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 Memo To Members

GREAT NEWS – NO DUES INCREASE

The National Council is delighted to announce that as a result of very able financial management and exceptional member response, the anticipated national dues increase will not become effective this year.

The mobility of our membership and their interest in remaining active resulted in the 1975 House of Delegates action to institute the computerized dues collection by the National Office. To cover the cost of this active dues collection and additional active membership benefits, the House of Delegates authorized a dues increase effective July 1, 1977. There will be no increase, however, and notices which are scheduled for mailing to all members in June will retain the $2.00 National fee rate for 1977-78.

RESEARCH FUND CONTRIBUTORS

Following the terrific membership support last year, contributions to the Sigma Theta Tau Capital Fund for Nursing Research are invited on the renewal notice for 1977-78. Progress reports will be provided throughout the year concerning this membership support for scholarly nursing.

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REFLECTIONS

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Sr. Rosemary Donley Awarded Health Policy Fellowship for 1977-78

Sr. Rosemary Donley, Ph.D., Eta Chapter, National President of Sigma Theta Tau, has been awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship for 1977-78. This fellowship provides for a year’s study and congressional work assignments in Washington.

The Health Policy fellowships were established by the Institute of Medicine four years ago and are conducted in cooperation with the American Political Science Association (APSA). The program is designed to provide a better understanding of major issues in health policy and a knowledge of how federal health programs are established.

Sr. Rosemary is the only nurse and woman among the six recipients honored this year. The recipients are outstanding mid-career professionals working in academic health settings. The development of policy-knowledgeable faculty members in health professional schools is expected to foster an awareness of government health activities throughout the faculties and create more constructive relationships between universities and government.

Sr. Rosemary is an associate professor of general nursing at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. She was president of Eta Chapter, University of Pittsburgh, prior to becoming National president in 1975.

Sr. Rosemary Donley

A nursing scholar, Sr. Rosemary is only the second nurse to receive this outstanding and prestigious fellowship. She welcomes the opportunity to further her development as national president of Sigma Theta Tau, as a nurse educator and as a religious woman who devotes her life to health care.
Dr. Carol Lindeman Keynotes Minnesota Research Conference

Zeta Chapter, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and Chi Chapter, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota, sponsored the fourth annual Nursing Research Conference recently at the College of St. Catherine.

Mary Emery of Chi Chapter and Judie Berg, Zeta, were co-chairpersons of the conference.

Dr. Carol Lindeman, chairperson of Nursing, University of Oregon, gave the keynote address, "Update on Research Methodology." Gay Vanek, instructor at St. Catherine College, spoke on "The Research Process."

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The following research presentations were made:

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- The program, held at Northeastern University, was conducted by Dr. Anne Burgess, professor of nursing at Boston College and a rape counselor at Boston City Hospital.
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The keynote address of this symposium was to show increased knowledge of ongoing research in nursing, identify the process of critiquing research and interact with researchers concerning the possible use of research findings.

Topics discussed at the program were:

- "Nursing Research - How to Use Its Findings," by Dr. K. Schellman, S.N., R.N., Boston College and University of Virginia.
- "Stress Factors Perceived by Patients in a Coronary Care Unit," by Susan Doncker, R.N., B.S.N., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
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Dr. Ruby Wilson, dean of Duke University School of Nursing, was selected to give the keynote address. She spoke on "Inward and Outward Horizons." Mrs. K Driver Smith, national secretary of Sigma Theta Tau, presented the official keynote to Dr. Ruby Wilson, R.N., M.S.N., professor of nursing at the University of Virginia, and the "Second Stage of Post-Rape Crisis," by Sylvia Alderson, R.N., I.S.N., Ms.

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- "Legal Definition of Child Abuse and Neglect as Perceived by Parents," Jeanine Baynard, R.N., B.S., graduate student, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota.
- "Incorporating Nursing Research into Nursing Practice: the Lung Cancer Patient," Shirley Williams, R.N., M.D., Oncology Clinical Specialist, Cancer Center, University of Minnesota.

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In addition to Dr. Yura's, three additional addresses were presented. They were: "The Aphasic Patient: Special Problems in Nursing Care" by Emmie Miller, R.N., and Cindy Wood, R.N.; "The Nurse's Role in Crisis Intervention Following Neonatal Death" by Connie Johnson, R.N.; and "Prevention and Management of Spinal Cord Injury" by Betty Schreiber, senior student, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing.

Alpha Iota Chapter Co-Sponsors Research Conference

A conference on "Is Research for Everyone - A Reasonable Question?" was presented by Alpha Iota Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau, in cooperation with the University of Missouri-Columbia Medical Center and Extension Division on April 15 at the Medical Center.

The program was planned to instill an awareness of nursing research as a tool for the improvement of nursing practice.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Dord D. Cobb, M.D., Associate Director for Nursing Research, University Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Douglas spoke on "Clinical Research: Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Practice."

Members of the planning committee for the conference were Alice Kuehn, R.N., M.S., Chairman of the Research Committee; Alpha Iota Chapter; Ruth Adkins, R.N., M.P.H., Associate Professor of Nursing, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Nursing; Mary Beth McKeown, R.N., M.S., B.S.N., and Ruth Monroe, R.N., B.S.N., all graduate students at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri; and Francis S. Seiler, R.N., Ph.D., Director of Graduate Studies, School of Nursing, University of Missouri-Columbia.

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Report from Educational Development Committee
Northeastern Region - Janet P. Brown, representative

RESEARCH DAYS
Research Day is an annual event for many of the chapters in the Northeastern Region, including Alpha Chi Chapter at Boston College School of Nursing, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; Theta at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing; Alpha Zeta at Columbia University, Faculty of Medicine; and Delta at New York City. Eta Chapter and Gamma Epistle have been involved in some or all of these programs.

At Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Philadelphia, reports that it is collaborating with the Nu at Villanova University College of Nursing, Villanova, PA., in presenting a two-day conference in the spring. Several chapters report collaboration efforts with alumni associations and departments of continuing education as well as developing collaborative relationships between chapters that are located in proximity with each other.

SPECIAL PROJECTS
To enhance the achievement of goals related to the "Avenues of Action," Alpha Chi Chapter has initiated a Research Days program for chapter members, and multiple chapters have established committees for undergraduate students. Beta Sigma, College School of Nursing, New York, D.C., Kappa, Boston University College of Nursing, New York, D.C., and Gamma Epistle, Northeastern University College of Nursing, Boston, are all involved in these efforts.

These chapters are coordinating activities for the Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau to be held in the nation's capital October 20-22, 1977. A sample of the programs developed in this region to implement the theme, "Avenues of Action: Nursing and Medication - Interpersonal Collaboration," "Issues in Primary Care," "Ethical Dimensions in Nursing," "A Values Clarification Workshop for Nurses," "Role Development." The Department of Continuing Education at "Syracuse" held a symposium on "Pathways to Hypodermic Repair," "Translating Research into Practice," and "Graduate Education and its Responsibilities.

REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Southern Region - Patricia A. Chamings, representative

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The Northeastern Region contains 22 Sigma Theta Tau chapters which are located in 8 states and the District of Columbia. The oldest chapter, Alpha, University of Pittsburgh Sch. of Nsg., Pittsburgh, Pa., was installed in 1946, and the newest chapter, Gamma, University of Southern California, located at the University of Southern California, was installed in 1978.

Four chapters, Alpha, University of Maryland Sch. of Nursing, Baltimore, Md.; Beta, University of Pennsylvania Sch. of Nsg., Philadelphia, Pa.; Gamma, University of Southern California, and Delta, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., have held their biennial conventions this year.

Alpha Chapter at the University of Maryland has attended a biennial meeting in 1977.

Beta Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania has held a biennial meeting in 1977.

Gamma Chapter at the University of Southern California has held a biennial meeting in 1978.

Delta Chapter at the University of Massachusetts has held a biennial meeting in 1978.

These chapters have considered the theme of their biennial meetings and have sponsored programs on Health Care Delivery Systems. These chapters are located at Northwestern State University, Shreveport, Louisiana and the University of South Carolina, respectively.

Beta Nu Chapter (East Carolina University) sponsored several interesting programs: "Nurses Should Be Obese!" by Dr. Delorey, "Politics and Power in Nursing" by Dr. Dolores Lewis and a civil rights symposium on "Excellence in Clinical Nursing." The topics selected by most of the chapters reflect not only the gaps in practice, education and research but the issues of society at the present time.

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Beta Sigma Chapter, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was also known for its "Collaborative Nurse's Action" theme. In April, 1977, a speaker, Ms. Betty Yura was guest lecturer.

Beta Delta Chapter (Texas-Galveston) also sponsored programs to make the chapters identify local needs and concerns in order to: a) identify local needs and concerns in order to identify and locate centers that promote the particular theme; b) establish a systematic way to determine the chapters' areas of expertise.

Chapters have sponsored research symposiums or research projects, presented posters or conference papers or engaged in a policy analysis. A symposium on "Nurses and the Dying Patient" was held in May, 1977.

Another exciting project was introduced in March, 1977, by the Educational Development Committee and the hard work of Mr. Jerry Watts, Executive Director, and all of the National officers. The Monograph series began with Monograph 75: No. 1 and is a compilation of papers presented at the Clinical Nursing Research Symposiums, Nashville, Tennessee, April 24 and 25, 1976. The symposium was sponsored by Iota Chapter (Vanderbilt University), Vanderbilt School of Nursing, and the Educational Development Committee. Rebecca T. Mardell and Patricia A. Chaminas edited the papers for publication in a monograph series since been published, and all are available through the national office. For assistance or information, contact the national office or your representative on the Educational Development Committee.

Two chapters sponsored major meetings in March, 1977. Alpha Omega, Adelphi U., Nassau County, New York, sponsored a conference on "Advanced Practice Nursing." Alpha Delta Chapter (University of Virginia) featured a Clinical Research Symposium in March, 1977. Beta Alpha Chapter (University of Kentucky) sponsored its seventh annual Clinical Session on March 17 when clinical papers by faculty and students were presented. Dr. Helen Yura was guest lecturer.
NATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT NLN IN ANAHEIM

Research Session

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Program Development Session

MARGARET JACOBSON

BACKGROUND
Sigma Theta Tau, still comparatively young in the Western Region, has a history of only fifteen years. The senior chapter, Psi, at the University of Washington, Seattle, was established in 1962, and the youngest chapter, Gamma Gamma at San Diego State University, was established in 1976. The distance between the oldest and newest chapter is almost 1,300 miles.

Although the distances are great between some of the chapters, we are looking forward to more cluster development within the region which will facilitate cooperative program planning. Two of the three monographs published by the Educational Development Committee have resulted from research conferences in the Western Region with the latest monograph produced by the three chapters clustered in the San Francisco Bay Area, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Eta, and Beta Gamma.

CURRENT PROGRAMMING
Beta Mu, University of Arizona, Tucson, is cosponsoring the fifth Annual Nursing Research Conference with the University of Arizona College of Nursing in September. The focus of the conference is "Research for Clinical Nursing: Strategies and Findings." Beta Mu also has plans to award up to five financial scholarships annually to nursing students at the University of Arizona. Two scholarships were awarded this year to graduate students at the University of Arizona. Additional information can be obtained from the University of Arizona.

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AVENUES OF ACTION

Report from Educational Development Committee
Western Region - Margaret Jacobson, representative

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Alpha Pi, University of Wyoming, Laramie, is collaborating with the American Heart Association to provide resource instructors and workshops for basic resuscitors. Alpha Pi views this collaboration as extending beyond local university membership to all the nurses certified in resuscitation. Their programs are focused accordingly.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE
Alpha Eta, University of California, San Francisco, presented a continuing education course in Human Sexuality under the direction of Jan Hitchcock of Sonoma State College. Their June induction program featured an address by their new dean, Dr. Margretta Styles.

Alpha Gamma, San Jose State University, is presenting a panel of HSA (Health Systems Agency) Board Members in May. The program is arranged through the efforts of Nancy Sanford, a Sigma Theta Tau member, Executive Director of CNA Region 10, and the only nurse on the HSA Board. The purpose of the program is to increase nurse awareness of the channels for input into health care decisions being made in the area.

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Current Programming

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Alpha Pi, University of Wyoming, Laramie, is collaborating with the American Heart Association in providing resource instructors and workshops for basic rescuers. Alpha Pi views its responsibilities as extending beyond local university membership to all the practicing nurses interested in these programs. Their programs are focused accordingly.

Continuing Education Course

Alpha Eta, University of California, San Francisco, presented a continuing education course in Human Sexuality under the direction of Jan Hitchcock of Sonoma State College. Their June induction program featured an address by their new dean, Dr. Margretta Styles.

Alpha Gamma, San Jose State University, is presenting a panel of HSA (Health Systems Agency) Board Members in May. The program is arranged through the efforts of Nancy Sanford, a Sigma Theta Tau member, Executive Director of CNA Region 10, and the only nurse on the HSA Board. The purpose of the program is to increase nurse awareness of the channels for input into health care decisions being made in the area.

Pei, University of Washington, Seattle, Alpha Sigma, Seattle University, and Beta Pei, University of Oregon, combined as a cluster at a Sunday brunch meeting where further collaborative ventures were explored, such as possibly co-publishing the Sigma Theta Tau biennial convention.

Pei's programs this year have centered on the expanded role of the nurses working with cancer patients, and on implications of the Nurse Practice Act in the State of Washington. Their June induction program will include an address by their dean, Dr. Rhea Donfoy. Pei and Alpha Sigma are planning together for a combined research conference in October entitled "Problems in Patient Care: Evaluating Research for Use in Clinical Practice." Papers for presentation are being solicited now.

Gama Gamma, San Diego State University, has held two continuing education workshops this year. The first was on neurological assessment, and the second was on assertiveness training for nurses. Another program centered on the delivery of health care services to older persons.

Gamma Alpha, Loma Linda University, also held a continuing education program centered on practice and titles Primary Nursing, featuring Dr. Gwen Maram.

Future Plans

Chapters in the Western Region are continuing to direct their program themes toward the gaps in nursing research, education, and practice. The continuing collaboration between cluster chapters and the interfacing with other organizations is encouraging. It is anticipated that additional research conference proceedings will be published as an Educational Development Committee monograph. Members of Gamma Alpha, Loma Linda, and Gamma Gamma, San Diego State University, assisted with the program development meetings at Anaheim.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1977

OPENING SESSIONS

P.M.
2:00- 6:00
Registration and Delegate Certification

12:00- 2:00
Political Action Session with national nursing lobbyist and public policy fellows

A visit to office of registrants’ congresswoman (man) may be arranged.

12:30- 2:30
Videotapes and Films - Distinguished Leaders and Historical film: Nursing Procedures - Filmed in 1932.

2:30- 4:30
Chapter Program Development meetings with Educational Development Committee and one delegate from each chapter.

4:30- 5:30
Delegate Briefing with Parliamentarian

4:30- 5:30
Sigma Theta Tau New Chapter Development session

7:00
Keynote Session and Banquet
Speaker: U.S. Representative Martha Keys, D., Kansas (tentative)

9:30
Reception with distinguished nursing leaders

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1977

PROGRAM SESSIONS

A.M.
8:00- Registration and Delegate Certification

8:00-11:15
Program: The “MNO CASE” - Selecting a national leader

11:30- 2:00
Awards Luncheon
Presentation of Founders’ Awards for excellence in education, practice, research, creativity, leadership, professional standards and programming
Historical interviews regarding nursing and development of the honor society in the 1920’s

P.M.
2:15- 4:00
Workshop: Management Evaluation - Analyze leadership ideas presented and make your selection.

4:00- 4:30
Panel reactions to simulated leadership presentations and follow-up planning for chapter program implementation

4:45- 6:30
Displays - Sharing Session
Chapters, committees, candidates and petitioning schools

Evening
Group ticket reservations available to Kennedy Center activities
(Problems to be announced: pre-registration required)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1977

A.M.
8:30-10:00
House of Delegates session
10:00-10:30
Break and balloting
10:30-12:00
House of Delegates session
12:00- 1:00
Lunch

P.M.
1:00- 3:00
House of Delegates Session
3:00- 3:30
Break
3:30- 4:30
House of Delegates Session
4:30
Adjournment

LOCATION: The CAPITAL HILTON
16th and K St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Room Reservations due Oct. 5 - 202-393-1000
Registration: Forms available August 1 from the National Office. 317-264-4689.
Forms will be provided in the September Reflections.

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