



# NURSING TODAY

## NEWS ITEMS

### NEW FACULTY RECEIVE GRANTS

Four new members of the School of Nursing faculty have been awarded Humanities and Social Sciences Grants for research projects.

The grants, which totalled \$5,500, go to faculty new to the university to encourage them to begin research during their first year at UBC.

Grants went to the following faculty:  
MARILYN E. DEWIS and VALERIE LESLIE for a study of spinal cord-injured adolescents' perceptions of their body image and descriptions of their levels of self-care;

KATHERINE I. McINDOE for a study of support systems needed by people with severe mood swings when they are in a stable state;

CAROLE A. ROBINSON for a study of chronically-ill preschool children's perceptions of hospitalization;

SALLY E. THORNE for a study titled "Life after Cancer," a qualitative study of the transition to cancer survival.

### UBC NURSING FACULTY MEMBER CNA'S NOMINEE FOR 3M SCHOLAR

M. Ruth Elliott, currently on leave from her position as Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, has been nominated by the Canadian Nurses Association for the prestigious 1984 3M Nursing Fellowship. Prof. Elliott is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Simon Fraser University.

Each member country of the International Council of Nurses is invited to submit the name of one candidate for the \$7,500 annual grant offered by the Minne-

sota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M).

Prof. Elliott has been active in a number of national health and nursing associations and is currently a member of the Editorial Board of The Canadian Nurse.

### UBC NURSING RESEARCH DAY PLANNED

The School of Nursing is planning an all-day research conference during which faculty involved in research will make presentations.

Invitations to the conference, planned for May 4, 1984, will be extended to staff from all hospitals and agencies so that they may become more familiar with the kinds of nursing research being carried on at UBC.

Margaret Klinger, chairman of the Research Committee, said a "call for abstracts" will be circulated to all faculty members within the next few weeks.

Further information may be obtained from Ms. Klinger at 228-7439 or from members of the Research Committee.

### LOUISE TENN APPOINTED TO NEW SCHOOL HEALTH DIRECTORATE

Louise Tenn, an Instructor in the School of Nursing, has been named the representative of the B.C. Council of the Family to serve on the new Directorate for Agencies for School Health (DASH).

This embryonic project is regrouping various B.C. health agencies involved in child and youth health education.

A recent survey sponsored by the federal department of Health and Welfare asked 28,095 children in Grades 4, 7 and 10 a variety of questions about health. Students in B.C., which has no provincial guidelines for health education, scored

poorly, while students in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nova Scotia were among the best informed about health.

Mrs. Tenn said the provinces of Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have established such a directorate and the B.C. group is presently considering the feasibility of development of health curricula in the B.C. schools.

#### NEURO COURSE REFLECTS SERVICE-EDUCATION COOPERATION

Anne Wyness, Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, was host and moderator for a series of six one-hour programs on "Nursing Assessment and Management of Patients with Acute Neurological Disorders" on the Knowledge Network this winter.

The program, which was sponsored by the Division of Continuing Nursing Education, was co-ordinated by Margaret Borozny, neurosurgical nurse clinician at Vancouver General Hospital. The lecture presentations were by nurses who work in neurology and neurosurgical units in the Vancouver area.

In addition to the nursing service-education collaboration that was a keynote of the course, there was an interdisciplinary approach through the active participation of an occupational therapist, a physiotherapist and a speech therapist.

There were 64 registrants from all parts of the province. As well, it seems likely a couple of hundred nurses viewed the satellite communications program without registering, said Shirley Brandt, Director of the division and the Project Director for the course. At least one agency held classes for non-registrant viewers.

Course evaluations from the registrants showed that it was a successful and worthwhile program.

#### NURSING ALUMNI NEWS

Members of the UBC School of Nursing Alumni raised \$2,300 during a December Phon-A-Thon. The money is for the Sheena Davidson Research Fund, launched in 1981 by friends and colleagues in memory of the assistant professor who was killed in a traffic accident in December 1980.

The Phon-A-Thon was held to try to

match an offer of a \$2,000 donation to the fund if an equal amount could be raised.

Beth McCann, Professor Emerita of the School and President of the Nursing Alumni Division, said the Alumni volunteers had been delighted with their successful drive.

In other Alumni Division news, Prof. McCann reported that \$350 had been raised for the Beth McCann fund (for an award to a graduating student each May) through sales of Entertainment '84.

Faculty of the School are reminded that appointment automatically confers Alumni status. They are invited to participate in all Alumni events. The next big event will be the Annual Dinner Meeting on May 16 at the Grad. Centre. Mark your calendars now!

#### NEW IN THE LEARNING CENTRE

To facilitate use of audiovisual materials in the Learning Centre, an annotated catalogue of all our AV resources is being put together. Faculty will be requested to view selected items appropriate to the respective teams and provide notes for the catalogue. When complete, this annotated list will provide a useful, on-going reference.

"Matinee Media" will resume every second Wednesday and Thursday beginning January 25 at 12:30 to 13:30 in T.204. Topics of materials to be shown will be announced on the faculty bulletin board before the program.

The next meeting of the "Lab Educators of B.C." will be held on Monday, January 30 at VCC Langara campus, starting at 12:30 hours. Please note changed date. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

#### CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

The Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses (CCCN) publishes a bulletin three times a year. This journal is geared to information-sharing among nurses working with cardiovascular patients and contains clinically-related articles, nursing care studies and reports of nursing research.

The CCCN has decided to devote one issue a year to student articles. This is to encourage students to publish and make

them aware of the CCCN.

Faculty are asked to let students know of this opportunity. Deadline for subscription of manuscripts for this year's student issue is May 1, 1984.

Guidelines for Potential Authors are available and have been posted on the Faculty Bulletin Board near ACU T206. Further information may be obtained from Carol Jillings 228-7479.

## FACULTY NEWS

SHIRLEY BRANDT was in San Francisco in mid-January to attend a three-day meeting of Directors of the Certification Board for Infection Control. This Board has developed a certification examination for infection control practitioners throughout North America. Twenty Canadian nurses took the first examination in November.

SUZANNE FLANNERY and DAN JONES presented a paper on "Head Nurse and Field Guide Perceptions of Undergraduate Student Nursing Students in Clinical Settings" at the Society for Research in Nursing Education Conference in San Francisco, January 18-20, 1984. The paper was based on their joint research project.

JUDITH MOGAN and JANET KNOX also attended the San Francisco Conference to take part in the Poster Presentation sessions. Their presentation was titled "Design of an Evaluation Instrument."

MARGARET KLINGER has been appointed chairman of the Research Committee of the B.C. Division of the Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses (CCCN). She has been a member of the B.C. CCCN Executive Committee and of the Continuing Education Committee for the past 1 1/2 years. Recently she has also been the nursing consultant for the "Take Heart Everyone" - a cardiac self-help section of the B.C. Heart Foundation.

HELEN NISKALA has been appointed to the Membership and Recruitment Committee of the International Union for Health Education - North American Region, which has headquarters in Ottawa, New York and Paris. Prof. Niskala has also been named chairman of the Public Relations Committee and

serves on the Executive of the UBC Academic Women's Association this year.

During a recent visit to Montreal, LOUISE TENN was invited to give a presentation to a group of nurses from the Federation of Local Community Centres. Her topic was on assessing family needs in the context of community programs.

DR. MARILYN WILLMAN, Director of the School, attended the meeting of the Canadian Association of University Schools of Nursing in Ottawa in November. Dr. Willman was also guest speaker at the November meeting of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C.'s Vancouver chapter. Her presentation was on the changing image of nurses.

## IN PRINT

DONELDA J. ELLIS. "Breastfeeding: Attitudes and Beliefs of an Australian Capital Territorial Sample of Secondary School Students." Community Health Studies, Vol. VII, No. 3, 1983, pp. 290-295.

DONELDA J. ELLIS. "Needs of the Breastfeeding Dyad: How Nurses Can Assist." The Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing, Vol. 1, No. 1, September-November 1983, pp. 38-43.

CLARISSA P. GREEN. "Teaching Strategies for the Process of Planned Change." The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing, Vol. 14, No. 6, November/December 1983, pp. 16-23.

CLARISSA P. GREEN. Families and Cancer: A Report on How Families React to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer. (Project Family Focus Report. Available from the author. Limited copies).

VIRGINIA HAYES and JANET KNOX. "Reducing Hospital-Related Stress in Parents of Children with Cancer." The Canadian Nurse, Vol. 79, No. 10, November 1983 pp. 24-28.

GLORIA JOACHIM. "Anxious About Your Test?" Today's Health, Vol. 1, No. 6, December/January 1983/84, pp. 54-56, 58-59.

MARGARET E. KLINGER. "Relationship between Health Perception and Compliance Behavior following Myocardial Infarction." Canadian Bulletin of Cardiovascular Nursing, Vol. 8, No. 1, November 1983, pp. 3-12.

J.E. KNOX and V.E. HAYES. "Hospitalization of a Chronically Ill Child: A Stressful Time for Parents." Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing, Vol. 6, No. 4, July/August 1983, pp. 217-226.

J. MOGAN and J. KNOX. "Students' Perceptions of Clinical Teaching." Nursing Papers, Vol. 15, No. 3, Fall 1983, pp. 4-13.

## COMING EVENTS

May 4, 1984

UBC School of Nursing Research Day. Presentation of current nursing research being carried on at UBC. Open to all interested health professionals. For further information, Margaret Klinger, 228-7439.

May 10-11, 1984

RNABC Annual Meeting to be held on the University of British Columbia campus. For further information, call RNABC office - 736-7331.

October 25, 1984

The 16th annual Marion Woodward

Lecture, sponsored by the UBC School of Nursing, will be held Thursday, October 25. Anne Davis, RN, PhD, Professor, Department of Mental Health and Community Nursing, School of Nursing, University of California, will speak on ethical issues in nursing. Further information will be available later, but mark your calendars now.

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### BOOK REVIEW

A whole book on how to write abstracts?

Sure enough -- and The Art of Abstracting, by Edward T. Cremmins, provides such a wealth of information that those who have to write abstracts will discover a variety of approaches that will stimulate them as well as encourage them to aim for higher quality.

No better review of the book could be given than to quote, in its entirety, the abstract on the book itself prepared by its author:

"A three-stage analytical method is described for the writing of informative and indicative abstracts by authors and abstracting-service (access) abstractors. Good reading, thinking, writing and editing skills are required for good abstracting. Adherence to rules and conventions for abstracting and the maintenance of cooperative professional relationships also contribute to the preparation of high-quality abstracts."

The book was published by ISI Press of Philadelphia in late 1982. A copy can be borrowed for review from Glennis Zilm, IRC 338, phone 228-2922.

Faculty members are urged to provide news and comment for Nursing Today. The success of the Newsletter depends on voluntary contributions. The deadline for the next issue is March 1, 1984. Please provide information to the editor.