow bow that hauled loads of coal, steel and grain on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Coal mining is an essential living for the inhabitants of the citizens of Gallipolis, Ohio, and as a daughter of a community health nurse, Ms. Frazer was surrounded with the health hazards of a mining life.

As a critical care nurse, Ms. Frazer became particularly interested in the acute pulmonary disease that afflicted the coal mining population and which often necessitated periods of mechanical ventilation.

Coal mining is a rough life. It's a tough way to make a living—underground,” Ms. Frazer says. “Miners never know when they are going to be on strike, when there is management and union tension in the air, increasing the potential for accidents, injuries and depletion.”

In 1994, Ms. Frazer won the 1994 Sigma Theta Tau International/American Association of Critical Care Nurses Critical Care Grant providing $10,000 to study “Right Heart Hemodynamics During Weaning From Mechanical Ventilation.” Her goal was to reduce the complications that occur when individuals make the transition from mechanical support to spontaneous breathing. Ms. Frazer is also the recipient of a Presidential Fellowship from The Ohio State University for her research, which is part of a larger examination of cardiopulmonary hemodynamic changes.

The longer they require mechanical ventilation, the more their respiratory muscles change, and they are more likely to develop pneumonia. They can't speak, a lot of times they can't swallow enough low well enough to eat a sufficient diet, and they have tube feeding or parenteral feeding, and both of those have their own significant complications.”

Ms. Frazier earned her BSN and MS from The Ohio State University in Columbus. Her first position in the 1970s were as a staff nurse in coronary care and a head nurse in intensive care at the Holzer Medical Center in Galipolis. Dedicated to her community’s health, she returns every weekend, while still serving as a research associate at the university.

Prescriptive Practice Gains Research

The chief concern of advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority is being without free medication samples to give to patients who cannot afford them, say South Carolina researchers.

Jeremie Sherman, RN, CS, PhD, a Professor at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing in Columbia, received the first Sigma Theta Tau International/Glaxo Wellcome grant for $5,000. She is studying prescriptive practices of advance practice nurses in South Carolina with co-investigators Fullner, CPNP, PhD, BSN, and Sheila Hunter, PharmD.

Research is conducted at the University’s John A. Martin Primary Care Clinic, located off campus in a rural area where Dr. Fuller and Ms. Hunter practice. The first of four rounds of research has been reported. The study involves obstacles to practice, classes of drugs prescribed, patient diagnoses and patient demographics.

“In the literature, there is little research on prescriptive practice of nurses,” Dr. Sherman says. "We wanted to look at how nurses use their prescriptive authority and what type of barriers they perceived,” Dr. Sherman says.

In 1992, South Carolina nurses were granted prescriptive authority. Fifty-eight percent of them, all advanced practice nurses who are clinical specialists, midwives and nurse practitioners, hold master’s degrees. Twenty-five percent of the nurses who chose to participate in the study held master’s degrees. Everyone in the study is officially recognized by the South Carolina State Board of Nursing as certified in their field with the authority to prescribe drugs and therapeutics. The average participant is 43 years-old, has been practicing 13 years, practices as a nurse for 20 years and is working in advanced practice for 9.3 years.

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Nurses Seek To Prevent Emergencies

Darlene Wells, RN, MSN, the 1995 recipient of the $6,000 Sigma Theta Tau International Emergency Nursing Association grant, is in the earliest phases of her study “Heart Failure Treatment in the Emergency Department.”

Issues surrounding care, treatment and readmission in the chronically ill populations seen in the medical center in a cyclic fashion. Ms. Welsh and co-investigators Regina Beier, RN, MSN, Mary Porter, RN, MSN, Dorothy Brockopp, RN, PhD, and Mark Marshall, RN, MSN, noticed that patients were admitted, discharged, re-admitted and have a long effect of college honors.

They can have symptoms that worsen: weight gain, retention of fluid, shortness of breath, symptoms that come upon them fast or slow;” Welsh says. There is a gap in scientific knowledge in the area of describing heart patients and their use of the emergency department for treatment, she says. “Maybe a nurse educated in cardiovascular care could come to their home every two weeks to get a description of the symptoms, look for worsening signs of heart failure, and see if that patient feels any better or worse. In the data could be reported to the physician or nurse practitioner and treatment could start earlier to decrease worsening episodes,” Ms. Welsh says.

Her research is not a study of interventions but is instead a descriptive work to collect data on the quality of life of the patients, their functional status, symptoms, symptom management and the cost of care. The research will take two years. Ms. Welsh and her research team will study 60 patients. Some 10 patients per month are being treated at the University of Kentucky Medical Center’s emergency department for heart failure. And while not a large patient population, this number is expected to grow due to a larger number of people advancing in age.

A Cardiology Prentice Roundtable, comprised of representatives of 50 U.S. institutions (nurses, physicians, administrators, interns) reported in 1994 that chronic congestive heart failure is the most important public health problem in cardiovascular care, affecting an estimated two to three million Americans each year.

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By Neil J. Watts, RN, MS, FAAN, Retired Executive Officer

Concept of Honor

To name an honor society accepts a significant mission related to honor. A definition of honor from Webster’s New Dictionary is “the popular acknowledgement of one’s right to great respect as well as expression of such respect and of esteem shown in praise, adherence to action and principles considered right, integrity.”

Translating the value of honor in all Sigma Theta Tau International’s activities is the challenge and also the opportunity. Honor society members need to embrace new visions and to explore the uncharted waters of real leadership. Some basic concepts of honor societies:

• Honor society is a catalyst for quality and the individual recipient knows the life-long effect of college honors.

• Honor society is called to live and work as a coalition of honor.

I believe that Sigma Theta Tau’s focus on recognition, support for excellence, knowledge and honor has and will continue to empower nurses and to promote improved worldwide health care. Honor is an important action that can enable those being served to become healthier, wiser, freer and more autonomous. How reassuring for the future that when we understand what we honor, and when we continue to use honor as an important resource, we can do so without diminishing the supply.

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Phyllis E. Baker, MSN, RNC, a new member and a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Indiana, also attended for the first time, and said she talked with many pioneers in nursing. “Meeting Imogene King after having studied her nursing theory, and finding her so approachable, was really rewarding. She was a role model for me to help others grow as well. And so was another person I admire, M. Elizabeth Carnegie, whose writings I follow. The environment was invigorating.” Ms. Baker said.

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Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership
Catherine R. Smith, RN, PhD, EDN, of Battle Creek, Michigan, is an international nurse leader who has developed her career to the advancement of nursing through higher education and visionary and innovative approaches to leadership. As a Dean of two universities, the Director of Health for the state of Michigan, and presently as coordinator of Health Programs/Program Director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Dr. Smith has chaired national task forces, commissions and committees, including the national commission on the nursing shortage in 1991 and the National League for Nursing Presidential Blue Ribbon Committee on nursing education. Dr. Smith helped establish the National Black Nurses Association, the Michigan League for Nursing and was appointed to a committee by the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Science to address the health care of homeless people. Presently she is mentoring several nurses in five South African countries using distance education methods, a model she hopes to replicate to other under served countries. In accepting the award, Dr. Smith said, "Contemporary nursing has significantly evolved during this century. And it has been in sync (synchronization) with revolutionary changes brought on by science and technology changes as well as the many social changes. The profession however will face many challenges now and in the very near future, challenges which we must master in order to continue our important work in reshaping health care, so that all of the people here in our country and in the rest of the world have access to affordable, appropriate quality care."

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Wilma C. Wykle, RN, PhD, ANA, of Cleveland, Ohio, is a Professor and Associate Dean for Community Affairs at Case Western Reserve University. She has served on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at Case Western Reserve University for over 25 years and is a leader in geriatric psychiatry. Dr. Wykle has conducted research on the use of technology in nursing education and practice, particularly in geriatric psychiatry. She has served as principal investigator for several research and training grants, and chaired numerous scientific research committees for the American Nurses Association, the American Nurses Foundation, and Sigma Theta Tau International. Dr. Wykle is a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Experts in Nursing Home Care at the National Institute on Aging. Her contributions have been recognized by the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council. Accepting the award, she said, "I have been a nurse educator for over 35 years and believe that education ought to be an enjoyable experience for both the learner and the teacher. One of my favorite quotes comes from the late Christine McLaughlin, the teacher-astronaut, who said, 'I teach the future. I teach.' And I maintain that those who teach nursing touch the health of the future. Today's nursing students in the future will recreate our present vision for a health-oriented society and community-based health teaching. Thus it is necessary that we continue to explore how students learn and teachers touch."
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\textit{Linda W. Phillips, RN, PhD, FAN, of Tucson, Arizona, is a Professor and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Arizona College of Nursing. Dr. Phillips' research over the past 15 years has progressed from the initial description of theoretical relationships in the care of the elderly to an increasingly complex analysis of the situational context and interactive processes surrounding elderly care. Recognizing the need for accurate assessment of these situations, she helped develop and validate an assessment scale to measure the quality of elder care in the home. This research is making a major impact on the care of the elderly and the support of the care giver role. Dr. Phillips serves as a manuscript reviewer for the Western Journal of Nursing Research, the Journal of Public Health Nursing, the Journal of Elder Abuse and the Gerontologist. She is a consultant to a number of national organizations, including the American Association of Retired Persons, American Nurses Foundation, Veterans Administration and Alzheimer's Association. "Next year I will have two milestones in my life: I will have been in nursing for 30 years, which has been quite an adventure. Second, it will be the 20th anniversary of the journey I have been on as a scientist. My journey has been marked by many events, and it has also been marked by many partners and teams and networks. And without these, I am sure there would be no journey."}

\textbf{NURSING FACULTY POSITIONS}

\textbf{PURDUE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA}

Applications are invited for tenure track positions as assistant or associate professor in a baccalaureate program at a Research I university. Candidates should have experience in one of the following: medical-surgical nursing, psychiatric nursing, or nursing administration. Qualified applicants must hold an earned doctorate in nursing, or a doctorate in a related field with a master's in nursing, and be eligible for or currently licensed to practice nursing in Indiana. Salary and benefits are competitive and are commensurate with experience and academic preparations.

Submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of transcripts, and names and addresses of three references to: Dr. Jo A. Brooks, Head, School of Nursing, 1337 Johnson Hall, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1337; (317) 494-0004; fax (317) 494-1000. Review of applications will begin February 18, 1996, and will continue until positions are filled.

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\textbf{Special Tributes}

\textbf{Nell J. Watts Lifetime Achievement Award}

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\textbf{Lucie S. Kelly Mentor Award}

\textit{Shirley Sears Chater, RN, PhD, DAN, the United States Commissioner of Social Security for the Social Security Administration in Washington, D.C., since 1993, is the recipient of the Lucie S. Kelly Mentor Award. The award, created in 1985 to honor Past President Dr. Lucie Kelly, honors an individual who has excelled in mentoring nursing leaders and schools. "The key to actualizing the mentoring concept is simple: it involves the philosophy of caring that is also the heart of nursing. It says, 'You are my colleague and we will work together to advance our profession and service people,'" Dr. Kelly said.}

Commissioner Chater brings a lifetime of leadership and public service experience to a position that has been frequently described as one of the most complex and challenging in the federal government. She heads an agency that delivers benefits each month to over 48 million people. Commissioner Chater came to the Social Security Administration from Texas Woman's University (TWU), an institute she led as its president for seven years.}

Dr. Chater, a native of Pennsylvania, received her B.S. degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, and her M.S. degree in nursing from the University of California-San Francisco. She earned a PhD in education from the University of California-Berkeley. She also has a certificate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management.

When conferring the award, Immediate Past President Fay L. Bower said, "She taught me all I know about curriculum development, but more importantly I watched her career and gained from knowing her and working with her."

\textbf{International Public Service Award}

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Nursing Care

(Commercial) "Nursing Management of Acute Care of Burns" (Volume 5) Mosby's Medical Surgical Video Series Mosby Year Book, Inc.

Honorable Mention:

Artistic Merit (Private) "Life...the Forever GB" Good Samaritan Hospital Janet Gim, RN, Chair, Organ Procurement, Nursing Manager, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio


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"So Percel Nursing Yes You Can" Marilyn Humphrey, RN, MN, MBA, Director, Nursing Program, Chabot College Hayward, College

Interactive Videodisc

"Critical Care Nursing: Critical Thinking" (A Four-Program Disc for Nurse Education) The Field Institute for Technology in Nursing Education and Mosby Publishing

Computer Assisted Instruction

"The Phy Whiz: The Cardiac System" Linda Capell, RN, MSN, EID Professor of Nursing, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Mary Ann Dreher, RN, MSN, EID Consultant for the Office of Instructional Design, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois "Recognizing Common Dysrhythmias" Professional Development Software Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Patricia Brown, INSc, Ph.D, Editor (Alpha Alpha Beta) Sally K. Holland, RN, MSN, CRN, Content Editor (Beta) J. Dennis Brown, MBA

Public Art


Nursing Art

"The Art of Nursing" Tampa General Healthcare George Byons Smith, Director, Adult Services, Tampa General Healthcare Tampa, Florida Spectrum Video Productions, Inc. Robin Barich, Producer

Roger Green, left, accepts the International Multimedia Award in Nursing Art from Tampa General Healthcare from Vice President Patricia Thompson.

Special Imagemaker in Nursing Multimedia Award

Special Recognition for Exceptional Contributions to Nursing

Patricia Vermeersch, RN, PhD, University of North Dakota, Virginia Neelon, RN, PhD, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Mary Chapman, RN, PhD, Drexel University

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Best of Image

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"Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse: Their Relationship with Depressive Symptoms in Adolescence" Lynne R. A. Bell, RN, DPT, Barbara Sachs, RN, PhD, FAAN, Mary Kay Raynor, MS, PhD, Melanie Lutenlecker, RN, MSN, CINP, University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky

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"Refining the Merger of the Clinical Nurse Specialist and the Nurse Practitioner Roles" Nancy E. Page, MS, RN, GCRN, University Hospital Nursing Education and Staff Development, Syracuse, New York, Donna M. Arena, MS, RN, Librarian, Georgia

"Electronic Networking for Nurses" Susan M. Sparks, RN, PhD, Later Hall National Center for Biomedical Communications, Bethesda, Maryland

International Information Technology Award

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Research Utilization Awards

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Above: 1995 Best of Image recipients Anne Kane, left, and Therese Richmond, center, receive award from Patricia Thompson

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Nursing Care

(Commercial) "Nursing Management of Acute Care of Burns" (Volume 5) Mosby's Medical Surgical Video Series Mosby Year Book, Inc.

Honorable Mention: Artistic Merit (Private) "Life...the Forever GB" Good Samaritan Hospital Janet Glinn, RN, Chair, Organ Procurement, Nursing Manager, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio


Public Electronic

"So Far, So Good: Nursing Yes You Can" Marilyn Humphrey, RN, MN, MBA, Director, Nursing Program, Chober College Hayward, College

Interactive Videodisc

"Critical Care Nursing: Critical Thinking" (A Four-Program Disc for Nurse Education) The Field Institute for Technology in Nursing Education and Mosby Publishing

Computer Assisted Instruction

"The Phry White: The Cardiac System" Linda Capell, RN, MSN, ED Prof. Nursing of College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Mary Ann Dreher, RN, MSN, ED Consultant for the Office of Instructional Design, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois "Recognizing Common Dysphagia" Professional Development Software Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Patricia Brown, RN, BSN, PhD, Editor (Alpha Alpha Nu) Sally S. Kellum, RN, MSN, ORN, Content Editor (Beta) T. Dennis Brown, MBA

Public Art

An A-Z Lesson in Emergency Management" Sandra Jenkins, RN, BSN, Kappa Sigma Embarcadero Clinic, Los Angeles, California

Nursing Art

"The Art of Nursing" Tampa General Healthcare George Byron Smith, Director, Adult Services, Tampa General Healthcare Tampa, Florida Spectrum Video Productions, Inc. Robin Barich, Producer

Special Imagemaking in Nursing Multimedia Award

Special Recognition for exceptional contributions to the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library Elizabeth White, RN, PhD, Jeffry Gordon, PhD, Kate Olsen, BJCCE Center for Academic Technologies University of Cincinnati

Special Recognition Posthumously for Exceptional Contributions to Nursing

Gary O. Rees, PhD Founding Editor of Computers in Nursing, J.B. Lippincott Company Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mosby Cameo Video Awards

The Cameo Awards honor outstanding nurse researchers who have been chosen by Sigma Theta Tau International and Mosby-Year Book to feature their work on video. The Cameo series offers viewers a unique perspective on current nursing research.

Effects of Self-Regulatory Mother-Infant Interaction Posthchild, Gene Cranston Anderson, RN, PhD, Professor, Nursing, Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Prediction and Prevention of Pressure Sores, Nancy Bergstrom, RN, PhD, Professor, The University of Nebraska School of Nursing, Toward Restraint-Free Care for the Elderly, Lois Evans, RN, DSN, Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Bedside, George Neavle, RN, PhD, Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Temperature Measurement and Shriving Barbara Holtzclaw, RN, PhD, EAN, University of Texas at San Antonio, Robert Ericsson, RN, PhD, Oregon Health Sciences University, Acute Confusional States, Marquis Foreman, RN, PhD, EAN, University of Chicago, Illinois at Chicago

International Awards

Sigma Theta Tau International

Salutes individuals who have pursued excellence in sharing nursing's knowledge.

International Multimedia Nursing Print

Patricia Vernescu, RN, PhD, University of North Dakota, Virginia Necket, RN, PhD, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Mary Chapman, RN, PhD, Duke University

Pain Management, Ada Jacobs, RN, PhD, FAAN, John Hopkins University, Nancy Hester, RN, PhD, FAAN, University of Colorado Betty Farrell, RN, PhD, FAAN, City of Hope National Medical Center Christine Maksakowski, RN, PhD, FAAN, University of California at San Francisco

Best of Image

"Tertiary Nurse Practitioners" Anne Keane, RN, BSN, FAAN, University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Theresa Richon, RN, ED, Admone, Pennsylvania "Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Coded Services Provided by Nurse Specialists" Burris M. Griffin, RN, PhD, FAAN, Fort McKinley, Washington, DC, Karen R. Robinson, RN, PhD, FAAN, North Dakota "Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse: Their Relationship with Depressive Symptoms in Adolescence" Lynne A. Hall, RN, PhD, Barbara Sachs, RN, PhD, FAAN, Mary Kay Raymond, RN, MS, PhD, Melanie Lutenacker, RN, MSN, CPNP, University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky "A Topology of Nursing Therapeutics" Laurel A. Eisenhauer, RN, PhD, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Rethinking the Merger of the Clinical Nurse Specialist and the Nurse Practitioner Roles" Nancy E. Page, RN, MS, CRN, University Hospital Nursing Education and Staff Development, Syracuse, New York, Donna M. Arena, MS, RN, Librarian, Georgia "Electronic Networking for Nurses" Susan M. Sparks, RN, PhD, later Ruth National Center for Biomedical Communications, Bethesda, Maryland

International Information Technology Award

"Pediatric Computer Advice System" Denise Ferguson, RN, Karen Visser, RN, Linda Nierci, RN, Kelly Hammargran, RN, MBA, Kaiser Permanent Oakland and Santa Rosa, California

Research Utilization Awards

The Advanced Practice Committees of International Hospitals of Indianapolis, Indiana, are the recipients of the 1995 International Research Utilization Award. Additional Practice Committees of Community Hospitals of Indianapolis recipients of the 1995 International Research Utilization Award.

International Research Dissemination Award

Kathleen C. Buckwalter, RN, PhD, EAN, Marlowe Smith, RN, MS, and Susan Mitchell, MA, are the 1995 International Research Dissemination Award, co-recipients for the group project, "Geriatric Mental Health Training in Rural Long-term Care."

International Research Dissertation Award

"The Lives Experienced of Caring for a Spouse with Alzheimer's Disease: An Investigations of Rural and Urban Caregivers" Margaret A. Gray-Vickery, PhD, Assistant Professor, Indianapolis College.
Chapter Awards

EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE
Beta Tau, University of Miami School of Nursing
February 1995-Presidents' Message
LAYOUT AND DESIGN EXCELLENCE
Beta Mu, University of Illinois College of Nursing
Chapter Newsletter Awards
HERALD SPECIAL EDITION EXCELLENCE
Claire Burke Draucker, RN, Department of Nursing
Chapter Research Advancement Awards
SPECIAL EDITION EXCELLENCE
Barbara E. Berger, RN, State Island College of Nursing
Alpha Delta Phi Rush University College of Nursing
Chapter Newsletter Awards
Alpha Chi Boston College School of Nursing Newsletter Name:
School of Nursing, At-Large
Chapter Awards
Alpha Chi Boston College School of Nursing
Delta Epsilon At-Large University of Rhode Island College of Nursing Department of Nursing
Delta Rho Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing Newsletter Name: Delta Rho Chapter News
Feature Article Excellence
Beta Nu East Carolina University School of Nursing Newsletter Feature Article Title: Birds of a Feather flock together
Delta Epsilon At-Large University of Arizona Newsletter Excellence
Alpha Lambda University of California at Los Angeles Newsletter Excellence
Alpha Beta University of South Carolina Newsletter Excellence
Gamma Epsilon Northeastern University Newsletter Excellence
Delta Delta University of Kentucky Newsletter Excellence
Epsilon Theta University of Texas-Austin Newsletter Excellence
Epsilon Tau Saint Anselm College Newsletter Excellence
Zeta Pi University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Zeta Rho Mississauga University for Women
Eta Xi Geuniversiy Dubai
Eta Tau Salem State College
Theta Zeta Zumbro University
Iota Xi Florida Atlantic University
Nu Xi At-Large California State University-Portland Holy Names College Samuel Merritt College
Second Time Recipients
Delta University of Kansas
Alpha Lambda University of Illinois at Chicago
Alpha Chi Boston College
Beta Zeta University of Massachusetts
Beta Omicron Medical College of Georgia
Gamma Iota University of North Carolina
Gamma Sigma University of New Mexico
Delta Lambda St. Louis University
Epislon Beta Fitchburg State College
Epislon Gamma At-Large Within State University Bethel College Kansas Newman College Southeastern College
Iota Mu College of Our Lady of the Elms
Third Time Recipients
Beta Nu East Carolina University
Delta Theta University of Texas at Arlington
Delta Omega University of Akron
Theta Omega Midland Lutheran College
Kappa Gamma State University of New York at Stony Brook
Lambdoa Iota Kansas College of Nursing

House of Delegates Updates Bylaws

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The International Board of Directors functions have been clarified to reflect its overall duties and the term of office for non-officer directors has been approved for staggered 4 (four) year terms to provide continuity of leadership while avoiding undue dominance.

The revised International Bylaws in its entirety, with the revised Chapter Bylaws Form, and computer disk, will be mailed to chapters in March.

The revised International Bylaws Committee appreciates the support and participation of the House of Delegates in the process of review, discussion and approval of the Sigma Theta Tau International Bylaws.
Chapter Awards

EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE
Beto Tan, University of Miami School of Nursing
Theta Xi Gamma University
Zeta Rho Roanoke College

OVERALL EXCELLENCE
Theta Pi, Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing
Delta Rho, University of Arizona
Zeta Rho Mississippi University for Women

FIRST PLACE
Claire Burke Draucker, RN, Second Place, Co-Winner

HOBBY MENTION
Alpha Chi, Boston College School of Nursing
Eta Xi Gainesville University
Brigham Young University

SECOND TIME RECIPIENTS
Delta Rho, Thomas Jefferson University
Epsilon Gamma At-Large, Northern Illinois University
Delta Rho, Thomas Jefferson University

HONORABLE MENTION
Alpha Kappa Sigma, California State University, Long Beach
Zeta Rho, Hawaii Pacific University

Chapter Research Awards

EPUTHON At-Large University of Rhode Island

Chapter Newsletter Awards

Delta Rho, Alpha Kappa Sigma, Gamma Phi Beta University College of Nursing

Delta Rho, University of Illinois at Chicago

Delta Psi, University of Kentucky

Delta Rho, University of Arizona University

Delta Rho, Thomas Jefferson University

Delta Psi, University of Kentucky

Epsilon Theta, University of Texas-Austin

Epsilon Sigma, Southwest Missouri State University

Zeta Pi, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Poster Awards

University of Illinois at Chicago, Miss Patel, BSc, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Measuring Perceived Stigma in People Infected With HIV".

Nancy Ryan-Wenger, RN, PhD, Associate Professor, Ohio State University, "The Impact of War on Military Children."

Honororable Mention
Sherrilyn Coffman, RN, DNS, CPM, Associate Professor, Florida Atlantic University, and Marilyn Ray, RN, PhD, CEN, CNA, Professor, Florida Atlantic University, "The Support Processes in African-American Pregnant Women."

Kathy M. Hope, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, Southwest Missouri State University and Roma Lee Taunton, RN, PhD, FAAN, Professor, University of Kansas, "The Validation of a Casual Model of Hospital Staff Nurse Absenteeism."

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Chapter Bylaws Article IV—Section 2, b, 2)—"Programs of Graduate Study," now includes the grade point average (GPA) requirement for master's and doctoral students which had only previously been documented in the Guidelines for Membership Eligibility, and not in the bylaws themselves. The bylaws now clarify that to be eligible for membership, nurse matriculated for master or post-master programs shall have achieved a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale; nurses matriculated for doctoral or post-doctoral programs shall have achieved a GPA of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Chapter Bylaws Article XI—The Finance area includes a section indicating that a chapter board of directors is to send recommended chapter induction and renewal forms, along with a rationale, to active chapter members for their consideration 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the vote will be conducted.

Highlights of other changes approved by the House of Delegates impacting only the international bylaws:

- International Bylaws Article IV. Section 1 more clearly defines the organization of the various models of chapters such as at-large and charter amendment chapters.

- A new section has been added to Article IV. to define the term "region," to reflect that Sigma Theta Tau chapters shall be organized into seven geographic areas called "regions."

- The International Board of Directors functions have been clarified to reflect its overall duties, and the term of office for non-officer directors has been approved for staggered 4 (four) year terms to provide continuity of leadership while avoiding undue dominance.

- Wording has been added to the bylaws to clarify that standing committees are to provide consultation to chapters in keeping with the committee's mission statement. Standing committee missions and membership statements have been clarified to reflect the actual activity and support of the Society's goals.

Members Networking

Left, from left, Past President Chair Ruth Tucker, RN, PhD, and Bylaws Committee Chair Leslie Novell, RN, PhD, respond to questions at the Delegate briefing.

- References to actual dollar amounts have been eliminated from the international bylaws. However, per request from chapter leaders, the dollar amounts for chapter induction and renewal fees will continue to be included in the Chapter Bylaws Form.

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House of Delegates Holds Elections, Oversees Business

Pamela C. Levi, RN, EdD, is Dean of the Fairfield University School of Nursing in Connecticut. She is particularly interested in developing new nursing leaders, and her research, teaching and professional practice has been directed to that, including her service as a Sigma Theta Tau International Distinguished Lecturer. She has been President of Alpha Nu chapter, President of a local chapter of the interdisciplinary honor society, Pi Kappa Phi, and President of the Pennsylvania League for Nursing. Dr. Valiga has served as both a Vice President and a Secretary of the Nursing Education Alumni Association of the Columbia University Teachers College. An active member of Sigma Theta Tau since 1978, Dr. Valiga has been a member of the International Eligibility Committee, Region Assembly Planning Committee, and Region 6 Chapter Leader Paper Selection Committee Chair.

Joyce A. Vernan, RN, PhD, is Professor of Nursing at the University of Arizona College of Nursing. She has been re-elected to the International Board of Directors, serving on the board from 1993-95. In the past six years, she has been the recipient of three major funded research projects. The U.S. government's International Center for Nursing Research and the Federal Division of Nursing has supported her as a principal investigator and leader of a cooperative agreement in four Arkansas hospitals. She has additional funding from the Institute, now an Institute, for further study of the results of that research, and those from a similar project in New York. For the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, she is testing a model of nursing practice to provide community care to people in four rural communities to help Hispanic populations. Dr. Vernan was elected to the International Research Committee, serving as Chair from 1991-93. She has been President of Beta Mu chapter.

Elizabeth Weiner, RN, PhD, is a Professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and Health. Co-author of the popular video "Managing the Experience of Labor and Delivery" she is considered a pioneer in interactive videodisc development and has published and presented extensively in this area. She has co-produced the multimedia tour of the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. Primarily due to her expertise in the area, the college houses a half-million dollar computer facility and integrates technology across the curriculum. She has been President of Beta chapter and has just completed her second elected term as the Region 4 Coordinator. She was a member of the International Library Committee from 1993-95 and has made presentations at the Regional Assemblies to advance members' computer abilities and links up with the library.

Astrid Wilson, RN, DNS, is Assistant Professor at Georgia State College of Nursing as a part of the College of Health Sciences in Atlanta, where she has a global view of both nursing and practice, having taught at the Brighton Health Authority in England and the Institute of Pediatrics in Bangladesh. Her contributions to nursing education in publications and in international conferences are related to pediatric implications of diagnostic procedures, children's responses to hospitalization, innovative teaching strategies and instrument development. She has been Region 7 Coordinator, and President and Vice President of Beta Omicron chapter. Dr. Wilson has hosted television and radio shows to educate consumers about their health and has helped members develop their abilities to do so, by publishing on the subject and giving presentations at national and international conferences. She chaired the Communications/Public Relations Committee for the 1991 Biennial Convention.
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Elections

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Vice President

Julian G. Schuster, RN, BS, PhD, is Director of Clinical Affairs at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, Community Health Nursing and Administration Division. He is a project director for a multi-disciplinary community service learning program for students working with under served women and children, which is funded by the PEW Foundation. He is also Co-director of a training grant to prepare advanced practice nurses as care managers for chronically ill adults. He has been a charter member of Delta Phi chapter. He is an active member of the Sigma Theta Tau International and has served as chair of the Sigma Theta Tau International Task Force in 1993-95.

Secretta

Cathleen M. Shultz, RN, PhD, MSN, is Professor and Dean of Nursing at Arkansas. She has been active with Sigma Theta Tau at many levels and has served as Faculty Counselor for Harding University's Epsilon Omicron chapter. In 1993-94, she was Epsilon Omicron Delta President, guiding the chapter to its highest honor, as it received the Founder's Award for Chapter Excellence, as well as the Chapter Key Award. She is noted for bringing clinical nursing, academic and public leaders together in Sigma Theta Tau programs that help the people of Searcy, Ark., where Harding University is located. In addition, she has chaired the regional Dissertation Award Committee, and was a member of the Region 2 Program Committee from 1993-95. She has served on the International Membership Involvement Committee and the International Public Relations Committee. In 1991, she was elected to the International Nominating Committee.

Treasurer

Rebecca Cherry Krepper, RN, PhD, MBA, is an Associate Professor of Texas Woman's University. She has been President-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and has been a leader in Nursing Research. She has also been a leader in nursing education in publications and in international conferences are related to pediatric implications of diagnostic procedures, children's responses to hospitalization, innovative teaching strategies and instrument development. She has been President of Sigma Theta Tau, a director of Sigma Theta Tau, and has been the first nurse to serve on the Board of Directors. In 1995, she was elected to the International Board of Directors.

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International Research Committee 1995-97

Cornelia Beck, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing, and is the Associate Director of the Center for Outcomes Research and Effectiveness for the College of Medicine. She is the principal investigator of several Grantees with $3.0 million in grants dealing with development of computer applications in nursing, and is a member of the U.S. government's National Institute for Nursing Research Advisory Council.

Joan E. Hasse, RN, PhD, FAAN, is Chair of the National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR) Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee. Dr. Hasse conducts research on the care and resilience of chronically ill adolescents. She is also a psychopomp in private practice and at the Veterans Hospital. Dr. Hasse began her research work as a program evaluator in the 1970s, when it was an unusual course. Her findings, predictors, instruments, and models have been used extensively by researchers and practitioners throughout the world. She is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, and is active in improving health care in her state.

Regional Coordinators 1995-97

In her hospital post, she manages education for newly-employed nurses, and 1,000 invited nurses. She was a chairperson of an international conference and has been re-elected to the International Committee. Psychosocial research on aging and resilience of chronically ill adolescents.

International Nominating Committee 1995-97

Fay L. Bower, RN, DNSc, FAAN, Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors, Sigma Theta Tau International, is President of Clayton College and State University in Clayton, North Carolina. She has served on numerous nursing boards and was the first woman to introduce nursing process. Before being elected International President, Dr. Bower was a president at different times of two Sigma Theta Tau chapters.

Elizabeth Fish, RN, MS, is an Associate Professor at Fitchburg State University Department of Nursing in Massachusetts, where she teaches pharmacology and introduces nursing as a career. She has been President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor of her local chapter and has been a delegate to three of the past four International Conventions of the American Nurses' Association. She is a registered nurse at the University of Texas, Austin. She is active in several national nursing associations, including Sigma Theta Tau International and the Western States Nursing Council. She is a member of the American Medical Association and serves on the editorial boards of several nursing journals.

International Nominating Committee continued

Regional Chapters

Beth Baldwin Tiggers, RN, PhD, CS, FAAN, is an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing and is currently the Director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama. She is a member of the Region 7 Area 1 Committee and a member of the International Nominating Committee.

Jewish Fitzgerald Miller, RN, PhD, FAAN, is an Associate Professor and Dean for Academic Affairs at Marquette University College of Nursing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was re-elected to the International Committee. Psychosocial research on chronic health problems has characterized her program of research. She is noted for her development and psychometric review of the Miller Hope Scale which has been internationally translated and interpreted into three languages. She has current funding from numerous sources, including the National Institutes of Health. She is Chairperson of the American Nurses Association Rural-Urban Task Force. Dr. Miller is in her second term as Eta Xxi President.

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Dr. Miller has served on numerous committees. She has been a member of the International Nominating Committee from 1987-95, and has served three terms on the International Nominating Committee. She is also an active member of the North Carolina Nurses Association and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Dr. Miller is a recipient of an American Health Grant to evaluate an innovative training strategy to benefit the elderly in her state. She is involved in several award-winning research projects funded by Sigma Theta Tau chapters, and has made several presentations of the findings dealing with nurses attitudes toward HIV and tuberculosis striken nurses. She is noted for her studies and implementation of Dr. Imogene King's Goal Attainment Theory. She is Chairperson of the Florida League for Nursing Research and Grant Awards Committee.

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**International Research Committee 1995-97**

Cornelia Beck, PhD, RN, DAN, is the Associate Dean for Research and Postgraduate Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in Las Vegas, Nevada. She holds a PhD and MS from the University of Missouri, Kansas City and a BS from the University of Kansas, Lawrence. She has authored numerous articles and has presented at numerous conferences. Her research interests include nursing education and the use of technology in nursing education. She is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National League for Nursing.

Joy Ann Brooks-Brown, RN, DNS, is an Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She holds a PhD and MS from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and a BS from the University of Tennessee. She has authored numerous articles and has presented at numerous conferences. Her research interests include nursing education and the use of technology in nursing education. She is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National League for Nursing.

**International Nominating Committee 1995-97**

Fay L. Bower, RN, DNS, FAAN, Immediate Past Chair, and R. Messmer, RN, C, is the Chair of the International Nominating Committee. She holds a PhD and MS from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and a BS from the University of Missouri. She has authored numerous articles and has presented at numerous conferences. Her research interests include nursing education and the use of technology in nursing education. She is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National League for Nursing.

Elizabeth R. Fish, RN, MS, is an Associate Professor at Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. She holds a PhD and MS from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a BS from the University of Massachusetts, Springfield. She has authored numerous articles and has presented at numerous conferences. Her research interests include nursing education and the use of technology in nursing education. She is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National League for Nursing.
Honorary Members Inducted

Every two years, Sigma Theta Tau International bestows honorary membership to leaders outside the nursing profession who have given significant contribution for their contributions to nursing and to world-wide health. Their achievements to helping others are extraordinary. These disparities were induced on Nov. 5, 1995, at the 35th Biennial Convention in Detroit, Michigan.

Astronaut

Robert L. Bonder, OC, O.L.M., MD, FRCPC, distinguished professor at Ryerson Polytechnic University, visiting distinguished professor at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, is a neurologist and researcher. She is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to health care research.

Dr. Bonder is the first woman astronaut from Canada. She was designated as a prime payload specialist in 1990 for the first international Microgravity Laboratory Mission for the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and she performed experiments in the space shuttle Discovery in 1992.

Currently, Dr. Bonder is conducting research into blood flow in the brain during microgravity. Her body-surface imaging offers insight into pathological states. She holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Guelph, a master's degree in science in experimental pathology from the University of Western Ontario, and a doctorate in neurobiology from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Bonder has a doctor of medicine degree from McMaster University and was admitted as a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1981. She is the recipient of more than 20 honorary degrees. She serves as chairperson of the Canadian Life Sciences Subcommittee for Space Station and as a member of the Ontario Premier's Council on Science and Technology.

Poet, Professor

Joy H. Carlson, Ed.D., is a professor and director of special projects and evaluation at the College of Nursing at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. Dr. Carlson is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to nursing in the field of program evaluation.

"Dr. Carlson's research and consultations have been influential to nursing curriculum revisions that have increased the level of scientific knowledge throughout the United States," said President Bowor.

Dr. Carlson has served on the Educational Board of the National League for Nursing, and was President of the Association for Women Faculty at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She was also a founding member of the National League for Nursing's Society for Research in Nursing Education Forum in New York.

She is an active member of the National Association for Poetry Therapy and has published numerous creative works. She was a founding member of the Gainesville Poetry Society, and is a member of The Academy of American Poets in New York. Dr. Carlson was designated the Most Outstanding Non-Member of the Alabama State Nurses Association and received the President's Award for Outstanding Service from the Florida League for Nursing in Orlando.

Medical Chronobiologist

Lynne A. Farr, Ph.D., is a professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Farr is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to the field of medical chronobiology, the study of the body's natural rhythms, with special emphasis in the application on patient care.

"Dr. Farr is known nationally and internationally for her contributions to nursing and nursing research. Her introduction of chronobiology to nursing research and practice will play a significant role in future patient care," said James Fain, RN, PhD, FAAN, Sigma Theta Tau International Building Corporation Board of Directors.

Her scholarly work is disseminated in nursing and scientific journals such as, Chronobiology, Annual Review of Pharmacology, International Journal of Chronobiology, Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology. Dr. Farr is an active member of numerous professional organizations including the American Physiological Society, International Society for Chronobiology and Midwest Nursing Research Society.

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David A. Hamburg, MD, is President of Carnegie Corporation of New York City and is a bio-behavioral scientist. He has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to health care and health care policy.

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Dr. Hamburg is a trustee and vice chairman of the board of Stanford University and serves on the boards of various other organizations: Rockefeller University; Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York; American Museum of Natural History; Jacobs Foundation, Zurich; International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada; Defense Policy Board, U.S. Department of Defense; and Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

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Patti Kishline is the retired Manager of Nursing Education at Mead Johnson Nutritionals and is also a founding member of the National League of Nursing Grants and Economic Change relating to Children.

"She is the author of one of the finest historical analyses of the nursing profession," Dr. Van Horne said, naming Ordered to Care: The Dilemma of Nursing, Cambridge University Press, New York, N.Y. "Dr. Beverly has set the standard by which historical analyses of women's professions are judged." Dr. Beverly is a 1994-1995 fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African-American Research at Harvard University and an American Association of University Women Fellow for 1994-95. She also holds a 1995 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is an affiliate Fisher Visiting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania.


Leadership Consultant

Patricia Turner, M. is executive director of The Children's Museum of McMinnville, Georgia. She is being recognized as a national authority in the area of leadership development.

"Dr. Turner has played a pivotal role in helping the international Board of Directors form its vision and structure for the future," Dr. Fain said.

"Sharing her vast knowledge of strategic planning, financial and organizational development, Ms. Turner has acted as a consultant to numerous other non-profit agencies including the W.K. Kellogg Foundation National Fellowship Program, Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, National Safe Sitter Program and Milwaukee Public Museum's ScienceQuest Program.

Before moving to McMinnville last year, Ms. Turner was the executive director of the Indiana Youth Institute. She has served as a volunteer for Big Wheel Bike Rides, United Way of Indiana, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Zoo, and Indianapolis Chapter of the Coalition of 100 Black Women. I
Honorary Members Inducted

Very two years, Sigma Theta Tau International bestows honorary membership to leaders outside the nursing profession who have gained recognition for their contributions to nursing and to world-wide health. Their achievements to helping others are extraordinary. These dignitaries were inducted on Nov. 5, 1995, at the 53rd Biennial Convention in Detroit, Michigan.

Astronaut
Roberta L. Bondar, OC, O.Ont, MD, PhD, FRCP(C), distinguished professor at Ryerson Polytechnic University, visiting distinguished professor at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, is a neurologist and researcher. She is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to health care research.

Dr. Bondar is the first woman astronaut from Canada. She was designated as a prime payload specialist in 1990 for the first International Microgravity Laboratory Mission for the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and she performed experiments in the Spacelab and out on the mid-deck of the space shuttle Discovery in 1992.

Currently, Dr. Bondar is conducting research into blood flow in the brain during microgravity, lowering body temperature and its relationship to pathological states. She holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Guelph, a master's degree in science in experimental pathology from the University of Western Ontario, and a doctorate in neurobiology from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Bondar has a doctor of medicine degree from McMaster University and was admitted as a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1981. She is the recipient of more than 20 honorary degrees. She has served as chairperson of the Canadian Life Sciences Subcommittee for Space Station and as a member of the Ontario Premier's Council on Science and Technology.

Poet, Professor
Joy H. Carlson, EdD, is a professor and director of special projects and evaluation at the College of Nursing at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. Dr. Carlson is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to nursing in the field of program evaluation.

“Dr. Carlson’s research and consultations have been instrumental to nursing curriculum revisions that have increased the level of scientific knowledge throughout the United States,” said President Bower.

Dr. Carlson has served on the Executive Board of the National League for Nursing and was President of the Association for Women Faculty at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She was also a founding member of the National League for Nursing’s Society for Research in Nursing Education Forum in New York.

She is an active member of the National Association for Poetry Therapy and has published numerous creative works. She was a founding member of the Gavelston Poetry Society, and is a member of The Academy of American Poets in New York.

Dr. Carlson was designated the Most Outstanding Member of the Alabama State Nurses Association and received the President’s Award for Outstanding Service from the Florida League for Nursing in Orlando.

Medical Chronobiologist
Lyne A. Farr, PhD, is a professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Farr is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to the field of medical chronobiology, the study of the body’s natural rhythms, with special emphasis in the application on patient care. "Dr. Farr is known nationally and internationally for her contributions to nursing and nursing research. Her introduction of chronobiology to nursing research and practice will play a significant role in future patient care,” said James Pate, RN, PhD, FAAN, Sigma Theta Tau International Boarding Building Corporation Board of Directors.

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Most of you have heard me talk about nursing leadership and how necessary it is today and will continue to be needed in the future. In a rapidly changing world where health care is going through a deal of nurses' research with an electronic library on the cutting edge of technology, closer attention must be paid to the needs of society. Little did they know that by 1995 the offspring of change, organizing new ways to support the value and importance of nursing in the evolving health care system. We can do only this by increasing our efforts to do clinically oriented research about how nursing makes the difference.

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Mary (1994) says change is nothing more than learning, and that in order for anyone to be able to do it well, it is necessary to immediately continue the learning. One of our limitations is lack of resources and an important way to make an impact is to apply what we learn during the research process. Our task then for the future is to do more research and to use our findings to improve practice. It's a new kind of practice and to be able to make a difference, the individual must be able to make a difference and able to make a difference to their patients.

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Library Update
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Sigma Theta Tau International and Doody Publishing, Inc., have collaborated to give Sigma Theta Tau members an on-line benefit that provides book reviews and a book ordering service free of charge. A previously announced book review service was offered to members for a small fee. This new and expanded benefit, now includes the convenience of a book ordering service. New and expanded benefit, now includes the convenience of a book ordering service.

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port of training programs for nurse practitioners and programs in research for nursing school faculty. He was pivotal in establishing the foundation’s initiatives to improve patient care relating to hospital nursing and nursing homes. Dr. Cluff has traveled to Stonehenge, Kent, Bath, Canterbury and many other historic and interesting sites; dinner and opportunities to enjoy London’s celebrated cuisine. Theresa Olsson, a master’s student employee of Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, was host to Kang Hyun Sook, PhD, a professor of graduate level nursing research at Han Yang University in Seoul; Kim Bun Han, PhD, Director of the Department of Nursing at Han Yang University, were the U.S. in the U.S. to meet with rehabilitation health experts to their domain and attend the American Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Convention in Indianapolis in November.

Kudos to Mosby-Year Book

Our warmest thanks to Mosby-Year Book, Inc., a long-time supporter of Sigma Theta Tau, for its generous donation of 4,000 Wong-Baker Faces Pain Rating Scales for use in a letter inviting gifts to the Research Endowment Fund. Donna Wong, 1995 recipient of the Audrey Hepburn/Sigma Theta Tau International Award for Contributions to the Health and Welfare of Children, also contributed generously and kindly assisted with the fund raising appeal. The goal is for the fund to attain $1 million this year so that more research grants may be awarded in the future.

Scholars’ Society Plans

Trip to England

Sigma Theta Tau inaugurated its Scholars’ Society in 1994 to provide members occasions to travel and enjoy educational opportunities with their colleagues. A trip to England is now being organized in conjunction with the 9th International Conference of Nurses in Cancer Care in Brighton, August 12-15, 1996. Participants will saw a gala evening concert opening the international conference; sightseeing and a two-night stay at the five-star Thistle Hotel in Brighton; four-night sojourn at the deluxe landmark London (formerly The Regent), special bandbox tour, and dialogue with colleagues at The Royal College of Nursing; visits to Stonehenge, Kent, Bath, Canterbury and many other historic and interesting sites; dinner with Dame Sheila Quinn, revered British nurse; lunch at a charming private 13th century manor house; visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum; and opportunities to enjoy London’s celebrated social, dining, and theater offerings. The land cost is £2,178 per person (based upon double occupancy), and airfare will be approximately $1,000, depending upon the departure city. For more information on this exciting adventure, contact the Development Department at (317) 634-8171.

Library Update

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This exciting new member benefit provides peers reviews on newly-published nursing books in the English language and the ability to order them on-line. The Sigma Theta Tau International Book Service is available to members through their electronic mailboxes. Those interested in this service will receive weekly bulletins, called Doody ’s Weekly E-Mail Bulletin. These customized messages will be sent via the Internet’s e-mail system as often as once a week and will provide information, including peer reviews, about newly published nursing books in the particular nursing specialty areas and from the publishers that each Society member specifies. This weekly bulletin will come equipped with a book ordering device. To order a book described in the bulletin, simply check the “Yes” box on the e-mail message and send it back to Doody Publishing. You will receive the book within a matter of days.

This is truly a unique benefit for Sigma Theta Tau International members since no other nurses are being offered this professional service free of charge. Sigma Theta Tau members will need to send their e-mail address to the Society’s headquarters to receive this benefit. Doody Publishing will send you a book list profile by e-mail, asking you about the kinds of books that interest you. You will begin to receive the bulletins.

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Sigma Theta Tau’s Home Page Goes Online

The Sigma Theta Tau International Home Page on the World Wide Web was announced at the 53rd Biennial Convention in November. Internet access with a special Web browser for your machine is required. Our Web address (URL) is: http://stti-web.iupui.edu Sigma Theta Tau’s Home Page provides access to the Library. The Online Journal of Evidence-based Synthesis for Nursing, and Doody nursing book reviews, all of which require subscriptions for full service. Free demonstrations of each service are available to all. The Web page provides users with access to information about Sigma Theta Tau International’s departments, and e-mail addresses of staff. In fact, you can e-mail staff directly from the Web.

You can experience a visual tour of the International Center for Nursing Scholarship on the Web. Using free software called Acrobat Reader (from Adobe), you may read and print a Catalog of Products and Services or even reflective just as it appears in published form. Yes, in living color if you have a color printer! Yes, of course, you have to have a pretty floppy hard disk.
AUSTRALIA

New South Wales

Sibylia Shepherd, RN, ING, MPH, MSN, Norma R. Grant, RN, MSN, Coordinator of Mental Health Nursing for the School of Nursing, University of New South Wales, Sydney, was awarded the competitive scholarship of $10,000 from the American Nurses Foundation to support her work in gaining approval for the Clinical Nurse Specialist Program in Mental Health Nursing.

Canada

Burley Shirley, RN, MN, Instructor at Red River College in Winnipeg, and Donna Medler, RN, NC, Coordinator of Nursing, Prior Learning Assessment at Red River Community College in Winnipeg, respectively, gave a presentation at Canada's first conference on prior learning assessment in Ottawa, detailing the nursing diploma programs presented by the colleges. Their program responses to the need for lifelong learning, the need for preparing nurses for their educations while working in current positions.

Dr. Cynthia Cameron, Dr. Janet Beaton, Professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, and faculty members at the University of Manitoba are involved in a Linkage project with West China University Medical School in Chengdu, Sichuan Province in Southwest China, to develop nursing education on behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency.

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Research Funding Available

The Rehabilitation Nursing Foundation (RNF) is pleased to announce funding of up to $15,000 may be awarded in the forms of multiple research grants. A New Investigator Award, offered to encourage nurses who are novice researchers, will be awarded for up to $5,000. Up to two grants from the remaining funding amount will be awarded to researchers who will then be designated RNF Research Fellows. Research proposals should address the clinical, educational, or administrative dimensions of rehabilitation nursing. The deadline for submission of proposals early in May.

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Announcements

March 9-7, 1996 Bahrain

March 9-11, 1996 USA

March 12-14, 1996 Texas
"Improving Clinical Practice and Outcomes Through Research," tin Lisa Godfrey-Gilmore, Sponsor: University of Texas Medical Branch College of Nursing. Call: Linda Bartlett (409) 772-4225.

March 22, 1996 District of Columbia

April 15-16, 1996 Illinois

April 17-19, 1996 Tennessee

April 28-30, 1996 Minnesota
"Perspectives of Care: Universal Concerns," for International Association for Human Caring Research Conference, Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, Minnesota Convention Center in Philadelphia. Sponsor: Phi Kappa Theta, Phone: (215) 972-8680; or fax: (215) 972-8645.

May 18-20, 1996 Massachusetts

May 20-29, 1996 Canada
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June 24-27, 1996 Minnesota
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International Conferences
March 9-17, 1996 Bahrain
"Nursing/Health: Multicultural Perspectives for Health for All," for Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery Conference, Bahrain. Contact: Bahraini Health Conference, P.O. Box 28150, Manama 3131, Bahrain. Tel. (973) 770-4997, or fax (973) 769-2867.

April 28-30, 1996 UBA
"Pioneers of Care: Uniting Communities," 19th International Association for Human Caring Research Conferences, Middle Eastern Medical Center, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Contact: Sigma Theta Tau International, 202 East Golf Road, Itasca, Illinois 60143-8898, or fax: (847) 480-3602.

May 12-13, 1996 Canada

May 20-31, 1996 Sweden

May 21-26, 1996 Jamaica
"The Practice of Nursing Research: Rights and Options," Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Contact: Sigma ThetaTau International for the International Nursing Research Society, 202 East Golf Road, Itasca, IL 60143-8898, or fax: (847) 480-3602.

June 13-14, 1996 South Korea
"Advancing Clinical Practice Through Research," 1996 International Nursing Research Conference, Seoul National University. Contact: Sigma Theta Tau International by phone: (1) 222-9999, or fax: (1) 222-9997.

June 13-20, 1996 Canada
"Caring for the Elderly: Challenges of an Aging Society," 18th International Nursing Research Conference, University of Western Ontario. Contact: Sigma Theta Tau International by phone: (1) 416-667-1838, or fax: (1) 416-667-1832.

June 20-27, 1996 Sweden

July 4-8, 1996 Hong Kong

July 8-28, 1996 South Africa
11th World Congress on Medical Law, Cape Town, South Africa. Contact: International Congress of Medicine and Law Conference. The Congress Secretariat, International Centre of Medicine & Law, P.O. Box 17, Botshabelo 7002, Northern Province. Tel: (27) 140-862270, or fax (1) 270-140-3849.
I feel very good about my commitment to Sigma Theta Tau International and the advancement of nursing. I am forever thankful to be a member of such a caring and service-oriented profession. I hope that I may give back to nursing what has been provided to me over the few short years in which I have been associated with it. Few career paths offer the dynamic opportunities that I have enjoyed in nursing.

Ken W. Edmisson, RNC, EdS, Alpha Mu, is a scholar, clinician, administrator, author and lecturer. He is now pursuing two advanced degrees simultaneously, an EdD from Tennessee State University and an ND from Case Western Reserve University.

One of the youngest Virginia Henderson Fellows, Ken is actively involved in scholarly pursuits. Currently on administrative leave from the Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tenn., he is a former Lecturer of Nursing at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University, and Assistant Professor of Nursing and Assistant Professor of Education at Tennessee State University.

Ken serves on the editorial board of Nursing Management, editorial review panel of the Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services, and as a reviewer for the American Journal of Nursing, Effective Management in Nursing, Addison-Wesley Nursing, Taylor's Fundamentals of Nursing, and Luckmann and Sorensen's MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING: A Psychophysiological Approach. He also contributed a chapter to MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING.

This nurse philanthropist is versed in administration and supervision, medical-surgical nursing, critical care, quality improvement, nursing education, and trends and issues. His research interest area is the sequencing of risk behaviors among adolescents.

In addition to membership in Sigma Theta Tau International, Ken belongs to the American Nurses Association, Tennessee Nurses Association, Emergency Nurses Association, American Association of Critical Care Nurses (Program Advisory Panel, 1995-96), American Psychiatric Nurses Association and Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses.

"I appreciate this opportunity to become part of a wonderful Sigma Theta Tau tradition and such a distinguished group of people," Ken says. "I am honored to be designated a Virginia Henderson Fellow, and will do my best to support the Society in its vital work on behalf of nursing."