

MISSOURI ALUMNUS

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NURSING SECTION

Spring Nursing Alumni Meeting On April 17

A large turnout is being anticipated for the annual alumni meeting set for Saturday, April 17. Nursing Alumni Association President Mrs. Richard Ballard (Margo Turley), BSN '69, explained the meeting was changed from homecoming weekend to spring in conjunction with the Honors Convocation in hopes of attracting more graduates to return.

The meeting is scheduled for eleven o'clock and the honors convocation luncheon follows at noon. Alumni who have not received notice of the event are encouraged to request information from the School of Nursing.

Alumni Gifts Help Provide Student Aid

"We are grateful for all the gifts of monies received from our alumni members," says Miss Ruth Benson, School of Nursing faculty liaison for students receiving financial assistance, "which makes possible the awarding of scholarships to assist nursing students to achieve



SOME 28 GRADUATES WERE RECOGNIZED DURING THE ANNUAL PINNING CEREMONY HELD JANUARY 24 IN THE MEMORIAL UNION. GRADUATES HEARD DR. INGEBOG G. MAUKSCH SPEAK ON "BECAUSE YOU CARE." HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT WAS PRESENTATION OF PINS BY DR. RUBY POTTER, DEAN, AND MISS JANE BRINTON, ASSISTANT DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING.

their goals to become graduate nurses with a BS degree."

For example, Miss Benson describes a case history of a typical student who needs and receives assistance in the form of scholarships and/or loans. Ann is one of three children of parents who received an eighth grade education. Her father farmed a small acreage and died following a heart attack in 1968.

The oldest daughter graduated from a diploma program and is now working toward a BS degree. The youngest child, a boy, will graduate from college in August.

Ann was valedictorian in a class of twenty-four. While a student in the School of Nursing she received a scholarship of \$200, a Curator's Award each semester which pays fees, and \$1750 from the Nurses Loan Program. In addition, she also earned some money by working

during the school and vacations.

With inflation, increased unemployment, less money being received for the Nurses Loan Program and the cutting of the budget that is eliminating part time work in Nursing Service at the Medical Center, Miss Benson says even more students are requesting scholarships and loans.

Bachelor Science Degree Recipients May Wear Cap, Pin

All persons who have received the bachelor of science degree in nursing are eligible to wear the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Nursing cap and pin, according to Dr. Ruby M. Potter, associate dean of the School of Medicine in charge of the School of Nursing.

The decision was made

in response to a request from the registered nursing students who were enrolled in the undergraduate program. Information on the procedure for purchase of the cap and/or the pin may be obtained from the School of Nursing office, M232 Medical Sciences, on the Columbia campus.

Faculty Learn Of Curriculum At Workshop

A Faculty Workshop, held on the Columbia campus February 22 and 23, was highlighted with a lecture delivered by Dr. Rose Marie Chioni of the faculty of the School of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Dr. Chioni, a co-designer of a new baccalaureate curriculum project at Wisconsin, spoke on "Curriculum Development: The Process of Planned Change."

In explaining the project at Wisconsin, Dr. Chioni said their new curriculum plan would prepare professional nurses for two possible roles: providing nursing care independently and/or interdependently with other health professionals.

In addition to the lecture, Dr. Chioni also conducted the Workshop, which was held Monday morning and all day Tuesday with a luncheon at the Student Union.

Intensive Care Unit Aids Care, Training

This January, the University Medical Center opened the Intensive Care Unit. This twelve bed Intensive Care Unit is the first phase of an approximately thirty bed development which is intended in the future to house all the Medical Center's intensive care efforts.

Replacing two of the Center's present intensive care facilities, phase one of the new ICU reflects a nationwide trend in hospital care for the critically ill. By concentrating medical specialists, highly trained nursing personnel, and medical care equipment in limited areas designed specifically for intensive treatment such units provide optimum patient care at the same time they effect economics in the hospital's total operation.

This first phase includes twelve beds, eight of which are to be used for cardiovascular intensive care and four of which are to house the stroke intensive care effort. The Coronary Care Unit serves as the basis for training nursing personnel from throughout the State of Missouri and the most modern concepts of coronary care. The Stroke Intensive Care Unit project is testing the efficacy of stroke intensive care on the long run morbidity and mortality of the stroke victim.

Missouri Regional Medical Program has funded approximately 50 per cent of the construction and equipment costs of the unit with the remainder of the funding coming from the University. Total costs of the Unit is approximately \$500,000 or \$40,000 per bed built and equipped.

This compares favorably with today's average cost per bed in new construction of approximately \$38,000.

Completion of the Intensive Care Unit Development awaits Federal, State and private support.

Studies Alleviate Shortage

By Betty Hazelwood, BSN '69

The country in general, and Missouri in particular, is "terribly short of qualified nursing faculty" says Dr. Alice Major, associate professor and director of graduate studies at the Columbia campus School of Nursing.

Graduate studies in the Nursing School prepare a nurse for teaching in baccalaureate or associate degree programs or for the supervision of patient care in general or psychiatric hospitals. Hopefully this teaching preparation will help alleviate the shortage to which Dr. Major refers.

Graduate study in nursing is quite new at the University. The program for a master of science in nursing began in the fall of '68. The first student graduated less than a year ago--in June of '70. Since then the program has been accredited by the National League of Nursing.

Although small, the master's program is expanding and now offers study in medical-surgical nursing, psychiatric nursing of adults, and psychiatric nursing of children.

Functional specialization of these clinical concentrations include

teaching, under the direction of Dr. Major, and administration of nursing care, which will begin in the fall of '71 with Dr. Mary Spelman in charge.

The medical-surgical sequence is taught on the University's Columbia campus and is headed by Miss Betty Crim. Graduate students in this program teach medical-surgical nursing during their last semester. The program has had two graduates and expects to graduate three more in June.

The psychiatric nursing sequence, under the direction of Miss Grace Fowler, operates on an extended campus in St. Louis. This area of study consists of attending non-nursing courses at the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus and psychiatric courses taught at St. Louis State Hospital by University of Missouri faculty. Also Dr. Major and Dr. Ingeborg Mauksch, associate professor of nursing, commute to St. Louis one day each week to lecture to the students. The University has the only graduate program in the state with specialized psychiatric study. The psychiatric program is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. The first two students to graduate from this program will receive their degrees in June.

One of the features of the graduate program which Dr. Major says is popular with the students is "micro-teaching." A video tape is made of the student as she teaches an undergraduate class. Later the tape is reviewed and the student is able to identify her strong points and her weaknesses.

In addition to formal lectures, an inter-clinical seminar is held weekly, alternating between St. Louis and Columbia. Students from all

sequences in the graduate program participate in this seminar, the function of which is to consider the psychological and physical aspects of common patients' problems.

A thesis is required for the medical-surgical and the psychiatric programs. Four semesters are necessary to complete the program with full-time study, and no longer than five years may be taken. A 3.0 grade point must be maintained during the period of graduate study and a 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point is generally required for admission.

Both programs have federal traineeships available with stipends varying with the amount of nursing experience the student has had. Up to \$350 tax free per month may be granted in addition to support for dependents and payment of fees.

Twenty Seven Enroll In Work-Study Plan

Some 27 students, both graduate and undergraduate, were enrolled in the University in the fall semester under the work-study program of the department of nursing service of the Columbia campus Medical Center.

This program allows the registered nurse who is a full time employee of the department of nursing service to enroll in up to six credit hours per semester. All fees are waived and the nurse is excused from work and paid for clock hours equal to the credit hours taken.

Students in the work-study program are enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. However, those who plan to apply for transfer to the School of Nursing are advised by a School of Nursing faculty member.