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The Xi Kappa Chapter-At-Large celebrates its annual fall induction **October 27, 2006 @ 6 PM**. Invited guest speaker is **Dr. Daniel Pesut**. Story below. As a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Our annual fall meeting is an opportunity for members to gather and welcome new inductees of STTI to our Chapter. We also host a guest speaker and this year it is Dr. Daniel Pesut, former president of STTI. Below is information for the evening and click the link to learn more about our guest speaker.

Date: Friday October 27, 2006 @ the NDSU Alumni Center ([map](#))

- 6 PM Registration and social time-connect with friends and members
- 6:15 PM Dessert Bar and seating
- 6:45 PM Speaker
- 7:30 PM Induction to follow speaker
- 8:00 PM Closing remarks and Group photos to follow
- **Cost \$5 for all inductees, \$10 for guests and current chapter members.**
- **Please RSVP: Email either [Jane Lindblad](#) or [Diana Moon](#) or call Lindsay at 218.329.2434.**

Xi Kappa Chapter-At-large is honored to welcome Dr. Dan

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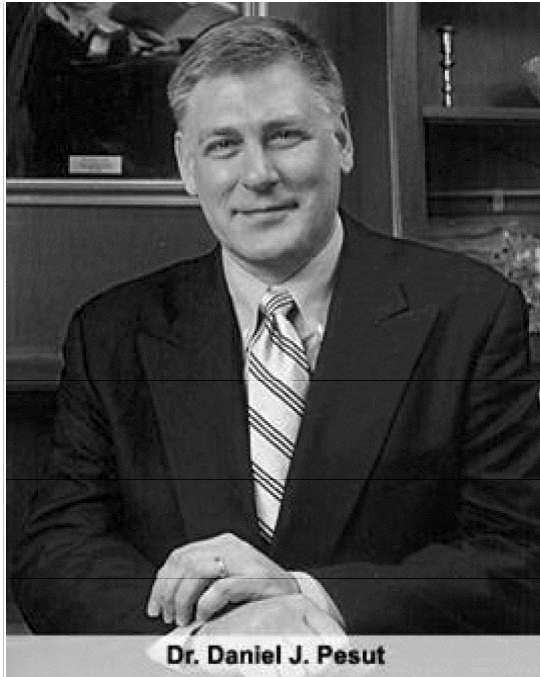
39th Biennial Convention
3-7 November 2007
Baltimore, Md., USA

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Dr. Daniel J. Pesut

HONORED to welcome Dr. Daniel Pesut as the keynote speaker at our annual fall induction. Dr Pesut exemplifies all that STTI honors: an excellence in nursing practice, education, and research. He served as staff nurse in the U.S. Army and worked as a clinical nurse specialist at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research. Dr. Pesut is also past-president of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. He will speak of his term theme: "On Renewal". Please join us for the night.



Membership and Chapter Engagement, by Sara Stetz, Xi Kappa Leadership Succession Chair

Membership in Xi Kappa should be an adjective, not noun!

We would like to encourage members to become more engaged in chapter activities, not only by attending events; but by helping us carry out Xi Kappa's Vision Statement:

"To celebrate nursing excellence by developing and recognizing professional achievement."

There are many opportunities available to members. It may be a short term commitment to complete a special project that interests you. Examples are helping with an induction, an educational program or a service project. However, you will find serving as a board member to be rewarding in a multitude of ways. It is an excellent way to gain leadership skills, but more importantly you will meet people who support you professionally and personally. Serving together with other board members will give you connections that last a lifetime.

Currently, we are looking for members interested in helping with our yearly awards for achievement in the nursing profession and for scholarships on the **Awards' Committee**. This group gathers together to select recipients and recognizes the winners at a chapter event. What a great idea – Nurses Celebrating Nurses! If you are interested in **scrap-booking**, we are looking for a charter member to work together with an archivist to document the chapter's history. This is a fun opportunity to catalogue how far our chapter has come and members' accomplishments!

We would also like to establish a **mentoring program with new members.** Please

contact us if you would like to be involved with this or any other program. We think you will find it rewarding in many ways.

For a power point presentation about chapter leaders go to this [link](#) and select the last item on the Chapter Leaders Resource page. This power point describes the variety of ways you can serve in our chapter. If you already have a task in mind you would like to volunteer for please [email](#) me.

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Chapter Needs : Seeking Graphically Gifted Volunteer or someone interested in expanding their inner artistic self

The Chapter is seeking volunteers with graphic arts skills to assist in the design and direct of production of a greeting card. Greeting cards will be sold to chapter members and members of the community to generate funds for chapter activities, including scholarships. If you personally are graphically gifted, or know of someone who is, please contact Chapter President Marjorie McCullagh (701.231.7517) or Vice President Jami Petry (701.866.7956) to discuss this project in greater detail.

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Schools Update

All member schools look forward to inducting a new group of students and community members at the fall meeting into STTI. It is a wonderful honor we welcome you. Names will be printed in the spring newsletter.

Concordia College, by **Jennifer DeJong**: Concordia College is keeping very busy. Currently there are 44 seniors and 36 juniors. The accelerated nursing track for second baccalaureate degree students is going very well.

Faculty news: Dr. Polly Kloster and Dr. Linda Scott were promoted and tenured. Jack Rydell became full time. And Jean Bokinske, Jill Holmstrom, Jack Rydell and Connie Peterson all in doctorate programs.

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Jamestown College, by **Jacqueline Mangnall**: Jamestown College began the fall with a full complement of excited nursing students. The Department of Nursing faculty are undertaking some major projects which include a prerequisite curriculum revision and an expansion of our class sizes from 36 to 48 students. In addition, we are planning for the addition of clinical experience in the hospital in Chogoria, Kenya.

We are in the process of entering into a partnership with the nursing school that is affiliated with the Chogoria hospital and it is our vision to be able to provide a full baccalaureate education to two students each year from the

Chogoria area. Seven of our students and two faculty will be traveling to Kenya this February for a three-week hospital and community health experience. Finally, we are pleased to announce that we were awarded a second grant from the Dakota Medical Foundation. Their generosity enables us to renovate our nursing lab and update our simulation equipment.

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MSUM, by Barbara Matthees: MSUM The Minnesota State University Moorhead Nursing department is very busy with a number of exciting programs and projects.

- The RN to BSN program, which is delivered in a distance education format 100% online has full classes (25 students) beginning August and January. Students live in multiple communities across Minnesota, North Dakota and as far away as Missouri and Kansas.
- The generic BSN admitted the second class this fall. The eight semester program includes clinical courses over two summers, with first class scheduled to graduate in Spring 2008.
- MSUM continues to offer the MS in nursing as a part of the Tri-Coll University Nursing consortium. Planning is in process toward the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) and a Nurse Educator masters collaboration with three other MnSCU schools.
- Three new faculty members joined the department: Carolyn Townse fall 2005; Jean Robley, summer 2006; and Terry Dobmeier, fall 2006.

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NDSU by Marjorie McCullagh: The NDSU College of Pharmacy has recently changed its name to the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Science. This change reflects the presence of the Department of Nursing, which was established in the College in 1969.

Enrollment in the undergraduate program continues to expand, and is currently at 189 nursing majors. Additional students are served by the program as pre-nursing majors.

Faculty in the campus clinical laboratory are now teaching with the assistance of a newly-purchased \$45,000 simulator. The simulated man (woman) breathes, has heart and lung sounds and, with the assistance of an instructor, can talk to patients through a speaker hidden in its head.

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

<p>Jane Bergland & Cheryl Lausch</p>	<p>Jane Bergland PhD, RN, Lorretta Heuer PhD, RN, and Cheryl Lausch MS, MA, RN, have been busy continuing their resea with the migrant farm worker population. They presented at the Annual National Migrant Farm workers Convention in M They are also recently published in the Online Journal of Rural Health (link for complete article) and the Journal of Cultural Diversity. Congratulations and we look forward to future news of this dynamic trio.</p>
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<p>Leadership Retreat for Board members Chapter</p>	<p>Xi Kappa cruises the Red. Our 2nd Annual Xi Kappa Leadership Retreat was held Tuesday, August 8 in Moorhea</p> <p>Board members enjoyed social time at the River Arts follow by an SS Ruby Pontoon ride down the Red River. The even concluded with dinner and dialogue. A great time was had l all! It is comforting to know our leaders are working hard b can have some fun doing it!</p>
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<p>Sherlyn Dahl</p>	<p>Sherlyn was one of the first members in STTI, inducted bef we had the official name, Xi Kappa Chapter-At-large, For ov 20 years Sheryln Dahl was an advocate and leader in public and community health for the Red River Valley. She was instrumental in starting the Homeless Health Care clinic wit outreach to the shelters and under the bridges and started Family Health Care Center. She was the first executive direc and worked hard to maintain the clinic as a leader in health care for many in the community.</p> <p>Sherlyn was dedicated to dental health and was active with The Red River Valley Dental Access Project. Her guidance a wisdom has helped to bring a higher understanding of dent needs to the Red River Valley and has grown the Red Riv Valley Dental Access Project to reach communities in sever counties throughout the region.</p> <p>Sherlyn will bring her expertise to Benton Community Hea Center in Corvallis , Oregon which will also include the dental component to address that areas dental access issu Thank you Sherlyn Dahl we miss you but wish you well as you spread your special magic in OR!</p>
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Chapter News

<p>Awards</p>	<p>2007 is the year that applications are accepted fo Excellence in Clinical Nurse Practice and Excellence in Nursing Education. The award application forms are linked to our chapter home page and are due by July 1, 2007.</p>
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	<p>Sigma Theta Tau International comes with several benefits, but it can also be costly. From time to time qualified student candidate for membership in Xi Kappa is unable to pay the membership fee. When has happened in the past, members have stepped</p>
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forward to offer assistance with paying the fee.

At this time, the chapter has two student candidates this position. I am proposing that the chapter subsidize 75 percent of the membership fee for these two qualified candidates. In order to do this, we will need contributions in the amount of \$120. Would you consider helping to support these students with a contribution to this fund? If you are able to help, please email [Marjorie](#) or call 701-231-7517. Thank you.

Members

Recruit & Endorse a Community

Member: Xi-Kappa welcomes nurse leaders who have earned a baccalaureate degree to become members in society. Active members are invited to consider endorsing a nurse for membership. It is not too soon to start the process even though the official induction takes place in fall. The forms are linked below.

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