



# NURSING TODAY

## NEWS ITEMS

### NURSING RESEARCH CONSORTIUM PROPOSED

A proposal calling for a \$1.6 million grant to establish a Nursing Research Consortium based at the UBC School of Nursing has been submitted for consideration to the Canadian Nurses Foundation.

Dr. Joan Anderson, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, had a major role in developing the proposal, which is being sponsored jointly by the UBC School of Nursing, the University of Victoria School of Nursing, the B.C. Cancer Control Agency and the Health Sciences Centre Hospital. The Registered Nurses Association of B.C. supports the idea.

The proposal calls for development of a Nursing Research Consortium to engage in the study of health needs of families, facilitate exchange of information about nursing research and enhance educational opportunities for nurse researchers.

"The family assumes major responsibility for health care and is the basic unit within which decisions about health care are made," Dr. Anderson said. "Nursing needs to enhance its understanding of family dynamics in order to meet contemporary health needs more effectively."

Nurse researchers in all the sponsoring units have already undertaken projects that deal with the family, but, as the brief to CNF points out, researchers tend to work in isolation and risk duplication of time and effort.

"Coordinated efforts are needed to develop a body of knowledge within this specific area," the brief said. "Also, there are no mechanisms through which less experienced researchers can profit

from the experiences of others. If nursing is to build a coherent body of knowledge, nurse researchers and graduate students need opportunities to be socialized into disciplined methods of scientific inquiry."

The proposal calls for a research director and one full-time researcher to be appointed to the staff during the first year. Support staff and services would be available, as would money for meetings, travel grants and support services for other researchers. The funding would cover the cost of the Consortium for four years.

Further information about the proposal can be obtained from Professor Anderson in the School.

### TELEVISION NURSING COURSE ATTRACTS PROVINCE-WIDE INTEREST

The Cardiac Care Nursing Course being offered this Spring by the Division of Continuing Nursing Education on the educational television network has attracted queries from all parts of the province.

"The interest expressed by telephone calls and letters from all parts of the province indicates just how necessary these courses are," said Prof. Shirley Brandt, director of the division and project director of the pilot project series. "Nurses in many outlying areas have expressed interest in following the course, even although they are not near enough to one of the three centres to actually register for the course."

Queries about the course have come from Port Hardy, Gold River, Campbell River and the Fort St. John area as well as from nearby areas such as Squamish and Mission, Prof. Brandt said.

The 30-hour, 15-session continuing education series is on Nursing Assessment and Management of Acute Cardiovascular Disorders. The Continuing Nursing Education Division received a \$25,000 grant from the Universities Council of B.C. to prepare the program as a pilot project for Kamloops, Kelowna and Prince George to evaluate the effectiveness of this teaching/learning experience for programming for outlying areas.

The programs are carried on the Knowledge Network via the Anik II satellite and can be received throughout the province. Viewers in the Vancouver area also can watch the programs if their sets are equipped with converters so they can obtain Channel 18.

Several School of Nursing faculty are teaching in the series. Prof. Ethel Warbenik and Prof. Brandt have already appeared in the programs and received comments on their excellent presentations.

As well, Professors Ann Hilton, Carol Jillings, Kathleen Christie and Donna Wilson will be taking part.

Karen Webber, Pamela Miller and Marilyn Porter of the Division of Continuing Nursing Education will also be lecturing during the program as will Dianna Doyle of St. Paul's Hospital. Glennis Zilm, a part-time lecturer in the School, is project co-ordinator for the series.

Further information about times or course content can be obtained from Glennis Zilm, UBC local 2922.

#### **NURSING GIFT TO BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY COLLECTION**

An inscribed copy of the history of the establishment and early years of the nursing program at Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta, has been presented to the Woodward Biomedical Library by former UBC Nursing Professor Margaret Street.

The history, written by E. Jean Mackie, is titled A Biographical History of the Nursing Program at Mount Royal College, Calgary: Part I -- The First Three Years 1965-1968 and was published by Mount Royal College in June 1981. The author, who is a friend of Miss Street, sent her two inscribed copies and she

sent one to Dr. Marilyn Willman, director of the School, for use of students and faculty through the Woodward Library.

In her letter to Dr. Willman, Miss Street said that the history "is a significant contribution to Canadian Nursing literature."

"It tells the story of the establishment of one of the earliest of the two-year diploma programs to be given under educational auspices in this country," she wrote. "In fact, I believe that Mount Royal was the first junior college in Canada to offer such a program."

Dr. Willman, in accepting the history for forwarding to the Library, said it would be a fine addition to the nursing collection, which has been growing rapidly. She has been anxious to see the nursing history and archival sections grow and develop and such additions make excellent material that may not be obtained in any other way.

#### **NURSING STUDENT ELECTED "SENATOR-AT-LARGE"**

Third Year nursing student Sharon Provost, who is also secretary of the Nursing Undergraduate Society, has been elected as one of five student "senators-at-large" for UBC's main governing body.

Ms. Provost led all seven candidates in the January 19 voting for the one-year position, which begins with the April Senate session.

The North Vancouver student has been active in student affairs since her first year on campus. She was BSN I sports representative in 1979, a member of the Health Sciences Students Committee in 1980 and won the Student Leadership Award in 1981.

#### **FIVE NEW FACULTY RECEIVE RESEARCH GRANTS**

Five UBC research grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council monies have been awarded to School of Nursing faculty for projects to be carried out this summer.

The grants range from \$1,000 to \$350 and total \$4,150 for the five projects.

The faculty and their projects are:  
Daniel Jones. "Career patterns of baccalaureate nursing graduates."  
Kathleen Simpson: "The delegation of responsibility and authority in the nursing service hierarchy."  
Darlene Steele: "Stress and coping mechanisms and their effect on genital herpes."  
Hedi Uner. "Employment of a discharge planning nurse in an active treatment hospital."  
Nancy Wells: "Systematic relaxation technique for surgical patients."

#### **CARRIE LENBURG SPEAKER AT WESTERN REGION CAUSN**

Dr. Carrie Lenberg, coordinator of the Regents External Degrees in Nursing at the University of the State of New York, will be guest speaker at the Western Region Conference of the Canadian Association of University Schools of Nursing February 17-19, 1982.

The opening session is on "Accessibility and Flexibility in University Nursing Education Programs: Options and Obstacles" to be given at 8 pm Wednesday, February 17. The conference is being held in the Begbie (Law) Building at the University of Victoria.

Thursday's sessions will also be on Accessibility and Flexibility, with emphasis on "Specific Challenges" and on "Self-directed Learning in the N.Y. External Degree Program." The speaker will discuss supports available to students as well as barriers encountered by students and program planners and how these may be overcome.

Thursday afternoon and Friday morning sessions are reserved for presentation of papers and Friday afternoon is reserved for the Western Region CAUSN meeting.

Registration fee for CAUSN members is \$60 and for non-CAUSN members \$70. One-day registration may be obtained for \$35.

Further information and registration forms are available from Janet Knox, UBC local 82-7480.

#### **LARGE GROUP OF UBC STUDENTS GO TO CUNSA MEETING IN ONTARIO**

Twenty-seven students from UBC School of Nursing plan to attend the Canadian University Nursing Students Association conference in Hamilton, Ont., February 10-14.

Eileen Bartel, UBC's CUNSA representative, said students have worked hard to send the delegation.

Theme of the conference is "Nursing: A New Outlook" and among the major presentations will be an examination of the role of males in the profession and the implications that increasing numbers of men might have. As well as presentations, business sessions and social sessions, students will hear reports on two major student research projects.

The national research project this year has studied the moral reasoning of fourth-year student nurses, Ms. Bartel said. The western region of CUNSA did research into the legal implications of student nurses working in summers and on conflicts between the skills that they have learned already and the legal responsibilities of doing these before they have become registered nurses.

Travel costs for the 27 students will run about \$7,600, Ms. Bartel said. The student nurses have raised about \$3,000 for the trip through bake sales, dances and other events. As well, they have received grants from the Walter Gage Memorial Fund, from the Nursing Undergraduate Society, from the Alma Mater Society and from the Student Administration Committee. About \$2,000 still is needed.

#### **TOYS WANTED!**

The Learning Centre in the UBC School of Nursing is adding toys to its collection of materials. Contributions to the collection would be greatly appreciated.

The Centre is setting up a "Pediatric Corner," which will be used for children who visit the School of Nursing.

Throughout the year, this amounts to a fair number of children, explained

Rosemary Knechtel, Learning Centre coordinator.

"For example, in Year III of the Nursing program student nurses are involved in prenatal assessments as part of their educational program and use the Learning Centre as a simulated clinic and for learning and practising physical assessment skills."

Often, young mothers bring their youngsters with them, she said. "It would be great to have a play corner and toys for the times when their mums are busy."

Mrs. Knechtel said one faculty member has offered to bring a toy box and she would like to have faculty and staff donate toys.

These can be left with either Valery Bihrer or Barbara Iwasaki in the A-V Loan-Out area.

#### STUDENTS ESTABLISH NEW AWARDS

The Nursing Undergraduate Society has decided to recognize hard-working undergraduates with a new kind of award beginning this Spring.

As well as the Leadership Awards, which are given each year at the Spring banquet for outstanding leadership in each year and for the program as a whole, NUS will also give Service Pins to students who have worked hard on projects during the year.

#### STRESS!

Reminder to Faculty: The stress and strain of exams and assignments will soon be upon our students. Should you wish to refer students for personal counselling on campus, I would recommend Women Students' Office (Brock Hall Rm. 203, phone 228-2415) and the Education Clinic (Scarfe Building, Rm. 1121, phone 228-5384).

The Education Clinic is staffed by graduate students in counselling psychology and supervised by UBC faculty.

For further information, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

-- Ruth Ann English, 82-7433

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dates for events to mark the retirements of two special School of Nursing faculty have been set.

The evening of May 25, 1982, has been reserved for a retirement party to honor BETH McCANN, Professor in the School of Nursing, who is retiring this June after 35 years on faculty. An invitational dinner will be held at the Faculty Club, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The evening of May 5, 1982, has been set aside to honor BETTY CAWSTON, Associate Professor in the School of Nursing, who is retiring after 22 years on faculty. An invitational dinner and "roast" will be held at the Arbutus Club from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Other events are in the planning stages as well.

## NEW IN THE LEARNING CENTRE

#### A-V Media

Communicating and Interviewing. Filmstrips and cassette tapes produced by Concept Media. Content discusses basic communication and interviewing skills as well as some advanced therapies such as crisis intervention. Instructor's Manual available.

The Prevention and Management of Disturbed Behavior. Videocassette produced by St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital, St. Thomas, Ontario. Part I deals with clues that an individual gives to staff when he is becoming disturbed and suggestions for staff about early intervention and prevention. Part II depicts appropriate physical interventions that can be used as a last resort when all else has failed. Learning manual available.

Human Development -- First 2 1/2 to 6 years. Filmstrips and cassette tapes produced by Concept Media. Content discusses physical growth, motor development and language development for these age groups. Each series includes an Instructor's Manual containing guidelines, pre-viewing questions, topic for discussion, study questions and bibliography.

-- Rosemary Knechtel  
Learning Centre

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Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia. *Guidelines for Infection Control for Nursing*. Vancouver, RNABC, March 1981. (SHIRLEY BRANDT, Chairman of RNABC Infection Control Standards Committee and author of the Guidelines.)

GLENNIS ZILM. "B.C.'s First Books." *Amphora* 45, September 1981, pp. 18-23.

## FACULTY NEWS

MARGARET KLINGER has joined the faculty of the School of Nursing as an Instructor in second year. A graduate of the UBC School in 1974, she has recently completed the requirements for her M.Sc.N. from the University of Toronto. Her thesis there dealt with a follow-up of patients with myocardial infarctions to discover relationships between their perceptions of their health and the ways they complied with the prescribed health care regimen. Before moving to Toronto for her master's work, she had clinical experience in pediatrics and medical-surgical nursing and completed a course in intensive care nursing. Welcome!

Another new member of the School of Nursing faculty is SHELAGH SMITH, who will be an instructor in first year. Ms. Smith is presently completing requirements for the M.S.N. degree at the UBC School and she holds her baccalaureate degree from UBC as well. Her thesis explored the home self-care, behaviors and concerns of patients following surgery for cataracts. She presented results of her study to ophthalmology nurses at Vancouver General Hospital late in January. While in the master's program, she was the recipient of the Ethel Johns-Isabel Maitland Stewart Memorial Scholarship. Before returning to graduate school she was also on faculty of the UBC School. Welcome back!

Professor KIRSTEN WEBER began a six-month leave of absence in January to develop a course on "Management of Nursing Care" that will be offered in fourth year starting in September. During the next few months, Prof. Weber will be consulting various directors of nursing in the Vancouver area about material for the course. As well, she will travel to a Nursing Resources conference in San Francisco in March and later to Ontario where she will be gathering data on similar courses from university schools of nursing in the Toronto area.

Professor SARAH VARGA has taken over as Coordinator of the fourth-year team for the remainder of the year.

Professors CLARISSA GREEN and RUTH ANN ENGLISH presented a Continuing Nursing Education Workshop for Registered Nurses on "Use of Planned Change" in Kelowna at the end of January.

Professor CAROL JILLINGS gave birth to a 2.92 kilogram (6 lbs. 7 oz.) baby girl on January 24, 1982. Mother, father and daughter all doing well. Congratulations!

Professor WIN MILLS will attend a conference on "Classification of Nursing Diagnosis" March 10-12, 1982 sponsored by the North West Region Group at the University of Oregon, Portland.

Professor MAGGIE SMITH received a \$9,350 Fellowship from the B.C. Health Care Foundation to pursue doctoral studies at Simon University toward an interdisciplinary degree in psychology and education. Her thesis will explore the needs of families with children who have special needs arising from chronic health problems.

The Nursing Undergraduate Society has sent DEAN MARTIN WEDEPOHL a Nursing Crest to be attached to his Engineering sweater to emphasize the relationship of the School to the Engineering Faculty. During the year, the Dean has taken a greater interest in School of Nursing events.

Eight of the nine NUS Executive recently were guests at the first "Dean's Dinner" at the Faculty Club hosted by Dean Wedepohl for what he has suggested will be an annual event.

Recently-graduated BSN students MAYEETA HO and MADELEINE HO-ASJO have been selected to present projects on "Communicating with Chinese Patients with Cancer" at the Oncology Nursing Society conference in St. Louis, Missouri, in April. Their presentations are based on student work completed in clinical areas

of the Cancer Control Agency of B.C. in Spring 1981 under Professor WIN MILLS.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 10

"Pot Luck" Supper for the Nursing Division Alumni at 6 p.m. at Cecil Green Park. Dinner table talk will focus on "Concerns for Nursing," with topics for each table and guided group discussion. All School of Nursing Alumni welcome. Bring a dinner dish and come. Further information from Beth McCann, UBC local 82-7463.

April 28-30, 1982

National Nursing Research Conference sponsored by the University of B.C. and University of Victoria Schools of Nursing. To be held at the University of Victoria. Full conference programs are ready and can be picked up in the nursing office, School of Nursing. Further information and details from Ann Hilton, UBC, local 82-7498.

Faculty interested in research should note that Health and Welfare Canada has announced a "Special Competition" for its National Health Research Development Program grants. The Special Competition will permit significantly more funding to be granted for "high priority" areas, some of which may apply to nursing research.

Full information on the special areas is available on the Faculty Bulletin Board or from Glennis Zilm (local 2922).

Research proposals for review need to be submitted by March 15, 1982 for this funding, which will be available after September 1, 1982.

This announcement is in addition to the regular NHRDP grants, which have a July 31, 1982 deadline and which also have several areas where nurses may want to apply.