UBC NURSING TODAY

NEWS ITEM

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SIGNATURE GIVEN TO SCHOOL

An authenticated signature of Florence Nightingale has been given to the School of Nursing by an alumna in recognition of Beth McCann and Betty Cawston. The alumna, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she wished to honor these two fine teachers for their many contributions.

The signature was spotted in an antique shop in Victoria and the donor thought that it should be preserved in a nursing setting. She believed our School would be the best location.

This beautifully framed artifact has been loaned to the Woodward Biomedical Library for display. It has been hung in the Charles Woodward Memorial Room, which houses the Library's collection of historical books and materials, near the section on the History of Nursing.

CURRICULUM FORUM ATTRACTS WIDE AUDIENCE FROM LOCAL AGENCIES

The first of the annual curriculum forum to be held by the School of Nursing to share information with the agencies that work with the School this year attracted the greatest number of participants ever. More than 90 nurses, including individuals from service and education fields and from consumer, graduate nursing and student groups, attended the one-day program on "The University Nursing Graduate in British Columbia," held on September 10.

The program opened with an overview of preparation of nursing graduates at the University of B.C. and University of Victoria Schools of Nursing by Ethel Warbinek and Susan Smith, members of the two faculties.

Evelyn Carroll, nursing consultant at the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C., reminded participants of the resolution adopted by the Association at its annual meeting last May. The resolution called for the baccalaureate degree in nursing as a requisite for entry to practice by the year 2000.

Rosemary Ritchie, a representative from the Consumer Association of B.C., expressed amazement at the rapid changes taking place in the nursing profession and said there was an increasing need to share this information with the public.

Specific expectations of employers were delineated by Beverly Mitchell, senior nurse at the North Shore Unit of the Metropolitan Health Services. University nursing graduates entering the work force are expected to be problem solvers, change agents and innovative creators, among other things, she said.

Irene Goldstone, director of medical nursing, and Sharon Dixon, director of surgical nursing, both from St. Paul's Hospital, pointed out the need for administrative skills, because many new graduates move quickly into positions as head nurses. Participants then were interested to hear the presentation of Kirsten Weber, who described the new fourth year course on Management of Nursing Care to be offered beginning September 1983.

Patricia Mann, a staff nurse at St. Paul's and a recent graduate from the UBC program, described a "transition period" that many new graduates go through. She called this a period between "a utopian and a realistic view of nursing activities -- particularly in light of recent economic cutbacks."

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Two fourth year students, Wanda Pierson and Balbir Sandhu, described their experiences with the program as a post RN and a generic student, respectively.

This opportunity for discussion between service and education is seen as a vehicle for providing better communications of the School's goals and a means of "closing the gap" between service and education. As well, this year's Forum provided the additional opportunity to explore student needs and expectations.

-- Louise Tenn
Co-ordinator, Curriculum Forum

STUDY OF HOSPICE CARE IN LONDON YIELDS INTERESTING RESULTS

UBC School of Nursing Faculty were involved in several interesting research projects during the summer months. One of these, a special study by Kathleen Christie, looked into the care of terminally ill Asian or West Indian persons living in a hospice catchment area in London, England.

Prof. Christie carried out the study for Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common, London. The Hospice was concered that census figures indicated that population in the area included at least 14 per cent West Indian or Asian peoples, but that hospice figures showed that as few as three per cent of patients in hospice were of these groups. The study was intended to shed some light on this discrepancy.

Prof. Christie selected two groups from which to gain information about the area: 20 general practitioners who cared for patients in the area and relatives of patients who had died in the hospice.

Her findings showed that the population figures, which had indicated some discrepancy, were unreliable indicators of the need for care. Both the Asian and West Indian populations show a low incidence of cancer -- one of the main reasons for patients to be admitted for hospice care. As well, the age range of the Asian and West Indian people living in the area was lower than for the population as a whole. Again, the patient population of the hospice tends to reflect an older age group.

As well, Prof. Christie found that Asian and West Indian individuals suffering from terminal malignancy were being well cared for in their homes by relatives -- a cultural factor that needs to be considered in care.

"This does not mean that we can afford to be complacent," Prof. Christie said in an interview. "The situation is by no means static and is likely to be affected by change in the family structure, the growing number of persons over retirement age and the increase in influence of Western culture."

However, she said the study illustrated the need for health care agencies to be alert to epidemiological and social trends, and to examine these regularly to be certain that the needs of the population are being met.

For full information on the study, please get in touch with Prof. Christie at 228-7434.

GRANT RECEIVED FOR STUDY OF MOTHER-INFANT FEEDING PATTERNS

A $30,000 grant from the B.C. Health Research Foundation has been awarded to Judy Mogan and Lee Hearn of the UBC School of Nursing for a study into parent-child feeding patterns.

The study will explore mother-infant feeding behavior as a possible determinant of obesity. The researchers will observe and describe differences in parents' (both mothers' and fathers') attitudes to infant feeding related to obesity in the parents. Characteristics of feeding behaviors among parents in different weight categories will be identified.

The goal of the study is to provide information that will assist health workers to develop healthy infant feeding habits so as to reduce the risk of obesity in the child's later life.

RESPIRATORY COURSE STARTS ON KNOW NETWORK

The Continuing Nursing Education division once again is offering a program for nurses throughout the province via the KNOWledge Network. "Nursing Assessment and Management of Respiratory Disease" is a six-week, 12-hour presentation that will be offered Tuesday evenings November 9 through December 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. These 1 1/2-hour television presentations will be followed by a half-hour telephone call-in session.

Once again the courses are being offered with a clinical component in Kelowna, Kamloops and Prince Rupert. Instructors will work with groups in these areas. However, this season some local health care agencies also are arranging for viewings as part of their own continuing education programs.

Participants will be able to register for the course at home and receive all course materials; these individuals will be encouraged to find their own clinical "mentor" to supervise clinical practices.

Shirley Brandt is Project Director for the course once again and Heather Foster, R.N., B.N.Sc., has been brought on staff as Project Co-ordinator. Several other School of Nursing faculty are involved either as members of the planning committee or as lecturers in the course.

For further information, please get in touch with Heather Foster at 228-3055.

SENIOR STUDENT PRAISED

A senior UBC Nursing student who worked as a student nurse relief at the University of Alberta Hospitals this past summer was praised for her willingness, performance and attitude and for her "excellent bedside care" in a letter to the School.

Jean Farrar, a unit supervisor at the University of Alberta Hospitals wrote to the School of Nursing about BSN student Gwen Rempel, who had worked on her pediatric unit for 16 weeks during the summer.

"Miss Rempel adapted quickly to the unit, was a willing team member and provided excellent bedside care," Ms Farrar said in the letter. "I was very impressed with her performance and attitude in general."

Sports!
DON'T MISS THE TEA-CUP GAME

Once again this year the School of Nursing's fearless football team will take to the gridiron to challenge their Home Economics adversaries for possession of the famed Tea-Cup Trophy.

This annual fall classic is conducted by the students to raise funds for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy. The game will be played on McInnis Field (behind the SUB) at 12:30 pm Thursday, November 4.

Home Ec has held the trophy for the last two years. However, spokesman Heather Naka said the nursing team had developed a whole new set of offensive plays this year and shown considerable improvement on defense. Unfortunately, the team experienced a setback recently when the quarterback was forced to withdraw from training camp. Her running coach protested the dangers to life and limb.

Molson's Limited will be supplying a van and crew to broadcast plays during the game. Fourth year nursing student Denise Wood, who broke a leg earlier this year playing soccer, will assist the Molson's crew and provide "color commentary" throughout the game.

Chemical engineering students are supplying cheerleaders and others to help the nurses to blitz the crowd for donations for the fight against MD.

Don't miss the game. It promises to be an outstanding event.

NEW IN THE LEARNING CENTRE

The hum of teaching-learning activities in all corners of the Learning Centre heralds the beginning of a new school

year. The levelling of the nursing skills throughout four years of the curriculum offers challenge and change for students and faculty alike. To assist us in this task, new AV Media and teaching aids have been purchased. Some of these were prepared by faculty members.

AV Media

1. Oral Assessment and Care (Filmstrip & Tape); Trainex, 1982.
   Elements of comprehensive oral assessment and oral care of conscious and unconscious patients.

2. Airway Management (Filmstrip & Tape); Trainex, 1982.
   A series of programs illustrating nursing assessment and intervention in maintenance of an open airway in the intubated patient: a) Tracheal Intubation; b) Tracheobronchial Suctioning of the Intubated Patient; c) Elements in Tracheostomy Care.

3. Cardiac Arrest (Filmstrip & Tape); Trainex, 1982.
   A grouping of programs identifying use of equipment and nursing responsibilities related to the definitive treatment of Cardiac Arrest: a) The Crash Cart; b) The Defibrillator; c) Arterial Samples for Blood Gas Analysis.

4. Antiembolism Stockings (Filmstrip & Tape); Trainex, 1982.
   Nursing responsibilities for fitting, applying and teaching related to antiembolism stockings.

5. Wound Care (Slides & Tape); Trainex, 1882.
   Comprehensive overview of types of wounds, the process of wound healing, principles of wound care and nursing responsibilities in the care of patients with wounds. Programs: a) The Surgical Dressing; b) Principles of Infection Control in Wound Care; c) Assessment of Wound Healing; d) Wound Irrigation and Specimen Collection; e) Closed Suction Wound Drainage.

   Instructors guides are available for all the above programs.

6. Stress
   A slide-tape program produced by Judy Deatrich, UBC School of Nursing, in 1980. Content: An Introduction to the concept of stress, manifestations of stress and related management techniques.

7. When Two Cultures Meet
   Videocassettes made by K. Christie, S. Taylor and R. Hewat, UBC School of Nursing, and produced by Bio-Medical Communications. Content: A role play depicting the difference in cultural expectations between an East Indian new mother and her attending nurse.

Teaching Aids

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Reminder!

Open supervised practice hours have been extended in the first semester for all students. Schedules to be circulated to all teams.

-- Cheryl Entwistle
Co-ordinator, Learning Centre

HAVE YOU SEEN FRED?

School of Nursing faculty members may want to keep an eye open for copies of FRED, the new student newspaper being distributed on the campus.

FRED is produced by students as an alternative to The Ubyssey to provide communication between faculties.

Several School of Nursing students are active in the production of the paper, which has contained several articles on Nursing activities and events.

FACULTY NEWS

MARY CRUISE, who held a joint appointment as Associate Professor, School of Nursing, and Director, Extended Care Unit, has been awarded one of the 1982-83 Canadian Nurses Foundation Fellowships. She is enrolled in the nursing doctoral program at the University of California in San Francisco.

VIRGINIA HAYES MORRIS and JANET KNOX were invited to present a paper on their research on "Hospital-Related Stress in Parents of Chronically-Ill Children" to the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Pediatric Hospitals. The meeting was held in Vancouver in September.

During the summer LEE HEARN presented a paper at the international Conference of the Association for the Care of Children's Health (ACCH) in Seattle. The paper was titled "Contingency Care in Hospitals: A Child-Oriented Approach." Prof. Hearn has also been providing consultation and workshops on physical assessment of infants; she spoke to nurses of the Richmond Health Department in September and will hold workshops at Langara College in Vancouver and at Malispina College in Nanaimo.

BARBARA MILNE presented a paper on "Adverse Effects of Labelling Patients Hypertensive" at the annual meeting of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Quebec City in mid-September. Her presentation was based on research for her thesis, which was completed at the University of Toronto earlier this year.

JUDY MOGAN presented a paper on "Prevention of Obesity" to the Canadian Public Health Association's annual meeting and conference, which was held this summer in Yellowknife, N.W.T. Prof. Mogan is also speaking this fall to several groups on the same subject, based on her research in this area during the last few summers.

KATHLEEN SIMPSON walked off with the Ladies' Low Gross score in the Health Sciences Centre Hospital's Golf Tournament last month.

OLIVE SIMPSON spent two days in Kamloops in September spreading the word about the UBC Nursing Outreach Program. She was guest speaker at the Kamloops Chapter of the RNABC, and also visited the Cariboo College School of Nursing, Royal Inland Hospital and the Kamloops Community Health Clinic.

This summer, SUZANNE TAYLOR was leader and resource person for a six-week, two-hour-weekly course on communication skills called "Let's Talk, Let's Listen" given to the Pastoral Institute of B.C. In September, she was a resource person at a camp for graduate and student nurses sponsored by The Nurses Christian Fellowship and presented a workshop on "Time Management."

ETHEL WARBINEK has been elected as one of five Directors of the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia for 1982-83.

GLENNIS ZILM attended the conference on "Energizing the Workplace," the 2nd National Nurse Administrators' Educational Conference sponsored by the Canadian College of Health Service Executives in Toronto Sept. 15-17. She will be editor for the proceedings of the conference,

which are to be published later this year.

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COMING EVENTS

November 2, 1982

Bernadot Ratsoy, Vice-President, Nursing, for St. Paul's Hospital, will be speaking on campus at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1982, as part of the English 301 special seminars on writing. Her topic will be "Developing a Style that Gets Results." This lecture series is open to the public, and will be of special interest to nurses.

November 15-16, 1982

Nurses, doctors and social workers are invited to attend a National Conference on Parent/Child Health, November 15 & 16, 1982, at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto. This year's theme is "Today's Parent ... Tomorrow's Child." For full information, write Jill Birch, Project Coordinator, Humber College, 59 Queen Elizabeth Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M8Z 1M1. Local information from Virginia Hayes Morris UBC 228-7477.

February 23-25, 1983

The annual meeting of Western Region CAUSN will be held at the University of Alberta from Feb. 23 to Feb. 25, 1983. Theme of the meeting is "Baccalaureate Nursing Education for the 80s" and the keynote address will be delivered by Dr. J.G. Kaplan, Vice-President Research, for the University of Alberta. A call for papers has been issued and abstracts are due by November 1, 1982. For further information, see the School of Nursing bulletin board, or call Janet Knox (228-7480) or Glennis Zilm (228-2922).

March 11, 12, 13, 1983

University of British Columbia Health Sciences Open House will be held on the campus, with participation of all the health sciences disciplines, including the School of Nursing. Displays will be held in IRC and in the School of Nursing area. Mark your calendars now -- and prepare to take part.