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From the Dean's Desk

Marilyn M. Lauria, R.N.,Ed.D.

It hardly seems possible that another academic year has come to a close and that a new group of students has completed their studies for the BSN and MSN. This is the first year that students will have completed the administration track in the MSN.

Congratulations to all BSN, MSN, and post MSN graduates and best wishes for continued success.

We are also pleased to inform you that based on faculty recommendations, student input and changes in the practice community, revisions are being made to the BSN and MSN curricula. Current BSN students will need to take NU350 in Fall'01 as SS211 and NU350 (6 credits) will no longer be offered. They will be replaced by NU355 Research Methods in Nursing and Laboratory (4 credits) and NU410 Transcultural Nursing (2 credits) NU355 will incorporate both nursing research and statistics with three hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory and will be offered for the first time in Spring'02. Students who begin their baccalaureate studies in Fall 2001 will have to follow this new curriculum. On the Masters level, NU 556 Primary Care Lecture and laboratory (4 credits) will be added and NU515 will be replaced by NU 509

Nursing Informatics (3 credits) in the Advanced Practice Concentration for students entering Fall'01. Students who plan to take the APN courses in Academic Year '02-'03, must take Pharmacology in the Fall '01 semester. We are also pleased that Alternative and

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Complementary Health and Women's Health in Diverse Cultures, two health studies courses taught by School of Nursing faculty, have been designated as Cross Cultural Courses beginning Fall 2001. Two

new health studies courses, HE 340 Environmental and Occupational Health and HE 225 Holistic Mental Health will be offered for the first time in Spring 2002.

In addition to these curriculum changes, we are also in the planning stage for a very full and informative continuing education schedule for this Fall. Details about those plans can be found on page four of this newsletter. Visit the School of Nursing website at www.monmouth.edu/~nursing/nursing.html over the summer for ongoing program updates.

Focus on Dr. Cira Fraser

Cira Fraser, R.N., Ph.D., joined the faculty of Monmouth University School of Nursing as an Assistant Professor in August 1998. She received her Nursing Diploma from Saint Vincent's Medical Center School of Nursing, Staten Island NY, in 1969. She graduated from the College of Staten Island with her BSN in 1987, earned her MS from Rutgers University in 1989, and completed her doctoral studies at Adelphi University, earning a Ph.D. in 1997.

Prior to joining the faculty at Monmouth, Dr. Fraser taught at William Paterson University, College of Staten Island, Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing and Kingsborough Community College. At Monmouth University, Dr. Fraser has taught undergraduate courses, (Theoretical Concepts in Nursing and Nursing for the Future) and graduate courses, (History and Development of Nursing Theory, Data Management for Advanced Practice Nursing, and Education and Motivation of Nursing Clients).

In addition to her faculty responsibilities, she was the Coordinator of the M.S. Care Center in Staten Island from June '97 to

February '99. Since November 1999, Dr. Fraser has served as a Clinical Research Assistant at the Multiple Sclerosis Care Center, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY. As a nurse researcher, she conducted a study, "Predictors of Adherence to Copaxone Therapy in Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis", funded by Teva Marion Partners. Her co-investigators for this study were Olympia Hadjimichael, MPH, and Timothy Vollmer, MD of the Yale Medical School, MS Research Center. Self-efficacy and hope were found to be significant predictors of adherence in individuals with relapsing remitting MS. Two follow-up research studies are in progress. Dr. Fraser also serves as a consultant in research, education and MS. She has been asked to serve as a founding member of the "Multiple Sclerosis Nurses International Certification Board."

Dr. Fraser resides in Staten Island with her husband, Lou, and her children, John, 24, a college student majoring in physical therapy, and Anne, a MU student majoring in history and education. Dr. Fraser is also an accomplished karate instructor with a third degree black belt. She has studied traditional Japanese style martial arts for 14 years. In addition, Dr. Fraser enjoys her two Irish Setters, Lindy and Penney.

MUSNA News

Membership in MUSNA has more than doubled this year with a large contingency of MSN student members. Polo shirt and lab coat sales continued throughout the school year and proved to be very successful as a fund raiser. There are only a limited number of polo shirts in sizes L and XL still available for \$25 each. Students may now register for MUSNA via the School of Nursing web site. New officers for the 2001-02 school year are: President, Therese Fylak; VP: Kim Attanasio; Secretary,

Lolita Jaobs; Treasurer, Rosario Conde. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Linda Rosen for her support to MUSNA and best wishes and a fond but sad farewell to Courtney East for her endless efforts of time, energy and involvement to assure the continuation of MUSNA. Thank you Courtney.

Make certain to mark your calendars. The first meeting of MUSNA for the new school year is Monday, September 10th at 3:30pm in the NAB 3rd floor conference room.

The Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies presented the following awards at the Monmouth University Awards Ceremony on Sunday April 29, 2001

Nursing Scholarship Award (BSN)

Noreen M. Schifano

Nursing Scholarship Award (MSN)

Courtney E. East
Anne M. Cook

Nursing Service Award (BSN)

Therese A. Fylak

Nursing Service Award (MSN)

Courtney E. East

Nursing Leadership Award (MSN)

Marcia Sanford

Margaret O'Mara Memorial Nursing Excellence Award (MSN)

Barbara Scarano

United States Army Spirit of Nursing Award

James E. Stevens

United States Army Perseverance Award

Kirk P. Tucker

Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award

Irene Malloy

School of Nursing Graduates BSN and MSN Students

The following students completed their degree as of May 16, 2001

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Pamela Ann Bellingham
Maria V. Cunha
Barbara Eigner
Jacqueline L. Eldridge
Corinne Evans
Therese Fylak
Annette Louise Scott-Greene
Jennifer Hazard
Janet Karanevich-Dono
Mary Kelley
Carolyn Killeen
Roxanne Torres LaFoe
Karen Ann Moscola
Jill Marascio
Brandy Nicole Nelson
Ellen M. Nixon
Donna Oderio
Deborah Prodoehl
Noreen Mary Schifano
Annette Terzo
Kirk P. Tucker
Linda A. Walsh
Etha Westbrook
Mary E. Willmot
Ruth Yu
Krisanne Zajac

Masters of Science in Nursing

Paula A. Campana
Anne M. Cook
Margaret A. Covre
Vivian Dee
Courtney E. East
Joanne Farina
Lynn M. Gonnello
Carolyn E. Goodwin
Jane I. Hassay
Alice D. Himmelstein
Susann A. Klein
Maria A. Kolarsick
Irene Malloy
Sandra A. Mead
Scott R. Mueller
Robin L. Nolan
Karen A. Pleva
Diana Reid
Marcia E. Sanford
Barbara A. Scarano
James E. Stevens
May C. Truxal

Post Masters Certificate

Kathleen Boreale

Lambda Delta News

On June 3, 2001, the Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau will induct the following new members at a brunch to be held at the Breakers Hotel, Spring

Lake:

BSN

Janet Karanevich-Dono
Amy L. LaRocca
Noreen Schifano
Jennifer Drozd

MSN

Vivian Dee
Nancy M. Devenney
Marlene Navarro
Barbara A. Scarano
Joanne White

Community Leaders

**Laura Jannone
Hannah Maldony
Susan McGrath
Jill Mosteller
Kathleen Shafer
Susan Torres**

Congratulations to all!

Lambda Delta Chapter is the recipient of the 2001 Sigma Theta Tau Inc., Region 6, Chapter Heritage Award. This award recognizes chapters with outstanding, comprehensive collections and archives. (continued on page 4)