

Students Question Board

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The excess emphasis being placed on "passing the board" before we can become Registered Nurses brings many questions and thoughts to my mind.

What should be the role of the School of Nursing in preparing us to become registered nurses? Is it to provide us with a set of skills that we can use to become lucky and help us to win the game of "pick the right answers and win?" Or is it to provide us with experiences that enable us to develop essential competencies for functioning in the real world of the health care system.

We attend classes for four years, receiving basic facts, concepts, and principles; we have three years or clinical experience; we have experiences in problem solving and decision making, setting priorities, discovering processes and relationships.

Our curriculum is not only biologically oriented, but sociologically and psychologically as well. Our evaluations are not based on the memory of didactics, but our ability to apply facts and principles to real life situations.

If we are able to accomplish the goals and objectives upon which the school's curriculum is based, is it then fair that we have to also undergo, and pass two days of testing before we can become registered nurses? Are these exams more qualified to measure our capabilities than the criteria used by the individual schools?

A school that is accredited

should be allowed to determine a student's readiness for licensing. It is not left up to us whether we may or may not take the exam. But just think, is anything really left up to us?

Some students in the Nursing department commented, anonymously, on the subject during recent questioning.

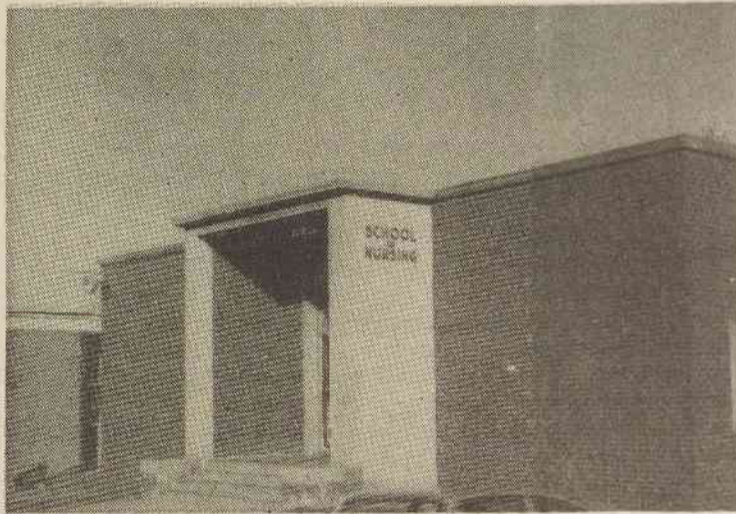
"I feel that State Board Exams should be abolished," one student said, "because it doesn't measure one's ability to be a good nurse."

Another agreed, saying that the furor caused by the State Board Exam scores has not decreased her desire to practice nursing, but rather "makes me want to go on, study much harder and do my

best to pass it."

"I realize that the percentage of our students who pass the board is low in comparison to some other schools," a graduating nursing major said. "But that's because of a number of factors. We are predominantly black, and 'blackness' to many people in society is perceived as inferior.... Consideration is not as often given to the educational and economic disadvantages imposed upon us as a result of discriminatory practices, as is given the need for justice as well as equality."

"Those who enjoy stigmatizing us, can help by cooperating and donating funds to modernize our facility, hire more faculty and buy new equipment," she said.



Nursing School future is debatable.

No of Graduates and Licensure results by class and

Grad. Licensured

Year	Graduates	Licensured
1957	11	9
1958	6	6
1959	25	23
1960	22	18
1961	36	31
1962	19	19
1963	23	22
1964	14	13
1965	12	12
1966	18	18
1967	10	10
1968	21	21
1969	15	15
1970	17	17
1971	16	16
1972	15	10
1973	20	19
1974	23	17
1975	31	16
Total	354	312
Total not licensured		42
25 of this 42 have taken the exam only one time.		

Range of SAT Scores for students currently enrolled by class including average score

Class	Range of Score	Average
Freshmen	600-1342	741.3
Sophomore	475-1110	665.5
Junior	590-1176	672.6
Senior	660-1507	709.5

We have 281 students enrolled in the program as described below:

240 black students & 41 white students
26 of the 281 students are registered nurses
15 are part-time students.

Memory of A Great Black Man

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a Baptist minister, led a Negro movement to end racial segregation in the United States. In the 1950's and 1960's, King organized protest parades and other peaceful demonstrations as part of his "passive resistance" program.

King won a victory in Birmingham, Alabam, revealed his dream from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and visited

Oslo and Stockholm to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 10, 1964.

He had four children; Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King, Yolande Denise King and Bernice King. He was married to Coretta Scott King. King was born in Atlanta, Ga. He was killed on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn.

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Black History Week Calendar

A holiday is fastly approaching and many plans for it must be made. Any celebration that commemorates our past must be a great one. Therefore, we are preparing to do our celebrating in a grand manner.

Can we do justice to over a million years of history in just a week? I think so. The Student Government Association along with various other organizations has prepared a historic, cultural and social feast for the people we love; our fellow students.

A THOUGHT

"We have transcended through ages, from the earliest man. Yes, we were the first. Therefore through our mutual efforts we shall prove that we are the best. Let us look back and move ahead."

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 8 7:00 p.m. Kenneth Williams Auditorium:

BLACK RELIGION

"WSSU Youth For Christ Choir"
Rev. Quincey Caldwell and
"The MIGHTY WONDERS"

Monday, February 9

CULTURE

African displays
Student Poetry
Drama
Rap Session (Say what you feel, the way you want)

Tuesday, February 10

POLITICS

Lawyers
Politicians

+8:00 p.m. Hill Hall Lecture Room SGA proudly presents the multimillion dollar making movie:

(FREE) (FREE)

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Wednesday February 11

HISTORY

+8:00 p.m. Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium
(FREE - FREE - FREE)

The reknowned Black Shakesperian actor and Hollywood star William Marshall. Mr. Marshall has appeared in such movies as Othello and played the star role in the movie BLACULA. Bro. Marshall will perform the role of Frederick Douglass in

"AN EVENING WITH FREDERICK DOUGLASS"

Thursday February 12

TALENT SHOW sponsored by Student Activities Committee

Friday February 13

ATHELETIC TESTIMONIAL

for W.S.S.U. Athletes

Saturday February 14

MANDRILL

Benton Convention Center

10 - 2 A.M.

Admission \$3.00

Sunday February 8, 1976

Kenneth R. Williams Memorial Auditorium on WSSU Campus at 7:00 p.m. the WSSU Student Government Association presents

"Black Religion"
Featuring
"The Mighty Wonders"

Also appearing will be Rev. Quincy Caldwell and the Youth For Christ Choir. Everyone is invited, a donation of \$1.00 is requested.

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