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Welcome Back!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and you are ready to "hit the books" again. Santa Claus didn't bring us a new building (which we could use) but we have a new faculty member. Marilyn Carter, MSN, will be teaching in N225. Marilyn has taught for us before so we are glad she is joining us again. Beginning Fall, '97, we will offer our Master's in Nursing Education option for the first time. Keep this in mind as you work toward your career goals.

Dr. Kay Carr,
Interim Department Head

NURSING DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

This is the first Nursing Department newsletter. We want this newsletter to be student-oriented and a source of Nursing Department information that is of interest to you. Tentatively, we plan three issues each for Fall and Spring semester. If you have ideas or contributions, please bring them to Room 108E. Input is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

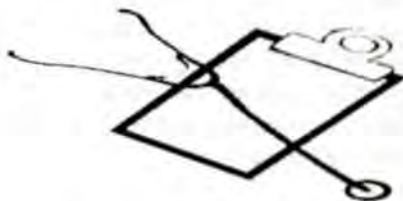
Ginny Lehmenkuler,
Editor

NURSING SKILLS LAB GETS FACE LIFT

The Nursing Skills Lab has had a major face lift. Several members of KANS volunteered their time and energy to paint the lab. The faculty and student body express their sincere appreciation for this tremendous service.

KNOW YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES ARE IN OPERATION IN THE NURSING DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE NURSING PROGRAMS. FACULTY ADVISOR OF



*"No one cares
how much you know -
until they know
how much you care."*

THE BSN COMMITTEE IS SHIRLEY LOWMAN. STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE KARI MOORE, LAURA HALL, PHYLLIS HOGAN AND SUSAN PRIBBLE. THE FACULTY ADVISOR OF THE ADN COMMITTEE IS MARTHA HOUCHIN. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE JENNIFER CONNELLY, TAMMY CHILDRESS, KIM CARTER AND JANET O'BRIEN. (NAMES OF THE OWENSBORO AND ONE GLASGOW REPRESENTATIVE WERE NOT AVAILABLE.)

DREAMING OF THE FUTURE

Probably your present focus for the future is completing your educational preparations for entry-level practice into nursing. Coleen Conway-Welch, Dean, Vanderbilt University, College of Nursing, noted that studies show people embark on three different careers and change jobs seven times during a lifetime. She also noted that nursing offers enough flexibility to accommodate those changes and more.

Some clinical specialties you might consider as you dream about your professional future are home care, occupational health, obstetrics, pediatrics, geriatrics, rehabilitation, oncology, cardiology or anesthesia, or you may decide you want to be a practitioner. Practitioners in primary care include: adult nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, geriatric nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, pediatric nurse practitioner or occupational health nurse. Then again, you may wish to be a nurse in academia, research, veterans administration, Indian health services, the Air Force, Army, Navy, or you may wish to be a parish nurse.

You will be achieving your first goal of becoming a registered nurse in the near future. Start dreaming and planning for future goals now.

**THE
OPPORTUNITIES
IN
NURSING
ARE
TREMENDOUS!**

And You think there's
stress
in
your
life!



ATTITUDES

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company - a church - a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the past - we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude - I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you - we are in charge of our Attitudes."

— Charles Swindoll

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KANS ELECTION JANUARY 27TH

Officers for KANS-WKU Chapter will be elected at the first meeting of the Spring semester, January 27, to serve one year or until their respective successors are elected. Positions to be filled are president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, and historian.

For further information about duties of officers, check the bulletin board across from Room 103.

If you are a member of KANS, you are encouraged to run for office. If you are not a member of KANS, join your pre-professional organization and become a part of a group that is actively involved in shaping nursing's future.

KANS CONVENTION

The Kentucky Association of Nursing Students will hold its annual state convention at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington, KY, February 7-8. The theme of the convention is "United We Stand". For your professional development, you may attend breakout sessions that include the topics of therapeutic touch, alternate routes for nursing, frontier nursing, trauma, arterial gases, and professional liability.

You will be provided with the opportunity to interact with students from other schools, visit exhibitors, explore nursing opportunities, attend the fiesta party/dance and enjoy Lexington.

Additional information about registration for the convention will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall near Room 111.

FOOD DRIVE

The KANS organization sponsored a canned food drive before Thanksgiving. All classes from the ADN and the BSN Programs participated. Members of the winning class, N101 ADN Program, were hosted to a luncheon provided by KANS. The donated food was sent to the Parker Bennett Resource Center to be used in its Food Baskets for Christmas project. A big THANK YOU goes to each and every one who participated in this endeavor.

INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Kentucky Board of Nursing has awarded scholarships for the Spring '97 semester to:

Georgeanna Mardis - AND
Rimma Barko - BSN
Angela Thompson - BSN
Cynthia Wilson - BSN
Linda Sewell - MSN

To be eligible for scholarship funds from KBN, the applicant had to be a KY resident, be admitted to a school in KY with an approved program of Nursing and practice as a nurse in KY for at least one year for each academic year funded. Registered nursing students must be enrolled for a minimum of eight credit hours per semester. Scholarship recipients may be eligible to receive continued awards. You may apply for this scholarship next year.



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