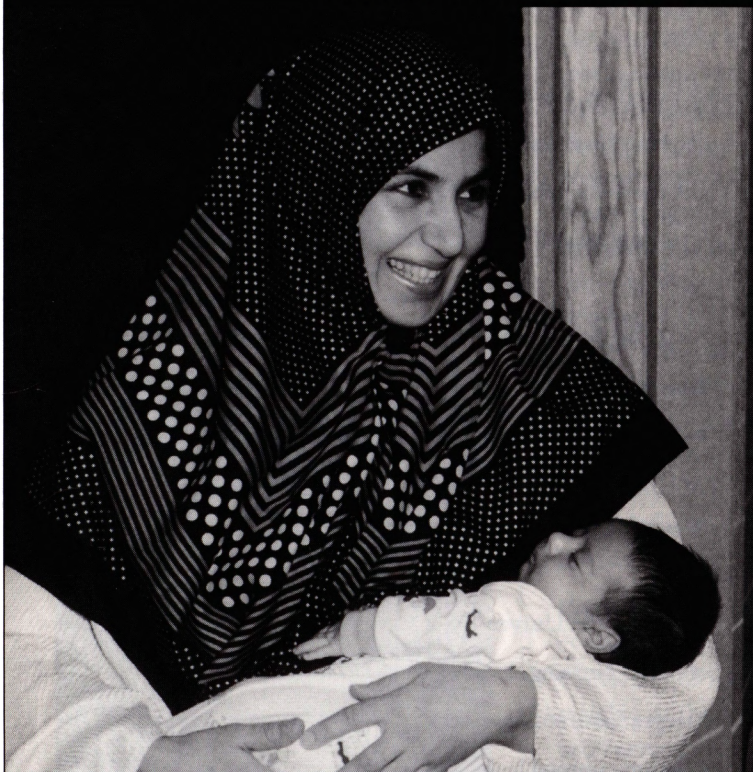


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✧ Faculty and graduates of the Sinclair School of Nursing travel the globe to lead conferences, learn from colleagues in other parts of the world, and care for patients where health care is in desperate demand.





## FROM THE DEAN

### DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

As we go about our daily activities we realize that our city is becoming increasingly multicultural. One can take a culinary world tour within a few blocks of downtown Columbia, seeing people of many origins and hearing the distinct melodies of many languages.

Likewise, in our nursing practices, we deal with a wider range of cultures than ever before. Learning of cultures other than our own gives us deeper and more meaningful understanding of those for whom we care. We strive to know much about those we serve. The better we understand people of all cultures, the better will be our quality of care.

It is critical, therefore, that the Sinclair School of Nursing actively pursues our goal to promote and develop strategies and opportunities for increased international educational involvement. In this issue, you will read about how our faculty and some of our students have already taken leaps into the global community. This year, we begin the ambitious expansion of that mission, by working to internationalize the undergraduate curriculum.

We share a goal with the rest of the University of making course work more culturally diverse. Here at the School of Nursing, I would like to take another step, which includes enabling every undergraduate student to have an enriching field experience in cultural diversity; many will study abroad.

With the formation of a faculty task force, we began the challenging process of identifying opportunities that will provide our students with meaningful and relevant learning experiences. We will seek ways to include all undergraduate students with offerings during the summer or spring break to avoid delaying graduation, and at a cost no more than regular tuition.

The payoff will be tremendous. Nursing students immersed in other cultures will learn tolerance, appreciation and insight. They will experience and appreciate other cultures and make long-lasting friendships. They will increase their communication skills and multiply their future opportunities. They will become better nurses and more open-minded human beings. I believe that's what the Sinclair School of Nursing experience is all about.

Keep in touch, and come visit your school.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Toni Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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



*Cordelia Esry will receive the MU Nursing Alumni Organization 1998 Citation of Merit award.*



*Donna Hathaway will receive the 1998 Alumna of the Year award.*

**1998 NURSING ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The MU Nursing Alumni Organization board of directors is pleased and proud to announce that Cordelia Esry, BSN '55, M Ed '57, and Donna Hathaway, BSN '71, MS(N) '80, have been selected as award recipients for 1998. The board made the selections from a list of nominees at its meeting in December.

Esry, PhD, RN, of Hamilton, Mo., will receive the Citation of Merit award. Hathaway, PhD, RN, FAAN, of Germantown, Tenn., will be named Alumna of the Year. Awards will be presented at the eighth annual School of Nursing and Alumni Banquet on April 24 at the Reynolds Alumni and Visitor

Center on campus. Also being honored that evening with excellence and overall achievement recognition will be School of Nursing students, faculty and staff. Please attend the banquet and celebrate, with the recipients, exceptional achievement and accomplishment.

Esry retired in 1996 after serving 10 years as dean of nursing at Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph. During this time, she moved the nursing program from a two-year associate degree program to full accreditation as a baccalaureate nursing program. Before her appointment as dean, she was a member of the faculty for 10 years. In 1997, the college named its new student health center, the Esry Health Center in her honor. Esry's nursing expertise is recognized statewide and nationally. Gov. Mel Carnahan recently appointed her to the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

Esry received a PhD in educational policy and nursing administration from the University of Kansas in 1970. She is a member of the MU Alumni Association and currently serves on the executive board as treasurer. She is an active member of the MU Nursing Alumni Organization and serves on the board of directors. She served as president for two terms.

Hathaway is a professor of acute care at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, where she also is director of the PhD program and director of the nursing research center. She received a PhD in 1984 from the University of Texas-Austin. She has received numerous awards and honors, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She is a member of the board of directors of the International Transplant Nurses Society and a member of the MU Alumni Association.



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

This note is in response to the clarification in the fall '97 *Mizzou Nursing* issue. In the winter 1996 issue, the publication stated that there was only one master's prepared nurse in Kirksville. Of course, all of us who are faculty at Truman were disappointed in that statement and impact it might have on those potential students who were considering attending the baccalaureate program here. The clarification does clear that up, but again is inaccurate.

There are currently a number of master's prepared advance practice nurses in Kirksville (most are graduates of Mizzou's graduate and/or postgraduate programs). Even at the time of the first publication (winter 1996) there was more than one. At that time, the list should have included me (a family nurse practitioner who was the primary care provider for 6,000 students at Truman) and Dee Lesseig, an advance practice psychiatric clinical nurse specialist in private practice. Both of us are graduates of MU and I have even preceptored students from Mizzou's postmaster's program. Also from Kirksville, Mary Fahee, a master's prepared advance practice family nurse practitioner, maintained an office in Edina, Mo., at that time.

Currently we would want to include Shawnee Kellison, MS(N) '96, RN, CS, FNP, and Kathy Ayers, MS(N) '96, RN, CS, FNP, both advance practice master's prepared nurses who graduated from MU. Also practicing currently as unit director in Northeast Regional Medical Center's skilled unit is Laurie Moore, MSN, RN, CS, GNP, a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

Though I'm sure you meant no offense with these mistakes, we Mizzou grads in northeast Missouri often feel that once

we leave Columbia we are lost to you. So this note is just to let you know that we are alive and doing quite well in the northeast Missouri area. We have even organized an advance practice nurses group, MO(N)NAP, Missouri (North) Nurses in Advance Practice, which meets monthly with continuing education programs.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Higgins, MS(N) '90, RN,  
CS, FNP

Editor's note: *Comments to articles are welcome.*

## Endowing for Excellence

Endowments are gifts made to establish a perpetual fund at the MU. Only income generated from the annual investment earnings of the fund is used for the designated purpose of the endowed fund. An endowment may be established at the Sinclair School of Nursing at any time with a minimum gift of \$10,000. Donors of endowed funds have the opportunity to name the endowment, state the criteria and receive an annual report on the status of the endowment. Gifts to establish an endowment may be pledged over a five-year period.

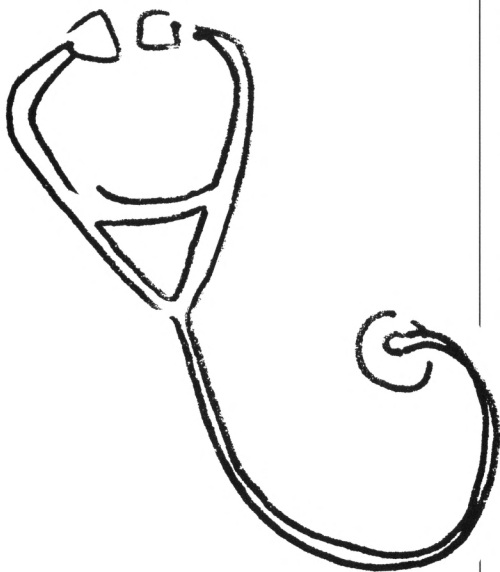
The total overall amount of the school's endowments is an indication of the school's strength. This endowment enables the school to be vital and progressive in meeting its plans and goals and helps to ensure the school's future.

Existing endowments may be added to at any time by anyone in any amount. A gift to an endowed fund is a wonderful way to show appreciation to individuals or groups who have established endowments for the school, for student scholarships or for faculty and student research. Memorial gifts show respect and honor for loved ones or friends.

The following endowments welcome contributions:

- Betty Crim Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Dr. Phyllis Drennan Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Virginia Hagemann Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Helen Hapke endowed Nursing Fund
- Nursing Alumni Organization Endowed Scholarship fund
- Potter-Brinton Distinguished Professorship in Nursing
- Harriet H. Werley Faculty Research Fund
- Verna Adwell Rhodes International Travel Award
- V. James and Verna Adwell Rhodes International Research Endowment Fund

Gifts may be made payable to the University of Missouri-Columbia, please note the name of the endowment on your check. Caroline Davis, MS, RN, assistant to the dean for advancement, is available to assist you in establishing or adding to an endowment. Write or call her at S222 School of Nursing Building, Columbia, MO, 65211, phone: (573) 882-0252, fax: (573) 884-4544.



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# Eighth Annual Nursing Banquet

April 24, 1998 • Donald W. Reynolds Alumni Center

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Sinclair School of Nursing 8th Annual Banquet • April 24, 1998

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*Tickets will be held at the registration table.*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS, NURSING ALUMNI MEMBERS

The MU Alumni Association's theme for 1997 was "Tracking the Global Tiger." Fall campus activities focused on MU's reaching out to international colleagues and strengthening bonds in the international community. Coinciding with this theme, this issue of *Mizzou Nursing* is devoted to the School of Nursing's international focus and activity by faculty, students and graduates. Our nursing graduates are providing care in many countries and to many diverse populations. For

example, Carol Loney, BSN '94, is a Peace Corps volunteer in Tchad, Africa; Priscilla Ross, BSN '79, MS(N) '85, and her husband are serving their church through work in Mongolia; and Ginger Robinson, AB '78, BSN '81, and her husband have provided reconstructive surgery and health care to children in China, Vietnam, Puerto Rico and Bolivia. Records indicate there are about 20 School of Nursing alumni practicing outside of the United States.

We are pleased to announce that the MU Nursing Alumni Organization was one of only four schools and colleges awarded Honor Status by the alumni association. Honor Status reflects the organization's volunteer involvement and receives additional scholarship support from the association.

Your support for the Nursing Alumni Organization Endowed Scholarship has been phenomenal. The endowment is approaching \$15,000, which means we can present a student with a \$700 scholarship for our first award in fall 1998. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You may be interested to know that the cost for a student in the fifth and sixth semesters (junior year, clinical major) for tuition and fees, books and clinical supplies is estimated to be around \$5,570. Room and board in a residence hall is about \$4,500 for a total of more than \$10,000 for one year.

April 24, 1998, will be a big day for celebrating nursing at the School of Nursing and the Nursing Alumni Organization. The eighth annual banquet will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and an awards ceremony. The event is to be held at the Reynolds Alumni Center. The Nursing Alumni Organization is proud to announce that Cordelia Esry, BSN '55, M Ed '57, is to receive the 1998 Citation of Merit, and Donna Hathaway, BSN '71, MS(N), '80, will receive the 1998 Alumna of the Year award. We congratulate these two distinguished nursing alumni on their achievements and are eager to recognize their accomplishments. Please plan to attend and support these fine colleagues. Your invitation and registration form is in this issue.

We are always pleased to hear from our nursing alumni. Let us know how you think we are doing in representing your School of Nursing. You are welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Hope you are having a wonderful spring season.

Sincerely,

Donna Otto, BSN '72, MS(N) '81, RN, CNA  
 President, MU Nursing Alumni Organization

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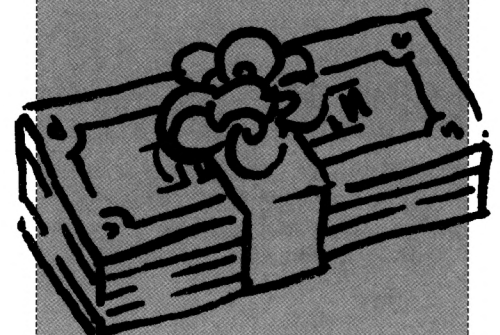
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# go Global

**S**inclair School of Nursing faculty members seek nursing expertise from all over the world as part of their commitment to innovative teaching. In doing so, they not only bring new ideas to their students, but they fulfill the school's mission to promote and develop strategies and opportunities for increased international educational involvement in many ways.

A pioneer of international research and collaboration at the school is Associate Professor Emerita Verna Rhodes, BSN '54, M Ed '57, EdSp '80, whose instrument for measuring nausea, vomiting and retching in cancer patients is used in 23 countries. Her University legacy also includes two international research endowments established in honor of Rhodes and her husband, Jim. The endowments help students and faculty study abroad.

"Learning from other cultures is a vital part of the educational process for undergraduates and faculty," Rhodes says. Her first trip abroad—accompanying Jim on a business trip to Russia in 1970—was supposed to quench her appetite for world travel, she says. Instead, "It whetted it!"

Since 1980, Rhodes has taught and studied in 27 countries, and watched technology help communication blossom. "I think it's extremely important today that, as faculty, we're able to try to present our curriculum materials in a manner that incorporates varied international aspects, because it's quite easy to think that all countries are like the United States, and all countries should be like the United States." Nurses in other countries use therapies that could benefit U.S. patients, she says. "In many ways, they have far better knowledge. We need to look at them to see how we can improve ourselves."

Retired from full-time teaching and research since 1995, Rhodes is planning a trip to China next summer with People to People and helping develop a nursing primer for use in the Republic of Georgia.

The primer is among many teaching tools the School of Nursing shares with the global community. "Literature on nursing goes all over the world from here," says Professor Susan Taylor, a



*Jim and Verna Rhodes, right, renew friendships with Verna's former student, Mary Beth Traudes, BSN '75, who lives in The Netherlands and who traveled to Belgium to attend the conference.*

renowned  
expert on Dorothea  
Orem's self-care deficit theory.

Last summer, Taylor spent nearly six weeks at universities in Korea and Thailand as a visiting scholar, then had only a week in Columbia before heading to the international Orem conference in Belgium. As a result of the school's increased visibility, three international students have enrolled in graduate programs. The students are from Lebanon, Israel and Thailand.

Seven MU faculty members joined nurses from 10 countries at the three-day gathering in August in Leuven, Belgium. The Sinclair School of Nursing was host of the event in conjunction with the Catholic University of Leuven, the Institute IWK-DAG of Delmenhorst, Germany, and the International Orem Society for Nursing Science and Scholarship.

It was the first conference outside North America in the event's 10-year history. Shirley Farrah, assistant dean of nursing outreach and distance education, says planning the conference across the pond involved "big surprises." She sent countless faxes and e-mails to work out details such as the program brochure, which had to use language meaningful to the audience of more practicing nurses and fewer theorists than previous conferences.

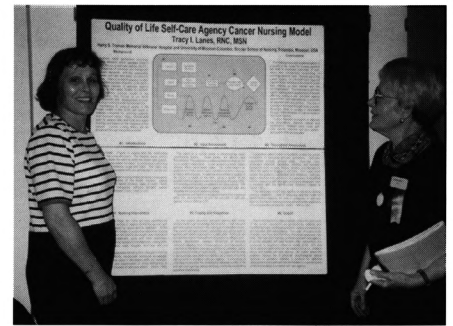
Another challenge was collecting final drafts of papers ahead of time so linguists unfamiliar with nursing terminology could prepare translations. Considering that most scholars tweak their presentations even while they are speaking, that seemingly minor detail was "asking a lot!" Farrah says.

For her part, Farrah memorized enough French and German to greet participants in three languages. Dean Toni Sullivan delivered the opening address. Five faculty members presented papers, including topics such as Older Adults and Exercise, and Self-Care of Family Members of Patients with Cancer. MU presenters included professors Vicki Conn, Elizabeth Geden, Roxanne McDaniel, Rhodes and conference co-chair Taylor.

The school will host a smaller-scale Orem gathering in Branson, Mo., this year, Farrah says, while the official sixth international conference is planned for Thailand in early 2000. An exact date has not yet been set, Farrah says, partly because the conference's traditional month, August, is the start of the monsoon season.

In the future, Farrah says, the conference will alternate between North America and points beyond, landing wherever committed Orem scholars pull it.

Faculty members agree that the international exposure teaches the teachers. "There's a lot we can gain," Taylor says. "I think you learn a lot about your own culture by looking at others."



Roxanne McDaniel, associate professor, on left, illustrates her *Quality of Life Self-care Agency Cancer Nursing Model* through a poster demonstration at the International Orem Conference. Verna Rhodes, associate professor emerita, discusses the project.



Shirley Farrah, assistant dean of nursing outreach and distance education, practices conversational German as she seeks photo opportunities at an informal reception at the International Orem Conference. The conference had participants from more than 10 countries.



Dean Toni Sullivan delivers the opening address at the International Orem Conference co-sponsored by the Sinclair School of Nursing in Leuven, Belgium.

# HER Heart's IN Haiti



**K**risty Engel ran the pharmacy, supervised the adult medical surgical ward, set fractures, and assisted in surgery during her time volunteering at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Limbe, Haiti. Her qualifications? A premed undergraduate degree that included “anatomy and physiology, and I had dissected a cat.”

Responding to the pressing needs she encountered in Haiti, Engel learned by doing. She devoted her free time to the hospital, spending almost two years working there during breaks from school. She graduated with a BSN in December, and returned to the hospital that captured her heart.

“I knew that was what I wanted to do when I grew up,” says Engel, who graduated from Judson College in Elgin,

Ill., in 1991. She considered attending medical school at MU, but decided nursing school would provide a good, basic health care/nursing education, plus ensure a quicker return to Haiti, where health care is in desperate demand. Since returning to Haiti for good in February, Engel has been providing care to children. She intends to continue doing so “until I retire—many years from now!”

Drawn to a place where “even someone with a little bit of knowledge can help,” Engel looks forward to learning by doing a little bit of everything. She will work in the international charity hospital alongside volunteer doctors from the United States and India, as well as more than 100 Creole-speaking Haitians, seeing as many as 100 patients

*Kristy Engel teases local children surprised that a “blans,” or foreigner, can speak Creole, while her colleagues barter for a boat for an afternoon excursion.*

daily. With a prized American nursing degree, Engel says she’s witnessed things many Haitian doctors have only read about, and will continue to practice a lot of skills, such as consulting, suturing, casting and teaching healthy eating and living habits.

Engel saw nursing school differently from some students. After treating countless patients with TB, HIV and AIDS in Haiti, Engel easily handled situations that were sometimes daunting to her classmates. Other times, she felt frustrated working with high-tech equipment unavailable in the Third



World. "I knew that what I was learning I would never use there," she says. Instead, she deals with people who "believe diseases are a curse and not a medical condition. We have a lot of patients who go to witch doctors first."

Knowing the intensity of the nursing care that Engel would practice in Haiti, professors at the school sometimes steered her into hands-on situations, an experience Engel sought. She praises teachers like Cheryl Bausler, Tammy Bush and Rita Patton for their encouragement and challenges.

MU nursing students gained from Engel's experiences as well, says Bausler, assistant professor of clinical nursing. Photographs of a young Haitian burn victim graphically illustrated Bausler's lecture on the dangers of skin webbing without therapy. Bausler found Engel's enthusiasm inspiring. "She's so eager, and she always has a smile on her face. I wish all students were like Kristy," Bausler says.

Upon returning to Haiti after completing her degree, Engel says she was better prepared to care for patients. "I am much more confident in the care I give because I understand the principles governing my nursing practice. I have the knowledge for assessing my patients' needs and can help the people to better use their resources."

Because the Good Samaritan Hospital is funded entirely by donations

and the small amount of money received for services, Engel knows she will never have to turn away patients for lack of insurance. Patients travel from all over Haiti to seek help at the best-equipped hospital in the country. But with the incredible demand for such limited services, many are either not sick enough, or too ill for available treatment, in which case "We send them home to their families to die," Engel says. "Their other option is voodoo."

**TO CONTACT KRISTY ENGEL**

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**EASTERN EXPOSURE**

The Sinclair School of Nursing was the focus of a two-part story that appeared in the September-October issue of Japan's *EN* (Expert Nurse) magazine. Columbia free-lance writer Akiki Shibuya interviewed and photographed students and faculty for the articles, aimed at inspiring Japanese nursing students to be actively involved in their studies and communities.

**TCHAD CONNECTION**

Carol Loney, BSN '94, is midway through a Peace Corps assignment in a small village in the southwest corner of Tchad, Africa. Inspired by her work in the local health clinic, Loney is conducting an informal study of malnutrition and nutrition practices in a small part of the village. She welcomes collaboration or questions from anyone curious about this developing, remote area.

Her address is Carol Loney, Corps de la Paix-Americain, B.P. 98, Pala Tchad. She indicates that letters take about a month to arrive.



*Kristy Engel assists in surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Limbe, Haiti. Even before completing her nursing degree in December, Engel performed complicated procedures in the understaffed facility.*



The School of Nursing class of 1962 celebrated its 35th reunion with a weekend at Ol' Mizzou, Oct. 25-26, 1997. Reunion celebrants and spouses talked about old times and became updated on family activities. An overnight stay and Sunday brunch were enjoyed at the University Bed and Breakfast co-owned and operated by Willa Adelstein, reunion celebrant. 1962 reunion participants are, top row from left, Beverly Powers Bueker, Sarah Jackson Collins, Virginia Humphrey Haymes. Third row from left, Linda Clock Coleberd, Charlotte Godfrey Cole. Second from left, Willa Lewis Adelstein, Sandra Kibler Gray, Marty Hopkins Mathis, Susan Burford Early. Front row from left, Patricia O'Connell-Olsen and Mary Eleanor Farrell.

#### ALUMNI NEWS

**Cordelia Esry, BSW '55, M Ed '57,** of Hamilton, Mo., was honored by Missouri Western State College on Sept. 23, when the Esry Health Center on the college campus was dedicated and named for her. She taught nursing for 21 years at Missouri Western and served the last 10 years as dean of nursing. Esry completed post-master's study in counseling and psychology, and a PhD from the University of Kansas. This year, she was appointed by Gov. Mel Carnahan to the Missouri State Board of Nursing. She is a life member of the MU Alumni Association and currently serves on the executive board as treasurer. She served two terms as president of the

MU Nursing Alumni Organization from 1957-58 and 1990-1992 and currently serves on the board of directors.

**Mary Ann Hornecker Clark, BSN '58,** of Raytown, Mo., received the School of Nursing Alumni Achievement Award Sept. 19 at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's fall convocation. The award recognizes alumni who have achieved notable success in their professional fields while contributing outstanding service to the community. Clark earned a master's degree in nursing from UMKC in 1974.

**Donna Lauberth Otto, BSN '72, MS '81,** of Columbia, associate hospital director and chief nursing executive at University

Hospital and Clinics, was recognized by the Missouri State Association of Health Occupations Educators for her contributions to the education of students seeking health occupations. The award was presented in September at the association's annual conference in Springfield, Mo.

**Mary Berhorst, BSN '75,** of Linn, Mo., has been selected as item reviewer for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). She is on the nursing staff at St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City, Mo., and is an adjunct clinical instructor at MU. The national council develops and administers the NCLEX for all nurses in the United States and five U.S. territories.

**Jacquelyn Kay Hall, BSN '74, JD '80,** of Amarillo, Texas, discussed her book, *Nursing Ethics and the Law*, at a book signing event hosted by Barnes & Noble in Amarillo. The book is published by W.B. Saunders Co.

**Julie L. Nortridge Townsend, BSN '80, MS(N) '82,** of Tucson, Ariz., is on the faculty at the University of Arizona. She taught nursing at Viterbo College in LaCrosse, Wis., and was maternal-child manager at a home-care agency in Tucson, Ariz. She is co-editor of a textbook, *Pediatric Home Care*, published in 1997 by Aspen. She is author of the first two chapters,

"Discharge Planning: Transition to Home" and "Assessment of the Child and Family." A teacher's manual is available with the book, which can be used for teaching, research or for reference.

**Judith Ann Emerson Hager, MS(N) '82,** of Falls Church, Va., is principal of Smith Hager Bajo Inc. Women and Children's Healthcare Consulting. Services include strategic planning, facility planning, market research and process re-engineering.

**Julie Johnson, BSN '86,** received a master's in nursing in 1996 from the University of California-San Francisco. She is a certified occupational health/adult nurse practitioner. At the UCSF Pain

Clinical Research Center in San Francisco, she works with patients with neuropathic pain. She plans to return to UCSF for doctoral study.

**Cindy Smith Piephoff, BSN '87,** and husband Jim announce the birth of a son, Jack Anthony, on March 26, 1997. Jack joins two older brothers, Austin and Grant. The Piephoffs have returned to St. Louis after spending three years in Hawaii. Jim is a radiation oncologist at Christian Hospital NE. Cindy reports being thrilled to be closer to home and the Tigers.

**Karen Montileone Meara, BSN '90,** and husband John, BS BA '89 of St. Charles, Mo.,





School of Nursing class of 1957 celebrates 40th reunion in St. Louis on August 13 and 14, 1997. Taking part in the festivities are standing from left, Mary Englehart Elmore, Janet Silveus Olmsted, Betty Roberson Minor, Patsy Dickson Cunningham, Martha Douglass Spindler, and Ora Kalbfleisch Roeder, front row, from left, Patricia James Leonitis, Mary Lou Kraxberger Gillilan, Edna Minear Potter, and Eva Jo Bradford.

announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn Ann, on March 13, 1997.

**Joni MooreTregnago**, BSN '94, is the nursing director of Holistic Home Health Care in Springfield, Mo.

**Marcia Flesner**, MS(N) '94, of Columbia, a doctoral candidate and former nurse administrator at the Nursing Center at Moberly (Mo.) Area Community College, was appointed executive director of the Missouri State Board of Nursing in October.

**Elizabeth Lonberger**, MS(N) '97, of Columbia has accepted a position with Shelbina (Mo.) Family Practice.

**FACULTY NEWS** 

**Toni J. Sullivan**, professor and dean, is author of *Collaboration: A Health Care Imperative*, a textbook published by McGraw-Hill.

**Connie Brooks**, M Ed '76, MS(N) '83, instructor in clinical nursing, has been appointed nursing service administrator of the Nursing Center managed and operated by the Sinclair School of Nursing at Moberly (Mo.) Area Community College. She continues as a faculty member at MU.

**Shirley Farrah**, BSN '66, has been promoted to assistant dean of the school's nursing outreach and distance education (formerly CNE) department.

**Debbie Freels**, instructor in clinical nursing, nurse-midwifery, and husband Michael announce the birth of a daughter, Katherine Alta, on Oct. 12. She joins a sister, Elizabeth.



**Debra Gayer**, MS(N) '81, PhD '97, instructor in clinical nursing, received a \$30,000 PRIMO grant from the Missouri Department of Health to develop programs that will provide support to undergraduate students and advanced practice nursing students for the purpose of increasing the number of practitioners in rural/underserved areas of Missouri.

**Victoria Grando**, MS(N) '84, assistant professor, received a \$30,000 grant from the University of Missouri Research Board to study nursing home residents who have minimal care needs. The study will identify the residents' reasons for entering and remaining in a nursing home environment.

**Alice F. Kuehn**, associate professor, received a \$52,000 grant to establish an advanced practice nurse database for the purposes of documenting the supply and distribution of APNs in Missouri; describing the scope of practice and utilization patterns differentiating between rural and metropolitan practices; and examining demographic characteristics of APNs and their physician collaborators in the state.

**Verna Rhodes**, BSN '54, M Ed '57, Ed Sp '80, associate professor emerita, led an 11-member nursing delegation to Russia and Poland in

July. This cultural and professional exchange program was organized through the Citizens Ambassador program of People to People International. The program consisted of presentations, site visits, and group discussions or workshops at hospitals, clinics and academic departments.

**Susan G. Taylor**, professor, served on the advisory committee that selected Richard Wallace as permanent MU chancellor. Wallace served 16 months as interim chancellor before being appointed chancellor in November.

**Connie Yarbro**, adjunct clinical assistant professor, was elected president of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care at the ninth International Conference on Cancer Nursing in Brighton, England. She is editor in chief of *Seminars in Oncology Nursing*.

**IN MEMORIAM** 

**Thelma Jeanne Bucy Lopp**, BSN '59, in New Albany, Ind.

**Mary Lynn Cochran**, BSN '72, Nov. 8 at age 46 in Corvallis, Ore. She worked as a recovery room nurse at University Hospital and Clinics for five years before moving to Oregon. She was a school nurse and taught a course at a local community college before beginning a 20-year position for the Linn County Health Department. She battled ovarian cancer for seven years.



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