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WELCOME

Commencement time is here again, and to the thirty-seven members of the class of 1949 who will take part in the Commencement exercises we wish to extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes from the

Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae Association. We welcome to the ranks of the Association these new members and dedicate this issue of the Alumnae Bulletin to them.

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, June 17

8:30 P. M. Play by The Dramatic Association, University Theatre.

Saturday, June 18

1:30 P. M. Recordings of the February Fifth Celebration, Brady classroom

2:00 P. M. Cup of Punch, Seminar Room.

2:30 P. M. Movies of February Fifth, Annual Alumnae Meeting, Brady Auditorium.

6:30 P. M. Alumnae Dinner, The Lawn Club.

Sunday, June 19

11:00 A. M. Baccalaureate Address by the President, Woolsey Hall.

4:30 P. M. Reception by the President of the University and Mrs. Seymour, for members of the graduating classes and their families and visiting alumni, Old Campus.

8:30 P. M. Concert by the Glee Club, Woolsey Hall.

Tuesday, June 21

10:30 A. M. Commencement Exercises, Woolsey Hall.

12:30 P. M. Alumni Luncheon, University Dining Hall.

12:30 P. M. Luncheon for Y.S.N. seniors and their guests at Nathan Smith Hall.

The Annual Alumnae Commencement festivities are scheduled to begin the Saturday preceding Commencement this year in

order that more Alumnae may return to Y.S.N. Prior to the Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association which is to be held in Brady Auditorium, there will be opportunities to hear the recordings of the February Fifth celebration proceedings as well as to partake of a cup of punch in the Seminar Room. Reunion class exhibits will be on display; and old friendships will be renewed at Y.S.N.

The Alumnae Dinner will be served at the Lawn Club. Formal attire is optional, and for those who prefer "going formal" dressing rooms will be available in Sterling Dormitory. The program will be light and informal with the Yale octet singing, reunion classes reporting, and a few words from our Dean. Miss Clarke, the School's invaluable registrar and recorder, is to be honored on this occasion. Reunion classes of 1929, 1934, 1939 and 1944 will be featured. Come and join the fun! We'll see you there!

THE ANNIE W. GOODRICH FUND

The Committee on the Use of the Interest of the Annie W. Goodrich Fund recommended that the money be used to help finance a workshop for head nurses from Connecticut hospitals and nursing schools. The workshop would be held under the auspices of the Yale School of Nursing and would be further financed by charging a small fee for registration.

The content of the workshop has not yet been specifically planned, but emphasis will be placed upon supervisory and teaching methods and nurse-patient relationships. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Administrative Officers of the School of Nursing, and arrangements are being made for the opening of the workshop this fall. The workshop will be in session for about a week. The director as yet, has not been selected.

At the present date the amount of interest in the Annie W. Goodrich Fund is approximately \$300, and contributions are always welcome. Further plans for the workshop will be announced in the following issue.

REPRINTS

Reprints of the February 5 Proceedings which were published in the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine are now ready

for distribution. One copy will be sent free of charge to each of the dues-paying members. Extra copies will be twenty-five cents each, and may be secured by writing to the Yale School of Nursing office. Those of you who have not yet paid your dues may receive a reprint by sending twenty-five cents.

Reprints of the article concerning the 25th Anniversary, complete with a cover picture of the three Deans, which appeared in the March issue of the Trained Nurse are also available for ten cents sent to the Yale School of Nursing office.

STUDENT TO STOCKHOLM

Faith Jensen '50 has been chosen from among the 150 nursing students at Y.S.N. to represent the School at the International Congress of Nurses in Stockholm, Sweden, in June. She will have the opportunity to tour hospital, health and rehabilitation centers in Helsinki, Brussels, Paris, Geneva and other cities under the auspices of the World Study Tours.

Funds to make possible the trip abroad are being raised by the Student Council of the Yale University School of Nursing. One of the recent money-raising projects was a benefit motion picture showing of J. Arthur Rank's new movie, "Frieda" on May 18 in New Haven. In addition, the New York Regional and the Y.S.N. Alumnae Associations have made generous contributions toward the expenses of the trip.

Y.S.N. Alumnae who are planning to attend the International Congress of Nurses in June are Elizabeth Oster '39, Marion Blake '46W, Pauline Kummer '44, and Elizabeth Kirkwood '45W. Dean Emeritus Effie J. Taylor will also attend the Congress.

POLIO VICTIM

Alumnae and friends of Madeline Robb Crowley '45W will be sorry to hear that she was stricken with polio last fall and spent intervening months confined in the New Haven Hospital. Thanks to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Madeline has been recuperating at the hospital of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation. Best wishes to Madeline from all of us.

Y.S.N. CAPES

Our School has a nurses' cape. Last June the Y.S.N. Student Body voted approvingly and selected as the design a navy blue cape with a light blue lining, a storm collar with the initials Y.U.S.N. on one side in gold lettering. The length of the cape is optional. The cost of the cape will depend on the length; a three-quarter length cape is approximately \$26, a full length cape slightly more. Order blanks may be obtained by writing to the Yale School of Nursing office.

CLEVELAND MEETING

During the meetings of the National League of Nursing Education and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing in Cleveland a number of Y.S.N. alumnae and former faculty members met and arranged a "get-together" on May 3 at the Cleveland Athletic Club. Those who attended the dinner were Elizabeth Bixler '27, Frances Thielbar '32, Anne Ryle '33, Jean Hill '35, Catherine Thorn Benninghoff '37, Elizabeth Penn Shaw '37, Clara Traver '38, Helen Hallfors '39, Eleanor Roberts Kinney '39, Marcella Brown '41, Hope Pitou '41, Evelyn Hamil '47W, and Margaret Takacs '47W.

Faculty members, past and present, who also attended were Jean Barrett, Marjorie Bartholf, Caroline Keller, Elizabeth Sachs, and Eleanor Hall.

SPRING MEETINGS

Dean Elizabeth Bixler has just returned to New Haven from her promised Spring meetings with alumnae here in the East. She met groups in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and Boston, and tells us that new alumnae organizations have been formed in both Washington and Philadelphia. It is estimated that the Dean has met almost a third of the Y.S.N. alumnae in her tour of the United States this year. Enthusiasm has been high.

During the summer, work will be in progress on the 1949-1951 School catalogue. Please notify the Nursing School office promptly of all changes in name, address or position, so that biographical sketches may be up to date.

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"HOW COME WE CAME"—Chapter IV

For twenty-five years the Yale University School of Nursing has been developing, striving always to improve the educational facilities and techniques. For twenty-five years graduate nurses have gone out from the School to work in small and large communities throughout the United States and the world. Many have been the tales that have come back concerning the almost thousand students who have been graduated from the School.

A recent survey of graduates and their varied activities indicates the world-wide distribution and the range of positions which they are now occupying. Fully a third of those now professionally employed are in bedside work, either in institutions or in public health agencies. The new graduate is always encouraged to do at least a year or two of bedside work before assuming responsibility for the instruction of young students or accepting administrative posts. In a review of present fields of service one finds, in addition to the more usual positions, such connections as the following, to mention a few: Sanatorium nurse in Alaska; Consultant in maternal and child hygiene in the Department of Health in Canada; State supervisor of public health nursing in Santiago, Chile; Superintendent of nurses, Hsiang-Ya Nursing School, Changsha, China; Public health nurse, Displaced Persons Camps, Austria; Captain, Army Nurse Corps, Station Hospital, Guam; Vice principal, College of Nursing, University of Delhi, India; Instructor and supervisor,

public health nursing, Military Government, Okinawa; Staff nurse, Dunedin, New Zealand; Superintendent of nurses and textbook translator, Gaziantep, Turkey; Consultant, State Hospital Survey and Construction Program, Nursing director National Blood Program, American Red Cross; Service director, State Division, American Cancer Society, and many others. Three Deans of University Schools of Nursing in Connecticut are Y.S.N. graduates.

Well over one-half have married and several have families of six children. It is interesting to note that family responsibilities have not meant the termination of community service, as one-fifth of the married graduates are professionally active in full time positions, and the majority are carrying volunteer responsibilities such as health advisory board members, newspaper columnists, speakers before state legislative bodies, social hygiene chairmen of Parent-Teacher associations, and the like.

In his introductory speech at the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary exercises President Charles Seymour of Yale University said, "Our debt to those who possessed the vision and who showed the courage to bring these principles into operation is beyond estimate. Now, today, we must be alive to our present obligation, to an equal alertness of vision as we look ahead and to equal courage in meeting new opportunities." We now look to the future.

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