The SNA board wants to thank everyone who’s been involved for a wonderful semester. Special thanks to those who took part in the DKMS Bone Marrow Drive, showed support at the Fall Social, volunteered at the Special Olympics Bowl-a-thon and studied with us at the Study Night. We look forward to your continued, active participation in next semester’s activities. Have a safe and rejuvenating Winter Break. Happy Holidays!

Crystal Treptow, Elisa Schoofs, Chelsea Rentmeester & Julie Elliott
This semester, the Student Nurses' Association partnered up with Dogs on Call, a nationally recognized, non-profit organization that promotes the benefits of animal-assisted interactions. In May 2001, Dogs on Call was started when a group of small friends collaborated with plans to give back to the community with one significant thing in common, their love of dogs. And so, the group began, created the mission: "Promoting the Animal-Human Bond and Literacy Through Education, Evaluation, and Participation of Therapy Animal Teams."

On November 2\textsuperscript{nd}, the Student Nurses Association set-up a very special visit from five different licensed owners and their dogs from Dogs on Call. A nice mix of small, large, very fluffy, and not so furry dogs were able to attend that day. The dogs and their owners started off their visit in a HSLC lecture hall, serving as special guests for our bi-weekly SNA meetings. All of the nursing students were invited to join us in the lecture hall for some one-on-one bonding time with the dogs. The visits were conveniently planned close to many students’ mid-term exams; therefore, the four-legged friends provided a lot of much-needed stress relief for a number of students. For the second half of their two hour visit, the Dogs on Call moved out into the HSLC atrium, where they were able to extend their affection to many more people from a variety of disciplines, including pharmacy and medical students.

The visit from Dogs on Call was a huge success! Everyone loved being able to pet and give affection to the furry friends. A lot of students even commented on how they were really missing their own dogs, and being able to hang out with the visiting dogs provided them a little comfort until they could get home again to see their own. We feel very privileged that such special dogs and their wonderful owners were able to take time out of their own busy schedules to come and provide the nursing students with some much needed stress relief and pet therapy. SNA has invited the Dogs on Call to come back anytime. We look forward to seeing them again in the spring semester!
As the first round of semester exams began, SNA members filed in an overflowing lecture hall to find motivation and an opportunity to peer into what the future of nursing holds for us. Little did we know, Connie Curan’s Littlefield lecture would not only do that, but would also entertain us endlessly and inspire us to engage nursing in redesigning patient care and healthcare systems.

Curan, a native of Berlin and an alumna of the UW-Madison School of Nursing, told stories of her adventures in nursing school and provided encouragement to student nurses to pursue higher educations and positions of authority. Her commitment to nursing is best illustrated by a memorable story of her days working as a student nursing assistant. She entertainingly explained how she hid linens in the ceiling tiles about her patient’s bed so that she’d have them available during her shift the next day. This level of creativity and sense of obligation to nursing as a profession has influenced her exceptionally successful career.

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Curan encouraged nurses to pursue opportunities to participate in the redesigned health care system and suggested seeking hospital board positions to increase the number of nurses in the decision making process. SNA members appreciated the professional development, career advice and enthusiasm from the Littlefield Lecture.

**Upcoming Clothing Sale**

Please pay attention to SNA meeting details as well as emails to inform you of the clothing sale that will be held at the beginning of Spring semester. Thank you for your patience.

**DKMS Bone Marrow Registration**

This year SNA participated in our 2nd DKMS bone marrow registration on December 6th in the HSLC atrium. The event was a major success and we were able to register 101 donors. In order to get registered as a bone marrow donor you have to fill out a form with some demographic information and a current and permanent address. Then you swab each side of your cheek for 10 seconds, and place the swabs in a sealed envelope. I was sitting at the table instructing participants on the proper way to swab. It amazes me that with each sealed envelope we could potentially be saving a life and participants were excited by this realization!

We had an overwhelming amount of volunteers and even the support of the Rose Bowl bound Badger football players. The players surprised us all with a signed badger football that we raffled off to raise money for the event.

For every person who registered it cost $65 to process and we were able to raise money to help with the processing costs.

The football players were great publicity and with 10 minutes left of our drive they helped us recruit our last 6 donors so that we could reach our goal of 100 donors! We would like to thank all the nursing students who volunteered, the Badger football team, and the School of Nursing for their support. Our event was a wonderful success due to the work of everyone involved.
Fall Social Events

If you're wondering what SNA has been up to outside of meetings and building up others for success, we also know how to socialize and build each other up for success! In particular, we put on two successful events this semester to try to bring everyone together and share experiences amongst each other.

Our big Nursing social was held on the roof of Johnny O's Sports Lounge on the evening of Thursday, October 20th, 2011 from 8-11pm. In gathering together, we raised $350 in donations to go to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. The fundraising effort toward this particular charity was for the benefit and support of our professor: Terri Pellino.

SNA members, Terri Pellino and SNA advisor, Kari Hirvela, at the Fall Social.

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We shared in the company of not only nursing students but her and her friends and family as well and we all got to learn a little more about each other in the process.

The second event, a Student Nurses Association study night held in the active learning classroom in the Health Sciences Learning Center, brought together first and second year nursing students as well. This event promoted fun and learning together as there were holiday treats, healthy snacks, learning space, and games provided. Catch Phrase was the popular game of the night and even went through many rounds of nursing application to every word. This event took place more recently, on the evening of Wednesday, December 7th, 2011 from 5-8pm. First year students took advantage of asking questions to second year students and discussions were held about clinicals, classes, managing time, and success in work and extracurricular involvement.

It was beneficial to all to share perspectives and evaluate education and different experiences throughout nursing. Around 6:30, the popcorn stopped popping and the books started cracking open! It was a good break from the normal study routine and it was nice for everyone to feel supported and encouraged by peers in addition to having them as resources if any questions arose. We were proud to have such success with this event as it was the first time it was held by SNA. Thanks to all who came!