Supporting Resident Education, Enabling Daily Miracles

Anesthesiologist Jerry Epps traded in his basketball jersey for medicine, where he and his partners lighten the financial load for nurse anesthetists in training.
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Once again, I bring greetings from the faculty and staff of the College of Nursing.

This has been an extremely challenging year for us at the University of Tennessee due to a seemingly unending series of budget cuts. These budget cuts have had an adverse impact on the College of Nursing, but I am happy to report that we have avoided further reductions for the 2009–10 academic year. Instead of dropping enrollment to meet budget cutbacks as we had planned, we are now able to maintain our enrollment at its present level. The ongoing nursing shortage and forecasts of future shortages compel us to find alternative sources of funding to support and even grow our programs, so we are unwavering in our search for external resources.

In spite of bad economic news, we are planning for some new initiatives that can be funded by new revenues streams. The RN-to-BSN program is being delivered totally online beginning in the summer ’09 semester. This change will improve access for RNs who find it difficult to attend on-site classes because of their work schedule.

The PhD program will have an online presence, as well. Classes are being delivered using a blend of online and on-site instruction. Intensive summer sessions began in 2009, and full-time students can complete their course work by the end of the summer 2010 session. They will then be ready to take comprehensive exams and complete their dissertation research.

As has been our history, we continue our commitment to prepare excellent nurses for the healthcare system of the future. We are very proud of our alumni, who are a shining beacon on the healthcare horizon. And we are proud of our students and faculty, who make such a difference in the lives of so many. I hope you will enjoy reading their stories in this issue of the Nursing Report.

It is with sincere gratitude that I acknowledge the ongoing generosity of our alumni and friends, even in these difficult economic times. Because of your support, we have achieved many milestones. It is with your continued support that we can preserve our legacy of excellence.

Warmest regards,

Joan L. Creasia, PhD, RN
Professor and dean

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ON THE PULSE

BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS
Fair promotes health and wellness to UTK students

To promote healthy behaviors and lifestyle choices among students, CON graduate students organized a student health fair last fall. Free and open to the public, the fair offered opportunities for students to learn about common health issues, receive free health screenings, and seek the advice of health experts and specialists.

While many students were drawn by the lure of door prizes and giveaways, the most important aspect of the fair was the opportunity to ask questions and receive immediate feedback and informative materials, according to Abbie McCrary, one of the graduate students who organized the event.

The fair focused on the health needs of today’s college students. Students received health and wellness information, including information about influenza and meningitis vaccines, as well as the effects of experimenting with drugs and alcohol and other high-risk behaviors. Students even had a chance to experience the “Fatal Vision” goggles simulation.

Several UT departments had exhibition booths, including Student Health Services; RecSports; the Student Counseling Center; the Safety, Environment, and Education Center; the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology; the UT Knoxville Police Department; Disability Services; the UT Book and Supply Store; and Make Orange Green.

Community organizations like the Knox County Health Department, the American Cancer Society, the Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Weight Watchers, the Community Coalition on Family Violence, and the Helen Ross McNabb Center also participated.

The student health fair was sponsored by the UT College of Nursing; the UT Safety, Environment, and Education Center; and the UT Student Health Services Clinic.

COLLEGE KUDOS

BONNIE CALLEN was recognized as the recipient of the 2007 John W. Runyan Jr. Community Nursing Award at the Tennessee Nurses Association Convention.

GINGER EVANS and SALLY HELTON were recognized with the Anita Gregg Award, presented by the Community Coalition for Family Violence for their many contributions to domestic violence education for nursing students and other professionals and their ongoing advocacy for and care of victims of domestic violence.

JAN LEE was selected to serve on the executive board of the Center for Native Health, a nonprofit organization established to respectfully integrate community-based traditional knowledge into all facets of Native healthcare and education and to promote wellness for indigenous peoples.

MAUREEN NALLE was named president of the board of the Tennessee Center for Nursing.

SUSAN SPERAW was appointed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to co-chair a national strategic plan workgroup. This group is implementing the Surgeon General’s 2005 “Call to Action” to improve the health and wellness of people with disabilities.

TAMI WYATT was honored by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society with the 2007 Information Technology Award for computer-based public education technology.
UTK COLLEGE OF NURSING CELEBRATION, OCTOBER 2–3, 2009

The College of Nursing of UT Knoxville has celebrated many milestones since its doors opened in 1972. We hope that you will make plans to join us as we honor the past, celebrate today, and look to the future at the College of Nursing NightinGala and Open House.

The celebration begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 2, with NightinGala, an evening of entertainment, food, fun, and camaraderie. Held at Hunter Valley Farm in Knoxville, the NightinGala event will feature a fabulous dinner, musical entertainment, and a silent auction. Our honored guest speaker will be Pat Summitt, head coach of the UT Lady Vols basketball team. The evening will be emceed by Robin Wilhoit, news anchor at WBIR–TV Knoxville and member of the college’s board of visitors. Business attire is recommended.

Then 3 hours before kickoff of the Vols versus Auburn game on Saturday, October 3, the college will host an open house for alumni and friends. A limited number of football tickets will be available for advance purchase to guests who attend the NightinGala.

Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with fellow alumni, current students, members of the nursing faculty, friends, and colleagues in the healthcare profession. Proceeds will benefit the College of Nursing.

Details and registration information are available at alumni.utk.edu or by calling Phyllis Moore at 865-974-3011 or e-mailing her at phyllismoore@tennessee.edu.
ON THE PULSE

Capped with Honor

Johnie Mozingo’s colleagues honored her contributions to the college with a retirement gift in keeping with her devotion to the students

Professor Johnie Mozingo was a part of UT Knoxville’s nursing program when its administration was housed at Aconda and Temple courts, when it moved to its current home, and when it changed from a school of nursing to the College of Nursing. She has served under three deans and eight university presidents and interacted with approximately 4,000 students. After 35 years at the UT Knoxville College of Nursing, Johnie Mozingo retired in May 2008.

Mozingo joined the faculty of the College of Nursing when it first opened in 1973 after working at what is now the UT Health Science Center in Memphis for 6 years. In all, she worked for the University of Tennessee for nearly 41 years, and according to Mozingo, working with the students is what she will miss most.

“I worked with different groups, and they were all fun and special in their own way,” she said.

She worked with doctoral students, many of whom were already teachers or were preparing to teach. “It was fun to help them begin to develop in different directions,” she said. She also worked with RN-to-BSN students and especially enjoyed facilitating their return to school to continue their education. She taught many undergraduates and coordinated the child-bearing family course. “They’re all fun in different ways,” she said referring to all her students.

Mozingo served in a number of administrative roles and taught in both the undergraduate and doctoral programs. She led the undergraduate program for a total of 15 years—from 1988 to 1993 and 1998 to 2008 until her retirement. Besides her administrative positions, which included stints as associate dean and interim associate dean of the college, she served on many college and university committees.

In all her work, Mozingo says her greatest accomplishment is revamping the RN-to-BSN program. “Changing the program made it easier for RNs to come to school to get a bachelor’s degree. I’m proud to have contributed to their ability to come back to school.”

Mozingo was well known and respected for her logical approach to problem-solving, her innate wisdom, and her professionalism, said Dean Joan Creasia. She was so well respected that in preparation for her retirement, members of the college established in her honor the Dr. Johnie Mozingo Endowed Scholarship for BSN students. The new scholarship was kept secret from Mozingo for the entire 2007–08 academic year, revealed to her only at the end.

Mozingo is enjoying her much-deserved retirement by spending time with her grandchildren and doing some writing.

To contribute to the Dr. Johnie Mozingo Endowed Scholarship, please contact the College of Nursing Development Office at 865-974-2755 or at dpowell6@utk.edu.
Outreach on the East Side

For years, members of the CON faculty and staff have provided much-needed healthcare services all over Knox County. A new clinic in East Knoxville has strengthened that presence.

The College of Nursing has joined forces with the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences (CEHHS) to offer health-screening and health-education opportunities at the Burlington Branch of the Knox County Public Library, in a new community outreach facility resulting from a partnership between UT Knoxville and Knox County.

The facility will be a center for tutoring, testing, and counseling. Some of the courses to be offered are nutrition education, diabetes screening and education, and parenting.

Faculty members and students from both CEHHS and CON will further evaluate the local community to tailor classes and services to residents’ needs. UTK students will be able to participate in off-campus clinical experiences and rotations at the library location, where the facilities include a counseling room and an examination and discussion room.

Among the UTK faculty members involved are Nan Gaylord, CON associate professor; Steve McCallum and Tricia McClam, professors in the CEHHS Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling; and Karen Wetherall, CEHHS dietetic internship director.

The facility opened in May 2008 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by County Mayor Mike Ragsdale and Dr. Jan Simek, who was then UT Knoxville’s interim chancellor.

“This partnership is an exciting opportunity for Knox County,” Ragsdale said. “UT Knoxville is the flagship of the state’s university system and a cornerstone of higher education in Tennessee. Knox County’s Public Library System is one of our most important assets for promoting lifelong learning. Bringing the university’s program to the Burlington Library is an initiative that will bring real value to our citizens for years to come.”

The facility will be shared with two other UT Knoxville colleges, Architecture and Design and Business Administration.

The College of Architecture and Design will use the Burlington facility to house its Urban Program in Sustainable Design Education (UPSIDE) studio. Through UPSIDE, upper-level architecture students will team with inner-city high-school students from Austin East and Fulton to design and build affordable housing in local neighborhoods in need of revitalization.

The College of Business Administration will use the Burlington library facility to broaden its community outreach projects, faculty-led workshops, leadership-development seminars, and executive-education classes. The seminars and faculty-led workshops at Burlington will be geared toward small businesses and entrepreneurial efforts.

“It has taken a great deal of work to bring about this project, and there is much exciting work to do in the future,” Simek said. “But I believe success at the Burlington Branch will be easy to measure. We succeed if this partnership inspires young people to serve their community, if we improve health services, and if we help build successful businesses.”

For more information about UT Knoxville’s programs at the Burlington Branch Library, visit http://web.utk.edu/~burling.
Project Homeless Connect is a model created by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, designed to be readily replicated in communities of any size to help integrate the homeless population into the community and support their efforts to move out of homelessness. Knoxville’s own implementation of this model has turned out to be its best tool for ending homelessness in the local community.

Project Homeless Connect is part of the Knoxville and Knox County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness that coordinates local, state, and federal resources to address homelessness successfully and cost-effectively. The UT Knoxville College of Nursing is proud to have a vital role in the project.

The event features a “one-day, one-stop array” of area organizations and volunteers who come together to offer hospitality and support services to Knoxville’s homeless, especially much-needed healthcare services. Students and members of the faculty of the College of Nursing have participated in Project Homeless Connect for the past 3 years.

For the first 2 of those years, about 30 nursing students—mostly graduate students—and about 10 faculty members helped with the project. Last year, the group added about 10 more students, bringing the college’s number of representatives to about 50. Nursing students and members of the nursing faculties of South College and Carson-Newman also participated.

In 2007 professors Lora Beebe, Shu-Li Chen, Bonnie Callen, Ken Phillips, Tami Wyatt, Carole Myers, Nan Gaylord, Sandra McGuire, and Mary Lynn Brown led the UT Knoxville team, and in past years professors Maureen Nalle, Becky Fields, Dava Shoffner, Marian Roman, Nancy Helms, Mitzi Davis, Karen Lasater, and Peggy Pierce also represented the college.

The college’s own Dr. Mary Kollar organized and coordinated the efforts of several area healthcare providers, professional nurses, and physicians. Kollar first got involved in Project Homeless Connect through Jan Lee, associate dean of the college. “I provide healthcare with the students at the People’s Clinic at the Volunteer Ministry Center [VMC], so it was a natural fit for me to organize the event. Through VMC, I was familiar with some of the health professionals who had an interest in working with this population.”

The rest of the faculty representatives, along with the students, were involved in other aspects of the event. They conducted history-taking, blood-pressure screenings, blood-sugar screenings, HIV screening, and women’s health exams.
They also administered foot-care services, primary-care services, and flu shots. They even provided massages.

“Each year I would wonder if the event—the organizations and volunteers—would all come together, and each year there were always students and faculty members who volunteered even though it was around exam time,” Kollar said. “They really came together to provide a great service that day.”

Roots and branches
The first Project Homeless Connect event was held in 2005. Volunteers from approximately 80 local government agencies, social-services providers, and faith-based organizations teamed together to offer medical, dental and vision services, as well as mental-health counseling, legal assistance, help with various benefits programs, information and referral for housing, and even haircuts to homeless people in Knoxville. Close to 500 volunteers from different agencies and organizations gathered for the event to serve nearly 1,000 homeless people.

After the December 2007 fair, a trend throughout the Knoxville volunteer community began to emerge. What began as a one-day concentrated effort began to turn into a daily effort coordinated among a number of city organizations that had participated in the annual Project Homeless Connect event. Now they’re working with one another every day to identify, help, and house Knoxville’s chronically homeless population. These organizations include homeless service agencies, ministries, mental healthcare providers, hospitals, the police department, and others. Project Homeless Connect provided the model, and local agencies grew it into an ongoing effort to address homelessness synergistically.

Said Kollar, “The organization was amazing this past year with all the different community agencies that provide services to the homeless coming together. We learned from each other and about each other so that we could work better together to provide services to the homeless after the fair was over.”

Project Homeless Connect has been sponsored by the City of Knoxville, Knox County and the East Tennessee Coalition for the Homeless. Health services were provided by Remote Area Medical, the UT Knoxville College of Nursing, the Volunteer Ministry Center People’s Clinic, the Knox County Health Department, the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, and the Tennessee School of Beauty.
Students say that the community clinical requirement of the nursing program is an enriching experience. Not only are they able to help those in need, they also are exposed to other cultures, becoming immersed in the local communities where they work. The college offers several opportunities for students to complete clinical experiences within the “Community Health” course.

Each spring, the College of Nursing offers a trip during spring break to provide essential healthcare services to people in need in places around the world. The program began with trips to Ghana, but in recent years groups have traveled to Belize, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic. These intense clinical experiences—organized by Dr. Karen Lasater, assistant clinical professor in nursing—provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves into new cultures while developing and sharpening their clinical skills.

The international experience includes providing primary healthcare services to underserved populations, being introduced to tropical medicine, and assessing community health needs and offering healthcare education to meet some of those needs.

For the past 4 years, the College of Nursing has also organized trips to Beverly, Kentucky, to the Red Bird mission, an initiative to serve people of rural Appalachia. Dr. Bonnie Callen, assistant professor in nursing, organized the first spring-break trip in 2005. Since then, students have had the option to choose a weeklong clinical experience at Red Bird during the spring semester.
Red Bird mission was started by the United Methodist Church to help meet a number of the needs of people in the Red Bird River Valley. The mission’s fields of ministry include education, health and wellness, community outreach, economic opportunity, and community housing improvement. The health and wellness medical clinic offers such services as dentistry, pharmacy, and public-health support.

While the nursing students are heavily involved in outreach in the medical clinic, they help out the community in many other ways. Students have visited an area senior center and a grade school to conduct health education. They have also traveled with a public-health nurse on home visits and helped with Meals on Wheels to serve homebound elderly members of the community. “When you’re looking into someone’s health, you need to look into their environment, as well,” Callen said.

Besides the international and the Red Bird outreach trips, there are other opportunities for community service closer to the students’ UT home. Some of them travel to Tennessee’s Morgan and Scott counties, where under the auspices of Remote Area Medical they set up health clinics in several locations to offer vision and dental care for the underserved populations there. The students quickly learn about the dangers of poor dental health, as patients often arrive with serious dental problems that affect their overall health.

Through all these opportunities, our students can enrich both their educational and their personal-growth experiences by providing important health-care services to at-risk populations, at home and abroad.
The Doctor Is Always In

The CON teamed with Covenant Health to host the UT Covenant Health Check on the Knoxville campus in April 2008.

Free for both students and UT employees and their families, a variety of health screenings and learning opportunities were available—most for free—at the health fair.

Among the services provided were hearing testing, blood work, mental-health screening, stress assessments, blood-pressure screening, oral and dental-health screenings, skin screening, body composition, bone-density testing, lung-function testing, sickle-cell screening, and newborn screening. “It’s like getting an annual physical without the wait in a doctor’s office,” said Suzanne Sutton, clinical instructor in the College of Nursing.

Participants also were able to obtain information on drug and alcohol abuse; sexual assault and personal safety; student health education and services; organ-donor registry and sign-up; HIV/AIDS education and testing; American Cancer Society services and programs; heart health and stroke risk; and weight management.

Insurance was not required, and fees applied only to those screenings that required blood work.

In the past decade, the Covenant Health Fair has been organized by the College of Nursing’s course on health promotion and maintenance in the community. “Students took on a more active role in marketing the event actually setting up the health fair,” Sutton said. “They also were more involved in contacting and inviting vendors.”

Among the organizations that participated were the American Red Cross, the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, the Mental Health Association of Greater Knoxville, Tennessee Donor Services, the Hope Center, Covenant Home Care, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the Knox County Health Department.

Several other UT Knoxville departments also had exhibition booths, including the audiology clinic, the Employee Assistance Program, exercise science, dentistry, UT Police, Student Health Services, the UT Medical Center Developmental and Genetic Center and UT Book and Supply Store.

The College of Nursing and Covenant Health sponsored the event.
Going Global at Home

Students in transcultural nursing bring international experiences to campus

As part of the undergraduate nursing program at UT Knoxville, students are required to take a course to learn how cultural perspectives on health and illness vary. To raise their cultural awareness and aid their transcultural competence, each December the College of Nursing now hosts a culture fair as the culmination of the transcultural nursing course, taught by Dr. Bonnie Callen.

The event is open to the campus community and is a good time for everyone involved.

Fifteen cultures were showcased in December 2008, including cultures from North America, Central America, South America, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Each culture was represented by two booths featuring informative displays, samples of the culture’s cuisines, and culturally representative music. Some students donned festive dress associated with their particular culture.

To prepare for the fair, the transcultural-nursing students spent much of the fall semester conducting research and learning about the cultures to be showcased. Through their research, students were exposed to varying healthcare values and practices of different cultures around the world.

“These students essentially have been learning culturally competent nursing care,” said Callen.

“Our particular methods of medical treatment aren’t practiced or even welcomed in all parts of the world. As nurses we must be competent in and understanding of the inherent differences among various groups of people when delivering such services,” she said.

The College of Nursing transcultural class has hosted this fair since 2006. Several members of university administration, including the chancellor and the provost, have attended the fair, visiting with students and sampling the international cuisine.
Supporting Resident Education, Enabling Daily Miracles

When a UT-trained anesthesiologist or nurse anesthetist confidently reassures patients that they will have the best possible perioperative care, those patients can thank Dr. Jerry Epps for their good experience.
While he was growing up, Jerry Epps dreamed of playing basketball at the University of Kentucky.

Today, instead of a gripping a basketball, his skilled hands operate medical equipment as he seeks to ease pain and save lives at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville.

As an anesthesiologist, Jerry L. Epps (MD 1980, University of Kentucky College of Medicine) finds daily gratification in giving the best possible care to his patients. But in his role of chair of the Department of Anesthesiology in the UT Graduate School of Medicine, “one of the greatest gratifications comes from seeing the impact you are making by educating and training residents,” he said. Besides chairing his department, Epps is also an associate professor of anesthesiology and pediatrics and the medical director of pediatric anesthesiology at UT Medical Center.

“Resident education is what brought me to UT, and it is what has kept me here for the past twenty-one years,” he said. Epps and his fellow physicians of the group practice University Anesthesiologists at UT Medical Center and Graduate School of Medicine are committed to teaching the specialty of anesthesiology to nurse anesthetists, medical students, and resident physicians.

Beyond medical training and research, the generous gifts of the University Anesthesiologists group practice also help support the Medical Simulation Center—which offers up-to-the-minute medical training using patient mannequins and virtual-reality simulators—as well as a scholarship program for nurses with a concentration in nurse anesthesia.

The nurse anesthesia scholarship allows its recipient to focus on “being trained and educated and not letting cost be a hindrance,” said Epps. “Scholarship support is needed as you look at the continuing impact on our healthcare system of the nursing shortage.” For students who must attend school full time for 31 months to be eligible for certification as registered nurse anesthetists, such scholarships are a huge benefit.

“We are very grateful to Dr. Epps and to University Anesthesiologists for their continued support of the nurse anesthesia program,” said Dean Joan Creasia of the College of Nursing. “With their support, we are able to continue to fulfill our mission of developing professional nurses who promote society’s health at the local, regional, national, and international levels.”

Epps said having a Medical Simulation Center is a key advantage in training medical professionals. “This is where some of the best learning experiences take place,” he said. “Everyone—from patients to physicians—in the hospital benefits from a simulation center. It is where medical knowledge becomes applicable. To see the feeling of accomplishment on the face of residents when they get the outcome they have been hoping for is priceless.”

Now at the frontiers of medicine, Epps could not imagine trading in his white coat for a basketball jersey. “Miracles happen every day here at UT,” he said.

—Chandra Harris-McCray
A Taste of Thai

And we don’t mean lemongrass: five visiting Thai scholars enliven the CON culture

The college was host to a unique group of visitors during the 2007–08 academic year. At the beginning of fall semester 2007, four visiting scholars from Thailand were studying here at the College of Nursing.

Dr. Bonnie Callen led the efforts to get them here. Their visit resulted in part from a Ready for the World grant that helped Callen travel to an international conference in Bangkok in January 2006.

After the conference, she visited Thailand’s Burapha University, outside Bangkok, to meet a former classmate, Dr. Hengudomsub, currently on the Burapha faculty. While at Burapha, Callen talked to some PhD students about UT Knoxville and invited them to study at the College of Nursing. “Before I knew it, we had four here!” she said.

First to arrive was Pratsani Srikam, known as “Niam,” who came from the north of Thailand on a full scholarship from the Thai government for 4 years of doctoral study. She spent summer 2007 working on her English skills so she could study subjects like philosophy in English.

Three more scholars from Burapha came at the beginning of the fall 2007 semester:

Dr. Waree Kangchai, of the Burapha faculty, came to UT Knoxville to do post-doctoral research comparing depression among the elderly in Thailand and the U.S. Advised by Dr. Bonnie Callen, she worked here until spring 2008.

Suriyupa Sanantrangsak, who goes by her nickname, “Pa,” is interested in pediatrics. She had completed her doctoral course work at Burapha and came here for a year to work on a research proposal with Dr. Nan Gaylord.

Kanchana Piboon goes by the nickname “Ped,” which means “duck.” Piboon, who like Kangchai is interested in depression in the elderly, also had finished her course work and was here to complete a research proposal with Callen. She and Sanantrangsak returned to Thailand in spring 2008.

The fifth Thai scholar, Wanlapa Kunsongkeit, aka “Ja,” who is interested in Eastern and Western spirituality, came to UTK in summer 2008 to study with Dr. Linda Mefford. She returned to Thailand in November 2008.

While studying at the college, the visiting scholars participated in a number of activities, both in and out of the college. They took trips to New York City; Washington, D.C.; Niagara Falls; and even Florida. They also traveled to Cherokee, North Carolina, to take part in the Cherokee Fall Festival, a cultural-immersion trip funded by Ready for the World. Some trips and activities—a Smokies baseball game, for example—were organized through the International House. A couple of the Thai students also attended the Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Annual Conference held in Nashville last April.

Callen and her family made the visiting Thai scholars feel at home and even surrounded them in some of her family’s American holiday traditions, including pumpkin-carving, Thanksgiving dinner, and Easter-egg decorating.
Healing Hearts Half a World Away

The CON sends practical valentines to military nurses scrambling to meet the needs of unexpected patients

The College of Nursing headed up an extraordinary campus initiative to collect items for injured civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq. Nursing students and faculty members, along with Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets, assisted military nurses overseas by collecting much-needed patient-care items for injured civilians in the war-torn Middle East and Central Asia.

Called Operation Healing Hearts, the effort centered on collecting hospital gowns, slippers, boxers, clothing, and shoes for children and adults and was organized by nursing clinical instructor Susan Crawford.

In July 2007, Crawford joined 30 other nurse educators from around the country in a satellite telephone conversation with Capt. Nikia Marshall, a registered nurse in the U.S. Army, about the work of military nurses in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Marshall, who spent 13 months at a combat-support hospital in Afghanistan, described the conditions that medical personnel face and the growing need for patient-care items.

Military nurses in Afghanistan and Iraq are well prepared to treat injured adult soldiers but often find themselves caring for badly injured civilians, including women and children. The hospital where Marshall was stationed kept a ready stock of medical supplies but lacked an adequate supply of comfort items for the general care of civilians.

After hearing Marshall's stories, Crawford wanted to help. “I thought maybe they'd want some care packages, but none of them asked for one thing for themselves,” said Crawford. “All they wanted was items for their patients.”

When Crawford told her colleagues and students about Marshall and the military nurses in Iraq, many wanted to join her in helping out. The college's Student Nurses Association together with the ROTC shared the lead.

Marshall has visited the college twice to tell the faculty and students firsthand about the situations in Afghanistan and Iraq and what is needed most.

Treating so many civilians creates a great need for clothes and shoes for small children, books to help with translation, stuffed animals, and toys besides conventional essentials like hospital gowns, boxer shorts, socks, and non-skid slippers in child and adult sizes.

“Our patients have had to use sheets as hospital gowns,” Marshall said. “Anything people can do to help is greatly appreciated not only by us but by the civilians we treat.”

Health-science books and medical journals were also collected to help American medical personnel educate Iraqi nurses. The military nurses had been trying to teach local nurses basic patient-care skills but have few medical reference books or journals to support that effort.

The items collected for Operation Healing Hearts were shipped overseas, appropriately, around Valentine's Day in mid-February.
GERONTOLOGY SCHOLARS’ SHOWCASE

In an effort to bring the work of the university faculty and researchers to local communities, the UT Community of Gerontology Scholars (COGS), the Senior Citizen Home Assistance Services (SCHAS), and the Covenant Health Senior Services teamed up to co-sponsor the 2008 COGS Showcase on November 18, 2008, at the Burlington Branch Library in Knoxville.

The event was well attended by local residents, community leaders, senior-services providers, university faculty members, and college students. The program featured six scholarly presentations, as well as an expert panel discussion.

The presenters and their topics were Sandra McGuire, “Gerontology and the Community”; Cynthia Finch, “Community Involvement”; Deborah Reed, “In Sickness and in Health: A Lifetime of Farm Work”; Jan Brown, “Healthy Aging through Volunteering”; Becky Fields, “Successful Partnerships for Health Promotion”; and Shu-li Chen, “Residential Decisions among Older Adults.”

Tim Howell, chief operations officer of SCHAS, joined the panel discussion. The panel and participants engaged in interesting and informative discussions on many issues pertinent to healthy aging and family care-giving, such as positive attitude toward aging, emphasis on positive image of aging, access to helpful and useful resources to promote elders’ home stay, importance of early planning for a happy later life, and the impacts of the Medicaid Waiver program on home and community-based services.

Special thanks to Jeff Johnston and the staff at the Burlington Library for their support of the event.

LAURELS AND A LIVING LEGEND

Loretta “Superman” Ford (EdD, FAAN), cofounder in 1965 of the first pediatric nurse practitioner program—which launched the nurse practitioner movement—appeared at the April 2007 Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (APNP) Annual Conference in Nashville to be recognized for her pioneering efforts. Dr. Ford and the late Dr. Henry Silva established that first PNP program at the University of Colorado in 1965. Imagine the thrill for the PNP students from the UT Knoxville College of Nursing who, along with Dr. Nan Gaylord, coordinator of the pediatric nurse practitioner clinical track, got a chance to visit with Dr. Ford at the Nashville conference.
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IN MEMORIAM

Susan Dallas Grubbs (MSN ’86) passed away on October 19, 2007. Mrs. Grubbs served on the faculty of the UTK College of Nursing as an instructor in the family nurse practitioner program from 1994 to 2000. She began her nursing career working with the Thompson Cancer Center Mammography program, where she provided screenings for women in remote locations throughout East Tennessee. A volunteer from an early age, Mrs. Grubbs dedicated much of her time to the Girl Scouts, serving as a troop leader and unit coordinator. In her memory, the Susan Dallas Grubbs Memorial Nursing Scholarship was established by her husband, Dale Grubbs. This scholarship will benefit a UTK nursing student from East Tennessee who was involved with the Girl Scouts or the Boy Scouts of America.

Dorothy Brown Stephens, retired assistant dean for clinical and business affairs at the UTK College of Nursing, passed away August 11, 2008. Ms. Stephens began her career at the University of Tennessee in 1961 as an instructor in the diploma nursing program offered at the University of Tennessee Memorial Research Center and Hospital. She was later appointed director of the program, a position she held until the program was discontinued in 1974. In 1974 she began working part time as an administrative assistant to the dean of the UTK College of Nursing, and in 1975 joined the nursing staff on full time as assistant dean for clinical and business affairs, a position she held until her retirement in 1986. Ms. Stephens’s reputation as an advocate for the UTK College of Nursing, as well as her sensitivity to individual needs, problems, and concerns, endeared her to all who met her. It was fitting, therefore, that the Dorothy B. Stephens Student and Faculty Support Fund was established in her honor.

If you would like to make a gift in memory of Dorothy Stephens or Susan Grubbs, please contact Debby Powell, director of development for the UTK College of Nursing, at dpowell6@utk.edu, or by phone at 865-974-2755.
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Balancing Act
Michael Hogue, BSN ’08, juggled his roles as an all-star athlete and a nursing student

With course work, projects, and clinicals, the nursing program at UT Knoxville is quite demanding. For most students, it’s a challenge to balance the program’s requirements with college life. Michael Hogue, BSN ’08, had it even harder. For 4 years, Michael was a star pole-vaulter on the UTK track and field team and a dedicated nursing student, as well—a feat that is just as hard as it sounds.

Nursing is a difficult program to get into and stay in, but Michael’s secret to success in both his athletic and nursing careers was time management. “It was very difficult trying to balance the two,” Michael said. “I had to learn how to manage my time.”

In a typical week, Michael was spending 6 to 8 hours per day in either class or clinicals for the nursing program and then 3 hours per day practicing for track and field. Whatever time he had left was spent doing homework, visiting with friends, or doing everyday tasks. “It wasn’t easy, and I didn’t get much sleep,” he said. “But I’m thankful for the help I received from staff and administrators at the college. They worked with me to schedule and reschedule clinicals and other activities because of my unique situation. I couldn’t have done this without them.”

Not everyone understands the time, dedication, and training it takes to compete in track and field at the collegiate level. At UT, track and field operates on different schedules depending upon the semester: fall is the “off season,” and spring is the competitive season. But as Michael explains, “ ‘Off season’ does not mean we take time off.”

“Fall is when we do most of our strength training and conditioning, as well as working on technical aspects of our events in preparation for the upcom-
ing season,” he said. During the fall, practices typically last 3 hours a day, 6 days a week. “I’d often put in extra practice time,” he added.

From late winter through the end of spring is when track and field really hops into action and gets competitive. The indoor season takes place from December through January and quickly is followed by the outdoor season, which begins at a track meet during UT’s spring break. “Yes, it’s true. I never had a regular student spring break,” Michael said. “I spent every spring break out of town with my teammates training and competing.”

The outdoor competitive season lasts through mid-June, which meant that Michael usually stayed in Knoxville instead of going home to Memphis during summer break. “During both seasons—indoor and outdoor—we had meets almost every weekend in different parts of the country. We’d usually leave on Friday morning, compete Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, then return to campus on Sunday,” Michael, however, took advantage of every free second in the bus to catch up on coursework.

Michael said he is “grateful to God for giving me the ability to do the things that I have done, and for my family, friends, teammates, coaches, doctors, and everyone else who helped me along the way,” he said. “I don’t look at what I’ve done as ‘my’ accomplishments but ‘our’ accomplishments. I know that I couldn’t have done it without all of them.”

Michael’s achievements included being a four-time SEC champion in pole vaulting; a three-time All-American in pole vaulting (which means he placed in the top eight at the NCAA Championship meet); a second-team Academic All-American by ESPN the Magazine; an SEC Honor Roll student (2003–08); most valuable athlete (2007); and team captain (2008). He also was the recipient of the 2008 Pritchett Award for most dedicated track athlete, the 2007 Ironman Award, and the 2006 Volunteer Award for being the toughest competitor. His career best height in the pole vault (5.4 meters) currently is ranked tenth on UT Knoxville’s all-time list.

While excelling on the field, Michael consistently maintained a B+ average. “I might not make all A’s, but I’m proud to be a B+ student who made an A or two each semester,” he said.

The nursing program was not Michael’s first choice when he first arrived at UT, but it’s one he said he’ll never regret. “I originally wanted to go to medical school, but my advisor and I thought nursing would be a better fit. But I don’t think either of us realized at the time that nursing was so demanding,” he said. “It was a good decision, though, and I still get to study and practice in my original field of interest, just in a different aspect of care.”

Another aspect of nursing that’s quite different from medical school is its stereotype of being a predominantly female field. Michael grew up in a household where his mother was the only female, so being immersed in a mostly female environment was a learning experience for him. But that paled in comparison to the treatment he got as a “male nurse.”

“It was a little difficult for me to be proud of my major at first because of the stereotypes associated with male nurses,” he said, referring to the blockbuster movie Meet the Parents. “I’ve lost count of how many times I heard references to the movie Meet the Parents. But Michael quickly learned not to take it personally. “ After working in the hospitals and seeing the respect that nurses get from doctors, staffers, and patients and their family members, it was easy to own my nursing major. The simple truth is that nurses are an essential part of the healthcare system, and gender plays very little role in your ability to perform as a nurse.”

As for the future of his nursing career, Michael isn’t exactly sure what he wants to do. “I know that I want to practice as a nurse for at least a few years, but I eventually see myself returning to school, though I don’t know as of yet what I’d study. There is a part of me that still is considering applying to medical school.” His current plan is eventually to work in critical care at a Knoxville-area hospital, but he said he was just going to see where life takes him.

In March 2008, Michael suffered an injury that ended his college athletic career. A stress fracture in his lower back left him unable to compete in his final outdoor season as a Volunteer. Being the dedicated student athlete that he is, he planned to continuing training once fully healed—and if his nursing career permits.
BoYNTON LECTURE SPOTLIGHTS QUALITY AND SAFETY

The Mary T. Boynton Distinguished Lecture and the Sigma Theta Tau Research Day combined to create a special daylong event examining healthcare quality and safety.

Each year the UT College of Nursing organizes the Mary T. Boynton Lecture, a program that brings nursing faculty members and nursing professionals together to discuss nursing research, education, and practice.

In 2008, for the first time in its 16-year history, the Mary T. Boynton Lecture combined with the College of Nursing’s Sigma Theta Tau Research Day to create one comprehensive event focusing on quality and safety in healthcare.

The Sigma Theta Tau Research Day is an opportunity for members of the College of Nursing to hear about national-level nursing research, as well as to learn about the work of local nurses and nursing faculty members and students.

The Sigma Theta Tau Research Day keynote speaker was Ronda Hughes (PhD, MHS, RN) of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). She discussed current major studies that could affect healthcare quality and safety.

Hughes is the senior health scientist administrator at AHRQ and manages extramural research grants and contracts and conducts intramural research. She has published more than 30 peer-reviewed publications in patient safety and quality improvement and one peer-reviewed book, *Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nursing*, of which she was editor and senior author.

Hughes earned a BSN at Boston University and an MHS and a PhD at Baltimore’s Johns Hopkins University.

The Mary T. Boynton keynote speaker was Mary Viney (RN, MSN, CNAA) of Seton Northwest Hospital in Austin, Texas. She discussed the efforts underway to implement quality and safety metrics in healthcare practice.

Viney began at Seton in 1991 as director of oncology and the medical departments at Seton Medical Center. In 1998 she was promoted to director of patient care services at Seton Northwest Hospital. She is currently the vice-president of nursing systems and network accreditation there.

Viney was named a Capital Area Texas Nurses Association (TNA) “Fabulous Five” nurse in 2003. She also was recognized at the 2005 TNA Fifth Annual Nursing Leadership Conference as the 2005 Emerging Leader in Research for her leadership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Transforming Care at the Bedside project at the Seton Northwest Hospital’s Med-Surg unit. She earned a BSN and an MSN at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Other speakers included Joan Creasia, dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Isis Montalvo, manager of the Nursing Practice and Policy American Nurses Association National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators Program; Elaine Smith, chief learning officer of Mountain States Health Alliance in Johnson City, Tennessee; and Chris Clarke, vice-president of patient care services for Tennessee Hospital Association.

The Mary T. Boynton Lecture was established in 1992 in honor of Mary T. Boynton, a nursing faculty member from 1974 to 1991. Boynton taught undergraduate community health nursing courses at least once each year during her 17-year tenure at UTK. Boynton also taught introductory nursing courses and in recent years taught professional seminar courses to senior students. Her passion and expertise was community health nursing, and she continues to volunteer in the Knoxville community to this day.

Originally called the annual nursing theorist’s visit, the Mary T. Boynton Distinguished Lecture began with the opening of the PhD Program in the College of Nursing. In spring 2003, the lecture series expanded to include nurse scholars involved in research, education, and practice and has continued in that fashion to this day.
Each spring, the Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EURCA) showcases research and creative activities by currently enrolled undergraduates in collaboration with a UT Knoxville faculty mentor.

Last spring, three nursing students, Katherine Bentley, Anna-Ruth Ross, and Lauren Wright, participated as a group in the competition, presenting their project, “Observing in an Intensive Care Unit: Perspectives of Nursing.” They were the 2008 EURCA Winners for the College of Nursing. Their faculty mentor was Allie Brown.

As part of the project, students examined papers they had written for their intensive care clinical day. They looked for words in the papers then categorized those key words into themes. From this work, the students then identified eight themes that they each had addressed in the papers. These themes were then organized into a conceptual schematic that showed that the themes all focused on the relationships in the intensive care unit.

Through this project, the students learned about collecting data, categorizing data, and using the data to explain phenomena they actually witnessed while in the intensive care unit. Specific examples of the data were showcased on their poster. By participating in this learning activity, the students also were able to reflect on their clinical experience and use some steps of the research process.

The annual EURCA competition encourages, supports, and rewards undergraduate participation in the campus research enterprise by awarding monetary prizes for exemplary projects and performances.

Top: Nursing students Katherine Bentley, Lauren Wright, and Anna-Ruth Ross pose in front of their EURCA project. Right: (left to right) Nursing students Katherine Bentley, Anna-Ruth Ross, and Lauren Wright pose with their EURCA awards.
Distinguished Alumni Awards

The College of Nursing is proud to honor the accomplishments of our outstanding alumni. Each year, the college presents the Dr. Sylvia E. Hart Alumni of the Year Award to a distinguished alumnus or alumna who has made a positive impact within the nursing profession and beyond. These are our most recent honorees.

**Laurie Acred-Natelson, 2007**

What phrases do we use to describe someone with a successful career? Some that come to mind are someone who “really enjoys his or her work,” “wants to be the best in their field,” “is blessed with exceptional talent in their field,” and “has planned their work and worked their plan.” All of these certainly describe Laurie Acred-Natelson.

Acred-Natelson was the director of medical/surgical nursing at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville, where she provided operational support for six nursing units—including acute hemodialysis—and helped develop service lines in neuroscience, orthopedics, and oncology. She managed temporary assigned personnel in the nursing float pool, as well as managed and oversaw transport functions for all inpatient requests. Acred-Natelson has also served as the director of nursing support, director of cardiology and specialty services, critical care educator, and staff nurse at Fort Sanders.

Acred-Natelson’s nursing education began at UT Martin, where she received an Associate of Arts degree in nursing. She earned a BSN at UT Knoxville, and received an MSN in the Health Systems Management Program from the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She is board certified through the American Nurses’ Credentialing Center in advanced nursing administration.

Laurie Acred-Natelson

Actively involved in her professional community, Acred-Natelson serves on the board of visitors of the UTK College of Nursing, the Tennessee Donor Services advisory board, and the board of directors of the Tennessee Center for Nursing. Other professional affiliations include the Tennessee Organization of Nurse Executives (TONEx), where she served as the Knoxville Area Council chair from 2005 to 2007. She now serves on the statewide TONEx board as the nursing collaborative liaison. In this role she works with healthcare organizational leaders to recognize critical linkages between nursing workforce and positive work environments to achieve quality outcomes while ensuring patient safety. Valuing the contributions of nurses in achieving excellent clinical and operational outcomes is a primary focus of this initiative. Acred-Natelson is a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the American Nurses Association, and the Tennessee Nurses Association, and is a certified critical care nurse through the national association.

Acred-Natelson is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, and the Tennessee Wesleyan College Fort Sanders Nursing Department Honor Society. She served on the UTK Chancellor’s Associates from 2003 to 2006 and remains active in related functions at the university. Acred-Natelson will join the faculty of the College of Nursing in fall 2009, serving as a part-time instructor for courses in the undergraduate program.

**Lydia H. Weathersby, 2008**

According to Flora Edwards, “In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.”

Lydia Weathersby, the 2008 recipient of the Dr. Sylvia E. Hart Distinguished Alumni Award, surely defines the term “helping others.” Weathersby constantly gives of herself without thought of what she might gain from assisting others.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the public-health areas, both rural and inner city. It was a great opportunity not only to learn about prevention but also to understand the various needs of a community. At that time we were dealing with second-generation welfare. Now it’s even more complex. Overall, I learned to think and analyze a situation based upon the knowledge gained from the study of nursing. It’s a tremendous degree, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything,” she says. In her nursing career, Weathersby has not only served the profession proudly as a nurse, she has also worked as a consultant, investigating medical malpractice insurance claims for the defense.
Weathersby gave her time, energy, and most of all her love to a family member in a final battle with cancer. She is now devoting her time to another family member who is fighting a different disease. Even so, she continues to serve on the college's board of visitors and has generously agreed to serve as the chairperson for the UTK College of Nursing Capital Campaign. She has written to alumni asking them to give, spoken to the board of visitors and the campaign committee members on the importance of giving, and presented a significant leadership gift to the UTK College of Nursing.

Lydia Weathersby is a 1974 graduate of the College of Nursing. She is a member of the first graduating class and fondly remembers Dr. Sylvia Hart as one of her favorite instructors.

Michelle Witten, 2009
Michelle Witten has an unwavering passion for nursing. This 2002 graduate of the nursing program at UT Knoxville works in the emergency room at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, famous for being the place where President John F. Kennedy died. Parkland is a large urban teaching hospital, and most would feel the pressure of working in the fast-paced environment of its ER, but Michelle likes the drama and intensity and sees it all as part of the job.

"In the ER, I'm faced with intense moments and am forced to think quickly," Michelle said. "But more than that, through working in the ER I've experienced a part of the world and a side of the profession that I might not otherwise have experienced. I feel it's the closest I get to walking in someone else's shoes. It makes me look at life with a whole different perspective."

Michelle was honored with the 2009 Sylvia Hart Alumni of the Year Award, an honor she accepted with grace and humility. "I feel undeserving of this award, but to be honored as a nurse means so much to me. My goal is to make a difference in the life of others, and this award means that I've made a difference in someone else's life at some point or another. I feel so blessed to have done so."

Beyond her professional passion, Michelle, along with her husband, Dallas Cowboys football player Jason Witten, volunteers her free time to help the community. Michelle and Jason have two little boys, and while Michelle could choose to stay home and not work, nursing is her passion and her calling. "I feel that it is my duty to society to make a difference in the best way I know how, and that's through nursing. After each baby, I thought long and hard about whether to go back to work, but my life just wouldn't feel the same without working in the ER," she said. "I am passionate about nursing like my husband is passionate about football."

Reflecting upon her years in the program at UT, Michelle fondly recalls the late night study sessions, the friendships she made, and the discipline she learned. During her years at UT, she was also on the dance team, which made time management even more important. "I think it takes a unique discipline to be a nursing student. There is no other major that requires you to be at the hospital at 6:45 a.m. while having all the other duties and responsibilities of being a student," she said.

Another aspect of the program she recalls fondly was the professors, who she said had the utmost passion for nursing and teaching. "The teachers were there because they had a passion for what they were doing—a passion beyond just nursing. They wanted to help people."

Her advice to current students is to have that same passion: "Know that what you are doing is a blessing. It takes a special gift and a unique passion to help people."

Outstanding Alumni of the Year Awards, 2007–08

Excellence in Nursing Administration
Trish Chaloux
Wendy Franklin
Karen Pryor

Excellence in Academic Education
Dr. Sharon R. George
Dr. Mary Anne Modrin
Dr. Dava Shoffner

Excellence in Clinical Education
Glenda Brown

Excellence in Patient Care
Ginger Evans
Kay Matlock
Wendy Pomeroy
Matthew Schaaf
Luta Tarrants

Excellence in Clinical Education
Glenda Brown
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HONOR SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT: Sigma Theta Tau Awards

The College of Nursing is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 Sigma Theta Tau Gamma Chi Chapter Awards. These are the awards and their recipients:

Clinical Practice Award: Mary Nypaver and Phyllis Smith (patient-care team) for their work on a computerized medication documentation system at Baptist Health Systems (now Mercy Health)

Community Service Award: Office on Aging/Project LIVE for their program of volunteer outreach to assist needy elders in Knox County

Outstanding Dissertation Award: Dr. Deborah Persell for her research on the experience of faith-based operations responding to the needs of people displaced or impacted by Hurricane Katrina

Excellence in Education Award: Dr. Johnie Mozingo for her many years of teaching excellence, her inspiration to students in the field of maternal and child health, and her founding activities in the honor society and Sigma Theta Tau at the College of Nursing

Excellence in Research Award: Dr. Tami Wyatt for her articles and presentations regarding her research in technology in nursing education. Sigma Theta Tau also recognized her work at its national conference in fall 2007. She created an online learning program for children with asthma, “OK with Asthma,” to help them live well and be active.

Sigma Theta Tau 2008 Inductees

Christina Allyson Agbunan
Brittany Jennaway Bailes
Jo Elizabeth Barnes
Shawn Dale Bright
Adrienne Leigh Buck
Kari Leigh Clinton
Amy Elizabeth Cranfield
Matthew Davenport
Sara Danielle Deel
Michelle Dawn Fisher
Jennifer A. Flynt
Arrah Jean Ford
Sara Ann Fredericksen
Yaci Villela Giles
Kerrie B. Grosenbeck
James Michael Hartley
Rachel Claire Hearon
Ashley Marie Hillis
Pamela Elaine Hourigan
Anne Elizabeth Husz
Kristin Rose Johnson
Amy Leigh Knowles
Freddie Naoto Kojima
LeighAnna Brooke McClure
Kelly B. McIntyre
Caroline Maharin Mills
Amber Susanna Monroe
Lauren Elizabeth Monroe
Teri Ashley Moore
Hannah Diane Morar
Katherine Anne Parks
Hina Govind Patel
Terrica M. Preast
Kimberly Rose Rivers
Melissa Louise Robinson
Mary Kathryn Rogers
Heather Lynne Scott
Joye White Sexton
Melissa Smith
Buffy Denise Snow
Lisa Marie Sorochan
Deborah Faye Sparks
Whitney Denise Styles
Rachel Schmid Taylor
Leslie Anne Walls
Brian Andrew Walsh
Andrew Joseph Ward
Ashley Nicole Ware

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Sarah Tyler Henry is presented the Fraker Family Scholarship from donors Bob and Jane Fisk.

Jennifer Fout receives the William M. and Mary D. Curtis Scholarship from donor Mary Curtis.
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