The UNMC College of Nursing Cosmopolitan Mobile Nursing Center (MNC) celebrated 10 years of service to the community with a reception April 7 at the College of Nursing - Omaha division. The anniversary celebration was open to faculty, staff and students and honored those who worked with the MNC from its inception.

Ten years ago, on April 6, 1993, the Mobile Nursing Center provided its first health screening clinic at Southroads Mall in Omaha.

The Mobile Nursing Center is housed in a 36-foot mobile vehicle that travels to areas in Nebraska and Western Iowa and provides adult health screening, health education, and referral services to diverse populations. The MNC includes private patient consultation areas, an exam room, foot care tub and areas for laboratory testing.

According to its web site, the MNC serves as an effective way for students and faculty to provide health promotion services in both urban and rural settings. Students have the opportunity to work with a diverse client population and to appreciate the differences in their cultural values and beliefs. The MNC offers interdisciplinary students in nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, medicine and allied health the opportunity to work together in the provision of care to underserved populations.

The MNC began in 1992 with financial support from the Cornbelt Federation of Cosmopolitan (CDC- Cornbelt Diabetes Connection) and federal funds in 1993 from the Division of Nursing. The MNC continues its service to the community through donations, grants, College of Nursing support and fees for screenings. The MNC has served more than 14,000 clients.

In 1997, the original Mobile Nursing Center was destroyed by fire while traveling between Loup City and Ord. The unit sustained $33,000 damage. The misfortune of the fire unified Cosmopolitan clubs in Omaha, Grand, Island, Council Bluffs and Sioux City as they raised money to buy a new customized vehicle.

The MNC is currently staffed by Kathleen Barr, project director; Cathy Binstock, project coordinator; Susan DeVries, project nurse; and Lana Tribbie, administrative assistant.

The Family Health Care Center (FHCC), the freestanding nursing center located in South Omaha, is also noting its 10-year anniversary. This milestone, a decade of service by these two Nursing Centers, will be celebrated by the College of Nursing May 27 at the UNO W.H. Thompson Alumni Center in Omaha. All College of Nursing staff and faculty will be receiving an invitation to this event.

The MNC welcomes volunteers and students, both in Omaha and at rural locations. Working directly in the community is a valuable opportunity for service learning. If you are interested in volunteering or to learn more about the MNC services, please contact Lana Tribbie at 402-559-6577.
People in the News

- Ada Lindsey received the Mildred E. Newton Distinguished Educator Award April 26 from The Ohio State University College of Nursing Alumni Society. This is the first time the award was presented and it is named after the first director of the school, who was the director when Dr. Lindsey was in its bachelor’s and master’s programs.

  The award is described as follows: “It will be given annually to a current or former educator or dean of a national college/school of nursing who has graduated from The Ohio State University College of Nursing whose personal integrity and commitment to nursing education, advancement of nursing science through research and publications, or exemplary practice of nursing contributes significantly to the recruitment and preparation of the next generation of nurses.”

  The letter Dr. Lindsey received informing her of her selection stated: “The accomplishments you have made in your outstanding career are most worthy of recognition. The Alumni Society is proud of your achievements and would like to present this well deserved award to you in person.”

- Lynne Buchanan was elected to the Midwest Nursing Research Society Nominating Committee.

- Carol Pullen, Gloria Gross and Steve Pitkin attended the annual “Computer Based Model for Statewide Rural RN to BSN Education” Grantee Meeting March 5 - 7 in Ashland, Ore.

- In March, Polly Hulme served as faculty for the Student Alliance for Global Health spring break trip to Nicaragua. Traci Brouillette, a CON graduate student, was one of 11 UNMC students selected to participate in the trip. The emphasis of the annual trip is to work in conjunction with Nicaraguan partners to provide immunizations, Vitamin A, and fluoride treatments to the residents of several Managua barrios. Students also accompany Nicaraguan medical students on duty at a large public hospital for an evening, and attend lectures by Nicaraguan doctors and nurses on a variety of topics pertinent to health care in Nicaragua.

- Lynne Buchanan will have two articles published in upcoming publications. The first, “Smoking, Quitting, and Relapse in Surgical Patients: Simple Clinic-Based Assessment and Intervention That Works,” has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Surgical Nursing. The second, “Implementing a smoking cessation program in pregnant women,” will be in a June edition of Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

- Senior community health students of the Kearney campus conducted blood pressure and blood sugar screenings at the Minority Health Clinic in Gibbon and at the minority Health Fair in Lexington in celebration of Minority Health Month in April.

- A number of College of Nursing faculty and staff were honored for years of service at the UNMC Annual Faculty Meeting. Those honored and their years of service are: Five years, Susan Barnason, Teresa Barry, Stephanie Burge and Polly Hulme; 10 years, Gloria Gross, Janice Judy and Kim Rodehorst; and 20 years, Christie Campbell-Grossman and Diane Brage Hudson.
Thank you

Thank you so much for the floral arrangement and cards that were sent at the time of the death of my father. It means a great deal to have the support of such wonderful colleagues at this time. Thank you so much for all of your thoughts.

Peggy Pelish

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent following my hip surgery. The plant continues to grace our family room. Thank you also for the support and encouragement you’ve provided during my recovery. I am truly blessed to work in such a supportive organization.

Judy Billings

Please forgive my delay in expressing my sincere thanks for the truly beautiful big plant sent to me when ill. The plant is truly beautiful and growing. It has brought me hope and a spirit of life for my recovery. I appreciated your thoughtfulness very much and warm sentiments. I am making progress (I hope), and feel confident that I will recover. It’s been a rough and trying process that takes hopefulness and patience to tolerate on-going “sickness feeling.” Best wishes for a happy spring time.

Madeleine Leininger

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all the kindnesses extended during my recent surgery. It is truly heartwarming to work with such caring people. A heartfelt “thanks” to each of you!

Bunny Pozehl

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Faculty, Staff Retreat
Scheduled in Lincoln

The Retreat Committee has been working to put together an exciting and fun College of Nursing Retreat for 2003. The Retreat will be Wednesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 15, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus Union. Activities include speakers, presentation of awards, celebrations and the State of the College Address.

Retreat Schedule
Wednesday, May 14

8:15 - 8:45 a.m. Registration/Check-In
8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Welcome Activities
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Speaker
11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Break
11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Copyright Issues
11:45 a.m. - Noon Presentation of awards and recognition event

Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Speaker
3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Celebration marking Dr. Lindsey’s retirement
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. State of the College Address

Thursday, May 15

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration/Check-In
8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Report from Promotion and Tenure Committee (faculty)
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Speaker (faculty)
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Cross campus meetings for support staff*
10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. - Noon Cross campus meetings for support staff* (box lunch provided)
10:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cross campus meetings for faculty (box lunch provided)

*Not all support staff will be involved in cross campus meetings on Thursday. A list of support staff members involved and meeting agendas will be made available prior to the retreat.
News from the Niedfelt Nursing Research Center

April Grant Submissions

- Karen Anderson (Student), Jan Atwood (Sponsor). Physical Activity Adherence in Black Women Over 65. NIH/NIGMS.
- Gloria Gross (PI), Marie Kreman, Rebecca Kreman. HELP: Health Education for Lifestyle Promotion in Minority and Underserved Populations. Nebraska DHHS/Cash Fund Grant.
- Linda Sather (PI). Health Promotion Services for Underserved Minority Older Adults. Nebraska DHHS/Cash Fund Grant.

IRB Reminders

Last year the UNMC Institutional Review Board instituted changes in the submission of IRB applications. Based on questions received from researchers, here is a clarification of key points regarding the order of the documents that are submitted:
1. IRB application
2. Consent/Assent Forms: Adult, Parental, Proxy, Youth, Child (not an appendix)
3. Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee Forms
4. Subject Recruitment Materials (flyers, letter, etc.)
5. External Study Site Approval Letters
6. Other relevant material (surveys, tool, models, etc.)
7. Application for Continuing Review and accompanying material (for 5-year review)

Also remember that the deadlines for submission have changed. The IRB meets twice monthly (except January and July) and applications are due in the IRB office approximately 13 days prior to the meeting date. Contact the IRB office (402-559-6463) or the NNRC for specific dates.

For additional information and guidelines visit the IRB website at [http://www.unmc.edu/irb/](http://www.unmc.edu/irb/).

“J” Drive, the Intranet, and the NNRC

Over the past several weeks, the research pages of the CON Intranet site and the NNRC folder on the “J” drive have undergone some important changes (Continued on next page)

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**Grant Deadline Calendar**

May

1 AIDS-related Grants
   AACN Large Grant Program - American Nurses Foundation

16 Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program

25 NIH - Area Grant

June

1 NIH New Research Project Grants
   NIH Academic Investigator Award
   NIH Clinical Investigator Award

July

1 AACN Small Grants – Clinical Inquiry Grant; End-of-Life/Palliative Care American Institute for Cancer Research
   NIH - Revised Grants

14 American Heart Association (AHA) National – Scientist Development Grant; Established Investigator Award

15 AHA Heartland Affiliate – Predoctoral Fellowship; Postdoctoral Fellowship; Beginning Grant-in-Aid; Grant-in-Aid
   American Diabetes Association (ADA) – Innovation Awards
   ADA – Research Awards; Clinical Research Awards; Career Development Awards; Junior Faculty Awards
   Maternal Child Health Bureau – State Systems Development Initiative
   MCH Federal Set-Aside

24 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Small Grants

August

5 NIH - National Research Service Award

15 Maternal Child Health Bureau - Maternal and Child Health Research

Please contact the NNRC for these research grant guidelines
changes. Currently the research pages of the Intranet are undergoing some additional revisions and should be active very soon, if not already active by the printing of this newsletter. Both places are designed to provide faculty with important information and Internet links to assist in research efforts.

First, with access to the J drive, faculty now have numerous research resources at their fingertips. Examples of funded grants; templates for biographical sketches, other support pages, and budget pages; various grant guidelines; standard facilities descriptions; and other helpful resources are located in a subfolder entitled “Grants and Progress Reports.” All IRB applications, Continuing Review applications, Changes of Protocol applications, HIPAA information, SRC applications, and various other documents are located in a second subfolder (IRB and SRC).

On the Research page of the CON Intranet there is a host of research resources, including links to UNMC and external (federal and non-federal) funding opportunities and sources and links for finding funded research. Other helpful information includes a description of NNRC personnel and services they provide (and contact information), processes for peer review of IRB applications and editing services, a list of tools on file in the NNRC, and links to population statistics.

Faculty are encouraged to visit the site and explore the links and resources found there, and suggestions and requests for additional helps are welcome. The Intranet site is http://info.unmc.edu/conintranet/research/rsch_home.htm.

Graduate Nursing Students Receive Research Awards

The College of Nursing’s Spring Research Colloquium was April 9. There were 12 research posters and three oral presentations. The College of Nursing Graduate Programs and Gamma Pi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau sponsored the colloquium.

The research projects were judged on clarity of the problem defined, theoretical/conceptual framework, methodology and design, interpretation of findings based on data, relevance of the research to nursing, overall appearance of poster and response to questions.

Recipients of awards include:

Dean’s Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation, presented to Susan Knutson for Independent Nursing Actions in Cooperative Care.

Dean’s Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation (tied for first place), presented to Earline Edwards and Alice Jardee for Youth Psychosocial Responses Before and After Insulin Pump Therapy was Initiated.

Dean’s Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation (tied for first place) and the Rena E. Boyle Alumni Award for Clinically Significant Research, presented to Shelly Ranck and Erin Witcofski for Barton Hospital Picture Test: Testing Reliability and Validity.

Rena E. Boyle Alumni Award for Clinically Significant Research, presented to Heidi Kile for Heart Failure: Spousal Needs in Care Management.

Gamma Pi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau Award for Excellence in a Research Presentation, presented to Shannon Baker for Relationships Among Affective States and Medication Adherence in Postmenopausal Breast Cancer Survivors.

Funding Opportunities and Research Conferences

The Third Thinking Qualitatively Workshop Series: An Introduction to Qualitative Inquiry
August 5-8, 2003
Telus Centre for Professional Development
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Albert, Canada
International Institute for Qualitative Methodology
For more information visit the website at http://www.ualberta.ca/~iiqm/
Please notify the NNRC if you plan to attend.

2004 Congress
Call for Abstracts and Congress Topic Submission Forms
29th Annual Congress of the Oncology Nursing Society
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, Calif.
April 29-May 2, 2004
Submission Deadline: Aug. 15, 2003
Contact the NNRC for complete guidelines.

American Lung Association Research Award
Nationwide Research Program
Research Awards and Alliance Awards

For more information about the American Lung Association Nationwide Research Program go to http://www.lungusa.org/ or http://pc.ecgrant.com/
As new technology continues to change the face of the healthcare profession, it must also be allowed to change the way we educate the men and women who serve as healthcare providers the world over. Dr. Sheila Ryan, Dr. Catherine Todero and Dr. Mark YingMa are seeking innovative new ways to make that happen as they work with other educators to create a global classroom.

In January, Drs. Ryan and Todero traveled to ChengDu, Sichuan, China, for a week to discuss potential exchange programs between the Sichung Medical and Nursing Schools and UNMC. Throughout China, nursing education in particular is outdated and unregulated. Among township hospitals, only 10 percent of nurses hold a three-year college certificate in nursing. A national examination procedure was only introduced in 2000. For the first time in Beijing, the NCLEX exam was administered.

Prior to Drs. Ryan and Todero’s visit, government officials selected three of the province’s best nursing schools to help lead the transition for China’s nursing education to reach international standards. Each school had a strong emphasis on English. This emphasis will be critical in introducing English-based coursework and for passing the NCLEX as a competency goal. UNMC faculty then toured each facility and selected WCUMC as the preferred partner for the China Exchange Project.

Chinese labor, economic and financial investors developed a four initiative project between the schools:
• Admit Chinese students in all UNMC nursing degree granting programs (BSN, MSN and PhD), according to UNMC’s admission and completion requirements;
• Assist WCUMC nursing faculty in curriculum development
• Engage in student and faculty exchanges
• Help build an International Center for online learning in nursing to be hosted in one city for transmission throughout the country.

Exchange programs at both the faculty and student levels assist in improving understandings between the nursing education systems of the two countries. The potential for exchange programs is varied. One type of program might involve UNMC nursing faculty serving as guest lecturers at the nursing school in ChengDu. The internet also makes exchange programs possible for students. These kinds of opportunities enable nursing educators to develop a global classroom where students all over the world have access to the best in new educational models and research.

In April, discussions continued as Chinese representatives visited the UNMC campus. As nursing representatives from both countries continue to work out details of what an exchange program will look like, we look forward to the many ways it will support UNMC’s position as a truly world class teaching and learning institution.

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**College of Nursing Newsletter to Go to Paperless Editions**

Beginning in September 2003, the College of Nursing Monthly newsletter will no longer be provided in paper form. The newsletter will be sent electronically by email.

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