LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's hard to believe that a whole year has almost passed since the first edition of BSN News and Views was mailed. We have enjoyed this means of communicating with you and hope that you have found it beneficial.

As always we are interested in hearing from you and keeping up to date with your activities. If you become aware of local educational programs or new services that you would like us to announce, please inform us.

Keep in touch.....

-- Janet Kruse

BSN STUDENT NURSES ORGANIZATION (BSNO)

The BSN Student Organization held its 3rd annual "Get Acquainted Tea" on September 24, 1984 in the Student Center's Boettcher Room. The tea was held to acquaint new students in the BSN program to other students and faculty. Refreshments were served and those who attended had a good time talking and meeting other students and faculty.

Currently, we are making plans for the election of new officers for the School year 1984-1985. Anyone who is interested in running for President or Secretary-treasurer is encouraged to call Diana Bailey at 241-3216 or Ann Cox at 434-0212 and discuss the responsibilities of each office.

All students who plan to graduate Spring semester are reminded to stop by the business office and complete a petition to graduate. The petitions are due the semester prior to graduation. A $20.00 graduation fee must be presented along with the petition. Also, all petitions must be signed by Dr. Neofotist.

FROM THE COORDINATOR

The faculty reconvened on August 20th after a summer of travel and recuperation. At the first faculty meeting, goals were developed for the 1984-85 year. The eight goals are:

1. Implement the Outreach BSN Program when grant money arrives.
2. Participate in projects to develop computer literacy.
3. Conduct an ongoing review of the curriculum to strengthen and update the BSN program.
4. Propose appropriate directions for the nursing program in relation to future trends.
5. Continue recruiting activities for the BSN program.
6. Continue professional growth and development through planned educational programs.
7. Conduct research for possible publication.
8. Continue to generate scholarship loan funds for BSN students.

The loan fund presently totals $2,297.80 and District 5, Colorado Nurses' Association has agreed to deposit it in a special account. The faculty discussed the administration of this fund with college officials. After review it was decided to continue to solicit funds and, at a future date, loan the interest generated by the fund. The last option allows the BSN program to maintain control over the fund.

Activities schedule for fall include:
1. Mesa College Nursing Honor Society fall meeting on October 1.
2. Advisory Board meeting on
From the Coordinator (con't)

October 24, 1984. The Board members are Carl Anderson, Eleanor Batt, Judy Eskelson, Gerald Geske, Cindy Hale, Dorothy Howard, Nancy Kendall, Brian Mahoney, Raedelle Mundy, Christine Petersen, Gretchen Sigafoos and Alice Wright.

The faculty looks forward to a productive 1984-85 academic year.
--Jane VanderKolk

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

The practical nursing program in the School of Nursing and Allied Health accepted its last applicants fall semester 1984. This decision was made after a two year period of collecting and analyzing data regarding the feasibility and desirability for continuing to offer this level of nursing education at Mesa. Factors considered were the retirement of the program director, a limited number of applicants, the success rate of students and employment opportunities. After reviewing this information, faculty members voted unanimously to discontinue the practical nursing program. In the future the fifteen positions designated for practical nursing will be filled with associate degree applicants.

In order to facilitate an opportunity for upward mobility the focus now will be on providing opportunities for practical nurses to be advanced placed in the second level of the associate degree program. The consensus of the faculty was that these changes would better fulfill the needed preparation for nursing in the future.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Times for some of the prerequisite course offering for Spring semester are:

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Statistics 200: MWF 0800-0850
Psychology 122: MWF 0900-0950
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Nurs 310: Introduction to Critical Care
This is a 2 hour elective course which is open to second year AD students, RN's not enrolled in the BS program and BS students. Meets on Wednesdays from 1000-1150 (Eicher)

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Mary Rait is to be demolished in preparation for construction of the new Learning Resource Center and the School of Nursing and Allied Health has been moved. The Health Science Center (known on campus as Bed Pan Alley or Tess' Temple) is located across from the ATL on the corner of College Place and Elm. All baccalaureate faculty offices are in the east wing of this building.

Marie Eicher 14
Liz Mustee 15
Jane VanderKolk 16
Judy Goodhart 17
Janet Kruse 18

BSN telephone number is 248-1326.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Janet Grant (AD, 1979) is a Certified Nurse-Midwife in private practice and delivers at St. Mary's Hospital. Her office address is 1300 N. 7th, Suite 1, Grand Jct, 81501.

Delores Angelo (Dec, 1981) is an Industrial Nurse for Union Oil in Parachute, Co. Her job responsibilities are extensive, including performing pre-employment and annual physicals, supervising surveillance programs, attending to major and minor injuries, providing continuing education to company EMT's, developing wellness programs for employees, and (she adds), etc., etc., etc.
People in the News (con't)

Mary Lou Trump (1983) is a school nurse at Grand Junction High School, Lincoln Park Elementary and the Occupational Training Center. She has also earned a Type E Educational Certificate.

Margaret Nermyr reports keeping busy with skiing, rafting, backpacking and photography.

Marie (Eicher) and her husband, Floyd, spent another 2 weeks in Ireland this past summer. This, she reports, was almost as exciting as seeing both of her boys graduate from college, which also happened this past summer.

In addition to some Colorado trips, Jane (VanderKolk's) summer highlight was hiking up and down (or down, then up) the Grand Canyon.

Liz (Mustee) traveled to the south to work on genealogy. Traveling as far south as Key West, she visited relatives and collected information and pictures along the way.

Judy (Goodhart) enjoyed several trips to Lake Powell and a month back east with her family. The highlight, however, was finishing the Writing Guide for Nurses with Liz!!

Janet (Kruse) highlighted her summer with a 5 day sister reunion in southern California.

Tess (Neofotist) had a hard time deciding on one highlight of her summer so she listed numerous excitements: going to an alumni reunion, serving as a juror, attending a computer class, a short vacation at Yellowstone, and moving the School of Nursing and Allied Health to its new location.

CLEP

Students attending Mesa may earn college credit by examination in areas where they have achieved college level proficiency through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). These exams are administered at Mesa on the third Thursday of each month. Arrangements for taking CLEP exams must be made at least one full month in advance of the testing date. The fee is $28.00 per test. For more information contact Mr. Tilman M. Bishop, Director of Student Services (248-1273 or 248-12215)

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ACT-PEP EXAMINATIONS

Nurses from diploma or non NLN accredited AD program must take challenge examinations to secure lower division nursing credit. A passing score of 45 must be secured on each of the following tests:

453 - Maternal and Child Nursing
503-Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
554 - Adult Nursing

Information about test dates and application procedures can be obtained from the Testing Center (same as CLEP).
Please keep us up to date on your activities and any other information which you would like to share with your colleagues. Return this section:

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Grand Junction, CO 81502
Attn: Janet Kruse

Name ____________________________________________  Graduating class __________
Address ____________________________________________
Street or Box No.  City  State Zip

Current interests and activities: ____________________________________________

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