WELCOME LETTER from the Editor-

For some time the baccalaureate nursing faculty has been thinking of ways that we can keep in touch with you, our students, friends, and colleagues, as well as keep you informed of college and local activities. One way we thought would be helpful was to distribute a newsletter approximately once per semester. Although the format hopefully will change and evolve over time, as you share your thoughts and suggestions with us, topics which we plan to address include program and community activities, new health care services, and student and faculty involvements.

We hope that you will find this a helpful means of keeping current with us at Mesa College and that you will keep us abreast of your current activities, interests, and ideas for the newsletter.

- Janet Kruse, Editor

The BSN student organization elected new officers in October. Barbara Hocking and Diana Sellers, recent graduates of the program, were replaced by Diane Bailey-President, and Ann Cox-Secretary Treasurer. Elizabeth Mustee was elected faculty representative. Membership in the BSN student organization remains at about 8 students.

A get acquainted tea was held Nov. 3 at Mesa Memorial Hospital. Refreshments were donated by the Air Force. The purpose of the tea was to acquaint new students in the program with other nurses and faculty, and to provide information about the BSN program to interested nurses in the community. Thirty-eight women in all attended.

Plans are currently being made for a money making project to be held next semester. Our goal is to make $1000 (or more!). The majority of the money collected will be given to the BSN loan fund. Other goals of the organization this year include establishing a procedure for loaning money from the BSN loan fund and also recruitment of new students. Finally a luncheon will be held in the spring for all BSN students, faculty, and past graduates where new graduates will be honored.

- Diana Bailey, President, Student Nurse Organization

The faculty and students in the BSN program have been very busy in the past year. Activities have include:

1. Writing a Nursing Special Project Grant which was submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services on November 7, 1983. The proposal, entitled Baccalaureate Program for RN’s in Western Colorado, outlined plans to offer the courses to nurses in Montrose, Glenwood Springs and Craig from 1984 to 1987.

Objectives developed were:

1) Provide accessibility to the Mesa College Baccalaureate Program for Registered Nurses in three rural areas in western Colorado.

2) Prepare a minimum of thirty baccalaureate level registered nurses in three rural areas in western Colorado.

3) Develop a model for delivery of a baccalaureate nursing education program to associate degree and diploma graduates employed in rural settings.

4) Propose a statewide planning model for baccalaureate nursing education in rural Colorado.

A total of approximately $270,800 was requested to fund this project. The School will be notified regarding the fate of the application in May 1984. Meetings to discuss the concept were held in the three sites during July and August and follow-up meetings have occurred in Montrose and Delta, since that is the site for initial course offerings in 1984.

2. Preliminary work has been done to
establish a Nursing Honor Society. Letters have been sent to potential members and an organizational meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

3. Work continues on developing materials for a slide-tape publicity program about the baccalaureate nursing program at Mesa. This has been a long standing project of the faculty and should be completed in spring semester.

4. The Army and Air Force recruiters spoke with faculty in October and emphasized the need for qualified baccalaureate nurses in the military. They outlined the benefits for students and informed faculty about application procedures.

5. The Baccalaureate Student Organization has been active. A raffle for an original oil painting by Liz Mustee netted $900. The students donated $600 of the proceeds to the Baccalaureate Nursing Student Loan Fund.

Students, along with faculty, sponsored a cookie sale on campus for benefit of Tim Hawkins. Two hundred dollars was collected and donated to the fund.

6. On October 26 faculty met with our Advisory Committee for the first meeting of the year. Members of this committee include:

   Dr. Gerald Geske, Thomas Duran, Dorothy Howard, Carl Anderson, Brian Mahoney, Diana Bailey, Judy Eskelson, Alice Wright, Gretchen Sigafous, Eleanor Batt, Nancy Kendall, Cindy Hale, Raedelle Mundy, Dr. Christine Peterson.

7. Last, but not least, the program is benefiting from the CPT Word Processor now located and in service in our School. Wanda Goss, our secretary, is becoming a proficient processor! Also the BSN program has its own phone and faculty can now be reached at 248-1326.

In summary, it has been an exciting time these last months and my privilege to work with such competent faculty and motivated students.

- Jane VanderKolk, Program Director

Electives in Nursing at Mesa
N 310:
Introduction to Critical Care*
   -Marie Eicher
The course is designed to provide a theoretical introduction to Critical Care Nursing. The pathological alterations in the physiology of selected conditions are analyzed in relation to the etiology and signs and symptoms manifested by critically ill/injured clients. The course focuses upon a holistic approach in the nursing assessment and management of selected clients and their families. Current research findings are incorporated for their applicability in enhancing the reality of care.

The 2 semester hour course is open to second year AD students by permission of the instructor, to baccalaureate nursing students who wish to take it as a nursing elective or as background for the senior level N450, Advanced Nursing Course, and to registered nurses in the community.

New 300 level elective:
Gerontological Nursing*
   -Jane VanderKolk
This 2 hour elective is designed to augment the skills of the nurse in working with aged clients and their families. Emphasis is placed on utilizing the nursing process to promote, maintain, and restore health in the elderly.

N443
Power and Political Dynamics in Nursing
   - Liz Mustee
This 2 hour elective explores the political and social factors influencing the evolution of nursing as a progression. Topics include the present condition of women's relationship to health system, attitudes toward masculinity and femininity, role conflict of the working woman, finances and economy, networking, and keys to career success.

*Also open to RN's not enrolled in the BSN program.
Advanced Nursing in Episodic Settings
- Marie Eicher
This 2 hours theory and 2 hour clinical course allows the senior level student to synthesize content from research, physical and psychosocial assessment in the care of critically ill clients.

The time and days for some of the prerequisite courses offered spring semester 1984 are as follows:

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CONTEST:
A Night on the Town for Two ...
for the person who names our newsletter. The winner will receive two tickets for a Mesa College play of their choice. All you have to do is send in your suggestion for naming our newsletter and the faculty will vote on the winner. Contest deadline is January 31, 1984.

Community Activities/Upcoming Inservices:
Mesa College and St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center will cooperate in presenting a workshop on "Nursing Diagnosis". Students enrolled in nursing courses and nursing faculty are invited to attend free. This workshop will be held March 22 and 23, 1984 in Liff Auditorium.

People in the News
Faculty and students at Mesa have been busy as usual. Tess Neofotist spoke to the American Business Woman's Association on November 17 about nursing education and recently visited Otterheim College in Westerville, Ohio to review their baccalaureate nursing program for NLN accreditation.

And speaking of travel: Marie Eicher and her husband, Floyd, spent three weeks this past summer traveling in Yorkshire, England. The highlight of their trip was meeting and visiting with Herriott (All Creatures Great and Small). Also Janet Kruse presented two papers this past fall in Vail, Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Faculty have also been busy writing. Liz Mustee and Judy Goodhart are revising The Baccalaureate RN Guide to Writing Papers and are currently looking for a publisher. Marie Eicher and Janet Kruse are working on two articles on Cults and Mind Control. One article will hopefully be published in the Journal of Nursing Education and the other in a more general nursing journal.

Jane VanderKolk has been busy writing the grant for the Baccalaureate Nursing Outreach Program and presented one lecture in a series of six for I Can Cope. She also presented an Inservice at Hilltop on October 14 to OT and PT on Aging.

Judy Goodhart is on the steering committee for this year's Health Fair, which will be in April. The committee is hoping to expand services this year to include more screenings. Anyone wanting to help with the Health Fair in any way can contact Judy.

Two baccalaureate graduates were honored with membership into Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Congratulations Karen DeVore and Joan Peterson. Also four of our students have received scholarships. Hazel Simons and Kathy Kruger each received a $250.00 scholarship awarded by Beverly Manor. Linda Greenburg and Ann Cox each received a $150.00 scholarship from Dorothy Howard.