Winter is here, everything is white and glissens in the glow of the street lights. School will back in full swing for Spring semester, as we have settled into our routines. While juggling school activities, work, kids activities, holidays, etc. can be busy at best, it is through our involvement in our profession and community that we, as nurse leaders, are able to give and get a little bit more out of life.

During my years with our local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, I have found times where I am able to give more of myself and occasions where other commitments take up my time. I do however know that some of my most rewarding times are those in which I can contribute to, as well as gain from my nurse colleagues. I hope that you too will be inspired to give a bit to your local chapter. Maybe your contribution will come in the form of paying your dues this year, attending our functions, making a donation to one of our endowment funds, mentoring another nurse or serving on one of our STTI chapter subcommittees (they all need members so let me know if you have some time to give in that regard). If we each step up and do our part, the benefits we as individuals and as a chapter experience will be many. I hope you will ask what your role could be this year and then step up and say “Yes”.

As your President, I have challenged our Board to set a goal that I believe is very achievable. Every other year at the Biennial Convention, Sigma Theta Tau International requests applications for Chapter Key Awards. There are very stringent criteria for this award and “points” are awarded for various chapter activities and actions carried out over a two year period. Our chapter is strong and meets many of the criteria set forth in the Key Awards. However, in the history of our chapter, we have not submitted or received a Key Award, the pinnacle of a chapter’s strength and commitment to worthy goals. Over the next two years (the application will be due in July 2009), our Board will set forth on a plan to collect the required materials and achieve the necessary requirements for this Key Award Application. We will embark on activities and actions, not solely for the Key Award Application, but because all elements of the criteria are set forth to enhance chapters. If you would like to learn more about the Key Awards or view a sample application, please visit the STTI web site. If you would like to assist us with the Key Award process, please give me a call. I LOVE people who step up and say, “YES”.

Lastly, this President’s Message would not be complete without a huge thank you to all who helped make our Fall Research Conference a huge success. There were many volunteers that assisted and I was impressed with the quality of our presenters. To Dr. Julie Anderson and Dr. Tracy Wright, the conference co-chairpersons, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! You make our chapter proud!!

Sincerely,
Carma Hanson, MS, RN
Eta Upsilon Chapter President
Induction of Board Members

At the May Membership Meeting, the changing of the guard took place for the Eta Upsilon Chapter Board Members. We are pleased to present to you the following board members who will be serving the 2007-2008 term. If you are interested in serving on one of the many committees or moving into one of these roles as they open, please contact any one of the board members. We would love to have you become a part of our chapter’s leadership.

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Melinda Jackson, graduate of the UND FNP specialization, is deployed to Iraq. Our prayers and support go out to Melinda and all area nurses, family members, STTI members and students who are or have been deployed in the military conflicts.
WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS

On behalf of the new board of directors for the Eta Upsilon Chapter of STTI, we want to thank the following chapter members who recently transitioned from their board position at the spring membership meeting. We thank them for their years of service in the following positions and know that they have left a mark on the work that we have accomplished. Many thanks to them for saying “YES” to serve in these roles.

Bette Olson - Vice Pres  
Margaet Reed - Secretary  
Cora Len Hutton - Goverance  
Kim Brouliette - Leadership - Succession  
Liz Tyree - Leadership Succession  
Rebecca Rudel - Finance  
Nancy Joyner - Public Relations  
Crystall Dazel - Chapter Student Intern

UPCOMING CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLANNING TO BE HELD

Any well run organization has a mission, well defined goals and a plan of action to meet the goals set forth. Our local chapter of STTI is no different. Several years ago, our Chapter Board of Directors set out a strategic plan that would lead us from 2005 – 2008. We have made great progress in meeting the goals set forth in that strategic plan. As we near 2008, it is time again to set our sights on where we would like to see our chapter in the next 3-5 years. Carma Hanson, Chapter President and Julie Anderson, Chapter President-Elect will begin working with the Board of Directors on creating that plan.

Our board will hold a meeting where we will set our sites and goals assess the feasibility the action steps need to get our goals. If you have ideas on what you would like to see our chapter do in the next three to five years please send them to chanson@altru.org. It is important that we hear from all our members as to what we are doing well, what we could do better, what members would like to see us pursue, etc. We hope you will take some time to provide us with your ideas. Together, setting our sights on good things can only benefit our chapter, our members and our community. Hope to share more with you soon!!

Submitted by: Carma Hanson

Eta Upsilon Member Directory COMING SOON

If you do not wish to be listed in our on-line member directory, please notify bethtoay@mail.und.edu
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STTI MEMBERS
ON THESE RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION
OF NURSING ARE ADMIRABLE

Darla Adams, Tracy Wright and Jeanine Gagness defended dissertations this past fall and enter the doctoral ranks.

Darlene Hanson and Pat Thompson were recently published.

Dean Covington recently received a ACHN Leadership Award.

Barb Bogus received the Altru Health System Nurse Excellence Award.

Tracy Evanson recently received a position on the Public Council.

VIP Profiles

Becoming involved in our organization has become easier, thanks in part to the STTI VIP Profile. This tool was created to ascertain the skills and interests of our STTI members. I encourage each of you to log on to the STTI website and complete your VIP Profile. The profile has a link on the home page and is easy and quick to complete. The tool asks members for their areas of practice, areas of expertise and the areas where they would like to become involved in the society whether on a local, regional, national or international level.

To complete your profile, please log on to www.nursingsociety.org and click on the VIP Profile icon. This can be the first of many ways to get connected and get involved!!
Eta Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International hosted the 3rd Biennial International Nursing Research Conference at the University of North Dakota on September 19th and 20th 2007. The theme for the conference was “Nursing Science: Advancing the Care of Patients.”

A reception was held at the North Dakota Museum of Art in the evening of September 20th followed by a keynote presentation entitled “Impact of Deployment on Military Mothers of Adolescents” by speaker Dr. Mona Ternus. Dr. Ternus is a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps and an Associate Professor in the College Nursing at the University of New Mexico. Ternus’ presentation was very moving and insightful. Her research findings have application to the general public, healthcare, nursing, education, and the military. Dr. Ternus’ work sparked many questions and great interest from the audience.

The following morning, Dr. Glenda Lindseth, aided by a panel of presenters including Dr. Lek Seal, Dr. Laurie Betting, and Dr. Wesley Canfield, provided a plenary session on clinical and translational research. Dr. Lindseth is the Associate Dean for Research at the College of Nursing, University of North Dakota, and Principal Investigator for a multidisciplinary, multimillion dollar Clinical and Translational Research Grant that will be submitted to the National Institutes of Health in November 2007. Dr. Lindseth reviewed the concept of clinical and translational research, work that has been done thus far, and a vision for the future of research at UND. Each of the panel members presented their area of expertise, providing the audience with multiple and diverse applications of clinical and translational research.

Dr. Chandice Covington, Dean of the College of Nursing, University of North Dakota, provided the audience with her insights and “Vision for Nursing” during Friday’s luncheon. Dr. Covington provided a historical recount of where nursing has been and articulated future possibilities for nursing science, practice, and education. Technological innovations across disciplines were appraised and potential applications to/implications for nursing explored.

In total, over twenty-five individuals presented their research and/or scholarship during the 2007 research conference to approximately fifty participants. The conference was a dynamic arena for area researchers to network and share experiences, gain insight, and to collaborate with others.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who willingly donated their time and talent in making the conference a success.

Tracy Wright and Julie Anderson
Co-chairs

Pictures following the next two pages
Dr. Mona Ternus  
Keynote speaker for 2007  
Research Conference

Luncheon Speaker  
Dr. Chandice Covington
Cec Lambeth and Susan Hunter
These smiling faces warmly greeted participants at the registration table.

Glenda Lindseth and Tracy Wright
### Sigma Theta Tua International Bi-ennial Convention

Julie Anderson, Chapter President Elect and Carma Hanson, Eta Upsilon Chapter President recently had the opportunity to attend the STTI Bi-ennial convention held in Baltimore, Maryland in November. Also attending from the Eta Upsilon Chapter was Dr. Tracy Wright. Both Tracy and Julie were fortunate to be able to present poster presentations during the convention.

More than 2,000 nurses from around the world met in Baltimore, Maryland to participate in the honor society’s 39th biennial convention, which was themed *Vision to Action: Global Health Through Collaboration*. During the convention, nurses from 33 countries gave 850 original presentations describing research and projects designed to improve worldwide health care by advancing nursing science, practice, education, administration and policy development.

During the convention, STTI Board Members and officers were elected. Those elected to major offices include:

- **President-elect**  
  Karen Morin
- **Vice President**  
  Gwen Sherwood
- **Secretary**  
  Beverly Reigle
- **Treasurer**  
  Richard Ricciardi

Maureen Greene, the current Region 4 Coordinator (Eta Upsilon Chapter is in Region 4), ran unopposed and was re-elected to serve as our Region Coordinator for another 2 year term. Over the past two years, Maureen has been a delight to work with and she has kept members of our region connected and updated via quarterly conference calls. Her enthusiasm has been very welcoming and we are fortunate to have her at the helm for our region.

During the convention, we were able to make great connections with the Winnipeg chapter President and we have many ideas for collaboration that we would like to pursue with them. There was also discussion at the convention about by-law changes, some of which passed and others that did not. Please watch for future updates about these in our next newsletter where we will highlight some of the changes and the proposed changes that did not pass.

Both of us would like to thank the chapter for the opportunity to represent Eta Upsilon at the Biennial convention. We were very proud of our chapter and what we accomplish each and every year. Thank you for allowing us to attend.

*Submitted by: Carma Hanson and Julie Anderson*
**Facts from the Finance Friends ...**

The Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society strives to provide leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. Society members believe that the more nurses we have in health care, and the more knowledgeable they are, the more we can help improve world health.

Certainly, the most valuable resource of Eta Upsilon and all of Sigma Theta Tau is the members. Financial reserves help the leaders and you, as members, to fulfill our mission and conduct chapter activities.

The financial picture for Eta Upsilon is reasonably solid, though as is true for all non-profit organizations, we will always strive to maintain support and to encourage growth in our chapter. Perhaps a bit of review and/or insight on our assets, plans, & goals will be interesting to you.

**The Heyse-Cory Endowment.** In 1985, a Margaret Heyse Cory Lectureship was established through funds donated from a 1966 UND College of Nursing graduate, Nadine Nelson. Dr. Cory was a nurse leader with a distinguished career track, which culminated as a Dean for UND’s CON from 1956 - 1975. The initial contribution started an annual “lectureship” - whereby regional or national leaders would come to campus to discuss issues and concerns relevant to the nursing profession. In 2003, the Eta Upsilon chapter orchestrated a significant fund drive, which created an endowment to support the lectureship.

**The Eta Upsilon Chapter Endowment for Scholarships.** This Endowment was also created from funds raised in a vigorous campaign in 2003. As nursing research is a major mission of Eta Upsilon and STTI, this fund is meant to support research grants, consistent with this important mission.

At any time, people are encouraged to make additional contributions to these important funds, either with a direct or deferred gift arrangement. Donations can be designated to either the 1) general account, 2) the Heyse Cory Lectureship, 3) the Chapter Endowment for Scholarships, or 4) for sponsoring new members. Please see the contribution form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Currently, both of these Endowments partially support the Lectureship and Research award commitment. For more information on making a donation, please contact Cheryl Staaf at email

*Cheryl Staufenecker, Finance Chair*
Please continue to help us fund the work of our organization with a contribution to the Eta Upsilon Chapter of STTI, by completing the following and mailing to the address below:

This year I would like to be a

_____ Silver Contributor (up to $99.00)
_____ Gold Contributor ($100 - $249)
_____ Pearl Contributor ($250 - $499)
_____ Diamond Contributor ($500 - $1000)
_____ Sapphire Contributor (above $1000)

Please use this year's contribution for:

_____ Chapter Endowment for Scholarships (#46767)
_____ Heyse Cory Lectureship Endowment (#69015)
_____ Sponsoring new members with financial needs
_____ Eta Upsilon operating expenses
_____ Other _____________

Name __________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

Phone ______________________ E-mail _____________________________

Please enclose this form with our tax-deductible contribution to

Eta Upsilon Finance Chair
UND College Of Nursing
430 Oxford St, Stop 9025
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9025

THANK YOU!

Cherly Stauffenecker, Finance Chair
Eta Upsilon
Greetings!
From the Research Committee Chair

Winter season is here and as usual it is time to inform you all about the Eta Upsilon Chapter Research Grant. We will start accepting applications on March 3rd 2008. The deadline to accept for applications is March 31st 2008 at 5:00 PM. Two $1000 grants will be awarded. See the Eta Upsilon Chapter website for a copy of the application form:
http://www.und.edu/org/sttnursing/GrantApplicationform.pdf

If any members of the community are interested in joining our committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hope to hear from you!

Nuananong “Lek” Seal
Research Committee Chair

Food for Thought

- Have you been to the STTI website? Check it out at www.nursingsociety.org You’ll find helpful information regarding the formation and ongoing mission of STTI, etc. Our local chapter website can be found on the UND website.
- Look for more details regarding our upcoming winter membership meeting. It should happen in late January or early February.
- Thoughts regarding a mentorship program are being explored. Stay tuned for more details.

Please watch for more information to be sent our via email regarding Membership Meeting to be held in early February.

2007 Fall Inductees

Undergraduates
Blair-Melton, Wendy
Bonk, Rachel
Brandt, Myles
Brodeur, Amanda
Brooks, Sarah
Grosz, Cassidy
Heitkamp, Brooke
Holte, Natalee
Horner, Bradley
Hynek, Lynne
Kania, Kristin
Kibot, Linda
Klabunde, Jenna
Kraft, Kaily
Krivarchka, Jillian
Lembke, Erin
Luico, Ismelda
Orchard, Amy
Payne, Suzanne
Satrom Shelby
Saylor, Jessica
Smith, Ashley
Soper, Megan
Stevens, Jessica
Stoltman, Brittany
Traynor, Cassandra
Vold, Jessica
Volesky, Alicia
Wolf, Elizabeth
Zafke, Angela

Graduates
Goeddertz, Brenda

Transfers Member
Norrell, Maggie
Sigma Theta Tau International  
Eta Upsilon Chapter  
2008 Awards & Scholarship Information

Nominations and applications are now being accepted for the following 2008 awards and scholarships. The deadline for all submissions is March 15, 2008 to allow for adequate time to review and notify the award recipients. Please refer to the attached forms for specific criteria for each award/scholarship. Listed below are some of the individuals who have previously received the awards.

**Excellence in Nursing.** This award rotates between Nursing Practice, Research, Leadership, and Education. Previous recipients include Diane Langemo (Research-1989); Judith Euller (Education-1993); Helene Kahlstorf (Practice-1994); Patricia Vermeersch (Research-1995); Lois Ustanko (Leadership-1996); Helen Melland (Education-1997); Susan Goebel (Practice-1998); Susan Henly (Research-1999); Debbie Swanson (Leadership-2000); Cindy Anderson (Education-2001); Kim Haug (Practice-2002); Glenda Lindseth (Research-2003); Roxanne Hurley (Leadership-2004); Darlene Hanson (Education-2005); Carma Hanson (Practice-2006) and Bette Ide (Research-2007).

**Outstanding Undergraduate Student.** This award is given to an undergraduate student with at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrating outstanding performance. Previous recipients include Lisa Ellefson (1992); Carol Hirschkorn (1994); Kimberly Nutz (1996); Tami Siewinski (1997); Elizabeth Miller (1998); Jennifer Dukart (1999); Sandy Becker (2000); Maria Rosa (2001); Andrea Bartholomay (2002); Megan Geiszler (2003); Brittany Grzadzielewski (2004); Jennifer Gauderman (2005); Melanie Mutnansky (2006); and Crystal Dazell (2007).

**Outstanding Graduate Student.** This award is given to a graduate student with at least a 3.5 GPA and demonstrating outstanding performance. Previous recipients include Colleen Holzwarth (1992); Loretta Heuer (1994); Mary Lynn Eaglestaff (1996); Polly Dunn (1997); Karen Semmens (1999); Nancy McEnroe (2000); Kathleen Schweitzer (2001); Kathy Holt (2002); Heidi Stahl (2003); Kimberly Gregg (2004); Eileen Tabert (2005); Fang Ye (2006) and Tracy Wright (2007).

**Tenth Anniversary Scholarship.** This scholarship was created in 1994 to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Chartering of the chapter. This $250 scholarship is given to a nurse who is returning to UND to obtain a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing. Previous recipients include Julie Anderson (1995); Sherry Burg (1997); Carrie Wise (2000); Candy Homstad and Heidi Stahl (2001); none awarded (2002); Julie Lavelle (2003); none awarded 2004 or 2005; Vanessa Hernandez (2006) and Michelle Cooley (2007).

**Caring Award.** This award was established in 1994 to recognize a STTI member for excellence in nursing as demonstrated by caring. Previous recipients are Barbara Dahlen (1995); Ellen O’Connor (1996); Virginia Esslinger (1997); Liz Tyree (1998); Nancy Klatt (1999); Cec Volden (2000); Pam Engel (2001); Christine Burd (2002); Nancy Joyner (2003); Terrie Jo Wold (2004); Bette Olson (2005); Lois Ustanko (2006) and James Strand (2007).

The chapter awards are a special way to recognize nursing colleagues for their accomplishments and to reward outstanding undergraduate and graduate students.

Please consider nominating someone!
Sigma Theta Tau International Eta Upsilon Chapter

2008 Nomination Form

To nominate an individual, complete this form, attach a paragraph describing how the nominee demonstrates the criteria for the award (include pertinent examples) and return to the address below.

Deadline: March 15, 2008

1 nominate, (Name of nominee)

(Address of nominee)

(City/State/Zip of nominee)

(Phone of nominee)

for the Award.

As indicated in my attached statement, it is my belief that this individual meets the criteria set for this award.

Nominated by:

Name

Address

Phone

Return this completed form, your written statement of support and one additional letter of endorsement and/or support to:

Susan Hunter, Awards and Scholarship Committee
UND College of Nursing
430 Oxford Street, Room 333 Stop 9025
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9025
Phone: 701-777-4533 (work), 701-775-2167 (home)
E-Mail: susanhunter@mail.und.edu
Sigma Theta Tau International  
Eta Upsilon Chapter  

Caring Award  

General Criteria  

1. Sigma Theta Tau International member  
2. Excellence in nursing as demonstrated by caring  
3. Nomination by chapter member  
4. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders.  

Has a fellow Sigma Theta Tau member demonstrated exceptional caring this past year? If so who?
Sigma Theta Tau International  
Eta Upsilon Chapter  

Excellence in Nursing Research Award

General Criteria
1. Sigma Theta Tau International member.
2. Peer/faculty recognition.
3. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders.
4. Vitae

Specific Criteria

Evidence of meeting one or more criteria listed:

1. Conducts distinguished research in nursing
2. Communicates nursing research findings
3. Writes scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research
4. Gives evidence of a history of nursing research activities
5. Encourages research activities within Sigma Theta Tau International, nursing and/or the public.
Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Performance

General Criteria:
1. Sigma Theta Tau International member
2. 3.5 GPA
3. Peer/faculty recognition
4. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders
5. Vitae
6. Has not received award previously

Specific Award Criteria:
Demonstrates outstanding performance in two or more of the following activities: clinical, academic, creative, research, leadership, or community service as evidenced by a number of criteria such as:

a. Excels in communication skills.

b. Carries out projects in a creative manner.

c. Participates in the development of other nursing students.

d. Creates an environment that enhances the image of nursing/nurses.

e. Demonstrates superior preparation and organization consistently.

f. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.

g. Demonstrates sound knowledge base in clinical judgments and practice.

h. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect during practice.

i. Receives local, state, or national recognition as a nursing leader.

j. Demonstrates wellrounded interests and potential for future contributions to the profession.

k. Participates in nursing research.

l. Creates publishable materials.
Sigma Theta Tau International
Eta Upsilon Chapter
10th Anniversary Scholarship
$250.00

General Criteria:

1. LPN or RN who is attending the UND College of Nursing to obtain a baccalaureate or master's degree in nursing (membership in STTI not required).
2. Commitment to scholarly endeavors
3. Demonstrated commitment to professional goals
4. Demonstrated commitment to scholarship and leadership
5. Nomination by chapter member

Application is to include:

1. A short essay which addresses:
   a. Scholarship and leadership abilities
   b. Future goals and plans
   c. Role of professional organizations in nursing and in applicant's personal goals
2. Transcript of all academic work
3. Two letters of endorsement and or support from nursing and/or community leaders.
Sigma Theta Tau International  
Eta Upsilon Chapter  

Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Performance  

General Criteria:  
1. Sigma Theta Tau International member  
2. Peer\Faculty recognition  
3. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders.  
4. 3.0 GPA  
5. Has not received award previously  

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g. Demonstrates sound knowledge base in clinical judgments and practice.  
h. Participates in CON or other preprofessional organizations that affect nursing practice.  
i. Recognized as a nursing leader within College and/or University.  
j. Demonstrates wellrounded interests and potential for future contributions to the profession.