During Spring Break, I helped my two brothers make decisions about future assisted living arrangements for our Mom. We three, with mom, decided to delay assisted living and instead optimize mom’s living situation with a personal care assistant and increased social interaction opportunities (like the van to go to stores and a church) in the near term. I watched as my mom used her magnifier to inspect the pills she carefully lays out on a drapery cloth remnant from a house in which we once lived. I returned home a day early; my husband was in the hospital with mild pancreatitis, being cared for by expert medical-surgical nurses. All of this to say, that elder or family care are upon us all in one way or another.

As nurses, we care for individual patients, families, nursing units, departments and communities; we care for students, clinical groups, classes; for faculty members, teams, preceptors, and staff members. Caring is the common denominator.

I had the joy to serve with author Nona Bice-Stephens, a mom with 8 children, who wrote *The Art of Nursing* (1983). Nona’s small blue book is a “collection of poetry for every nurse who ever cared for a patient and every patient who ever cared for a nurse.” Nona wrote several letters to nurses….here’s one I find especially fitting for Acute Care Nursing. Have a peaceful Spring 2008, and thanks for caring.

Dear Nurse,

You have put me back together quite slowly, bit by bit; you just took my broken pieces and somehow made them fit.

You wiped away my lonely tears, then taught me how to smile and gave me reason to go on to make my life worthwhile.

When all that I could do was take, you only seemed to give; once when I wanted just to die, you made me want to live.

Someday I hope to thank you for the care you gave to me, for now I know if not for you, today I would not be.


Carol Reineck, PhD, RN, FAAN, CNAA
Chair
Health Observances and Recognition Days


April 20-26 is Healthcare Administrative Professionals Week [www.ahaahap.org](http://www.ahaahap.org). We extend thanks and appreciation to our dedicated administrative professionals in the Department of Acute Nursing Care. We also thank all administrative personnel throughout the School of Nursing who support Acute Department operations.

May recognizes Critical Care Awareness and Recognition [www.sccm.org](http://www.sccm.org) and [www.aacn.org](http://www.aacn.org), better hearing [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org), better sleep [www.bettersleep.org](http://www.bettersleep.org), older Americans [www.aoa.gov](http://www.aoa.gov), oncology nursing [www.ons.org](http://www.ons.org), ultraviolet awareness [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org), and trauma awareness [www.amtrauma.org](http://www.amtrauma.org), to name a few. And of course May 6-12 is National Nurses’ Week! May 6 is National Nurses’ Day

National and Local San Antonio Oncology Nursing Society Chapter

This is the picture that we took at a joint meeting of the National ONS and the Local San Antonio Chapter ONS on January 10. The National Board meets at different locations around the country four times a year to conduct their business. They observed our Board conducting a meeting and solicited ideas from local members about what ONS is doing they like and what they do not like. At this meeting one member said she did not like getting so much print and electronic material b/c it overwhelmed her (her father passed away just before Christmas, so may be influencing her stamina). Another said she would like a special certification category for retired oncology nurses. We also discussed Texas removing the category for certification for the NP in oncology and the dilemma we face with clinical placement of graduate nurses who want to specialize in oncology.

An a side note: Not pictured are the National President in an air cast left foot and me, the Local President, in an air cast right foot. We were a pair!

Barbara Owens, RN, PhD, OCN
Clinical Assistant Professor
Please note:

- Reimbursement for airfare and car rental can only be up to the State rate only. Please check with staff before making your own arrangements.

- Classroom space is at a premium. If you have a classroom scheduled and find you do not need to use it, please notify the Undergraduate or Graduate Dean’s office so the room can be cancelled.

- The Faculty Profiles system available internally starting April 14th. Current plan is to limit the system to internal access for one month to allow Faculty to review and make desired updates prior to opening up the system to external access on May 19th. Please address any questions you have directly to me or Dr. Reineck.

- Please lock your office door when not in your office!

Notes from the ANC Department Administrator

Paul Summers

• Fall 2008 syllabi and bookstore orders will need to be completed by designated deadline or before summer break.

• Recently, a short-stack of Secretarial Request Forms has been placed in your office for your convenience. Please complete this form for projects you may need, such as copies, etc or other tasks. Completing this form and submitting in advance, helps the office staff prioritize their workload. This form and the project can be placed in the metal tray located on the Counter-top in the office. Please minimize last minute requests, if possible.

• Thank you and much appreciation to Wendy, for assembling the faculty names of professional membership affiliation for this issue of the Acute Pulse!

• Reminder! We will be having a Who’s Who in the ANC Nursing department Photo Contest during Nurse’s Week! Deadline to submit photo from your nursing school days to Cecelia is April 30th!
## Acute Faculty Membership in Professional Nursing Organizations

In an effort to link students with faculty who belong to nursing specialty organizations, the Pulse offers this matrix of membership for your information as you coach students. If we have omitted a listing, please let the office know.

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Cheryl Lehman

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Janis Rice
Cathy Robichaux

SVN
Phyllis Gordon

STTI
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Joyce Borgfeld

TLN
Joyce Borgfeld
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Beverly Wheeler

TNA
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SVN-Society of Vascular Nurses
STTI-Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honorary
TLN-Texas League for Nursing
WIN-Western Institute of Nursing

Teaching Assistant Views

My experience as a teaching assistant (TA) has been rewarding and facilitative in shaping my future role as a nurse practitioner and nurse educator. The countless aspects of nurture, encouragement, and reinforcement that I received as an undergraduate student have served as a guide in aiding my role as a TA to the students and to the clinical instructor. It is refreshing to be in the midst of inquisitive minds and eager-to-help hearts of these students in addition to the willingness and patience of the clinical instructor to teach a learning graduate student.

-Clare Son, TA, NURS3802

We are anticipating the need for five Teaching Assistants for Fall 2008. Please contact Paul Summers in the Acute Nursing Care Department for information.

Quote: “The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.” -Helen Keller
NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEACHING TEAM: Planning the Future
Submitted by Dr. Mickey Parsons

On March 3, 2008 the Administration Teaching Team composed of Dr. Mickey Parsons (Coordinator of the Major), Lark Ford, Pamela Hodges, Dr. Brenda Jackson, and Dr. Carol Reineck, Acute Nursing Care Department Chair, and Dr. Beverly Robinson, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, met to review the status of the major and plan for the future.

Key positive attributes about the major that were identified include the following:

- Outstanding students in the major
- Faculty-invests in students giving them a chance (adult development)
- Preparing and submitting abstracts & publications with students
- All students course evaluations excellent
- Students have a high level of enthusiasm with program
- Growth in numbers of students in the major
- Students placements following graduation—key management roles and faculty
- Positive reputation in the region and with the military
- Strong and positive preceptors with positive relationships with clinical agencies

The Desired Future for our Major:

- To be Known and Demonstrate Excellence in Administrative Education
- Faculty and Graduates serving as proactive Leaders and positive change agents
- Graduates prepare a paper for publication
- Excellent External Relationships—providers, community agencies, GSHA, TNA, local graduate schools in hospital administration

Key Considerations for Future Planning:

1. Should we create a Graduate Administration Advisory Committee?
2. Should we incorporate AONE’s Guiding Principles for Patient Safety in our courses?
3. Need for review of curriculum issues and DNP as it relates to the Admin major and AONE competencies for Nurse Managers and Executives

Next Steps for 2008

The Administration Teaching Team identified the following priorities for this year. They are:

1. To finalize an Administration Preceptor Planning Policy and Procedure with the focus on N5409 and N5501 for Spring 2009.
2. To plan and implement an annual Fall Administrative Connections Event for administration students and faculty
3. To review AONE documents for Nurse Managers, Executives, Guiding Principles, and DNP information
4. To consider the creation of a regional Graduate Administration Advisory Council
5. To plan for faculty and students to participate in the 2009 Healthcare Landscape conference
The mission of CNAP is “To create a legal and regulatory climate in which Advanced Practice Nurses can use their full potential to improve the health and well-being of all Texans: and to educate APNs and stakeholders about the legal boundaries of APN practice. The CNAP annual Legislative Day for advanced practice nurses and nursing students was held in Austin on January 28, 2008. The focus of attention for APNs during the 2009 Legislative Session will be proposed legislation which will promote autonomy in practice.

What Will Change

Texas currently restricts the practice of APNs by requiring oversight of their activities by a designated supervising/collaborating physician. The parameters of their practice must be defined in a written collaborative practice agreement which is reviewed, signed, and filed in the practice site annually. If the proposed bill passes, it will remove the practice site restrictions which require direct interface with a physician for a percentage of time each week and allow the APN to practice continuously without a physician onsite. The bill will also expand the limited prescriptive authority of APNs to include the prescription of DEA schedule II drugs.

There will no longer be oversight by the Texas Medical Board for prescriptive authority and actions relating to medical diagnosis decision-making, drug prescribing (if within the APNs scope of practice), and the ordering of medical devices. The APN’s scope of practice will be determining by their educational experiences, and type of credentialing (FNP, ACNP, Critical Care CNS).

What Will Stay The Same

The APN will continue to collaborate and consult with physician as they provide care to patients. They will have expanded opportunities to be self-employed and own their own practices, which they can do now. Their practice will continue to be regulated by the Texas Board of Nursing, and they may continue to autonomously order and interpret diagnostic tests.

How Practicing APNs Can Become Involved

The CNAP “talking points” related to the proposed legislation are identified by the catch phrase “Good for Texans-ACCESS”, which stands for: Accountable, Care, Costs less, Efficient, Safe, and Satisfying. It is being promoted as being “Good for Physicians.” This is true, as there will be no identified supervision requirements in statute or rule, the focus will be on collaboration for quality care/not requirements based on practice site, there will be no limit on the number of APNs with whom the physician can work, and thus physicians will make more money. They will also have less vicarious liability, as the APN will be responsible for their own practice.

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News for ANC Programs/Courses

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Summary

Autonomous practice is not a new concept, as it exists in 33 states and the District of Columbia. Eleven state and DC require no relationship with an MD. Twenty-two states require a collaborative agreement with a MD for consultation and referral.

In Texas, there will continue to be barriers to practice. These include hospitals privileging standards, Medicaid-MD authorization number for home birth, and reimbursement issues. The bill should eliminate current problems related to restrictions on prescriptive authority however. Active involvement on the part of APNs through direct interface with legislators, and support of CNAP is needed to expand the boundaries restricting APN practice. The CNAP website can be accessed by going to www.cnaptexas.org.

Judi Trotti 3/25/08

EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations to Donald “Allen” Novian, who completed his doctorate degree. Allen received his PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy from St. Mary’s University in December 2007. Allen works at the VA for Dr. Sharon Lewis, as the Program Coordinator for Dr. Lewis’ Stress-Busting Program for Caregivers. Congrats Dr. Novian on this notable education achievement!

Dr. Mary Heye: National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, March 4-9, 2008

Board of Nursing Jurisprudence Workshop, March 21, 2008
Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee Meeting, March 18, 2008

Dr. Donald Novian: Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapist, March 27-29, 2008

Dr. Barbara Owens: Exploring Multidisciplinary Advances in Colorectal Cancer Treatment, March 20, 2008
33rd Oncology Nursing Congress, May 15-18, 2008

Dr. Carol Reineck &
Dr. Mickey Parsons: American Organization of Nurse Executives, April 20-26, 2008

Kathleen Reeves: National Student Nurse Association, March 27, 2008
Medical Surgical Nursing Certification Board Meeting, March 29, 2008

Janis Rice &
Judi Trotti: National Teaching Institute, May 3-8, 2008
GNEC, February 27-29,

Kathy Reeves, Judy Maltas, and Pia Inguito at the Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium, San Antonio, Texas.

Dean’s Farewell

Members of Acute Nursing Care (Martha Tuller and Lark Ford) honoring retiring Dean Robin Froman at COFL farewell, March 22, 2008.

Welcome Dean Breslin!

We Welcome Our New Dean Eileen Breslin to the School of Nursing

The next Acute Pulse will be published August 2008