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The Southern Nursing Research Society’s Conference Planning Committee invites you to join us in Louisville, Kentucky, February 19-21. Local Planning Committee Chair Dr. Linda Freeman notes that in addition to an excellent program, conference attendees will get a “taste of Louisville” starting at the airport where the Local Planning Committee will host a hospitality table. The convention will begin, not with a bang, but with a bugle! We will open just like the Kentucky Derby with a Call to the Post. On Thursday evening, a trip is planned to the Museum at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. The gift shop will be open and the Stephen Foster singers will provide entertainment. Out-of-state visitors may want to start learning the words to the song ‘My Old Kentucky Home’ before arrival. See you in Louisville!
I represented SNRS as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Council of Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) meeting in Washington, DC September 10-11, 2003. Dr. Donna Hathaway, President-Elect for SNRS, accompanied me to this meeting to ensure SNRS will continue to have an active and informed voice in CANS activities as we transition to a new President.

The Conference Planning Committee is hard at work to ensure another excellent conference. Brochures will be mailed later this fall and current information will be added to our website as the program is finalized. Pre-loaded PowerPoint presentations were a success at last year’s conference and will be incorporated into our 2004 and future conferences. The Board also is discussing online abstract submissions and decided to provide a CD of abstracts rather than the current conference proceeding booklet. Please contact a Board member or myself if you would like to provide feedback regarding these decisions. We are always trying to streamline organizational costs and believe these measures may be cost effective to explore.

As most of you are aware, SNRS has an agreement with Research in Nursing and Health. SNRS has four pages in each issue. All SNRS members are eligible to receive a discount for subscriptions. If you did not recently receive your discount information in the mail, you may contact John Wiley and Son at 1-800-825-7500. You will need your SNRS membership number to receive the subscription discount.

Ballots for election of new officers will be mailed soon. These are several important Board positions to be filled. Each of these positions is vital to the governing decisions and daily work running our organization, so please vote to exercise your right as a SNRS member. Please vote in the upcoming election!

I hope you are impressed with the new format for the newsletter. Editor Patty Gray and Newsletter Subcommittee members Denise Crosson and Rita Jablonski, along with Doctoral Student Corner Editor Becky Bonugli, have worked diligently to update the look of the newsletter and to incorporate additional items of interest. Thanks, Patty, for devoting so much of your time and talent to this endeavor!

Mark your calendars for our next conference. The dates are February 19-21, 2004 in Louisville, Kentucky. Please contact Dr. Suzanne Yarborough or myself if your college is interested in sponsoring an event such as a breakfast or a poster session during the conference. Last year we had many graduate and undergraduate students attending the conference. I encourage you to assist your students in attending this conference. See you in Louisville in February!

Jean McSweeney, President

I would like to publish announcements about honors and awards, editorial comments, or brief articles (500 words or less) describing research “pearls” or other items of interest to the membership. We are also soliciting photographs (jpeg format) to enhance the visual appeal of the newsletter. 2004 submission deadlines are Feb. 1 (for spring newsletter), March 15 (for summer newsletter) and July 15 (for fall newsletter). Please send electronic submissions to Patty Gray, Editor at ptgray@hsc.vcu.edu.

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CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS AND DATES TO REMEMBER
COMPILED BY DENISE CROSSON

SNRS HARTFORD INSTITUTE GERIATRIC NURSING AWARD
APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 15

The purpose of the SNRS Hartford Institute Geriatric Nursing Award is to recognize the contributions of an SNRS member whose outstanding scholarly contributions and established program of research have enhanced the science and practice of geriatric nursing in the Southern region. Nominations for the SNRS Hartford Institute Geriatric Institute Award must be made by a current SNRS member in the form of a nomination packet. Additional details regarding eligibility and submission requirements are found at http://www.snrs.org. Past winners include Barbara Raudonis and Ann L. Horgas.

D. JEAN WOOD NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The purpose of the D. Jean Wood Nursing Scholarship Award is to recognize the contributions of a researcher who has enhanced the science and practice of nursing in the Southern region. The award is named in honor of the first SNRS President, D. Jean Wood, whose leadership set the course for the positive growth and development of the Society. Candidates for the D. Jean Wood Nursing Scholarship Award are individuals who have had their paper or poster abstracts accepted for presentation at the SNRS Annual Meeting. To apply for consideration, an original and five copies of the paper (limit 12 pages) should be submitted by November 1. The SNRS Awards Committee will review the entries according to specific evaluation criteria. Additional details regarding eligibility and submission requirements are found at http://www.snrs.org. Last year’s winner was Charlotte Ward-Larson.

RESEARCHERS AT WORK

Please send your pictures reflecting your research practice and we’ll use them as space is available. Please send images as electronic jpeg files to ptgray@hsc.vcu.edu. Thanks!

This issue’s featured researcher: Dr. Debra Moser and colleagues at the University of Kentucky.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

NOV. 1
D. JEAN WOOD NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

FEB. 19-21
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 1
SNRS SMALL GRANTS

MAY 1
SNRS/ANF APPLICATIONS

SEPT. 15
RESEARCHER IN MINORITY HEALTH AND DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD NOMINATIONS; OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

OCT. 15
HARTFORD INSTITUTE GERIATRIC NURSING AWARD NOMINATIONS

UPDATE FROM AUGUST 2003 BOARD MEETING

An electronic message was sent to all SNRS members in August, 2003 with details of the August Board meeting. The following is a brief summary of the contents of that electronic message.

In response to member feedback and efforts to be cost effective, the following will be implemented at the upcoming 2004 Annual Conference:

• All poster abstracts will be distributed on CD; feedback will be solicited regarding this approach and if positive, it may be expanded to include all abstracts.
• Poster sessions will include ONE student and ONE regular session, with posters grouped by content areas.
• Fruit will be added as a breakfast/break food choice; although this adds significant expense, the Board is responding to consistent requests from the membership.
• Discussion with the Board” opportunity will be held during the conference to address the future of Research Interest Groups. Please plan to attend this forum and provide input.

Outside assistance is needed to support food and beverage breaks, a major conference expense. We encourage your Dean or administrator to either exhibit or assist with any of the receptions or food breaks. A final request to those attending the conference: please register and make hotel reservations EARLY so if additional rooms are needed at the conference hotel, there may be a possibility of negotiating to obtain these.

ARCHIVES UPDATE

By Martha Alligood, Archives Committee Chair

Dr. Debra Wallace appointed an Archives Committee during her presidency. As a member of the original committee and the newly named archivist, I want to commend my colleague, Dr. Linda Holbrook Freeman, for her outstanding work as Chair of the 2002 Archives Committee. The committee met for the first time after the 2002 conference and began the work of identifying materials among past years’ files to be archived and locating a place for the SNRS Archives to reside. The collection of materials on hand has been sorted and archived at Georgia State University. This year the work of the archivist is the development of policies for acquisition, receiving, appraising, cataloging, disposing, and storing of records. Special attention is being given to the process of appraising and consideration of disposal of electronic materials.

If among the membership there are persons with expertise in these areas, please e-mail Martha_Alligood@pba.edu.

See complete NIH rankings of Schools of Nursing based on NIH funding at http://www.nih.gov/ninr/. Go to Research Funding and Programs, then to Division of Extramural Activities.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Joanne Youngblut, Membership Chair

Membership totals as of date: 1099 including 33 outside the region. Membership numbers by each State in the region are as follows:

- Alabama: 48
- Arkansas: 35
- Florida: 48
- Georgia: 82
- Kentucky: 83
- Louisiana: 33
- Maryland: 40
- Mississippi: 26
- North Carolina: 112
- South Carolina: 41
- Tennessee: 94
- Texas: 221
- Virginia: 79
- West Virginia: 19

ELECTIONS UPDATING—VOTE FOR NEW OFFICERS!!!
Dr. Debra Moser will be the keynote speaker for SNRS’s 2004 annual meeting. Her address
is entitled: “Navigating the Waters of International Research.” Dr. Moser is Professor and Chair
of Cardiovascular Nursing at the University of Kentucky’s College of Nursing. Dr. Moser earned
a B.S. from Humboldt State University, and an M.N and D.N.Sc. both from the University
of California at Los Angeles. Her extensive awards and honors, professional activities, editorial
service, and elected memberships are substantial and provide an excellent background for her
address.

Dr. Moser’s program of research is focused on quality of life in people with cardiovascular disease. Her research in cardiovascular nursing has served to examine a range of nursing interventions including those for home-based elderly heart failure patients and those designed to reduce treatment delay in patients with chest pain. She is co-principal investigator on a currently running 3-year study funded through NINR entitled “Interventions to Promote Ventilator Weaning,” and was also co-investigator on another NINR funded 3-year study examining women’s prodromal and acute myocardial infarction symptoms that ended in 2002.

Dr. Moser’s interest in heart disease, which she sees as a growing world-wide concern, has led to her participation with a team of researchers in international work to determine whether gender differences in anxiety exist in the setting of acute myocardial infarction in a diverse international sample from Australia, South Korea, Japan, England and the United States. This work will also examine and describe any interactions between gender, sociodemographic and clinical variables that are thought to influence anxiety. Dr. Moser’s newest area of research study, a three-year study beginning in 2003 and funded by a Philips Medical-AACN Outcomes Grant, is explanatory work that will help describe the complex links between depression and morbidity in patients with heart failure.

While Dr. Moser’s work has much to offer if considered only from the perspective of the quantity and quality of her research studies and publications, what is perhaps most striking is her broad view of the topics she studies and the range of people affected by the conditions about which she is concerned. She is interested in heart disease in the community, in-home-care, in the ICU, and in persons from other countries and cultures. She is interested in low technology, clinically practical interventions and she is interested in high technology exploratory work about autonomic nervous system tone and its relationship to outcomes and genetic predisposition to sudden cardiac death. She is interested in how mechanical ventilation affects cardiac function and how best to intervene to promote ventilator weaning.

Dr. Moser’s research career demonstrates the best use of appropriate technology and research methods to answer well-conceived questions of interest to nurses. In doing so it is clear that she does not lose sight of patients as whole people with physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions. Don’t miss this keynote address!
We recognize and thank the following members of the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research Peer Review Panel for their contribution of time, energy, and expertise to the review of submitted manuscripts for the past four years. Their excellent reviews help maintain our rigorous publication standards while providing constructive, helpful guidance to authors. We are indebted to their professional commitment.

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BY BARBARA HOLTZCLAW, SOJNR EDITOR

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MORE ABOUT LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY!

Join us for the 2004 Southern Nursing Research Conference in Louisville, Kentucky to be held February 19-21. Greater Louisville is one of the most affordable and accessible cities in the country. Louisville International Airport offers nearly 100 flights a day and is conveniently located at the center of three major interstates: I-65, I-64 and I-71; and the city is an easy day’s drive from much of the southern region. The Louisville Hyatt Regency will serve as the conference hotel; it is located in the heart of downtown and overlooks the scenic Ohio River. The hotel is connected by pedway to the Kentucky International Convention Center and is located within ten minutes of the airport. Make your reservations early by calling 502-587-3424.

Louisville, Kentucky is a unique blend of old and new, a sophisticated city with southern charm and unparalleled hospitality. From the beauty of the mighty Ohio River to the excitement of the Churchill Downs, Louisville offers attractions and recreation for visitors of every age. Before or after the meeting, there are endless things to see and do. And for those who bring their spouses and families, there is a wide variety of offerings for the young and the young at heart.

The lobby of the Louisville Hyatt Regency provides a gracious ambience conducive to connecting with colleagues, meeting those with similar research interests, and welcoming new members to SNRS.

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Yes, we’re home to the “most exciting two minutes in sports,” the incomparable Kentucky Derby. But, did you also know about the Kentucky Derby Museum, the only museum in the world dedicated to a single horse race? There is also the world famous Louisville Slugger baseball bat museum. And, Louisville Stoneware is made right in the heart of the city and boasts some of the most beautiful pottery patterns found anywhere. The Belle of Louisville, a National Landmark, is the oldest Mississippi-style sternwheeler in the country and after the business meeting.

For the explorers, Mammoth Cave National Park is located 90 miles southwest of Louisville. The Park was established in 1941 to protect the cave system, the scenic river valleys of the Green and Nolin Rivers, and a section of the hilly country of south central Kentucky. This is the longest recorded cave in the world with more than 348 miles explored and mapped. Mammoth Cave was designated as a World Heritage Site in 1981 and as an International Biosphere Reserve in 1990.

With so much to do and such easy accessibility, the Local Planning Committee is ready to welcome you to Louisville and show you what hospitality really means!
2002 ANF/SNRS SCHOLAR

The 2002 ANF/Southern Nurses Research Society Scholar is Sarah P. Farrell, PhD, APRN, BC. The Director of Technology for the Rural Health Nursing Center at the University of Virginia (UVA) School Of Nursing, Dr. Farrell is an Associate Professor in the School and holds a joint appointment with the Department of Health Evaluation Sciences, School of Medicine. She has over twenty years’ experience as an advanced practice psychiatric nurse. She has nine years’ experience in the field of Nursing Informatics for which she has developed informatics classes at all levels of study.

Dr. Farrell’s strong commitment to the innovative use of technology for service, education and research was recognized by her University colleagues in 2000 when her research proposal for improving mental health care of impoverished rural citizens of Virginia won her the first University Shaughnessy Fellowship. During this sabbatical leave, she was selected to participate in the first NIMH/NINR Mentored Scientist program to develop studies related to consumer health web portals for individuals in community mental health.

The ANF/SNRS funded study “Web Technology for Persons with Serious Mental Illness” was designed to develop, test and evaluate individualized homepage web portals for use by hospital nurses, community nurses and case managers, consumers of community mental health services and their families. The overall objective is to develop the existing technology of web portals and combine this with appropriate content to be used in community mental health to improve adherence with treatment regimens. The study is currently underway with the development of a prototype portal. In September and October, a random sample of psychiatric inpatients will be selected for user tests of the portal for logistics and usefulness of the innovation.

ANNOUNCING SNRS SMALL GRANT Awardees

Nine applications were received in response to the April 1 deadline for the SNRS Small Grants Program. Four of the applications were submitted by individuals who were ineligible (not members of SNRS at the time of submission) and therefore were not reviewed. The remaining 5 grant proposals were reviewed by the committee and two proposals were funded. In first place was Anita Boykins, MSN, APRN, BC, a doctoral student at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center. The title of her study is “Health Care Utilization and Health Status of Adult Female Sexual Assault Victims.”

Also funded was Cheryl Anderson, PhD, RN, CNS, an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas - Arlington. The title of her study is “Workplace Violence: Reducing the Rate in a Community Hospital.”

DOCTORAL STUDENT CORNER

A note from the Editor: This edition of the Doctoral Student Corner features a contribution by Thomas Cox. Tom is a doctoral student at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. We hope you enjoy his insights and encourage you to submit a piece to the column.

Meeting the Enemy and it is I: Dealing with Dissertation Trauma and Frustration.

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All the time I felt the control was external. With a grueling schedule I kept putting one foot in front of the other. I finished my PhD class work, took comps, formed my dissertation committee and then it happened...the ‘Void’. With back to back presentations and several papers in the hopper, I was again consumed for several months. Suddenly it was February and I felt like I woke from a fugue state. I had no deadlines. Nobody was pushing me forward. I felt like I lost the edge. I felt like someone should have pushed me.

Then some wise words from a friend came to mind. She told me our ‘issues’ are often revisited during the time we spend on our dissertation. At the time I thought - no way I am going back to revisit the dysfunctional family of origin stuff. Wrong. Dysfunction is like a comfortable pair of jeans we would wear all the time if we could. Nobody else may see why we are comfortable but we know. Armed with this revelation and some degree of insight, I realized I was looking everywhere but inside for the impediments that stood between me and my PhD. I felt angry, abused, rejected, and was despising of ever completing the program. Everyone was to blame except, of course, me.

Since then I have become a bit wiser. Our ‘problems’ and ‘solutions’ are always about us, not others. We don’t get log jammed because of others. We get log jammed because of how we respond to others. As I talk to other candidates it becomes clearer. I stopped participating on support groups that mostly supported the waste of my time. Now when I feel “others” should, I know “I” should. Real support groups are great. A dedicated, responsive, and hard working committee is great. I tell peers to spend time looking at how they are playing out old patterns. Seeing we are playing old games, we accept responsibility for our actions. We acknowledge casting committee members in roles they never accepted. Insight brings new opportunities! If you hit a wall, take a good look at it. It is a mirror. You may not like what you see, but it is what “is” and the building block for the future.

IF YOU HIT A WALL, TAKE A LOOK AT IT. IT IS A MIRROR.

An invitation to SNRS student members

When you find yourself adrift in thought regarding any aspect of the doctoral student experience please go to your keyboard and write! This is our corner so feel free to express yourself. I look forward to your contribution! Becky Bonugli

Guide for authors: Maximum length 500 words. Next due date: February 1, 2004. Submit by email to Bonugli@UTHSCSA.edu.
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BY BECKY BONUGLI, COLUMN EDITOR

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IF YOU HIT A WALL, TAKE A LOOK AT IT. IT IS A MIRROR.

AN INVITATION TO SNRS STUDENT MEMBERS

When you find yourself strait in thought regarding any aspect of the doctoral student experience please go to your keyboard and write. This is our column so feel free to express yourself. I look forward to your contribution! Becky Bonugli

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SNRS GRANT RECIPIENTS UPDATE
BY JANE NEESE, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

2002 ANF/SNRS SCHOLAR

The 2002 ANF/Southern Nurses Research Society Scholar is Sarah P. Farrell, PhD, APRN, BC. The Director of Technology for the Rural Health Nursing Center at the University of Virginia (UVA) School Of Nursing, Dr. Farrell is an Associate Professor in the School and holds a joint appointment with the Department of Health Evaluation Sciences, School of Medicine. She has over twenty years’ experience as an advanced practice psychiatric nurse. She has nine years’ experience in the field of Nursing Informatics for which she has developed informatics classes at all levels of study.

Dr. Farrell’s strong commitment to the innovative use of technology for service, education and research was recognized by her University colleagues in 2000 when her research proposal for improving mental health care of impoverished rural citizens of Virginia won her the first University Shaughnessy Fellowship. During this sabatical leave, she was selected to participate in the first NIH/NINR Mentored Scientist program to develop studies related to consumer health web portals for individuals in community mental health.

The ANF/SNRS funded study “Web Technology for Persons with Serious Mental Illness” was designed to develop, test and evaluate individualized homepage web portals for use by hospital nurses, community nurses and case managers, consumers of community mental health services and their families. The overall objective is to develop the existing technology of web portals and combine this with appropriate content to be used in community mental health to improve adherence with treatment regimens. The study is currently underway with the development of a prototype portal. In September and October, a random sample of psychiatric inpatients will be selected for user tests of the portal for logistics and usefulness of the innovation.

ANNOUNCING SNRS SMALL GRANT Awardees

Nine applications were received in response to the April 1 deadline for the SNRS Small Grants Program. Four of the applications were submitted by individuals who were ineligible (not members of SNRS at the time of submission) and therefore were not reviewed. The remaining 5 grant proposals were reviewed by the committee and two proposals were funded. In first place was Anita Boykins, MSN, APRN, BC, a doctoral student at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center. The title of her study is “Health Care Utilization and Health Status of Adult Female Sexual Assault Victims.” Also funded was Cheryl Anderson, Ph.D., RN, CNS, an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas - Arlington. The title of her study is “Workplace Violence: Reducing the Rate in a Community Hospital.”
We recognize and thank the following members of the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research Peer Review Panel for their contribution of time, energy, and expertise to the review of submitted manuscripts for the past four years. Their excellent reviews help maintain our rigorous publication standards while providing constructive, helpful guidance to authors. We are indebted to their professional commitment.

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MORE ABOUT LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY!

Join us for the 2004 Southern Nursing Research Conference in Louisville, Kentucky to be held February 19-21. Greater Louisville is one of the most affordable and accessible cities in the country. Louisville International Airport offers nearly 100 flights a day and is conveniently located at the center of three major interstates: I-65, I-64 and I-71; and is the city’s easy day’s drive from much of the southern region. The Louisville Hyatt Regency will serve as the conference hotel; it is located in the heart of downtown and overlooks the scenic Ohio River. The hotel is connected by pedway to the Kentucky International Convention Center and is located within ten minutes of the airport. Make your reservations early by calling 502-587-3434.

The lobby of the Louisville Hyatt Regency provides a gracious ambiance conducive to connecting with colleagues, meeting those with similar research interests, and welcoming new members to SNRS.

Louisville, Kentucky is a unique blend of old and new, a sophisticated city with southern charm and unparalleled hospitality. From the beauty of the mighty Ohio River to the excitement of the Churchill Downs, Louisville offers attractions and recreation for visitors of every age. Before or after the meeting, there are endless things to see and do. Yes, we’re home to the “most exciting two minutes in sports,” the incomparable Kentucky Derby. But, did you also know about the Kentucky Derby Museum, the only museum in the world dedicated to a single horse race? There is also the world famous Louisville Slugger baseball bat museum. And, Louisville Stoneware is made right in the heart of the city and boasts some of the most beautiful pottery patterns found anywhere. The Belle of Louisville, a National Landmark, is the oldest Mississippi-style sternwheeler in the country. And just a few minutes west of Louisville is Caesar’s Glory of Rome, the largest floating casino in the world. Thbe Louisville Zoo welcomed Western lowland gorillas with the opening of the Gorilla Forest in May 2002. Great restaurants, shopping and golf are also part of what makes Louisville a memorable place before, during, and after the business meeting.

Located just an hour away, in Lexington (the heart of the “Bluegrass”) is the Kentucky Horse Park, a place that “always in season.” The Park is a working horse farm and features two outstanding museums, twin theaters and nearly 50 different breeds of horses. The Kentucky Horse Park is a fascinating place to visit and is an enjoyable learning experience for everyone—from those unfamiliar with the horse to the horse expert. For anyone who admires horses, a day at the Park is the experience of a lifetime.

For the explorers, Mammoth Cave National Park is located 90 miles southwest of Louisville. The Park, established in 1941, is the only National Mall to be designated as a World Heritage Site in 1981. Mammoth Cave National Park is the most visited cave system in the world, with more than 348 miles explored and mapped. Mammoth Cave was designated as a World Heritage Site in 1981, and as an International Biosphere Reserve in 1999.

For the history buffs, the Churchill Downs, Louisville is home to the Kentucky Derby, the “most exciting two minutes in sports,” the world’s most famous horse race. And yes, we’re home to the “Bluegrass”! The Kentucky Horse Park is a fascinating place to visit and is an enjoyable learning experience for everyone—from those unfamiliar with the horse to the horse expert. For anyone who admires horses, a day at the Park is the experience of a lifetime.

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Dr. Debra Moser will be the keynote speaker for SNRS’s 2004 annual meeting. Her address is entitled: “Navigating the Waters of International Research.” Dr. Moser is Professor and Gill Chair of Cardiovascular Nursing at the University of Kentucky’s College of Nursing. Dr. Moser earned a B.S. from Humboldt State University, and an M.N and D.N.Sc. both from the University of California at Los Angeles. Her extensive awards and honors, professional activities, editorial service, and elected memberships are substantial and provide an excellent background for her address.

Dr. Moser’s program of research is focused on quality of life in people with cardiovascular disease. Her research in cardiovascular nursing has served to examine a range of nursing interventions including those for home-based elderly heart failure patients and those designed to reduce treatment delay in patients with chest pain. She is co-principal investigator on a currently running 3-year study funded through NINR entitled “Interventions to Promote Ventilator Weaning,” and was also co-investigator on another NINR funded 3-year study examining women’s prodromal and acute myocardial infarction symptoms that ended in 2002.

Dr. Moser’s interest in heart disease, which she sees as a growing worldwide concern, has led to her participation with a team of researchers in international work to determine whether gender differences in anxiety exist in the setting of acute myocardial infarction in a diverse international sample from Australia, South Korea, Japan, England and the United States. This work will also examine and describe any interactions between gender, sociodemographic and clinical variables that are thought to influence anxiety. Dr. Moser’s newest area of research study, a three-year study beginning in 2003 and funded by a Philips Medical-AACN Outcomes Grant, is explanatory work that will help describe the complex links between depression and morbidity in patients with heart failure.

While Dr. Moser’s work has much to offer if considered only from the perspective of the quantity and quality of her research studies and publications, what is perhaps most striking is her broad view of the topics she studies and the range of people affected by the conditions about which she is concerned. She is interested in heart disease in the community, in the hospital, in the ICU, and in persons from other countries and cultures. She is interested in low technology, clinically practical interventions and she is interested in high technology exploratory work about autonomic nervous system tone and its relationship to outcomes and genetic predisposition to sudden cardiac death. She is interested in how mechanical ventilation affects cardiac function and how best to intervene to promote ventilator weaning.

Dr. Moser’s research career demonstrates the best use of appropriate technology and research methods to answer well-conceived questions of interest to nurses. In doing so it is clear that she does not lose sight of patients as whole people with physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions. Don’t miss this keynote address!
CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

SNRS HARTFORD INSTITUTE GERIATRIC NURSING AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 15

The purpose of the SNRS Hartford Institute Geriatric Nursing Award is to recognize the contributions of an SNRS member whose outstanding scholarly contributions and established program of research have enhanced the science and practice of geriatric nursing in the Southern region. Nominations for the SNRS Hartford Geriatric Institute Award must be made by a current SNRS member in the form of a nomination packet. Additional details regarding eligibility and submission requirements are found at http://www.snrs.org. Past winners include Barbara Raudonis and Ann L. Horgas.

D. JEAN WOOD NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The purpose of the D. Jean Wood Nursing Scholarship Award is to recognize the contributions of a researcher who has enhanced the science and practice of nursing in the Southern region. The award is named in honor of the first SNRS President, D. Jean Wood, whose leadership set the course for the positive growth and development of the Society. Candidates for the D. Jean Wood Nursing Scholarship Award are individuals who have had their paper or poster abstracts accepted for presentation at the SNRS Annual Conference. To apply for consideration, an original and five copies of the paper (limit 12 pages) should be submitted by November 1. The SNRS Awards Committee will review the entries according to specific evaluation criteria. Additional details regarding eligibility and submission requirements are found at http://www.snrs.org. Last year's winner was Charlotte Ward-Larson.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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- **NOV. 1**: D. JEAN WOOD NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
- **FEB. 19-21**: ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- **APRIL 1**: SNRS SMALL GRANTS
- **MAY 1**: SNRS/ANF APPLICATIONS
- **SEPT. 15**: RESEARCHER IN MINORITY HEALTH AND DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD NOMINATIONS; OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS
- **OCT. 15**: HARTFORD INSTITUTE GERIATRIC NURSING AWARD NOMINATIONS

UPDATES

UPDATE FROM AUGUST 2003 BOARD MEETING

An electronic message was sent to all SNRS members in August, 2003 with details of the August Board meeting. The following is a brief summary of the contents of that electronic message.

In response to member feedback and efforts to be cost effective, the following will be implemented at the upcoming 2004 Annual Conference:

- All poster abstracts will be distributed on CD; feedback will be solicited regarding this approach and if positive, it may be expanded to include all abstracts.
- Poster sessions will include ONE student and ONE regular session, with posters grouped by content areas.
- Fruit will be added as a breakfast/break food choice; although this adds significant expense, the Board is responding to consistent requests from the membership.
- Discussion with the Board opportunity will be held during the conference to address the future of Research Interest Groups. Please plan to attend this forum and provide input.

Outside assistance is needed to support food and beverage breaks, a major conference expense. We encourage your Dean or administrator to either exhibit or assist with any of the receptions or food breaks. A final request to those attending the conference: please register and make hotel reservations EARLY so if additional rooms are needed at the conference hotel, there may be a possibility of negotiating to obtain these.

ARCHIVES UPDATE

By Martha Alligood, Archives Committee Chair

Dr. Debra Wallace appointed an Archives Committee during her presidency. As a member of the original committee and the newly named archivist, I want to commend my colleague, Dr. Linda Holbrook Freeman, for her outstanding work as Chair of the 2002 Archives Committee. The committee met for the first time after the 2002 conference and began the work of identifying materials among past years’ files to be archived and locating a place for the SNRS Archives to reside. The collection of materials on hand has been sorted and archived in Atlanta at Georgia State University. This year the work of the archivist is the development of policies for acquisition, receiving, appraising, cataloging, disposing, and storing of records. Special attention is being given to the process of appraising and consideration of disposal of electronic materials. If among the membership there are persons with expertise in these areas, please e-mail Martha_Alligood@pba.edu

ELECTIONS UPCOMING—VOTE FOR NEW OFFICERS!!!

See complete NIH rankings of Schools of Nursing based on NIH funding at http://www.nih.gov/ninr/ Go to Research Funding and Programs, then to Division of Extramural Activities.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Joanne Youngblut, Membership Chair

Membership totals to date: 1099 including 33 outside the region. Membership numbers by each State in the region are as follows:

- Alabama: 45
- Arkansas: 35
- Florida: 48
- Georgia: 82
- Kentucky: 33
- Louisiana: 26
- Maryland: 33
- Mississippi: 26
- North Carolina: 112
- South Carolina: 41
- Tennessee: 36
- Texas: 221
- Virginia: 79
- West Virginia: 19

RESEARCHERS AT WORK

Please send your pictures reflecting your research practice and we’ll use them as space is available. Please send images as electronic jpeg files to ptgray@hsc.vcu.edu Thanks!

This issue’s featured researcher: Dr. Debra Moser and colleagues at the University of Kentucky

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**JEAN McSWEENEY, Ph.D., RN, FAHA**

I represented SNRS as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Council of Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) meeting in Washington, DC September 10-11, 2003. Dr. Donna Hathaway, President-Elect for SNRS, accompanied me to this meeting to ensure SNRS will continue to have an active voice in CANS activities as we transition to a new President.

As most of you are aware, SNRS has an agreement with Research in Nursing and Health, SNRS has four pages in each issue. All SNRS members are eligible to receive a discount for subscriptions. If you did not recently receive your discount information in the mail, you may contact John Wiley and Son at 1-800-825-7500. You will need your SNRS membership number to receive the subscription discount.

Ballots for election of new officers will be mailed soon. There are several important Board positions to be filled. Each of these positions is vital to the governing decisions and daily work running our organization, so please vote to exercise your right as a SNRS member. Please vote in the upcoming election!

The Conference Planning Committee is hard at work to ensure another excellent conference proceeding booklet. Please contact a Board member or myself if you would like to provide feedback regarding these decisions. We are always trying to streamline organizational costs and believe these measures may be cost effective to explore.

I hope you are impressed with the new format for the newsletter. Editor Patty Gray and Newsletter Subcommittee members Denise Crosson and Rita Jablonski, along with Doctoral Student Corner Editor Becky Bonugli, have worked diligently to update the look of the newsletter and to incorporate additional items of interest. Thanks, Patty, for devoting so much of your time and talent to this endeavor!

Mark your calendars for our next conference. The dates are February 19-21, 2004 in Louisville, Kentucky. If you missed the deadline to nominate a peer for an award, start planning for next year! The Conference Planning Committee is hard at work to ensure another excellent conference. Brochures will be mailed later this fall and current information will be added to our website as the program is finalized. Pre-loaded PowerPoint presentations were a success at last year’s conference and will be incorporated into our 2004 and future conferences. The Board also is discussing online abstract submissions and decided to provide a CD of abstracts rather than the current conference proceeding booklet. Please contact a Board member or myself if you would like to provide feedback regarding these decisions. We are always trying to streamline organizational costs and believe these measures may be cost effective to explore.

**SNRS STATE LIAISONS DIRECTORY**

There are 14 states in the Society region: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. In 1991, the boundaries were expanded to include the Caribbean, Latin America and the Bahamas. We also have State Liaisons in out-of-region states with a large number of SNRS members, such as Oklahoma. State Liaisons are listed below.

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**ARTICLES AND PICTURES NEEDED FOR SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS!**

Members are invited and encouraged to submit items of interest for publication in Southern Connections. We would like to publish announcements about honors and awards, editorial comments, or brief articles (500 words or less) describing research “pearls” or other items of interest to the membership. We are also soliciting photographs (jpeg format) to enhance the visual appeal of the newsletter. 2004 submission deadlines are Feb. 1 (for spring newsletter), March 15 (for summer newsletter) and July 15 (for fall newsletter). Please send electronic submissions to Patty Gray, Editor at ptgray@hsc.vcu.edu.

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  J Azzarello

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  PD Henderson, J Fogel, QT Edwards

Call for Manuscripts

Research reports related to the knowledge base and practice of nursing are invited. Articles dealing with instrumentation and methodology are also sought. Listed in CINAHL, accessible to all at SNRS website. Author guidelines and examples of format are found at http://www.snrs.org/members/author-information.html

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The Southern Nursing Research Society’s Conference Planning Committee invites you to join us in Louisville, Kentucky, February 19-21. Local Planning Committee Chair Dr. Linda Freeman notes that in addition to an excellent program, conference attendees will get a “taste of Louisville” starting at the airport where the Local Planning Committee will host a hospitality table. The convention will begin, not with a bang, but with a bugle! We will open just like the Kentucky Derby with a Call to the Post. On Thursday evening, a trip is planned to the Museum at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. The gift shop will be open and the Stephen Foster singers will provide entertainment. Out-of-state visitors may want to start learning the words to the song “My Old Kentucky Home” before arrival. See you in Louisville!