Carolyn Davis was named 1989 recipient of the David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture Award -- an award that honors outstanding staff members for their dedication to teaching and students. The title of her talk was College Health Nursing: A Unique Practice . . . but, Please Don't Call Me at Home.

Carolyn joined Florissant Valley in 1967, and during her first week on campus treated two skateboard victims. At the time community college health services were organized on the K-12 model, and Carolyn decided it was more appropriate to organize it as a college operation. She became active in the College Health Association and helped found the junior college section.

She developed the college’s Wellness Program, for which she was named Florissant Valley’s Innovator of the Year. Active in state and national college nursing associations, she has received the Ollie B. Moten Award for outstanding service to one’s institution, and the Ruth E. Boynton Award for distinguished service to the American College Health Association.

In addition to activities connected with Health Services, Carolyn works with students in the nursing, child development and dietetic technology programs.

In the early 1970s, she became concerned about chemical and other environmental issues, and became a standing member of Florissant Valley’s Safety Committee. Carolyn, with Pat Wedle and Lee West in Counseling, first provided services and developed support systems for the growing numbers of handicapped students.

Health Services provides care, counseling, health care and immunizations for staff and students. In addition, Carolyn provides blood chemistries, helps staff stop smoking and consults on health/nutrition and other problems. For many faculty members, Carolyn also is the family doctor. She maintains a set of books at home to respond to calls she
gets when not at work. She admits she does a "lot of listening." Recently, she's seen children of former students she helped at Florissant Valley.

Carolyn also is a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, and served a stint in the Air Force as the only woman in an 1800-man unit.

*The following is excerpted from the announcement when Davis received the E. Dean Lovett Award:* This new award recognized ACHA members who have directed a college health service or contributed significantly to the development of a college health service program in an exemplary manner.

Carolyn Davis, health service director at St. Louis Community College, has instituted creative and effective health programs and consistently promotes wellness activities for students and staff members on the Florissant Valley campus. Davis coordinated St. Louis Community College's first alcohol abuse program and received the "Innovator of the Year Award" for her Spring Wellness Checkup, which was launched in 1982. She faithfully strives to educate members of the campus community and collaborates with the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and offer Health Awareness Days.

An active member of ACHA, Davis was instrumental in developing the Nurse-Directed Health Services and Junior/Community College Sections for the association. Davis served as chairman of the Junior/Community College Section, and as an associated editor for the Journal of American College Health. Davis frequently acts as a presenter at ACHA Annual Meetings and is also active in the Central College Health Association (CCHA). She has served CCHA as president, as a member of the executive board, and currently serves as treasurer. ACHA has previously recognized Davis' dedication to college health. She received the Ruth E. Boynton Award in 1981 and the Ollie B. Moten Award in 1988. Davis' commitment to serving the needs of all the members of the campus community has contributed to excellence in college health.