UBC NURSING TODAY

NEW ITEMS

DIRECTOR APPOINTED FOR "OUTREACH" PROGRAM

Olive Simpson has been appointed Project Director for the School of Nursing's new "Outreach Program" for registered nurses. Mrs. Simpson began her new appointment June 1, 1982.

The Nursing Outreach Program will help active registered nurses who live in various regions of the province outside the Lower Mainland to take a portion of the baccalaureate program in nursing in their own communities. The School of Nursing, working in collaboration with the University of Victoria, would like to arrange it so that the two universities will "reach out" to the rest of the province and offer at least some of the courses under these special "outreach" arrangements.

"Many nurses who are now working would also like to take the baccalaureate courses," Mrs. Simpson said recently in an interview. "However, for family reasons, or because they have jobs in their communities, or for financial reasons, these nurses may not be able to take advantage of existing programs in Vancouver or Victoria."

Courses can be offered in a variety of ways, such as through correspondence, through university teachers going out to other centres (during summers, to offer advanced nursing courses through community colleges), through use of local faculty in various regions, through resources in the community colleges, and perhaps through television programming and teleconferencing via the Knowledge Network.

"Local health agencies in outlying centres are anxious to get involved," Mrs. Simpson said. "We have been receiving indications of interest from hospitals and community colleges throughout the province."

Mrs. Simpson brings an impressive background to her new position. She holds a baccalaureate degree in nursing and a Master's degree in Education from the University of Ottawa. She has had a wide variety of nursing experiences, including active involvement in the organization and operation of a 138-bed psychiatric hospital for the federal Solicitor General's Department at the Regional Psychiatric Centre (Pacific) in Abbotsford. Her hospital experience includes intensive care, medical, surgical, neurosurgical and metabolic nursing. She has also done private duty nursing.

Most of her career has been in nursing education and she has taught in both large and small schools of nursing, including Ottawa Civic Hospital's School for seven years. From 1974-80, she was an assistant professor in the UBC School of Nursing. In December 1980, she moved to Ottawa for family reasons.

She has been involved in a number of research projects and in June 1978 received the Ames award for Individual Professional Development in Research for a funded study on families with diabetes. She is active in professional nursing and health associations and has been a speaker for the Canadian Nurses Association and the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C. She served on an RNABC Task Committee to prepare a brief for the provincial government on Health Care Facilities in the B.C. Correctional System.

"I would like to see our Outreach Program in operation as soon as possible

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-- by September 1983 at the very latest," she said. "We must begin to meet the needs of nurses in all parts of the province."

MARGARET STREET HONORED

Margaret M. Street, UBC Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing, has been appointed a Member of the Order of Canada. The appointment was published in the Canada Gazette June 26, 1982 and she will be invited to Ottawa this fall to receive her decoration at Rideau Hall.

Miss Street retired from the faculty of the School of Nursing in 1972. She had first taught in the School at UBC in 1952-53, then returned in 1961, first as assistant, then associate professor.

Born in Toronto, she took her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba in 1928, then attended the Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg and taught in various high schools in Manitoba. In the 1930s, she turned to nursing and graduated in 1936 from the Royal Victoria Hospital School of Nursing in Montreal, then took a Diploma in Teaching and Supervision from McGill University School of Nursing in 1942. She also holds a Master of Science degree from Boston University.

In 1973, her scholarly book Watchfires on the Mountains: The Life and Writings of Ethel Johns was published by the University of Toronto Press. For that work and other "outstanding work in the history of health sciences" she was awarded the Dr. Walter Stewart Baird Memorial Medal by the University in 1974.

A respected and valued member of the nursing profession, she worked in a variety of areas as well as in nursing education. She was associate director of nursing at the Calgary General Hospital from 1953 to 1961 and was executive secretary of both the Manitoba and Quebec Provincial Nursing Associations, as well president of the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses. Since her retirement, she has continued her association with the School as a friend, colleague and advisor.

In a letter to Dr. Marilyn Willman, Director of the School, Miss Street said that the appointment was a totally unsuspected honor, but "due, in no small measure, to the opportunities for service which were so generously made available to me as a faculty member of the School of Nursing. I am grateful to my former colleagues and to the University at large for the support and assistance I received."

AMY ZELMER TO GIVE WOODWARD LECTURE

Dr. Amy Zelmer, Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Professor, University of Alberta, will be the speaker this fall for the annual Marion Woodward lecture sponsored by the University of British Columbia School of Nursing. The presentation will be on Thursday, October 28, 1982 at 8 p.m. Dr. Zelmer, a noted educational consultant and nursing educator, will speak on "Professional Education in Tomorrow's University."

The lecture, to be held in Room 6 of the Instructional Resources Centre on the UBC Campus, is being held in the fall this year rather than the spring so that students may also attend.

Dr. Zelmer is the first nurse to become an academic vice-president in a university setting in Canada, a tribute to her administrative skills as well as her knowledge and experience in both adult and nursing education.

Her nursing education was received at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Dalhousie University and the University of Western Ontario. She also holds a master's degree in public health (health education) from the University of Michigan and a

doctoral degree in adult education and communications from Michigan State University.

Dr. Zelmer has worked as a health education specialist in South East Asia for the World Health Organization (WHO) and has been a consultant to Ghana for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). She is currently a consultant on a mental health project in Trinidad.

Before being appointed to her present position in 1980, she was Professor and Dean, Faculty of Nursing, at the University of Alberta. In May 1982, she was awarded the "Nurse of the Year" award by the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses.

For further information about the Marion Woodward Lecture, please call the UBC School of Nursing, 228-7417 or Elaine Carty at 228-7444.

SWEDISH NURSING RESEARCHER VISITS

Dr. Bertil Carlsson, Educational Psychologist at Vaxjo University College in Storgatan, Sweden, met with faculty and toured the UBC School of Nursing during a visit to UBC this past summer.

About 30 faculty and graduate students met with Dr. Carlsson for a special two-hour seminar on "Nursing Research in Sweden: Current Methodological Approaches." The special seminar was arranged by Dr. Joan Anderson of the School, who had met Dr. Carlsson during an international research meeting in Edinburgh last year.

Dr. Carlsson is directing a major research project looking into communication in health care organizations. He was in Vancouver for another international meeting.

SHEENA DAVIDSON FUND PASSES HALF-WAY GOAL

The Sheena Davidson Research Fund, launched in memoriam to the former assistant professor in the School of Nursing by her friends and colleagues in 1981, has passed the half-way mark in its fund-raising drive.

Balance in the fund is $10,952.58 -- up more than $2,500 during the last year.

Professor Sheena Davidson of the School of Nursing and her husband were killed in a traffic accident in December 1980, leaving three children. Colleagues in the School initiated a Research Fund in her name; this is administered through the UBC Alumni Association under the guidance of Professors Donelda Ellis and Robert Hewat. Continued donations would be much appreciated.

In an annual report to faculty on the family, Prof. Ellis said that the Davidson children -- Karina, Bruce and Ross -- are all well and continuing studies at university, college and secondary school respectively. Grandfather Olaf Davidson manages the home for the two boys.

On June 27, 1982, on the television program W5, Karina Davidson was one of four individuals interviewed about accidents and their effects. The program dealt with the psychological impact of accidents. "It was moving, indeed, to hear Karina's descriptions of the event and her philosophy for coping," Prof. Ellis said.

STUDENTS WELCOMED IN NEW CLINICAL AREA

Two first year nursing students and their clinical instructor were warmly received by administration and staff in a new clinical area this past summer.

Anna Karampelas, Director of Nursing of Kensington Hospital, a long-term care hospital in Vancouver, wrote in August a letter of praise to Dr. Marilyn Willman, Director of the School.

"We had the privilege of being part of a research project on "Life Reviews of

the Elderly" headed by Suzanne Taylor," the letter said. "Her able assistants were Gemma Jones and Ellen Zeiss, two very mature first year nursing students."

Mrs. Karampelas said the three UBC representatives also conducted two excellent inservice education programs for staff as well as had informal contact with patients and staff that "shed considerable light, for many, on some less known aspects of aging."

This was the first opportunity for most of the staff at Kensington to work with students, she said, adding, "I think I can say it has been a rewarding experience for the staff, residents and students."

The letter concluded: "I do want to thank you for the pleasure of being associated with the University of British Columbia Nursing Students. I will be looking forward to the placement of first year nursing students in Kensington Hospital for work experience in January."

NURSING PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

Dr. Joan Anderson, associate professor in the UBC School of Nursing, was one of the speakers at the World Congress of the International Sociological Association held in Mexico City August 16-21. She presented a paper dealing with ethnicity, culture and healing, including some information drawn from her current research being done at UBC.

Dr. Anderson, who is gaining international recognition for her contributions in nursing anthropology/sociology, also has been given the responsibility for organizing a Symposium for the XIth International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences to be held next year. That Congress, which will attract some 4,000 to 5,000 delegates from all parts of the globe, will be held in two phases -- one in Quebec and the second, from August 25-25, 1983, in Vancouver.

RESEARCH PROJECT FUNDED

Two UBC Nursing professors have received funding from the B.C. Health Care Research Foundation to continue work on a major Infant Feeding Project.

Donelda Ellis and Robereta Hewat will now proceed with Phase II. Phase I is in the final stages of analysis.

Title of the new study is "Women's Perceptions of Their Breastfeeding Experiences."

FACULTY NEWS

DR. MARILYN WILLMAN has been elected Chairman of the Nursing Education Council of B.C. for the 1982-83 academic year. The Council brings together the heads of all programs in the province concerned with nursing education programs.

RUTH ELLIOTT, currently on educational leave, has been appointed the representative for B.C. and the Yukon to the Editorial Advisory Panel of The Canadian Nurse in Ottawa.

JANET KNOX and VIRGINIA HAYES MORRIS were honored by having their paper on "Hospital-Related Stress in Parents of Children with Long-Term Disabilities" selected as one of only six presentations given at the National Convention of the Canadian Nurses Association held in St. John's, Newfoundland, in June. A brief write-up on this presentation can be found in the July/August issue of the RNABC News.

As well, Profs. Knox and Hayes Morris presented two other major papers this summer. On June 2, 1982, a paper on the same basic research topic, but directed toward actions that can be taken by parents, was given at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Care of Children's Health in Seattle, Washington. Also participating in the prepara-

tion of this paper was JUDY LYNAM, who was a research associate for the project last year and who recently joined the UBC Nursing Faculty.

The third paper, also on findings from the same basic research, was presented to the 17th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, held in Ottawa June 6-9, 1982.

ALISON RICE and ELAINE CARTY appeared on the national CBC television program "Take 30" in June in a repeat broadcast of the program on midwifery that originally appeared last fall on "Pacific Reports."

In May, several faculty members attended the Annual Meeting of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. in Nanaimo: PAM THOMPSON, JILL CAMERON, VIRGINIA HAYES MORRIS, DAN JONES, SUZANNE FLANNERY, JANET GORMICK, BETH McCANN, HELEN SHORE and JANET KNOX were among the voting delegates.

WINIFRED MILLS, JANET KNOX and PAM THOMPSON attended the National Meeting of the Canadian Association of University Schools of Nursing in Ottawa, June 3-4, 1982.

CLARISSA GREEN recently completed a series of 10 two-hour seminars held with staff nurses at the Cancer Control Agency of B.C. on "Communicating with the Cancer Patient and the Family." Mary Adlersberg, a former faculty member, now working at the Health Sciences Centre Hospital, was co-leader of the groups.

Dr. KATHLEEN SIMPSON recently completed a public service project at Valleyview Hospital that involved presentations to administration and staff. The presentations were based on a research project conducted earlier at the Coquitlam psychiatric hospital. The project had looked at delegation of responsibility and authority in the nursing hierarchy and how this is related to quality patient care. Four hospitals have now participated in the project.

The Valleyview project was launched following a presentation on Dr. Simpson's research work for her doctorate to the Nursing Administrators Association of B.C.

A similar project is now underway at Mount St. Joseph's Hoospital, a 300-bed acute care hospital in Vancouver. Plans also are underway for similar projects at St. Vincent's and Richmond General hospitals.

During the summer, Dr. Simpson also completed the defense of her doctoral dissertation at the University of San Francisco.

PAM THOMPSON was interviewed in May on the television series "Preventive Health Care" carried on Channel 10-Vancouver and Channel 10-Burnaby. She was approached because of her work with prenatal classes and spoke on childbirth practices today compared with those in the past.

VERNA HUFFMAN SPLANE, a former member of the faculty, was awarded the Canadian Nurses Association Merit Award for her "outstanding contributions to nursing" at the CNA's national convention in St. John's, Newfoundland, in June.

IN PRINT

JILL CAMERON. "Vancouver Chapter: Rebuilding Needed Member Involvement -- What Happened?" RNABC News, May/June 1982, p. 22.

CLARISSA PACKARD GREEN. "Assessment of Family Stress." Journal of Advanced Nursing, Vol. 7, No. 1, 1982, pp. 11-17.

B. ANN HILTON. "Diabetic Monitoring Measures: Does Practice Make Perfect?" The Canadian Nurse, Vol. 78, No. 5, May 1982, pp. 26-32.

GLENNIS ZILM, ANN HILTON and MARY RICHMOND (Eds.). Nursing Research: A Base for Practice: Service and Education. (Proceedings of the National Nursing Research Conference, April 28-30, 1982.) Vancouver, University of British Columbia School of Nursing, 1982.

Included in the book above were articles by the following UBC faculty:

CLARISSA P. GREEN. "Family Reactions to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer: An Exploratory Study." (pp. 51-61.)

HELEN NISKALA. "Competencies and Skills Required by Nurses Working in Forensic Areas." (pp. 245-354.)

DONELDA ELLIS and ROBERTA HEWAT. "Assisting Women with Breastfeeding: The Implementation and Evaluation of a Program to Augment Nursing Intervention." (pp. 258-268.)

Also included in the book were Discussion Papers on two reports by JOAN ANDERSON and HELEN ELFERT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 19-23, 1982

The District VIII Conference of the Nurses' Association of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology will be held at the Bayshore Inn in Vancouver, September 19-23, 1982. Among the speakers at the conference will be six UBC faculty members:

Sept. 21 10:30 -- ELAINE CARTY -- "Preparation of Children for the Birth of a Sibling"

Sept. 22 10:30 -- LEE HEARN -- "Infant Reciprocity"

Sept. 22 2:00 -- ALISON RICE -- "Antepartum Assessment"

Sept. 22 2:00 -- CONNIE CANAM -- "Adolescent Peer Counselling"

Sept. 23 9:00 -- ROBERTA HEWAT -- "Implementation and Evaluation of a Program to Assist Mothers with Breastfeeding"

Sept. 23 9:00 -- DARLENE STEELE -- "Stress and its Effects on Exacerbation of Genital Herpes"

Further information can be obtained from Roberta Hewat UBC 228-7437.

October 20, 1982

The inaugural meeting of the Nursing Research Interest Group, a new special interest group of the RNABC, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1982, from 7:30-9:30 pm at the RNABC offices. Guest speakers will be Shirley Brandt, Director of Continuing Nursing Education at UBC, on "The Importance of Nursing Research," and Janet Knox and Virginia Hayes Morris of the School Faculty, who will make a presentation based on the research paper given this summer at the Canadian Nurses Association National Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland. The meeting is open to all interested RNABC members -- and for this one there is no charge. Membership in the Research Group will be required in future. Plans call for the Group to meet the third Wednesday of every month. For further information, call Nancy Wells (228-7431) or Margaret Klinger (228-7439).

Faculty are reminded that items for inclusion for Nursing Today are welcomed. These should be submitted in writing to Glennis Zilm. Deadline for the next issue (October) is October 5, 1982.