Dr. Kelly To Keynote Twenty-Third Biennial

One of the nation’s most accomplished nurses will keynote Sigma Theta Tau's October 24 & 25 Biennial Convention. The keynote address will follow a day of exciting and timely action sessions to orient and charge participants with Sigma Theta Tau responsibilities and opportunities.

With the choice of Lucie Young Kelly, Ph.D., Eta Chapter, as keynoter, the Program Committee confirmed plans to stimulate needed nursing leadership through an “Avenues for Action” program designed for membership participation.

Dr. Kelly is Program Director/Patient Education, Office of Consumer Health Education, College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Dr. Kelly simultaneously holds the rank of Adjunct Associate Professor in Community Medicine at the CMDNJ/Rutgers Medical School. Immediately preceding her current position, Dr. Kelly was co-Director of the NLN Open Curriculum Project, taught a doctoral seminar at Teachers’ College, Columbia University and completed the third edition of her book, Dimensions of Professional Nursing. Her nursing practice and participation in professional organizations has been varied and comprehensive.

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Margaret is on the Awards Committee of California League and has been active on committee and offices including Faculty Advisor for Alpha Gamma Chapter. Prior to appointment to Educational Development Committee she served as Secretary of National Research Fund Committee.

Northeastern Region
Janet F. Brown, Theta Chapter represents the Northeastern Region and is an Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Kansas, Kansas City, Kansas.

She is a graduate of Union Hospital School of Nursing, New Ulm, Minnesota, and has a M. Ed. from the University of Minnesota.

Lily is a member of the ANA Executive Council of Nursing Practice and is a Counselor and past president of Delta Chapter. In addition to her membership on the Educational Development Committee, she is National Second Vice President responsible for overseeing petitioning schools in the developmental stages for chartering.

Southeastern Region
Patricia Ann Chamings, Iota Chapter represents chapters in the Southeastern Region. Pat is an Assistant Professor, Medical-Surgical Nursing at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tennessee. Pat holds a B.S. from the University of Florida College of Nursing, Gainesville and is currently a doctoral candidate at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

Pat is a past president of both Alpha Theta and Iota Chapters and served on the National Task Force on Financial Structure prior to appointment to the National Educational Development Committee.

SOUTHERN REGION

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Chairperson - Educational Development Committee
Rebecca T. Markel, Alpha Chapter, elected first Chairperson of the Educational Development Committee, is Assistant Professor, Pediatric Nursing, Graduate Program, Indiana University School of Nursing, Indianapolis. Becky is a graduate of Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Cincinnati, and holds the M.S.N. from Indiana University. In addition to teaching responsibilities she is a member of the Executive Council of Indiana University Alumni Association and an advisor to International students at U. I. School of Nursing.

Becky is active in Alpha Chapter, currently serving as Counselor. Prior to appointment to Educational Development Committee, she was the local Program Chairman for the 22nd National Biennial Convention.

Great Lakes Region
Lillian M. Pierce, Ph.D., Epsilon Chapter, is the Great Lakes representative, her ABD is from The Ohio State University-Columbus. Lillian is a professor of nursing and Project Director for Research Development, Capital University School of Nursing, Columbus, Ohio, and is the Chairman of the Ohio Assembly of Nurse Researchers. In addition to Offices and Committee membership in Epsilon Chapter, Lillian is the past Chairman of Sigma Theta Tau's National Research Fund Committee.

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### Plains Region
Lily Larson, Delta Chapter, representative of the Plains Region, is an Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Kansas, Kansas City, Kansas. She is a graduate of Union Hospital School of Nursing, New Ulm, Minnesota, and has a M.Ed. from the University of Minnesota.

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### Northeastern Region
Janet P. Brown, Theta Chapter, represents the Northeastern Region and is an Associate Professor, School of Nursing at the University of Vermont School of Nursing where she is the R.N. Coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program and is also Coordinator of Continuing Education Programs at the Visiting Nurses Association, Burlington, Vermont.

Janet, who is a graduate of Cornell University School of Nursing, New York, has her M.S. from Boston University School of Nursing.

Janet's activities in Theta Chapter have included serving as President, Treasurer and Bylaws Committee member. Prior to her appointment to the Educational Development Committee, she had served on the National Nominating Committee.

### Southern Region
Patricia Ann Chamings, Iota Chapter, represents chapters in the Southern Region. Pat is an Assistant Professor, Medical-Surgical Nursing at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tennessee. She holds her M.N. from the University of Florida College of Nursing, Gainesville and is currently a doctoral candidate at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

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### Great Lakes Region Chapters
National Headquarters Established

Sigma Theta Tau centralized its administrative functions, for the first time in late 1973, when the National Headquarters opened in the lovely new School of Nursing building at Indiana University, Indianapolis. Headquarters, located on the first floor, includes offices of the Executive Officer, Nell Watts, and secretarial staff. Alpha Chapter was founded in 1922 by six Indiana University students of nursing and the new School of Nursing building is viewed as an appropriate home for the National organization which in fifty years has grown to 65 chapters with the induction of approximately 25,000 members.

Research Fund Committee

Sigma Theta Tau is actively involved in encouraging qualified nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing through funding research. To support research a national fund is maintained.

Applicants for awards are required to have received formal preparation for research at the graduate level, have a well defined research project pertinent to nursing and be approved or certified as doctoral candidates if doctoral students.

Allocation of funds is based on the quality of the proposed research, the past performance and future promise of the applicant and the research budget. More than 75 awards have been made since the program was initiated in 1936.

The allocation of funds is determined by the Research Fund Committee and the National Treasurer.

The Research Fund Committee consists of five elected members with earned doctorates who have had experience in research. The current members are: Dr. Shirley Smoyak, Alpha Tau Chapter, Chairperson; Dr. Margery Duffy, Delta Chapter; Dr. Laurie Gunter, Alpha Chapter; Dr. Loretta Heidgerken, Kappa Chapter; Dr. Ingeborg Mauksch, Alpha Iota Chapter.

Dr. Shirley S. Chater to Keynote NLN Convention

Dr. Shirley S. Chater, Alpha Eta Chapter, will keynote NLN's "Operation Update" Convention, May 18th, 1975, in New Orleans. Dr. Chater is Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of California's San Francisco Campus, she holds the first such post to be assigned to a nurse-educator. With her appointment in August, she assumed key responsibility for planning for all health sciences, and also for direction of UCSF's Affirmative Action program to recruit minorities (including women).