

NCCU's Nursing Program Strives To Increase Nurses

By Donald Alderman
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Passing rates of North Carolina Central University nursing program graduates who took July's state nursing exam is improvement of the best kind.

In one year, the number of NCCU nursing graduates taking the exam soared from a dismal 17.9% to nearly 60%.

While not completely satisfied, the chief nursing program administrator at NCCU said a significant improvement in exam results was expected.

"They (the exam results) reflect our new program and other things we've put in place," said Dr. Johna Kelley, head of NCCU's nursing department. "We anticipated an (passing rate) increase."

Thirteen of 22 NCCU nursing graduates passed the exam, the first class to graduate under the new competency based program.

She attributes the success to the adoption of a Competency Based Education (CBE) program which had been in development since 1979.

The CBE program included instituting a new curriculum, more stringent admissions criteria, required participation in the Chairman's Case Study and Enrichment Seminars, and frequent exams designed to monitor student performance.

Dr. Kelley said the mandate by the UNC Board of Governors does not allow for the progress of students in the new program to be examined.

"The mandate, while an incentive and challenge, has been psychologically damaging and devastating to the students. The undue pressure on the faculty and students has at times interfered with productivity. Despite the pressures, we have made great strides toward meeting the mandate," said Dr. Kelley.

In 1977, the Board said the program was discontinued if 66% of the graduates did not pass the nursing exam this year, and 75% by 1983.

The Board may render a decision by November on NCCU's request that the mandate be extended to allow the new program's effect to be examined.

Dr. Kelley is cautiously optimistic that the nursing program will continue to be funded, despite slightly missing the Board's required passing percentage. She

cited the shortage of nurses and community support as reasons.

Although admissions criteria are more stringent, the school has not abandoned its mission of providing minorities a nursing education.

Dr. Kelley said: "All of our efforts have been and still are directed toward increasing the number of minority nurses in the health care workforce."

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An Adventure WITH Vegetables

NOTE TO PARENTS: "How can I get my child to eat vegetables?" is a common lament from parents. One answer, according to cooking school instructors, is to encourage children to take part in the preparation—or in the growing, if you have a garden. Turning the cooking or raising of vegetables into an adventure usually improves appetites immensely!

This recipe for Savory Sunny Broccoli has been designed by the Kraft Kitchens. It is sure to become popular because the high-nutrient broccoli is combined with a favorite dish of children—macaroni and cheese. Water chestnuts are also added for fun and for crunch.

The recipe is divided into steps, so that adults and children can cook together.

SAVORY SUNNY BROCCOLI

- Shop together the day before for your ingredients. You will need: 1 package (7½ oz.) KRAFT Macaroni and Cheese Dinner, 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli, 1 can (8½ oz.) water chestnuts, 1 tomato, margarine, milk, and onion salt.
- Following directions on broccoli package, place frozen broccoli in a small amount of boiling salted water in a saucepan. Cover and cook as directed, just until tender. Drain.
- Measure 6 cups water into a large pan. Add 1 teaspoon salt.
- Heat water to boiling. Add macaroni from box. Stir. Boil

- rapidly, stirring occasionally, 7 to 10 minutes or to desired tenderness.
- Meanwhile, open can of water chestnuts; drain.
- Cut water chestnuts in half.
- Drain off water from macaroni as soon as it is done; return to pan.
- Add the following to the macaroni: ¼ cup margarine, ½ cup milk, and cheese sauce mix from the box. Mix well.
- Stir in drained broccoli, halved water chestnuts, and ½ teaspoon onion salt. Mix well. Heat thoroughly, stirring occasionally. Spoon into serving dish.
- Cut 1 tomato into wedges. Arrange on top of macaroni-broccoli mixture. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings



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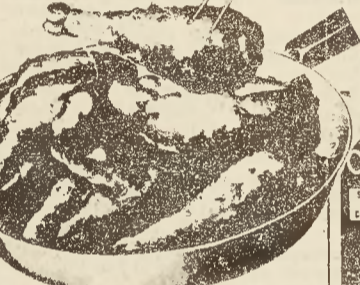
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Fayetteville Happenings

By Mrs. T.H. Kinney

The weekend in Fayetteville began on Friday evening past when Zetas and friends gathered at the home of Chancellor and Mrs. Charles Lyons to welcome Mrs. Willa Bengé of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Bengé is director of Minority Affairs for the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company. She was the workshop leader for her sorors while here on Saturday. She held the attention of her sorors for over an hour before moving on for another TV appointment and engagement. And finally, on Saturday night, she was the keynote speaker at the Sickle Cell Banquet. She had much to say, she knew how to say it and she said it. She travels extensively across the country communicating with grace, facility and exhibits much understanding for others.

Singer Archie Dennis of Pittsburgh, Pa., will speak at the Eastern North Carolina Regional Convention of the Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International on October 15-17 at the Bordeaux Motor Inn. Dennis is a former member of the Roberta Martin Singers of Chicago and will also present musical selections at various times during the convention.

Chris Jordan of Rocky Mount will speak for the Breakfast meeting at the BBQ Lodge on Hope Mills Road.

Members of La Madrinna Toastmistress Club enjoyed a mini-workshop on Monday night. All members participated. President Loritha Thompson presided.

Dr. Morris Blount of Fayetteville State University is among those who are expected to attend the 11th Annual State Mathematics Conference at Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem on September 25-26.

Dr. Georgia W. Bowser, who attended and taught in Fayetteville City Schools, has been appointed acting chairman of the Department of Business Administration at North Carolina A&T State University. Dr. Bowser has been an associate professor at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, and taught at Durham College.

Fourteen officers and their ladies were welcomed to the John F. Kennedy Center during a "Hail and Farewell" party Friday at the Officers Wives' Club annex on Butler Road. Food was enjoyed buffet style with colorful island decorations in the theme of "Luau".

Women's Day celebration will be held Sunday at Evans at 10:55 a.m.

Revival meeting was held nightly 7:30 p.m. at John Wesley United Methodist Church.

Rev. C.C. Ray spoke at Lewis Chapel Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Thompson presided at the Monday meeting of La Madrinna Toastmistress Club. A mini-workshop was held on the "Handbook" and other facts about the club, council, region and international levels. Ms. Frye gave the delegate's report. The Council Newsletter was distributed.

Mrs. Charissa Davis, of Johnson City, Tennessee, visited her mother here recently.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Nora McClain in the death of her sister, Mrs. Rose McCormick Morgan of Wadesboro. Mrs. Morgan was funeralized at Kester Chapel in Wadesboro on Tuesday.

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