

EDITORIAL

In assuming the responsibility of editorship of *Nursing Papers*, I am committing myself to a major challenge, a challenge which must be shared by all nurse researchers in Canada. More than ever we need a refereed journal of research in order to remain in the mainstream of academic and nursing scholarship. *Nursing Papers* has served and will continue to serve this need. However, in times of economic restraint, the publication of a journal presents a substantial financial burden. *Nursing Papers* is not self-supporting by its subscriptions, and solving the deficit problem has been accomplished in the past by recruiting sponsored issues from other universities. While this approach has worked well, it also creates organizational and time-lapse problems. Some accepted papers are put on hold for long periods and authors understandably become annoyed. New solutions must be found in order to finance the journal and assure a well-run refereed process.

In addition to monetary concerns, the cost of excellence must also be addressed. Research in nursing has changed dramatically over the past 10 to 15 years both in quantity and quality. The level of scientific enquiry has advanced. An in-depth analysis of these changes is now underway in order to provide a basis for ensuring the quality of papers published. Standards of excellence must be maintained and reflect current trends in nursing research.

In order to build on the already established foundation of *Nursing Papers*, a number of developments must be considered. The challenge of continued development is currently being addressed and proposals will be reported as they are refined. An editorial board has been appointed and will meet regularly throughout the next three years. I look forward to working with Peggy-Anne Field, Marian McGee and Marie-France Thibaudeau, associate editors of *Nursing Papers*, as together we plan for the future.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Moyra Allen who has acted as editor of the journal since 1969. In her enthusiastic and energetic work she has left us a solid legacy upon which to continue. In addition, we wish to thank Dr. Peggy Anne Field for her important role in promoting and supporting the journal. The universities which have sponsored several issues of *Nursing Papers* and CAUSN which in policy and financial aid has contributed to the success of the journal also deserve special thanks. Finally, we wish to acknowledge the Canadian Nurses Association for its encouragement and foresight

as outlined in its recent publication *The Research Imperative for Nursing in Canada: A 5-Year Plan Towards Year 2000* (1984). This show of Canadian support for *Nursing Papers* will certainly help to promote the journal to new levels of scholarship and distribution. We look forward to the future success of all nurse researchers and the publication of their work in *Nursing Papers*.

Mary Ellen Jeans

ERRATUM

Summer 1984 issue (Vol. 16, No. 2) "Codes and Coping: A Nursing Tribute to Northrop Frye" by Rebecca Hagey.

p. 19, 6th line should read: not really be put into words and
therefore has to suffice in metaphoric . . .

p. 21, 28th line should read: it does not matter . . .

p. 26, 8th line should read: . . . units or polities with . . .
6th line from bottom should read: . . . are not particulate
representations of a single
value or thought . . .

ÉDITORIAL

En assumant la responsabilité de rédactrice en chef de *Perspectives en nursing*, je m'engage à relever un défi de taille, un défi qui doit être partagé par tous les chercheurs infirmiers au Canada. Plus que jamais, nous avons besoin d'une revue spécialisée en recherche et dotée d'un comité de lecture afin de demeurer dans le courant principal de la vie universitaire et infirmière. *Perspectives en nursing* a joué ce rôle dans le passé et entend poursuivre sa vocation. Toutefois, à une époque de restrictions économiques, la publication d'une revue spécialisée constitue une charge financière importante. *Perspectives en nursing* ne peut subvenir à ses besoins uniquement par ses abonnements; dans le passé on a résolu le problème du déficit budgétaire en invitant des universités à commanditer certains numéros. Bien que fort satisfaisante, cette démarche a créé des problèmes d'organisation et d'échéancier. Certains articles, une fois acceptés, ont dû être mis en veilleuse pendant de longues périodes; leurs auteurs, à juste titre, en ont été contrariés. Nous devons donc trouver de nouvelles solutions de financement et assurer à la revue une démarche de révision bien rodée.

En plus de nos préoccupations budgétaires, nous devons nous pencher aussi sur le coût de l'excellence. Les recherches en sciences infirmières ont évolué d'une façon spectaculaire au cours des 10 à 15 dernières années, tant sur le plan de la quantité que sur celui de la qualité. La qualité de l'interrogation scientifique a progressé. Une analyse approfondie de ces changements est actuellement en cours afin d'établir une base qui permettra d'assurer la qualité des articles publiés. Les normes d'excellence doivent être maintenues et elles doivent refléter les tendances actuelles des recherches en sciences infirmières.

Pour consolider les bases déjà bien établies de *Perspectives en nursing*, il faut envisager un certain nombre d'actions progressives. On se penche actuellement sur le défi que pose la recherche du progrès; on fera part aux lecteurs de diverses propositions au fur et à mesure de leur mise au point. Un conseil de rédaction a été constitué et il se réunira régulièrement au cours des trois prochaines années. Je me réjouis déjà de travailler avec Mesdames Peggy-Anne Field, Marian McGee et Marie-France Thibaudeau, rédactrices adjointes, dans le cadre de notre planification de l'avenir de *Perspectives en nursing*.

Nous tenons à exprimer nos sincères remerciements à Mme Moyra Allen, rédactrice en chef de la revue depuis 1969. Par son travail enthousiaste et énergique, elle nous a laissé une base solide sur laquelle nous pourrions bâtir l'avenir de notre revue. En outre, nous tenons à

remercier Mme Peggy-Anne Field de son rôle important dans la promotion de la revue. Les universités qui ont commandité plusieurs numéros de *Perspectives en nursing*, et l'Association canadienne des écoles universitaires de nursing qui a contribué au succès de notre revue par son appui sur le plan politique et financier, méritent également toute notre reconnaissance. Enfin, nous exprimons notre gratitude à l'Association des infirmières et infirmiers du Canada pour son encouragement et sa vision avertie, comme en témoigne sa publication récente: *Les impératifs de la recherche infirmière au Canada: un plan quinquennal vers l'an 2000* (1984). Cette manifestation d'un appui canadien à *Perspectives en nursing* contribuera certainement à élever la revue vers de nouveaux sommets d'excellence et à étendre sa diffusion. Nous nous réjouissons déjà des succès futurs de tous les chercheurs infirmiers et de la publication de leurs travaux dans *Perspectives en nursing*.

Mary Ellen Jeans

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TRIBUTE TO MOYRA ALLEN
EDITOR, NURSING PAPERS 1969-1984

In April 1969 the first issue of *Nursing Papers* appeared, the result of the vision and forethought of Dr. Moyra Allen. This first issue was a slim volume of 16 pages containing two articles, both related to nursing education. One addressed the issue of learning to nurse patients in labour; the second evaluative research in nursing education. Both articles reflected Dr. Allen's goals for the paper.

In the first editorial Dr. Allen spoke of the need for facilitative communication among university schools of nursing in Canada and saw this as the major purpose of the new journal. While it had its origin at McGill University, from the beginning papers were solicited from nurse scholars across Canada. Dr. Allen identified the purpose of the journal as being "to provide a medium for assessing problems, for posing questions and for describing ideas and plans of actions by persons concerned with nursing education in our universities."

One of the major concerns of those who produced *Nursing Papers* was financing. The alumni of McGill School of Nursing provided consistent support as did National CAUSN. The regions of CAUSN added their financial contributions. Western Region CAUSN made a subscription to the journal a part of the annual membership fee. This example was followed by the Atlantic region. In these ways the universities supported Dr. Allen's belief in the need for a scholarly journal in Canada.

Her goal of making *Nursing Papers* national in nature took its first step forward when in July 1972 the University of Western Ontario sponsored an issue. The papers were written by faculty members of the university, and Western Ontario also provided financial sponsorship. The following year the University of Toronto sponsored an issue and in the Winter of 1976-77 all the papers were published in French as the Université de Montréal took its turn. Today articles are published in French or English, with an abstract in the alternate language being provided in the same issue. The journal has truly become a reflection of Canadian scholarship.

Dr. Allen was seen at most National CAUSN meetings over the years promoting *Nursing Papers* and soliciting articles and subscriptions. Each university had an Ambassador (later called an Editorial Representative). The function of the ambassadors was to publicize the existence of *Nursing Papers* and to encourage faculty interest. Since 1978 the names of the Editorial Representatives and of the members of the Review Board have been published so readers can recognize the representative in their university.

The content of the journal has also changed over the years. When Dr. Allen sought a Canada Council Grant in 1977 the request was turned down as less than half the articles were related to research. In the Fall issue of 1981 the journal turned the corner when over half of the articles were research based. The primary emphasis on research has increased since that time. Another interesting feature has been the responses to articles. These are solicited critiques. The purpose of the critiques is to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a particular piece of research. This approach helps in the development of improved research methodology.

As the research content has increased so have the subscriptions. The mailing list shows that the journal is being purchased by hospitals, health agencies and diploma schools of nursing as well as by university libraries and individual nurses in Canada and abroad.

For 15 years Dr. Allen has guided *Nursing Papers* as its Editor. She had a vision which she made into a reality. She guided the journal through its childhood into its adolescence. For two years, during a period when The University of Alberta co-sponsored the publication, I had the privilege of working with her as co-editor. She was willing to listen and to accept new ideas. She taught me a great deal about scholarly writing and publication. While Dr. Allen has made many contributions to Canadian nursing, the establishment of *Nursing Papers*, as a medium for the exchange of ideas, is among the major contributions for scholars in university schools of nursing. The journal will miss her vision and her dedication to scholarly excellence, but she has provided us with a solid base from which we can continue to build toward a widely circulated and accepted journal. For this we thank you, Moyra. The journal will miss your wisdom and enthusiasm, but its continued development will be the memorial to the work that you have begun.

Peggy-Anne Field

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HOMMAGE À MOYRA ALLEN

Ce texte constitue un hommage au Docteur Moyra Allen, pour la valeur de sa contribution éclairée et soutenue à l'avancement des sciences infirmières.

Parmi ses nombreuses initiatives professionnelles durant sa longue et dévouée carrière, j'insiste de façon toute spéciale sur la création de notre revue *Nursing Papers/Perspectives en nursing* dont le premier numéro paraissait en 1969. Depuis ce temps, en sa qualité de rédactrice en chef, Madame Allen a su oeuvrer avec beaucoup de compétence à l'essor constant de la revue.

Docteur Allen, j'écris cette page face à tous les numéros de *Perspectives en nursing* jusqu'à maintenant. Vous avez favorisé l'expression de tant de questions stimulantes, de nouvelles pistes de réflexions, de débats, de controverses, de diffusion de résultats de recherches dans les domaines de la pratique, la formation et l'administration en sciences infirmières! Comme vous devez être fière du calibre de la revue en constante et ascendante évolution malgré les diverses contraintes!

Dans sa recherche d'excellence, le monde infirmier de l'écriture universitaire au Canada, tant francophone qu'anglophone, vous doit et vous exprime sa profonde gratitude pour ce forum d'expression académique que lui permet votre initiative majeure dans notre contexte.

Veuillez accepter, Madame Allen, de la part de *Nursing Papers/Perspectives en nursing* (et je me permets de souligner la voix de l'Université de Montréal) l'expression de nos vœux les meilleurs à l'occasion de votre départ dans un nouveau tournant de vie.

Recevez le sens profond de cet hommage écrit sincèrement, sens qui s'emplifie lorsqu'il dépasse la limite des mots.

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