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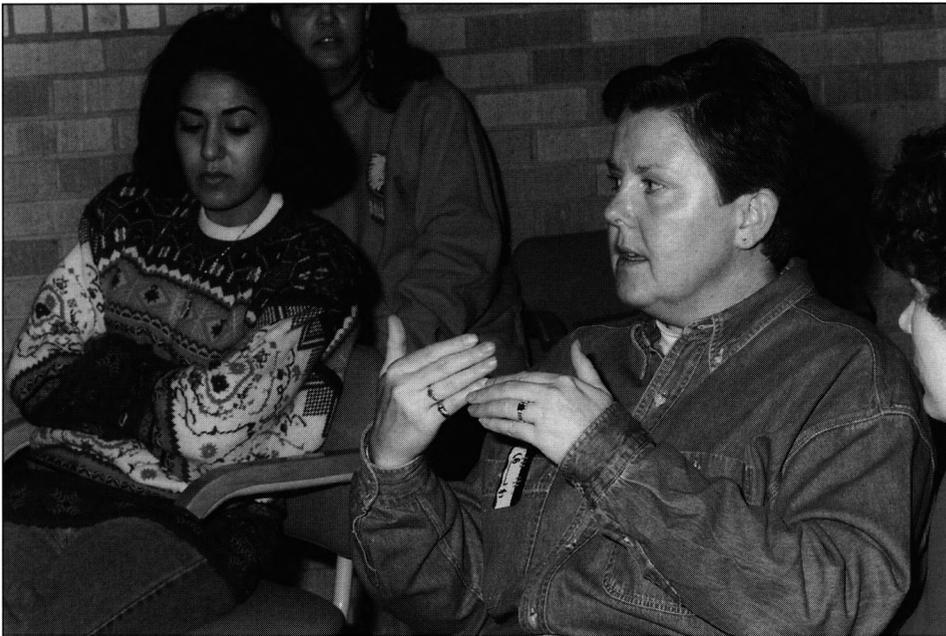
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PhD students reaching new heights

Outstanding students and a growing enrollment mark the new and evolving PhD program in the Sinclair School of Nursing. Beginning with six students in 1994, the program has grown to 28 students as of this fall, including two from Israel and Thailand.

Three of the doctoral students successfully completed their comprehensive exams this spring. In addition, all PhD nursing students were judged to be making satisfactory progress.



Marcia Flesner, center, describes her research proposal to classmates.

The students bring a wide range of practice experience and research interests to their studies at MU. But they all share one goal: attaining a higher level of education and scholarship to be better prepared for their professional careers. Meet four of these pacesetters in the nursing profession: Julie Clawson of Warrensburg, Mo.; Marcia Flesner of Columbia; Willetta Rogers of Jefferson City; and Mary Ellen Simpson of Columbia.

Julie Clawson: Lifelong caring

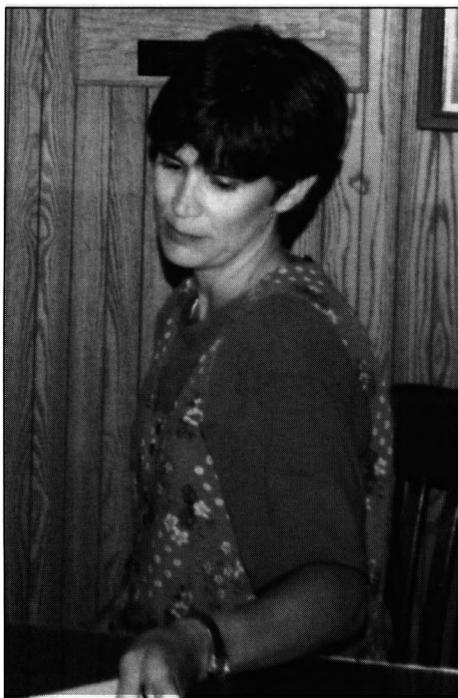
The quality of life as one ages is a special interest of Julie Clawson, a certified geriatric nurse practitioner. "I plan to focus on wellness for the elderly and how to keep them healthy," she says. This past summer, Clawson provided physical screenings and wellness classes for elderly persons in Kansas City.

Her doctoral studies at MU have included research on diabetes in an ethnically diverse group of elderly individuals. Clawson plans to participate in a follow-up study on the health beliefs and practices of elderly persons with hypertension.

For her dissertation, Clawson is considering a study on adult children making decisions about the care of elderly parents. The research could examine a number of issues that many families struggle with, Clawson says. For example: Is there a point where parents want help in making decisions? How much autonomy can one allow? "There is a lot of research to be done in caregiving now," she says.

A former pediatric nurse, Clawson also has worked in a rural community in the areas of home health and public health. For the past 10 years, she has been a faculty member at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg.

After taking a sabbatical to concentrate on her course work, Clawson will return to teaching this fall, and hopes to combine her academic career with her work as a nurse practitioner. "I always wanted to get as much education as I could," she says. "I could see I needed to expand my horizons to be a better teacher and nurse."



Julie Clawson reviews notes on one of her clients.

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Marcia Flesner: Breaking new ground

There's no other job exactly like Marcia Flesner's in Missouri. She is the administrator of the Nursing Center at Moberly (Mo.) Area Community College, which is operated by the Sinclair School of Nursing. Open since October 1995, the center is the only one in the state staffed completely by nurses and nurse practitioners.

"The center offers me the chance to work in an outpatient setting and with nurse practitioners," says Flesner, who has 20 years of hospital experience in nursing administration. The center's staff provides treatment for acute and chronic illnesses to Moberly college students, who previously had no health care available on campus. Balancing the demands of doctoral-level academics and a full-time job is challenging, Flesner admits. "But I felt (the doctoral program) was an opportunity I couldn't pass up." Because of her long-term goal to teach, Flesner decided to pursue a PhD after earning a master's degree in nursing at MU in 1994. Flesner's research interests include professional collaboration, and the role of advance practice nurses in promoting quality of care, particularly in regard to managed care. She also plans to gather longitudinal data on health perceptions of a rural adult population, using a sample

population of the Moberly college students served by the Nursing Center.

After completing her doctorate, Flesner will be prepared to consider a variety of careers. "I'm good at starting new things and taking risks," she notes. "I never thought I would not work in a hospital, but now I am interested in working in an outpatient setting. The opportunities are wide."

Willetta Rogers: A state of well-being

After Willetta Rogers' children finished college, it was her turn to pursue a doctorate. After eagerly awaiting the start up of the program, she enrolled as one of the first six PhD students. Now in the early stages of her dissertation research, Rogers hopes to graduate in 1997.

Her dissertation topic is perceptions of psychological well-being in elderly black women. "I'm looking at what it means to be elderly and female and black — considering the things they have lived through, what is their state of well-being?" Rogers' qualitative study will include focus groups and individual interviews.



Willetta Rogers, on the right, interviews B. Moore Smith-Talley for her doctoral research.

As part of her PhD work, Rogers and her colleagues also conducted a comparison study of elderly diabetics, which she presented at the Sinclair School of Nursing Research Day this spring. She is currently working on an article about the study for publication.

Rogers, who teaches in the BSN completion program at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, clearly values higher education. She has earned four college degrees, including a master's in mental health nursing from MU in 1993. In addition to teaching at the college level, Rogers has served as supervisor and director of nursing at an adolescent psychiatric facility.

She plans to continue teaching after completing her doctorate, and looks forward to doing more research. "A follow-up study to my dissertation may be the effect of well-being on the health status of elderly black women," she says. "A further follow-up may be, given what they think is their state of well-being and what contributed to it, what can nursing do to help them achieve that state of well-being?"

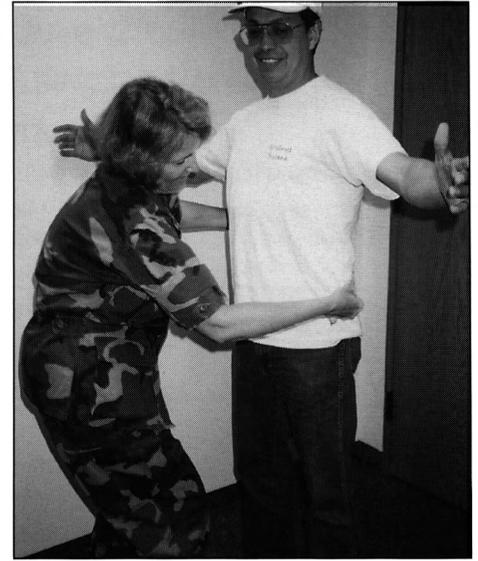
Mary Ellen Simpson: An exercise in health

Army Reserves Capt. Mary Ellen Simpson needed more than a few good men and women to test the model she developed for her dissertation on exercise adherence in healthy middle-aged adults. So she's using a large sample of Army reservists in six states. "I'll be looking at environmental, social, biological, behavioral and psychological components of exercise adherence," says Simpson, who has written two grants seeking funds to support her research.

An Army reservist for 13 years, Simpson specializes in public health. She has been chief nurse in a field hospital and is a certified HIV/AIDS educator.

A former faculty member at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., she evaluated 20 doctoral programs before choosing MU. "I was excited that MU offered a PhD in nursing and health promotion. Promotion and prevention is where our initiative needs to be in health care."

Last summer, Simpson received a fellowship from the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Institute for Science and Education to research mercury poisoning. Working at the Agency for Toxic Substances and



Mary Ellen Simpson performs measurement for her doctoral study.

Disease Registry of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, she helped develop public guidelines on safety with the element mercury. "Many people don't realize that mercury is poisonous," Simpson says. "But it can cause irreversible neurological damage in exposed persons and contaminate property, creating millions of dollars in damage."

After completing her doctorate, Simpson is considering post-doctoral studies to become a nurse epidemiologist. "I am used to looking at problems in the aggregate. I like looking at the big picture."



Dear Alumni and Friends,

In this issue of Mizzou Nursing I would like to bring you up-to-date on the school's involvement in rural nursing.

The School of Nursing is committed to providing quality rural healthcare delivery in the state of Missouri and the nation. We are building on our strength to prepare highly qualified nurse practitioners, midwives, registered nurses and nursing administrators as addressed in our School of Nursing niche document: "excellence and leadership, statewide and nationally, for advancing nursing's contribution to community-based, collaborative, cost beneficial, high quality care and health professional education, research and practice. This particular perspective is on advancing nursing: education, research, and practice for rural America."

1995-96 has been an outstanding year of progress toward fulfilling the school's niche. Our faculty and administration contribute to rural health care through scholarly practice, education and research:

- Faculty grant submissions have increased and publications and presentations have shown similar increases. External grant funding is \$953,562 for 1995-96; funding for 1996-97 promises to exceed \$1 million.

- Cooperative programming offerings with university extension and outreach have been conducted in order to be responsive to rural Missouri, which

includes offering the Post-master's Family Nurse Practitioner program. The Family Nurse Practitioner Area of Study has been extraordinarily productive during 1995-96. Approximately 40 MSN FNP/GNP students and 20 post-master's FNP students pursue these programs of study. Special consideration is given to students from rural areas.

- 28 students are now enrolled in the PhD program. Many are working on research projects in rural areas or are teaching students rural nursing practice.

In addition, we operate the Nursing Center at Moberly Area Community College, which is an out patient ambulatory care center with services provided by our faculty and students. The center provides primary healthcare services to the students, staff and faculty of Moberly Area Community College in rural Randolph County, as well as serving as a clinical site for many of the school's nursing students.

- The Nurse Midwifery Area of Study is growing rapidly, and the current class will have a practicum as full-scope midwives during winter 1997 and will graduate in May 1997. In January, our certified nurse midwifery faculty was approved by Gen-care Sanus as providers for women. This first class will be eligible to take the national certification examination for nurse midwives in June 1997.

- The Public Health Nursing Specialist Area of Study will admit its first class in August. This area of study aims to prepare nurse leaders for population-based, community-based health care in rural, as well as all underserved, areas.

- The Community Mental Health area of study has an entirely new faculty and is undergoing a complete transformation to become a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner area of study.

- Several community mental health students are completing a combined FNP/CMH course of study. Faculty and staff are practicing at the Nursing Center at Moberly Area Community College.

- The MU Rural Telecommunications Outreach Program is a federally funded project to provide advanced education

for nurses in rural areas of Missouri who are unable to move or leave their current employment to pursue a master's degree in nursing. A faculty site coordinator was established in Kirksville, and a special telecommunications classroom was set up in the School of Nursing building. The program was implemented in fall 1995 and two courses were offered each semester in Kirksville. Clinical sites were arranged for the students.

We also have received a prestigious Robert Wood Johnson grant, called Colleagues in Caring. The Central Rural Health Consortium-Missouri, a consortium of the School of Nursing and the Departments of Health in Chariton, Monroe, and Randolph counties, will serve as the lead organization for this three-year grant. The purpose of the project is to design a model that will shape future nursing education and nursing service in northeast Missouri within community-based, interdisciplinary contexts and will project numbers and types of nurses needed.

- The Program for Excellence in Teaching Nursing, several undergraduate support programs such as the Expeditions in Rural Nursing summer intensive practicum for entering seniors, and the Nursing Scholars Program for undergraduates are all additional important ways in which the school is providing excellence and leadership in advancing nursing in rural America.

We are proud of our special commitment to rural health care, and we will continue to address rural needs through collaborative efforts. We are changing and adapting to fulfill the needs of the 21st century. Your commitment and support and very important to us.

Come and visit your school, and let us hear from you.

Warmest regards,

Toni J. Sullivan, EdD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor

Sinclair School of Nursing Scholarships and Endowments

- Aird-LeMone Scholarship
- Annette McClanahan Harrison Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Betty Crim Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
- Mary Berhorst Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Boyd Endowment Fund
- Sara and Stephen Carney Pediatric Nursing Endowment Fund
- Phyllis Drennan Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Eitzen Scholarship Fund
- William E. and Mary E. Fingland Nursing Scholarship
- Funk Fund for Nursing
- R. E. and Cedelle H. Gillette Scholarship Fund
- Virginia Hagemann Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Helen Hapke Endowment Fund
- Alice Holliday Scholarship in Mental Health Nursing, MO Federation of Women's Club
- Irene and Charles Keller Endowment Scholarship in Nursing
- Myrtle Longenbach Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dorothy Gillette Meyer Memorial Scholarship
- Merle Dozier Strange Scholarship Fund
- Marie L. Vorbeck Nursing Scholarship Endowment
- Bobby Joe Waggoner Memorial Scholarship
- John Sullivan Waggoner Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Jane L. Watson Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Alcia C. Wilson Endowed Fund
- Mary Butler Woods Nursing Scholarship

- Boone County Medical Society Auxiliary Scholarships
- Nursing Alumni Organization Scholarship
- School of Nursing Development Scholarship
- Service League Auxiliary Endowment Fund
- Sinclair Nursing Student Fund

Designated Endowments

- Potter-Brinton Distinguished Professor in Nursing
- Helen E. Nahm Chair
- Potter Nursing Endowment Fund
- Harriet H. Werley Faculty Research Fund
- Verna Adwell Rhodes International Travel Award
- Sinclair School of Nursing Building Fund
- Janet Joy Thompson Award
- V. James and Verna Adwell Rhodes International Research Endowment Fund
- Nahm Sisters Endowment Fund

Estate Gift Establishes Helen E. Nahm Chair

A recent gift from the estate of Laura J. Nahm has established the Helen E. Nahm Chair to augment and support the work of a professor in nursing. The endowment recognizes Helen E. Nahm's achievements in nursing and her service to the University.

Dr. Helen Nahm began her nursing career in 1926 after obtaining a GN from the University in 1924. She held several nursing positions in the mid Missouri area, including director of nursing at MU from 1935-41. In 1952, she was named director of the baccalaureate and higher degree programs, director, nursing and education for the National League for Nursing in New York. In 1958, she was named dean and professor nursing at the University of California in San Francisco.

After her retirement in 1969, she served as consultant on nursing

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ms. Davis,

Enclosed is some information about myself I would like to share with the School of Nursing and my classmates of 1976..I can't believe it has been twenty years!

I proudly tell people of my undergraduate education in nursing as I believe it was (and still is) the finest available. So many times, I can go back to my clinical experiences at the University of Missouri Hospital to find the answer in responding to a clinical question today. It has stayed with me.

Thanks so much for the great publication, Mizzou Nursing. I look forward to its arrival.

Enclosed is a donation to the School of Nursing.

Karen L. Starr, RN, MSN, MAC
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Associate in Psychiatry
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

education for the New England Board of Education, the Canadian Association of Collegiate Boards of Nursing and the Southern Region Education Board.

She wrote more than 50 publications and was an advisory member to the American Medical Association, U.S. Public Health Service, World Health Organization and the National Institute of Health.

Helen E. Nahm died May 23, 1992, in her hometown of Washington, Mo., at age 90. Her sister, Laura Nahm, also a graduate of MU, passed away October 17, 1995, at age 92.



GOLD MEDAL REUNION Dean Toni Sullivan hosted the 50 year reunion celebrants, Mary Jo Aufranc Phillips, '46, left and Gladys Butcher Summers, '47, right, to breakfast, provided update on school progress and activities, and gave a tour of the school, including the Skills Mastery and Technology laboratories. In addition to school activities, campus wide events included the Gold Medal luncheon, the Black and Gold luncheon and campus tours.

Sinclair School of Nursing - Goes Online

The MU Sinclair School of Nursing has its own site on the World Wide Web. The School of Nursing home page has been up on the internet since July 1995. The internet is a dynamic medium and therefore our nursing home page is always changing. The site includes a message from the dean, faculty information, all of our academic programs, a guest book, a Self-care Deficit Nursing Theory home page, and soon-to-be added information about our Nursing Center at Moberly Area Community College.

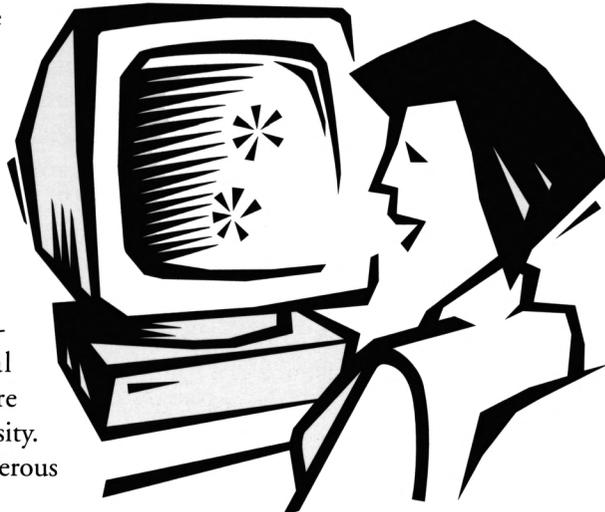
There is a request information form for potential students to receive literature about the school and the university. The form has generated numerous

requests from across the United States as well as international.

The internet address for the school is: <http://www.hsc.missouri.edu/son/docs/sonhome.htm/>

Visit your alma mater virtually, and don't forget to sign the guest book.

Chris Grider, clinical instructor, is our online guru who keeps us up-to-date on www information.



Calendar Alert!

**MU Sinclair School of Nursing
MU Nursing Alumni Organization**

DAY OF CELEBRATION
**APRIL 18,
1997**

Special Program by
Alumni Award Recipients

1:30 pm
School of Nursing S255

7th Annual
Sinclair School
of Nursing

Banquet

6:00 pm

Donald W. Reynolds
Alumni and
Visitor Center

Nursing Celebration Day Concludes with the Sixth Annual School of Nursing Banquet

The Sinclair School of Nursing and the MU Nursing Alumni Organization joined together March 29 in a day-long celebration of nursing and recognition of achievements of alumni, faculty and students. To begin the celebration the board of directors held its business meeting and presented the alumni scholarship to Terri Hultman, masters student in the Nurse Midwifery program.

Dean Toni Sullivan and faculty members honored the award recipients at a luncheon, which was followed by a panel presentation by the awardees.

Evening festivities began with a reception, followed by the sixth annual dinner and award presentations.



Associate professor emeritus Betty Crim was named 1996 Distinguished Friend of the School at sixth annual banquet, March 29, 1996.

A True Friend Honored

Betty Crim, associate professor emeritus, nursing, was named the distinguished friend of the Sinclair School of Nursing for 1996 at the banquet. Crim came to the school in 1954 after graduating from St. Louis City Hospital School of Nursing. She received a bachelor of nursing degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a masters degree in education from MU in 1958. She attended the University of Colorado and completed courses in higher education curriculum. On her retirement in 1988, she was granted associate professor emeritus rank and has been actively involved in a variety of volunteer activities, including the MU Retirees Association.

Crim has never lost her interest and concern for the student. She gives generously of herself by providing numerous hours of volunteer time each semester tutoring and supporting nursing

students who might be struggling with their classes. She is always willing to assist a student who is in need. In addition, she assists the school and students financially. She established the Betty Crim Endowed Scholarship that awards two major scholarships annually to deserving students. She is a true friend of the MU Sinclair School of Nursing.

Nursing Alumni Recognizes Achievement

Phyllis Watson presented Citation of Merit

Dr. Phyllis Watson, vice president of the Family Wellness Center and chief nurse executive at Lakeland (Fla.) Regional Medical Center received the MU alumni nursing organization's 1996 Citation of Merit for outstanding achievements in design and implementation of patient-focused care delivery systems. She is the author of *Patients First*, a book on patient-focused health care. She has been affiliated with Lakeland Regional Medical Center since 1987, when she was appointed vice president, chief nurse executive. At MU, Watson earned bachelors and masters degrees in nursing as well as a doctorate in adult and higher education.

Wendy Evans Named Alumna of the Year

Wendy J. Evans was named Alumna of the Year for 1996. She has been assistant hospital director at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center in Columbia, Mo., since 1992. Evans is certified in oncology nursing and is nationally recognized for her clinical expertise in cancer pain management. She received a bachelor of science in nursing in 1971 and a masters of science degree in nursing in 1985, both from MU.



Award recipients from left, Wendy J. Evans, Alumna of the Year; Phyllis Watson, Citation of Merit; Debra J. Falter, Alumni Achievement award; and Betty Crim, Distinguished Friend of the School.

Alumni Achievement Award

The alumni achievement award is given to a graduate who demonstrates significant achievement in nursing or support for the nursing profession during the first five years post degree. Debra J. Falter, staff nurse III in medical oncology at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center

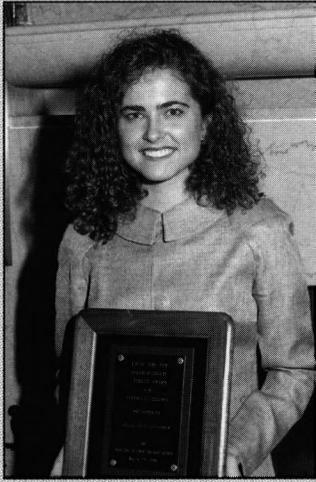
has contributed significantly to the profession since receiving a bachelor of science degree from MU four years ago. She has become chemotherapy credentialed; developed educational materials on cancer care for patient teaching and staff development; participated on hospital committees; wrote a chapter in the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center's Nursing Orientation Manual; and assisted in the development of a self-study manual on Cancer Pain Management.



Last year's recipient of the Staff Award for Excellence James Lay, left, presents the 1996 Staff Award for Excellence to Leta Davis, administrative assistant.



Award recipient Phyllis Watson talks about her years at the school of nursing at left. On the right is Jean Thompson, president, Nursing Alumni Organization.



Recognized by the Nursing Alumni Organization for Undergraduate Student Excellence, five semester recipient, Heidi Schwieterman. Not pictured, Kelly Cope and Martin Lawson, nominees.



Eighth semester Undergraduate Student Excellence, Jodie Pletz, recipient. Not pictured, Kevin Rhodus and April Stariwat, nominees.



Seventh semester Undergraduate Student Excellence, from left, Robin Dorth, nominee, Kristin Deal, recipient, and Pam Fox, nominee.



Honored for Doctoral Student Excellence were from left, Marcia Flesner, nominee, Suha Kridli, recipient, and Jill Scott, nominee.

Sixth semester Undergraduate Student Excellence, from left, Linda Shelton, recipient, and Mei Fu, nominee. Not pictured, Shiloh Manning, nominee.



Patsy Hart, on left, interim hospital director, University Hospitals and Clinics presents Alumnus of the Year certificate to Wendy J. Evans, assistant hospital director, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center.



Faculty and staff award recipients, from left, Rose Porter, faculty award for excellence in service; Mary A. Manderino, faculty award for excellence in teaching; and Leta Davis, staff award for excellence. Not pictured, Marilyn Rantz, faculty award for excellence in research.



Honored by the Nursing Alumni Organization for Graduate Student Excellence were from left, Lori Popejoy, nominee, Angela Compton, recipient, and Angela Ames Powers, nominee.

Call For Nominations

Take this opportunity to honor and recognize the many achievements and accomplishments of your colleagues and fellow alumni. Awards being presented in 1997 are:

Honorary Alumnus Award
Alumnus of the Year
Alumni Achievement Award

Criteria for these awards are:

Honorary Alumnus Award

- Not a graduate of the MU School of Nursing
- Outstanding achievement in nursing or support for the nursing profession
- Continued interest and evidence of support, including time, and/or monetary contributions towards enhancement of the School of Nursing's reputation
- Recipient must be approved by the MU Nursing Alumni Organization Board of Directors
- Recipient should be present to receive the award

Alumnus of the Year

- Graduate from MU School of Nursing
- Must have distinguished him/herself in an exceptional way that brings recognition of achievement in nursing through any of the following: leadership, publication, education, research, clinical practice, education and professionalism
- Continued interest and evidence of support, including time, effort, and/or monetary contributions towards the enhancement of the MU School of Nursing's reputation
- Recipient must be approved by the MU Nursing Alumni Organization's Board of Directors
- Recipient should be present to receive the award

Alumni Achievement Award

Criteria describes recognition given by the MU Nursing Alumni Organization for significant accomplishment in nursing during the first five years post degree, BSN, MS(N), or PhD

- Graduate from MU School of Nursing
- Significant achievement in nursing or support or the nursing profession
- Continued interest and support of the MU School of Nursing; enhancement of the school's reputation

- Recipient should have great potential for further continued achievement in the nursing profession
- Recipient must be approved by MU Nursing Alumni Organization's Board of Directors.
- Recipient should be present to receive the award

Complete nomination form and send with two letters of support and a resume by October 15, 1996. Form may be duplicated.

1997 Alumni Award Nomination Form

Honorary Alumni

Alumnus of the Year

Alumni Achievement

Nominee _____

Address _____

City/state/Zip Code _____

Phone, bus. _____ home _____

Fax, bus. _____ home _____

Date of birth _____

Business address _____

Complete if nominee is for Honorary Alumnus award:

College/university attended _____

Major _____

Complete if nominee is for Alumnus of the Year or Alumni Achievement

MU degree and year _____

Other colleges/universities attended _____

Major _____

Nomination submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____

City/state/Zip Code _____

Phone, bus. _____ home _____

Fax, bus. _____ home _____

October 15, 1996 is the deadline for nominations for 1997 awards.

Send this form, two letters of support and a resume to:
MU Nursing Alumni Awards, 123 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, Mo. 65211

Alumni news

Dear Nursing Alumni,

Life on the MU campus is just like everywhere...busy, busy, busy. It seems we never have time to relax and reflect, we're always in a hurry. The responsibility as newly elected president has forced me to reflect on, and to share with you, some activities of the Nursing Alumni Organization.

Officers elected in July are: president, Donna Otto, Columbia; vice president/president elect Sheryl Feutz Harter, Kansas City; and secretary/treasurer, Jean Thompson, Columbia. Members of the board of directors are: Mary Berhorst, Linn, Reng Winters, Columbia; Ellen Landsbaum, Jefferson City; Doris England, Detroit, Mich.; Belinda Heimericks, Holt's Summit; A. Louise Hart, Cape Girardeau; Sherry Mustapha, Springfield; Willie Shippee, Joplin; Sharon Taylor, Columbia; Brenda Harriman Graves, Malta Bend; Jean S. Kesterson, Vaughn, Wash.; Jane Cooper, Columbia; Caroline Davis, Ashland; Shirley Farrah, Columbia. ExOfficio members are: Dean Toni Sullivan and Todd McCubbin, alumni staff liaison.

The board revised the bylaws June 28. Areas clarified include the section addressing the officers and board of directors representation and terms of office. The bylaws provide adequate structure and they allow the flexibility necessary to operate the organization.

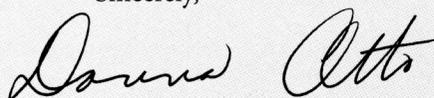
The board established an annual calendar. Next spring will be a membership meeting in conjunction with the awards banquet. I encourage you to return to campus April 18, 1997, to attend the spring nursing events. The membership meeting will be held at 10 a.m., the award recipient presentations at 1:30 p.m., and the reception and banquet in the evening. In the years that Missouri Nurses Association has its convention, there will be a meeting breakfast.

We are continuing efforts to build funds for the endowed scholarship fund. You should have received a recent letter requesting your involvement financially. We encourage your financial support for this project. The Nursing Alumni Organization awarded a scholarship this year to a master's student, Terri Hultman from Kansas City.

We continue to cosponsor pizza parties for the May and December graduating classes. We have had 60 students and faculty attend the last two and we hope interest in the alumni organization results. If you are going to be in Columbia the first week of December, let us know; we'd love to have you attend the pizza party for the new graduates.

Thank you for your support and interest in the MU nursing alumni activities. If we can be of assistance to you in any way on campus, please let us know. Come visit us when you are in Columbia and keep in touch.

Sincerely,



Donna Otto, MS, RN, CNA
President, Nursing Alumni Organization

Ferne M. Wells, '55, took early retirement in 1978 after 23 years service with the Kansas City, Mo., Health Department because of illness.

Gloria Kruse Perry, '60, retired in 1993 as professor emerita from Southern Illinois University.

Judy Correne Fortune, '64, works part time as facilitator for a support group for chronic pain sufferers and does marketing and public relations for a pain management surgicenter in Olathe, Kan. She reports still cheering for ole Mizzou while in Jayhawk territory.

Betty June Jennings, '65, practices as a certified nurse-midwife; she and her OB/GYN physician husband, are busy in their church; and group and sport activities with their two children, a sixth grader and a second grader. She reports lending a unique point of view as a mature mother of young children and states, "You say people our age are anticipating their retirement? You must be kidding!"

Carolynne Chapman Casey, '65 is pursuing a doctorate in nursing science with emphasis on nursing ethics at the University of San Diego.

Octa Keen, '66, received the John G. (Jack) Elliott Award presented by the University of Nebraska Medical Center during commencement exercises in May. She directs the diabetes program in the Curtis Health Education center, an outpatient facility that serves the Omaha Tribe on the Reservation in Macy, Neb. Keen said her mission is to improve the health of her people, the Omaha Indians, by integrating preventive medicine with spiritual well-being. She also administers the Health Professions Partnership Initiative, a five-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that is designed to increase the number of Nebraska Native Americans in the health-care professions.

Nancy Ruth Vincent Hoehn, '66, lives in Denver and works with her husband, a plastic surgeon. She has two grown sons, David of New York, and Daniel of Chicago.

Jane E. Hirsch, '71, has been appointed associate director of the Medical Center at UCSF and director of nursing; director of nursing at UCSF and UCSF/Mt. Zion Hospitals; and associate dean for clinical affairs, UCSF School of Nursing.

Pamela Western, '71, nurse practitioner at Humana Health Plans of Missouri and Kansas, is the sole national recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Fellow Award from the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners. The award recognized Western's efforts in advancing nursing education, creating public awareness to advance causes that improve health care for children as well as her legislative efforts to advance the role of the pediatric nurse practitioner and improve the pediatric clinical practice.

Annette Giesler Lueckenotte, '72, is author of the textbook *Gerontologic Nursing* published in January, 1996 by Mosby-Year Book Inc. The textbook is useful for undergraduate nursing students in all levels of professional nursing programs.

Karen L. Starr, '76, received a masters degree in psychiatric mental health nursing from Vanderbilt University in 1983. From 1983 to October 1995, she was clinical nurse specialist for Vanderbilt Institute for Treatment of Addiction at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Nov. 1, 1995, she received a faculty appointment as an associate in the School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Substance Abuse at Vanderbilt. She has numerous publications, is a nationally certified addictions counselor (MAC), and works closely with the Vanderbilt Transplant Center evaluating patients for heart, lung, liver, kidney, bone marrow and pancreas transplantation.

Jacquelyn Hall, '80, is author of the textbook *Nursing Ethics and Law*,

published by W.B. Saunders Company.

Donna Kay Hathaway, '80, is professor and director of PhD studies and research at the College of Nursing and Division of Transplantation, University of Tennessee in Memphis. She was recently inducted into the American Academy of Nursing.

Judith Ann Emerson Hager, '82, is principal, Smith Hager Bajo Inc, Women's Healthcare Consulting-Facility Planning & Operations & Strategic Planning; Reengineering & Marketing.

Phyllis Harris Watson, '82, is author of the textbook *Patients First* published by Health Administration Press.

Mark A. Lee, '85, graduated from the U.S. Navy nurse anesthesia program in Dayton, Ohio, in May.

Priscilla L. Ross, '85, and her husband, Gary, will spend the next year in missionary work, teaching conversational English at the university level to students, faculty, administrators, and local citizens in Mongolia.

Lois Anne Stark, '86, and her husband have a 2-year old son, Paul Russell.

ABOUT THE COVER

Professor Emeritus Jane Brinton, who served as interim dean of nursing for three years, died Feb. 6, 1996 in Columbia. Ms. Brinton, 85, was a member of the faculty for 15 years until she retired in 1976.

Born in East Caln township, Pa., Brinton earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. She came to MU in 1959 as an associate professor and assistant director after serving as coordinator of the nursing education program at Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pa.

She later became a professor and served as interim dean of the school from 1973 to 1976. In addition, she was a crucial member of the steering committee for the

school's distinguished professorship endowment fund and was honored when the Potter Brinton Distinguished Professorship in nursing was conamed for her.

It was during Brinton's tenure as interim dean that the medical and nursing academic units were reorganized, and the school became an autonomous unit within the University. Brinton was praised for her administrative leadership in moving the school forward in the areas of curriculum development and faculty involvement. In 1975, Brinton received the Faculty/Alumni Award from the MU Alumni Association, and in the following year was named professor emeritus. The nursing alumni also recognized her

contributions to the school by presenting her with the 1987 Honorary Alumni Award.

Jane Brinton dedicated her life and career to nursing education. She was a member of the American Nurses Association and National League for Nursing. She held offices in the Missouri Nurses Association and often involved students and new graduates in her endeavors. She was also active in a variety of civic and community clubs including the League of Women Voters, Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging and the American Association of Retired Persons.

She is survived by a brother, George Kerr Brinton of Belleville, Pa.; a sister, Margaret Brinton Gersen of Dennett Square, Pa.; and three nieces.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Chambers McHaney, GN '24, Holt s Summit, Nov. 16, 1995 at age 94.

Jane Brinton, professor emeritus, Columbia, Feb. 6 at age 85.

Doris Sauer, in Columbia at age 88. She was assistant professor, Public Health Nursing from 1961-1973.

Karen M. Thomas, MS(N) '89, Columbia, May 26 at age 37.

Kemper Fellowship and a check for \$10,000 each to spend without any restrictions.

Priscilla LeMone, assistant professor, is coauthor of the textbook, Medical Surgical Nursing, Critical Thinking in Client Care, published by Addison-Wesley Nursing. The textbook is being used nationally and internationally for teaching nursing students.

Kay Libbus, assistant professor, was one of the 11 MU faculty members and academic administrators recognized for significant contributions to the out-of-classroom learning experiences of students. This is the first year the Excellence in Education Awards have been given on the MU campus.

Faculty news

Toni J. Sullivan, dean and professor, was honored in April by Columbia University Teacher's College in New York with the 1996 alumni organization award for Outstanding Achievement in Nursing Practice. Two years ago, she received the outstanding achievement award in nursing education.

Susan G. Taylor, professor, was one of 10 teachers campus wide receiving the 1996 William T. Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence. This year's recipients, chosen for their exceptional performance and commitment to classroom teaching, are awarded a



Susan Taylor, professor, left, is named Kemper Fellow and presented check for \$10,000 by Chancellor Charles Kiesler. Even though the check was presented on April 1, Chancellor Kiesler assured Dr. Taylor that it was no April fool's joke.

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