

Editorial

For three years, *Nursing Papers*' "ambassadors" have met during the annual C.A.U.S.N. meetings. These meetings enable members of the editorial board to offer and receive ideas and suggestions for *Nursing Papers*. Our June meeting in Toronto dealt with several topics which we would like to share with our readers.

Our greatest concern was to encourage the writing of more articles. Schools which in the past have taken on the responsibility of an entire issue, indicated this commitment often provided impetus for members to start writing. Another means found valuable by some faculties to assist members unsure of their writing ability, was to obtain part-time editorial help from persons on their campuses.

In discussing ideas for future issues, many interesting themes were suggested such as accreditation, evaluation of students, etc. Some ambassadors felt the area of nursing care has been under-represented in papers submitted. We would note that a new alternative to the submission of full articles is the column *Query and Theory*, an ideal forum for readers wishing to pose a question on teaching, research or nursing care for our panel of experts across Canada.

The news that all members of the Western Region will now subscribe to *Nursing Papers* as part of their C.A.U.S.N. dues was indeed gratifying. Equally heartening are indications that articles from this journal are appearing more frequently on student bibliographies, and that more schools have made articles the foci for faculty discussions.

There seemed to be some confusion about student contributions to *Nursing Papers*. The journal does have a policy of not accepting articles written by students; however, we welcome questions and comments from all our readers in the *Query and Theory* column as well as among the letters to the editor.

Our meeting was brief, but we feel much was accomplished. We hope that those of you on nursing faculties in Canada continue to approach your ambassadors with suggestions or questions for *Nursing Papers* in order to help this journal best meet the needs of us all.