On Antiquities

By Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

In early January, I vacationed in Egypt. Well maybe “vacation” is not quite the right word as each day I was up before sunrise and returned to my room in moonlight—there was so much to see and so little time to see it. I found it all quite amazing and almost impossible to comprehend. Day after day I saw magnificent structures, artifacts, carvings and monuments—each one more beautiful than the one before as you can see from these few pictures.

What truly struck me, however, was that much of this was done 5,000 years ago or 3,000 BC. To think that humankind was so developed and so capable of creating these lasting works of art was mind-boggling. Even the archeologists are not sure how they built some of the temples, pyramids, and burial sites, as few tools have been uncovered.

So I returned home wondering have we truly evolved as a species? Clearly Egypt today is a third world country and if we think globally, it seems like perhaps we have regressed rather than progressed over the centuries. It also makes me wonder what aspects of our civilization will exist in 7010. Most of all, my trip to Egypt left me with a grand sense of wonder, a deep respect for those who came before us, and a fervent hope that we will leave behind a legacy that is rich in both beauty and humanity….Gail
Survey Finds Nurses Should Have More Influence on Policy

A first-of-its-kind survey conducted by Gallup on behalf of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) explores the perspectives of opinion leaders—including insurance, corporate, health, government and industry thought leaders, as well as university faculty—on nurses’ leadership and influence now and in the years ahead. Nursing Leadership from Bedside to Boardroom: Opinion Leaders’ Perceptions finds that, from reducing medical errors, to increasing the quality of care, to promoting wellness, to improving efficiency and reducing costs, an overwhelming majority of opinion leaders say nurses should have more influence. In survey after survey, the nation’s adults rank nurses among the most ethical and honest of professions. This new survey finds that opinion leaders also view nurses as one of the most trusted sources of health information—but they see nurses as having less influence on health care reform than others. In fact, 75 percent of opinion leaders say government officials will have a great deal of influence in health reform in the next five to ten years, compared to 56 percent for insurance executives, 46 percent for pharmaceutical executives, 46 percent for health care executives, 37 percent for doctors, 20 percent for patients—and just 14 percent for nurses. Yet a strong majority of opinion leaders say nurses should have more influence than they do now on health policy, planning and management.

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on: Nursing and Building Human Capital. You can access the full results at www.rwjf.org/humancapital/product.jsp?id=54350

NTC Upgrades Hardware and Software

The College’s NTC team will be upgrading computers in the College and replacing older models with newer ones. In addition, the technology team is continuing to work on server virtualization. Server virtualization is used to eliminate server sprawl, to make more efficient use of server resources, to improve server availability, and to assist in disaster recovery, and to centralize server administration. In addition, the team continues to work on redesigning the internal intranet using a different technology.

Call for Public Comment: Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is seeking comments on the following revised publication: Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice, Second Edition.

ANA provides information in this document on the scope of practice for all registered nurses, as well as the standards to which they as practicing professionals are held. This document represents one of the three foundational documents for nursing practice, and this draft has undergone revision by a group of nurse experts from the previous 2004 edition. There have been some significant changes, including the incorporation of competency statements in the place of measurement criteria under the standards section, and an expanded list of standards of practice.

If you are interested in participating in this review, download the document and submit your comments online (see below) by 5 p.m. EST on March 12, 2010. If you have questions e-mail Katie Brewer, MSN, RN, ANA Department of Nursing Practice and Policy at katie.brewer@ana.org.

Commit to be Fit in 2010

The MUSC Wellness Center offers many fitness, wellness, and healthy lifestyle programs. (Non-members are also welcome to participate.)

Regardless of the obstacles or challenges that have kept you from reaching your potential, it is time to stay focused and get the help you need to develop healthy lifestyle habits. An experienced and professional staff are waiting to assist you with your wellness goals to make 2010 your healthiest year ever. Physical activity, healthy nutrition, and a positive attitude can help redefine what your future health will look like.

Check out www.musc.edu/hsc for more information on the programs and activities. Below are some of the activities are offered at MUSC Wellness Center:

- Group cycling classes
- Personal training
- Boot camp taught by US Marines
- Cooper River Bridge Run training clinics
- 10K, half-marathon, marathon, and triathlon training programs
- Masters swim and conditioning programs
- TRX performance program
- Senior fitness programs including senior TaiChi
- Nutrition education sessions: weight loss, performance, and healthy eating
- Racquetball and squash clinics
- Tennis programs for adults and children
- Summer and holiday camps for kids (includes fitness and sports activities and nutritional education plus fun birthday parties).
- Kids swim lessons
Getting to Know...Yolanda Long

- **Position:** Administrative assistant in the Office of Academics
- **How many years at CON?** 1 year
- **How many years at MUSC?** 6 years
- **Hometown:** Brooklyn, NY
- **Alma Mater:** St. Joseph’s High School, Brooklyn, NY
- **Family:** Married with 3 children and 4 grandchildren.
- **Superstitious?** No, to me superstitions mean fear - God doesn’t give us a mind of fear and doubt.
- **Worst habit:** Not being able to say “no.”
- **Collect anything?** Stuffed animals.
- **What time did you get up this morning?** 6:30 a.m. (every morning)
- **What music are you currently into?** Gospel music but I still love the 70’s R&B.
- **What did you want to be growing up?** I wanted to be a nurse until I volunteered in a pediatric ward. The sick children made me cry...one of the pediatric nurses suggested that I seek a different profession.
- **Web page bookmarks?** MUSC. edu/nursing and CON’s Help Desk link.
- **What book is on your nightstand?** The Message Bible by Eugene H. Peterson and Hugs for Women by Mary Hollingsworth.
- **Last movie you saw?** The Book of Eli.
- **First concert you ever attended?** The Ojays & Temptations.
- **If you could attend any event, what would it be?** The Last Supper with Christ and his disciples.
- **I’d love to trade places for a day with:** First Lady Michelle Obama.
- **In your opinion, what is the world’s greatest problem?** Intolerance.
- **Talent I’d most like to have:** I wish I could sing.
- **Coke or Pepsi?** Coke.
- **My very first job was...** as a cashier in a supermarket.
- **Biggest pet peeve:** People who are always late.
- **Three adjectives your friends would use to describe you:** Funny, honest, and trustworthy.
- **Last thing you experienced buyers remorse with?** A birthstone ring...the stone is always falling out.

**FAVORITES:**

- **Flower/plant:** Roses
- **TV Show:** CSI Miami
- **Cookie:** Chocolate Chip
- **Sports team:** NY Giants
- **Place you’ve traveled to:** France and Spain (for an entire summer).
- **Thing to do on a Saturday night:** Prepare for Sunday morning worship service at my husband’s church where he is a pastor.
- **Thing to do on a Sunday afternoon:** Rest up for the upcoming week.
- **Thing about living in Charleston:** I love the weather and the friendly people.
CON Policy Update
At the January faculty assembly, the College of Nursing faculty approved the following change in the policy for academic progression listed in Section IV-2 of the CON Student Handbook.

Undergraduate progression in the baccalaureate program is based on the following policies:
1) A student must earn a grade of 2.0 in each nursing course. A student earning a grade of less than 2.0 or “WF” must repeat the course. (See the “Repeating a course” policy for undergraduate students.) If a student earns less than a 2.0 or a “WF” in a second nursing course, the student is academically dismissed from the program and is ineligible for readmission into the College of Nursing.

Graduate progression in the master’s and DNP program is based on the following policies:
1) A student must earn a grade of 3.0 in each nursing course. A student earning a grade of less than 3.0 or “WF” must repeat the course. If a student earns a grade of less than 3.0 in a course, the student is placed on academic probation for one semester.
2) If a student earns less than 3.0 or a “WF” in a second nursing course, the student is academically dismissed from the program and is ineligible for readmission into the College of Nursing.

Please refer to the College of Nursing Student Handbook at for the updated Academic Progression Policy.

Social Networking Guidelines for Students
A university-wide committee of MUSC faculty, staff, and students has been organized to develop guidelines that will increase awareness among students of the potential pitfalls when using these relatively new and popular means of communication. Dr. Chris Pelic who heads the committee provided the impetus behind the committee: “The advent of new methods of electronic communication and social networking (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc) present unique challenges in education and healthcare. This new technology is popular and has many useful features for students and healthcare professionals. However, it opens the door for possible serious ramifications related to professionalism, boundaries, confidentiality, and a myriad of other problems.”

The outcome of this committee will be guidelines and not policy since the committee’s goal is to educate and inform, not dictate or punish behavior. Additional information will be published in future eCONnections as the committee’s work continues.

Applications Numbers Up
We are delighted to report that our MSN and DNP applications have far exceeded our expectations for the fall 2010 cohort. Currently we have more than 225 applications waiting to be reviewed for admission. We have also seen a 16 percent increase in the accelerated BSN applications. This validates the strong interest in our nursing programs here at the College of Nursing.
### Funded Projects

Congratulations to Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, GCNS-BC, CWCN for receiving additional funding for the “Safety and Wound Healing Efficacy on the Taliderm™” project. This industry-sponsored study is investigating the tolerability of safety and wound healing, efficacy of the Taliderm Wound Dressing, a poly-N-acetyl glucosamine derived membrane material in humans with venous stasis ulcers.

### End of Year Grant Submissions

- **Ida J. Spruill, PhD, RN** submitted a supplement to an R01 by Michele M. Sale, PhD, University of Virginia, Center for Public Health Genomics. The title of the parent grant is “Genetic Contributors to Diabetes and Dyslipidemia in African Americans” and is in response to a call from NIH; Research Supplements to Promote Diversity Program.

- **Sally Stroud, EdD, APRN, BC** submitted an application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. The proposal, “Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Program,” requests support for students enrolled in three advanced education nursing degree programs of the College of Nursing: the MSN, the DNP, and PhD in nursing degree programs, in addition to first year nurse anesthesia students in the Anesthesiology for Nurses program in the College of Health Professions.

- **Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, GCNS-BC, CWCN** (Subcontract-PI), and Angela V. Ghatnekar, PhD (PI) (Regranion, LLC) submitted a Parent SBIR (R43/R44) application to the National Institute of Health. The proposal title is “A Novel Formulation for the Treatment of Venous Leg Ulcers.” As the PI for the subcontract, Teresa will be responsible for oversight of subject recruitment, monitoring fidelity to treatment, management of study personnel and oversight of data management and analysis, budget, and project reports.

- **Deborah C. Williamson, DHA, MSN, CNM** submitted an application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. The proposal title is “Gateways to Health: “Portales de Salud.” The project’s purpose is to coordinate local, state, and federal resources in order to increase access to quality primary care services to Hispanic/Latino women and their families.

### Faculty News

- **Jan A. Grossman, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN** has been selected as a reviewer for SAMHSA’s Developmental Service Group (DSG) Recovery to Practice Initiative. As a panelist, she will be providing review for grants submitted for the Mental Health Professions Curriculum Development.

### Faculty Publications


### PhD Student Publications


- Also, **Robin Matutina**, PhD student, has passed the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing Nurse Certification Exam and was awarded the credentials RN-BC. This is her third national certification and will be added to her other certifications as a Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN) as recognized by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board and a Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON) as recognized by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation. Congratulations, Robin.
AARP President to Visit CON

Jennie Chin Hansen, MS, RN, FAAN. AARP President, will be visiting Charleston this month and is the guest speaker at the Dean’s Dialogue at noon on February 8 in CON 220. All faculty are invited to attend.

Hansen has been integrally involved in health care reform discussions and was elected to serve as AARP president for the 2008-2010 biennium. In addition, Hansen holds an appointment as Senior Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco’s Center for the Health Professions and consults with various foundations.

She transitioned into teaching in 2005 after nearly 25 years at On Lok, a nonprofit organization providing integrated and comprehensive primary and long-term care community based services in San Francisco. On Lok was the prototype for PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), which was signed into federal legislation in 1997 making this Medicare/Medicaid program available to all 50 states.

Hansen serves in various leadership roles that include commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), and board member of the National Academy of Social Insurance and of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program and the SCAN Foundation. Hansen serves as a national juror for the Purpose Prize sponsored by Civic Ventures. She is a past president of the American Society on Aging.

Among Hansen’s awards are the 2005 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator’s Achievement Award; the 2002 Gerontological Society of America’s Maxwell Pollack Award for Productive Living; the Women’s Healthcare Executive Woman of the Year of Northern California in 2000; and the 1997 “Women Who Could Be President” Honoree from the League of Women Voters of San Francisco. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has received several alumni awards from the University of California, San Francisco and Boston College, including an honorary doctorate from Boston College in 2008.

If anyone has a conflict with the 12 p.m. meeting time and would like to speak with you personally, please contact Dean Gail Stuart at stuartg@musc.edu.

Volunteer Nurse Returns to China

In December 2009, the Office of Practice welcomed Hao Zheng, a volunteer nurse from Guilin Medical University situated in the city Guilin in Guangxi, China. Zheng is here on a clinical rotation as a certified nurse midwife and RN. She completed her rotation in September 2009 and has been volunteering with the Office of Practice since December. She will be returning to China February 24. The faculty and staff of Office of Practice would like to thank Zheng for all the time she has spent helping the College with various projects and wish her a safe journey back home.

Suzanne Pope, Office of Practice intern, gave a presentation on the website for Primary Care Providers to the Charleston Bar Association and the Charleston County Medical Society at the Charleston School of Law on January 30. Pope is being mentored by Deborah Williamson, DHA, RN, MSN, CNM.

CCHP hosts Out of Poverty Initiative

Want to better understand the realities of poverty? Want to make positive change in our local community?

In partnership with the East Cooper Community Outreach, the Center for Community Health Partnerships will host an Out of Poverty Initiative on the MUSC campus. This simulation experience allows participants to understand the realities of poverty, a situation that affects 39.8 million people in the United States. During the simulation, participants play the role of low-income families with the task of providing for basic necessities and shelter on a limited budget during the course of four 15-minute ‘weeks’. By examining poverty from multiple angles, the simulation allows participants to recognize the potential for change in the local community.

The event will be held on Friday, February 26 from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center. Lunch will be provided by the South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Institute. Students, faculty and staff across all of MUSC are welcome to participate. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, so reserve your spot for the simulation today.

To register, please e-mail Melissa Cox (coxme@musc.edu) with the following information:

Name
Student/Faculty/Staff designation
College/Department
E-mail

For more information or questions regarding participation in the event, please contact Melissa Cox at coxme@musc.edu or 792-2215.
Scholarship Award Recipients

Kathleen “Kat” White has been selected to receive the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing inaugural Roper-St. Francis Patron Scholarship. This full tuition scholarship awarded to an incoming Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program requires the student to work for Roper-St. Francis Hospital for one year following graduation and licensure as a registered nurse. In her essay for admission, Kat wrote that “working alongside a PhD-prepared nurse on a research team gave me insight into the value and versatility of a doctoral degree in nursing.” Her goal is to become a valued scholar, clinician, and researcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Chitty recently endowed the Marianne T. Chitty Nursing Scholarship and Heather Boyd, a first semester student enrolled in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program is the first recipient. Heather is a second degree student who earned her Bachelor of Science from Clemson University in Biophysics. One of her supervisor’s wrote, “Heather is a devoted, intelligent, and highly motivated young woman who will be an asset to your program.”

Josh Medlin, a first semester student enrolled in the in Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program has been selected to receive the Barter Scholarship. Josh has a previous Bachelor of Science in Biology from Charleston Southern University. He graduated cum laude, and worked as a tutor for elementary and middle school students. “His diverse experiences have shaped Josh into the caring and understanding person he is today,” shares Dr. Ann Hollerbach. Josh enjoys working with people across the lifespan and sees himself in an advanced practice nursing role someday.

Audrey Hayes, a first semester student enrolled in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program has been selected to receive the Elsie Morgan Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship was recently endowed by Mr. and Mrs. David Ritter to honor Mr. Ritter’s mother, a 1939 graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Audrey comes from a family of nurses, including her mother, and is excited about continuing the legacy. She transferred to the Medical University of South Carolina from the College of Charleston, where she was a leader in the recently established Nursing Club.

Jan Alison Miller has been awarded the Samuel Steinberg Scholarship which is awarded to a student who attended Trident Technical College and is pursuing a degree in the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Alison is a first semester student enrolled in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. This will be here first baccalaureate degree having completed her prerequisite coursework at various institutions including Trident Technical College. She completed her prerequisite coursework at Trident Technical College with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

For more information on these scholarship recipients, look for the Spring/Summer 2010 issue of Lifelines magazine.

Help Haiti and Win

Help MUSC supply clean water to the victims of the earthquakes in Haiti. Purchase a $2 ticket for a chance to win gift certificates to some of Charleston’s top restaurants and businesses. All proceeds go to Water Missions International, a non-profit organization specializing in water purification technology and disaster relief. Tickets are available in the Main Hospital lobby and the ECL lobby from January 25 - February 12.

Below are just some of the 50 prizes available:

- O’Hara and Flynn: $250 wine tasting gift certificate for 10 guests
- Blind Tiger: $100 gift certificate, two t-shirts, two mugs
- Hyman’s Seafood: Four $25 gift certificates
- Tasty Thai and Sushi: $100 gift certificate
- RB’s Seafood Restaurant: Two $50 gift certificates
- Kickin Chicken: one $50 gift certificate, and three $10 gift certificates
- Fuel: Four $25 gift certificates
- Gaulart & Maliclet French Cafe: Dinner for two
- Broad Street Barber Shop: Gift basket with goodies
- Massage Envy: One hour massage ($65 retail value)
- Best Buy: $25 gift certificate
- Grouchos: $30 gift certificate
- Charleston Beerworks: $50 gift certificate
- Red’s Ice House: Two $25 gift certificates
- Locklears Fine Seafood: Gift certificate for two lunches and two non-alcoholic drinks, and $25 gift certificate
- Rita: $25 gift certificate
- King Street Grille: Two $10 gift certificates
- Brent’s Deli: Two gift certificates for a free lunch
- Shi Ki: Five $10 gift certificates
- Moe’s Downtown Tavern: $25 gift certificate
- Doe’s Pita Pit: $15 gift certificate
- Palmetto Carriage Works: Carriage ride for two ($40 retail value)
- Necter: $25 gift certificate
- Panera Bread: $25 gift certificate
- Outback: $45 gift certificate