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*The Class of 1995!*

1995 Commencement and  
Alumnae/i Weekend Issue



# Yale Nurse

## From the Dean

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Barb Reif has been trying to squeeze this column out of me for weeks. It is always a struggle for her to press the prose out of me by *Yale Nurse* deadline. This time I was more distracted than usual, preparing for the Big Move. I am pleased to tell you that we are now HOME and home feels good! Indeed, I compose this column sitting amidst boxes and the inevitable chaos that accompanies any move.

Some of you remember when YSN occupied a tiny corridor in the Brady building. Many of you remember our first "true" home in the St. John's building. Most of you lamented the demise of that structure and our temporary relocation to the Grace Building. All of you have undoubtedly worried about the

University's commitment to YSN, especially as evidenced in the glacial speed with which we moved toward a permanent home, and you probably wondered what the end result would be. The end result is just fine! We are already planning a building dedication coincidental with this year's Alumnae/i Weekend (June 6-8), so save the date!

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I recently reread a copy of the Fall 1977 issue of the *Yale Nurse* which featured the dedication of the St. John's building. Then Provost and Acting President, Hanna Gray, made the following remarks (paraphrased): "Quite a lot has been said about the sense in which there are three great corners of medical training and the practice of medicine in this medical community: the School of Nursing, the School of Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital, but perhaps we haven't said enough as yet about the sense in which the School of Nursing is one of the 12 great pillars of the University and what it brings to the University in terms of its own special mission and in terms of its own special contribution. I think that one of the things that is extraordinary about the School of Nursing is the sense in which it sets standards—it sets standards for the rest of the profession, for the schools elsewhere in the country; it sets standards for Yale in the sense in which its own rigor, its own constant inquiry and searching after new ways of doing things, its own sense of excellence and internal self determination by those standards—all that creates a set of standards which we hope the University always represents..."

"There is a way in which the University is most broadly conceived—a university that cares about the humane tradition of the liberal arts in its graduate and professional, as well as in its undergraduate college, and that there is a sense in which the School brings the College those new ways of developing humane directions."

We are home! Our new building gives us a sense of place and of pride. But, more importantly, it is merely symbolic of our place and value in the larger context of the University. I look forward to personally welcoming many of you to our new "digs" in June—by then we will be buffed and polished and comfortable in our new surroundings—and will be eager to say "Welcome Home" to all of you!

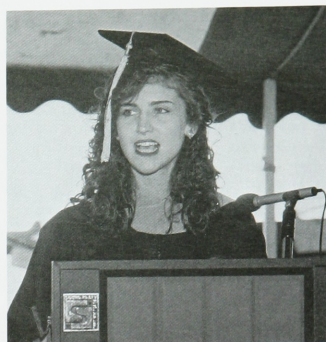


# COMMENCEMENT 1995

This year's commencement exercises were unique for a number of reasons - the weather was perfect; 64 Master of Science in Nursing degrees and 32 Certificates in Nursing were conferred by the Yale Corporation and awarded by Deans Margaret Grey and Cassy Pollack; former Dean Florence Schorske Wald '41 received an Honorary Doctor of Medical Sciences degree from Yale at the main campus ceremony; and the class gift was a beautiful stained glass replica of the MN shield, the companion piece for the Yale School of Nursing Arms, presented by the Class of 1993.

Also, the first time ever since she became Dean, Judy Krauss was unable to attend graduation as she was participating in the graduation of her daughter Jennifer from Boston College that same day. Judy, as a member of the Boston College Board of Trustees, had the privilege of awarding Jennifer's Bachelor of Arts degree on behalf of the College.

Margaret Grey, Associate Dean for Research and Doctoral Studies and Faculty Marshal, led the procession of faculty and graduates across the now familiar lawns at the Yale Golf Course. Student Marshals were Cynthia Flynn '96, representing the Certificate in Nursing candidates, and Michael McNamara '95, President of the 1994-95 Student Government Organization, representing the MSN candidates; and the Banner Bearer was Mary Lemley '95. Dean Cassy Pollack read remarks prepared by Dean Krauss. She welcomed the graduates into the profession and encouraged them to meet the challenges of care and change in the health care marketplace through nursing practice that is reliably effective, skillful, humane, just, and ethical, as well as cost effective and satisfying to both patients and nurses. Tradition dictated other meaningful moments throughout the afternoon's celebration.



*Eileen Whyte delivered the student address.*

YUSNAA Board President Ed Drew '82 presented each graduate with a YSN pin, a gift from the Alumnae/i Association. Eileen Whyte delivered the student address and Jayme Radding and Kimberly Lee honored Walter Zawalich with the Annie Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching.



*The procession at the golf course*



"Outstanding educator, dedicated researcher and advocate of the nursing profession, he has the remarkable ability to convey difficult subject matter in a clear, concise manner that is clinically relevant to nursing. His teaching style which is marked by enthusiasm, an unmistakable knowledge of the material, and an effective use of humor, has made his lectures memorable and enjoyable to students, present and past. His classroom is non-competitive and respectful. Course content is selected with care, as are guest speakers, many of whom are on the cutting edge of their field. Ever sensitive to the needs of students, lecture and exam schedules are often adjusted when other assignments conflict.

"The qualities of nursing excellence — skill, knowledge, expertise, compassion, honesty, optimism, and a desire to educate — describe him

well. He shares these values with students, and encourages them to think of themselves as part of a larger health care team.

"Above all, we note his genuine support and respect for students. These are the qualities best remembered by alumnae/i and students as is evidenced by their overwhelming support and endorsement of his nomination. His patience and encouragement are unending — a constant source of reassurance and comfort, right down to the well timed bad joke, aimed at lifting spirits. He is always available to provide extra help and consultation, and frequently inquires about our families, as often as he tells us stories about his.

"His long term commitment to, and empowerment of, advanced practice nursing is made obvious when one looks at his record — fifteen years of dedication to the education of Yale

nurses. He has published many journal articles (over 60), and authored several book chapters. Not once, but twice, he was the recipient of the Elliot P. Joslin Research and Development Award of the American Diabetes Association. He also received the Research Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health, and is a member of the Diabetes Association, Endocrine Society, and the American Association of Advancement of Science.

"For his expert knowledge in biomedical sciences, his contributions to diabetes research, his enthusiasm, his unending patience with his students, his praise and support for nursing and, most importantly, his welcomed sense of humor when the work load seemed insurmountable, suffice it to say, this year's recipient of the Annie Goodrich Award is Dr. Walter Zawulich."



Banner Bearer Mary Lemley (Center) posed with Student Marshals Michael McNamara (L) and Cynthia Flynn.





*Award recipients (L to R) Susan Moscou, Walter Zawulich, and Tricia Hertz*

This year's worthy recipient of the Charles King, Jr. Memorial Scholars Aid Prize was Patricia Hertz. Her citation follows.

"The faculty describe her work as 'extraordinary,' 'thorough,' and 'devoted.' Her classmates call her 'a leader,' 'a problem solver,' and 'an inspiration.' She has consistently demonstrated high achievement in her clinical work and theoretical courses — all this while dedicating vast amounts of time to her community, her school, and her profession. Her quiet and gentle manner tends to camouflage the determination, the hard work, and the perseverance with which she approaches life. She is a 'team player,' just as concerned for the well-being and success of her colleagues as she is for her own accomplishments. Even with her

rigorous academic program and community service, she has designed and completed a number of independent studies, striving to better understand children and the role of the pediatric nurse practitioner. She has become an invaluable resource to students and faculty alike.

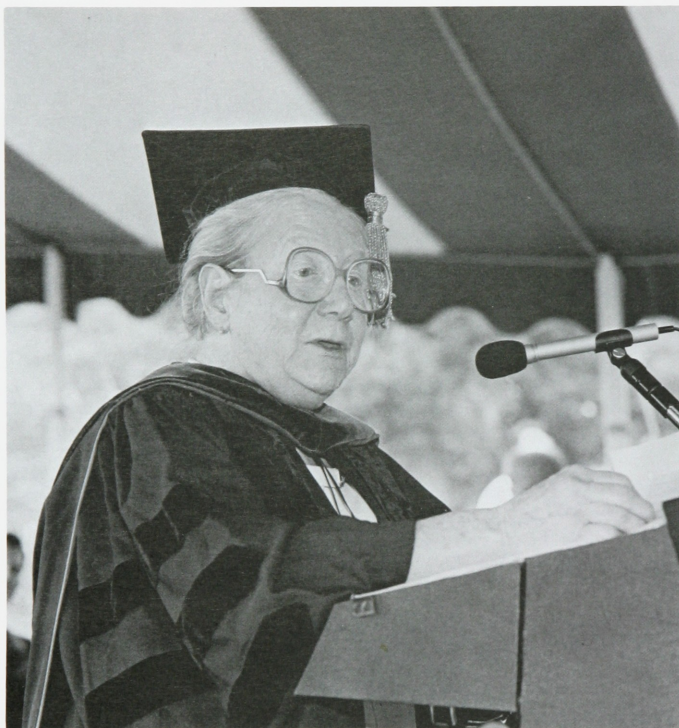
"The balance of clinical excellence, teaching and research is the hallmark of the Yale School of Nursing graduate. She has already made giant strides in this direction with many presentations on child care, a poster session at a significant research conference, and a thesis that is of publishable quality. In the years ahead we fully expect to see her name in print and hear her voice from podiums around the nation. We fully expect her to emerge as a leader in pediatric nursing."

Susan Moscou was honored with the 1995 Milton and Anne Sidney Prize. This award is given for outstanding thesis work which in Susan's case was considered to be of "doctoral dissertation" quality.

"She is a tribute to the Yale University School of Nursing — a scholar and expert clinician — who has produced a thesis that, according to her major advisor, 'meets the standards of a doctoral dissertation.' Her conceptualization and execution of the study is elegant. Her writing is superb. Her thesis could easily serve as the foundation for her life's work.

"Incorporating both historical and contemporary literature from sociology, anthropology, medicine, and nursing, she developed a research approach that combined





*Yale Honorary degree recipient Florence Schorske Wald shared a few words.*

interviews, clinical vignettes, and a questionnaire to ascertain the influence of race and ethnicity on the perceptions of nurse practitioners. The study's findings demonstrate that race and ethnicity serve as markers for class, health beliefs, cultural prejudices, and assumptions of health risk, though the clinicians stated they practiced otherwise. This thesis continues to build on a growing body of research that urges practitioners to move beyond race and ethnicity as indicators of health status.

"As our cultural diversity challenges existing concepts of minority and majority populations, studies such as this will guide our clinical practice, influence our educational settings, and prompt further inquiry. We expect no less

from a Yale nurse and we are honored to claim her."

Florence Wald, former Dean and one of the founders of the Connecticut Hospice, shared her thoughts on having received a Yale honorary degree, words of wisdom and humor that are printed below.

"I know why you are here, but why me? You earned your degree; mine was thrust upon me out of the blue six months ago. It set me thinking what in my professional life could you possibly use while going up your professional ladder? Never before have nurses faced such uncertainty, but never before have they had such potential.

"Let me share some unofficial

memory chips from my years at Yale and in the hospice movement. First, there was the high wire act. In 1957-58 a handful of faculty and a handful of graduate students shaped a new curriculum around research in nursing practice. Hammering the pieces of it together led to vociferous battles with traditionalists and innovators as adversaries. I was the dark horse Dean few had heard of. Ida Orlando was just finishing her findings about the nurse-patient relationship, but Virginia Henderson, Ernestine Wiedenback and Betty Tenant were the tried and seasoned. As conflicts flared, I sought out my brother Carl for guidance. By that time he had 25 years in academia. He said, 'You have two possible outcomes - a faculty that dries up or one that blows up.' We took the latter path and won Whitney Griswold's support and a reluctant NLN accreditation. When you find a path that feels right, take risks, be clear enough so that the protagonists can understand what you are saying, and give yourself time to evaluate results.

"Two years into the acting Deanship someone told me what Annie Goodrich said, 'Every dean needs a spouse.' Not only for partying, but as helpmate; not just a guy, but a supportive and understanding man. How I lucked out with my Henry! As you have already found out, judging by the number of babies here, we need families in our lives. At the 1959 Christmas party Joel, 7, and Shari, 9, were the only children present. May your grandchildren witness your being honored as mine are today.

"Look for the landsmen, those in other disciplines who share your concerns and commitments — not the paternalistic doctors and administrators. I mean the ones who hear your message, resonate and pitch in. You can find them nearer than you might imagine. The Robert Leonards, the Ray Duffs, the Cicely Saunders, the Peppers (Anita and Max), the Morris Wessels, the



Ed Dobihals, the Sally Baileys, the Scott Longs. Make use of your intuition.

"Keep a weather eye on society's needs and resources. How much the protests in the 1960's brought! From civil rights to patients' rights, from autocracy to egalitarianism, from male chauvinism to women's rights, from violence and war to peaceful revolution.

"So in the time to come, seize the day when what you know to be right needs action; when managed care finds the limits of downsizing, of building mega-alliances, of streamlining, of making health care profitable for insurance companies. Be there with your knowledge of measuring outcomes. The time may be sooner than we or they think. You have been educated in a school that founded rooming in, midwifery, and hospice. You, too, can be in the right place at the right time. Call it serendipity or call it providential.

"What is most significant to me is that honoring me honors Yale's School of Nursing — a thank you and a promise that the School is in a firm place. While the hood now around my neck makes me Doctor

of Medical Science, I hope the medical faculty will embrace nursing as the healing agent that sustains health and reinforces cure. Despite this hood and doctoral gown, remember me as nurse. Don't call me doctor!"

Graduation is always a time for celebration, but also some sadness creeps in as graduates leave the place that has been their home away from home for so many years. Leaving friends behind, but looking forward to the challenges of the next chapter is always the challenge and the Class of 1995 is well equipped to meet that challenge and continue the tradition of excellence that the Yale nurse represents.



*Jayme Radding (L) and Kim Lee were all smiles.*



*Midwife graduate Mousumi Mukerji with FNP Susan Moscou (L) looking pensive*



*Susan DeGennaro was thrilled to finally graduate.*



*Dean Margaret Grey (R) congratulated Naida Arcenas.*



*Tracy Creaser (L) and Liana Corliss in line to process*



# YSN Students' Reaction to Undergraduate's Account of Health Care Providers at YUHS

Liz Ledford '97 and Elaine Sieh '97 were not happy when they read the *Yale Herald* (2/17/95, Opinion, p. 6), an undergraduate publication. They chose to voice their responses to the article, written by an undergraduate woman about her fear of going to Yale University Health Services (YUHS), "some sort of roach motel," for treatment of what was diagnosed as bronchitis and pneumonia. Although not yet in practice as nursing professionals, Liz and Elaine wrote eloquent letters that spoke to their understanding of the role and issues facing advanced practice nurses. The reaction letters are presented here, with permission, to convey that appreciation to the YSN community. The letters were sent to Mary Jane Kennedy '68, at the time Director of Nursing at YUHS. Unfortunately, because of timing problems, they were not printed in the *Yale Herald*.

To the Editor:

In the February 17th edition of the *Yale Herald*, you printed an article entitled "DUH getaway" by Yale student Samantha Fisherman. The story was a humorous account of her experiences at the DUH (Department of University Health) or, as it is now called, the Yale University Health Services (YUHS). Although her intent was obviously to be entertaining, as a student nurse, I have to respond to some objectionable remarks that Ms. Fisherman made concerning her interactions with the nurse practitioner.

Believing that she had bronchitis, Ms. Fisherman visited the YUHS where she was seen by a nurse practitioner. Ms. Fisherman told the nurse practitioner that she suspected bronchitis and the nurse practitioner agreed. As a result of this experience, Ms. Fisherman writes, "Nurse practitioners, I have discovered, are susceptible to the power of suggestion..." She implies that the nurse practitioner diagnosed her with bronchitis solely

on the basis of what Ms. Fisherman had to say. With good authority from the Yale University Health Service, I can report that it is standard practice for all patients to receive a routine assessment of their symptoms. In fact, the nurse practitioner did a complete assessment of Ms. Fisherman.

Ms. Fisherman again insults nurse practitioners by writing that, "unlike the nurse practitioner, the doctor, although nice, was not about to buy my own diagnosis." The nurse practitioner did not "buy" Ms. Fisherman's diagnosis. She made her own diagnosis from the physical assessment. Furthermore, the doctor who saw Ms. Fisherman when she returned to the health service agreed with the nurse practitioner's assessment. The doctor ordered a chest x-ray and changed her antibiotics because of the change in Ms. Fisherman's condition over the previous two days. Then, the diagnosis of pneumonia was made.

As a student in the Yale School of Nursing nurse practitioner program, I am aware of the excellent training that nurse practitioners receive and of the skills that they possess. Depending on their previous education, most nurse practitioners have one to two years of school after receiving the RN. During this time, they take demanding courses concentrating on primary care, history taking, physical assessment, and pharmacology. I find it unlikely that the nurse practitioner who saw Ms. Fisherman did not have exceptional skills in all these areas. Moreover, even if Ms. Fisherman's account of the interaction was accurate, we all know we cannot make broad generalizations from one experience.

I do realize that Ms. Fisherman's article was written with humorous intentions, but as a nursing student studying to become a pediatric nurse practitioner, I was disturbed by her generalizations and negative statements about nurse

practitioners. In the Yale community and at the Yale University Health Services, nurse practitioners are widely accepted and valued. Nurse practitioners have been providing primary care there since 1973. There have been no recent complaints about the care nurse practitioners provide from the patients or from the doctors who work with them.

Unfortunately, in other areas of the state and country nurse practitioners are not as widely accepted. Despite research summarized in the *Yale Journal on Regulation* which found that in 80% of situations nurse practitioners could give care equal to physicians, the debate over nurse practitioners continues (Safreit, 1992). For example, in a recent editorial in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Dr. Jerome Kassirer (1994) questions nurse practitioners' competence in practicing independently. I am very aware of the battle that nurse practitioners are engaged in to establish their independence and to provide the public with positive views of nurse practitioners.

Although the students who read the *Yale Herald* are limited to the choice of providers offered at YUHS, at some point in their lives they will have to choose a health care provider for themselves and possibly their families. I hate to think that any student would be influenced by Ms. Fisherman's article. As part of the media, Ms. Fisherman needs to be aware of how destructive her attempt to be amusing could be to nurse practitioners and to health care consumers. With the changes in health care that we are currently facing, health care consumers need an accurate picture of the care provided by nurse practitioners, not the picture presented by Ms. Fisherman.

Sincerely,

Liz Ledford  
Yale School of Nursing



To the Editor:

In the February 17, 1995 issue of the *Yale Herald*, there was an article entitled "DUH getaway" which at first glance, may have been interpreted as a simple, uplifting story to dispel myths and misconceptions about DUH. And indeed, at first glance, I, too, was amused by Ms. Fisherman's jocular manner in which she stepped forth in defense of the many false and exaggerated negative thoughts of being a patient at DUH (which incidentally was named such until 1971, when it was renamed YUHS). Certainly, had I read this article several years ago, even just seven months ago, I would have taken the article at face value, chuckled at its amusing one-liners and thrown it away (in a recyclable bin for 'newspapers only,' of course). But as a nursing student now at the Yale School of Nursing and as a future primary care nurse practitioner, I found the article terribly offensive, distasteful, and careless. Clearly, Samantha Fisherman made her jestful points about Yale University Health Services at the expense of nurse practitioners on staff, downplaying their roles as competent health professionals.

Sections of "DUH getaway" outline Ms. Fisherman's sarcastic remarks which foster her misguided jokes about nurse practitioners in general. Her comment, "This time, they (YUHS staff) quickly determined that I was sick enough to see a doctor," rings familiar bells of the past, echoing nurse/physician role struggles of many years. That is to say, it used to be believed by health professionals and patient populations alike, that the healthier patients were seen by nurses and the sicker ones were seen by doctors. There have been painstaking efforts these past few decades to educate the public and the health professional community about the need for recognizing the integrated, yet separate and unique roles of nurse practitioners.

In 1975, YUHS hired its first nurse

practitioner from Colorado. This is not to say that YUHS has not had its share of role identification and authority struggles prior to this. Within the decade leading up to 1975, YUHS was just beginning to train nurses in multiple settings through an intense six-month preceptorship training program. Since then, there have been many evolutionary changes; from viewing nurse practitioners as mere physicians' aides, to appreciating in full the responsibilities and capabilities (working as an integral part of the health care team, yet under an independent role from the physicians) of these dedicated professionals. We are now in the mid-1990s. In a health care facility serving 24,000 patients, of which 10,000 are students, all YUHS health care providers, including the nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, physician associates and many other competent professionals, are functioning well, within their defined parameters; all the while still working together to meet the common goal of serving the medically needy. With this in mind, allow me to proceed.

Ms. Fisherman's other flighty remark, that "nurse practitioners are extremely susceptible to the power of suggestion" brings forth her own misguided attitudes of disrespect towards nurse practitioners, deeming true professionals as spineless and easily persuaded individuals who don't know what they are doing. Not only was her comment inappropriate and uneducated but it was a blatant lie, used to emphasize her own story at the expense of nurse practitioners. According to a trustworthy source, Samantha Fisherman was seen by a nurse practitioner on that fateful day she was diagnosed with bronchitis. Ms. Fisherman had allegedly claimed in this article that antibiotics were prescribed to her, "before she (the health care provider) even took [her] temperature." This is definitely false testimony since it is routine for all patients seen at YUHS to have at the very least their vital signs taken.

Under no circumstances was she prescribed medication without some form of upper-respiratory exam first and my source confirms this hypothesis. Furthermore, it is also documented that the physician whom Ms. Fisherman saw the night she was admitted into YUHS, had concurred with the nurse practitioner's diagnosis in the first place. Thus, her comment that, "unlike the nurse practitioner, the doctor was not about to listen to my own diagnosis," was also very inappropriate and misleading.

I strongly feel that Ms. Fisherman should be reprimanded for writing lies in which she misguides the public into thinking that nurse practitioners are incompetent health professionals. I also strongly feel that a public apology to the health care community needs to be written, addressing the inappropriate and uneducated remarks she made in her article. I urge you, as the chief editor of the *Yale Herald*, to be more selective in the future about what gets published in your paper. I base this reaction letter on thoroughly researched material. I suggest you do the same with all article submissions before they are approved for print.

Sincerely,

Elaine Sieh  
Yale School of Nursing

All nursing professionals should be encouraged to respond to such media in order to promote better public understanding of the role played by advanced practice nurses in health care.



# 1995 REUNION WEEKEND:

## BUILDING A FUTURE ON SHIFTING SANDS

This year's Alumnae/i College theme was most apropos. Not only is health care shifting to "managed care" and "capitated systems" and "covered lives," but Yale School of Nursing relocated lock, stock, and barrel to a new building this fall. Some things will be very different, but the traditions of reunions and the bonds of lasting ties and friendships never seem to change.

Thursday evening began the festivities by offering a delicious informal supper at Jonathan

Edwards College, a lovely spot where alums could visit inside or out and then enjoy a musical program by Shades of Indigo. This musical duo, Curtis Harmon '94 and Toby Wilcox '94, performed a medley of original songs to the delight of those gathered. Once again, as happened last year, Dean Judy Krauss joined them in a moving (if not altogether musically perfect!) rendition of "Amazing Grace" and everyone joined in for the last chorus.

Friday morning Elizabeth Hadley, Senior Research Analyst, US Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, and the reactor panel which followed, touched on many of the issues facing health care providers in this decade, as she set the stage for the remainder of the weekend program. Panel Moderator Donna Diers, exceptional as usual, and panelists Diana Ballard, Richard Stahl, and Carol Ann Wetmore '95, representing law, medicine, and nursing respectively, provided thoughtful response from



Judy Krauss with Shades of Indigo stars Curtis Harmon (L) and Toby Wilcox



their own experience and expertise. William McIver, Regional Director of one of the large managed care plans, stimulated much thinking and debate at Friday afternoon's session. He was called upon to respond to the many questions and concerns about this new concept of health care coverage, and provided a framework for understanding that was clear if not always pleasing. He rose to the occasion, fielding many difficult and sometimes emotionally charged questions.

Friday night's banquet in the President's Room at Woolsey Hall was the social highlight of the weekend and a time for socializing, sharing, and relaxing. Reunion classes were from the years ending in 0 and 5. Eight members of the class of 1940 celebrated their 55th; seven from 1945 celebrated their 50th; three returned from 1945W; and thirteen from 1950 came back for their 45th! Unfortunately we did not get a "class photo" for the 1945W group, but their presence was strong. Dean Margaret Grey

was Master of Ceremonies and everyone enjoyed class reports from reuniting classes; a few words from former Dean Florence Wald, recent recipient of an honorary degree from Yale; and as always the presenting of Distinguished Alumnae Awards to outstanding alumnae whose professional careers are worthy of the highest recognition. This year's recipients were Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott '51, Fotine D. O'Connor '55, and Charlotte "Pixie" Cram Elsberry '65.



Mary Jane Kennedy '68 met with Class Agents Virginia Hulbert '35 (L) and Nancy Kline '92.



The Class of 1945: Front row (L to R) Marian Hartman, Sister Marian Dury, Margaret Schleske; back row (L to R) Katharine Welch, Adah Davis, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Anne Milo



(L to R) Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott '51, Fran Dostal '55, Mary's husband John, Gordon Sawatzky '55 and wife Dolores at Jonathan Edwards College Thursday evening



(L to R) Valerie Orefice '75, Kathy Powderly '75, Helen Burst '63, and Helena McDonough '75





*Distinguished Alumnae (L to R) Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott, Fotine O'Connor, and Pixie Elsberry*

## MARY-VESTA MARSTON-SCOTT

"Eminent leader in community and public health nursing, her nursing career began in 1951 when she received an MN from the Yale University School of Nursing. She worked as a staff nurse for seven years in various public health arenas, then moved to a position as nurse consultant in research for the United States Public Health Service. She launched into academics in 1955 as an instructor at YSN, and has since taught Public Health Nursing at Case Western Reserve University, Boston University, and the University of Illinois where she currently serves as an Associate

Professor, Emerita. She continued to advance her own education while educating others, receiving a Master's in Public Health from the School of Public Health at Harvard University, an AM in Psychology from Boston University, and a PhD in Social Psychology and Psychology of Personality from Boston University.

"Her peers have honored her often and well for 'outstanding contributions to community health nursing education' and for her distinguished career in public health nursing. The American Academy of Nursing claimed her in 1977.

"Her peers not only honor her, they quote her often! In 1985 she was

identified by the Social Science Index as the most quoted nurse author. Her 1970 paper, a review of the literature on compliance with medical regimens, published in Nursing Research, was designated as a 'citation classic' for having been cited in more than 185 different publications since its original publication date.

"In light of her many outstanding contributions to nursing research and education, the Yale School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association takes great pride in bestowing the Distinguished Alumna Award on Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott, Class of 1951."



## FOTINE D. O'CONNOR

"She has provided leadership to the nursing profession throughout her career in nursing administration and education. She is respected by those that she has guided and by her peers.

"Recognized for her contributions to nursing through service and participation in professional organizations, she received one of the first awards made by the California Organization of Nurse Executives. Numerous organizations have been nurtured by her leadership and dedicated participation.

"A renowned lecturer, her message is a global one dealing with nursing's image and impact on society. She has spanned such topics as associate degree education, computers in nursing, and nursing administration. Her words are not only spoken but published in national and international journals. And her ultimate mission is always the same — the improvement of nursing for the betterment of society.

"She lives the role of leader, mentor, and shaper of the profession of nursing and has utilized the education she earned at Occidental

College and Yale School of Nursing to the fullest.

"It is with great pleasure and pride that the Yale University School of Nursing and her Alumnae/i Association present the Distinguished Alumna Award to Fotine D. O'Connor, Class of 1955."

## CHARLOTTE (PIXIE) CRAM ELSBERRY

"Words cannot adequately express the commitment and dedication to her field of expertise and to YSN. Expert clinician, renowned teacher, unswerving advocate, she advanced the practice of midwifery in an unparalleled fashion.

"Having gained a solid foundation in nurse-midwifery at Yale, she graduated in 1965 and immediately pursued a challenging clinical position at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, New York and soon thereafter at North Central Bronx Hospital. She helped establish the nurse-midwife role as Chief Nurse-Midwife, and she conceptualized a unique model of obstetrical care with nurse-midwives providing triage for all women for admission and continuity of care regardless of risk status. This model has had resounding success with patient

satisfaction and clinical outcomes. Her exquisite diplomacy always carried the day, steadily gaining ground in expanding the nurse-midwife scope of practice within institutional politics. She flourished, becoming Director of the Division of Midwifery in 1986.

"Balancing her talents between New Haven and the Bronx, she supervised the Department of OB/GYN and Midwifery at CHCP in New Haven, personally lending her talents to nurse-midwives in delivering children in the out-of-hospital 'Family Childbirth Center.'

"The accomplishment for which we are most grateful is her 30 years of devoted clinical instruction in midwifery at YSN. Serving as regular faculty, lecturer, or associate faculty, she shared her wealth of midwifery knowledge with hundreds of midwifery students through the years. Known as a superior teacher/clinician, demanding yet nurturing, she has become legendary to would-be midwives. The 'Bronx Experience' with her became a renowned training ground for midwives, producing seasoned nurse-midwives who now serve with distinction throughout the world.

"Ever the advocate, she travels throughout the United States and



*The Class of 1940: Front row (L to R) Ethel Wagner, Delora Pitman, Genevieve Fraga, Eleanor Voorhies; back row (L to R) Marion Fasanella, Emma Hanks, Margaret Carson, Emeline Armstrong*



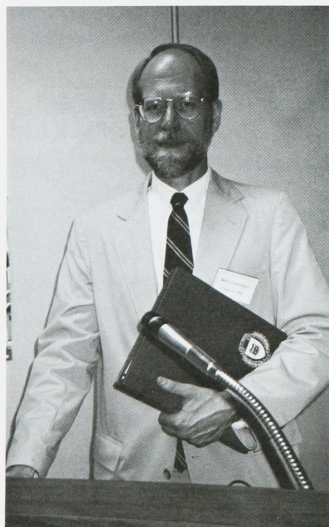
*The Class of 1950: Front row (L to R) Yukie Gross, Mary Colwell, Barbara Allard, Virginia Brown, Elizabeth Orser; back row (L to R) Esther Appler, Susie Asleson, Norgie Bronzan, Harriett McConnell, Ruth Shryock, Jean Butler, Mary Wolf, Frances Hindley*



abroad addressing her colleagues. Her publications, notably concerning high risk and teenage pregnancy, are well known and frequently cited. She has labored intensely at the legislative level, gaining hard-fought advances in the nurse- midwife scope of practice over the years.

"It is with great pleasure and pride that the Yale University School of Nursing and her Alumnae/i Association present the Distinguished Alumna Award to **Charlotte Phoebe Cram (Pixie) Elsberry**, Class of 1965."

On Saturday morning, following the Annual Meeting and election of the slate of officers for the 1995-96 YSN Alumnae/i Association Board, alumnus **Bruce Carmichael '82**, now Executive Director of Facilities Development and Operations at Yale Medical School, presented an outstanding lecture entitled, "Rivers and Reunions: Crossings, Reflections, and Change." Bruce brought the weekend's theme together and his session was just "brilliant," as one alum reported.



*Bruce Carmichael '82, Saturday morning keynote speaker*

1996 will bring a very welcome change for reunion weekend in that all the events of the weekend can take place in YSN's new building at 100 Church Street South. We won't have to wander all over the Medical

Center to find rooms large enough to hold everyone. Please make plans to join us on June 6 - 8 as we proudly show off the new facility and you rediscover your YSN ties!



*1940 classmates (L to R) Ethel Wagner, Genevieve Fraga, and Emma Jane Foster Hanks*

## YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE/I ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1995-1996

The following alumnae/i have committed themselves to serve the Association and fulfill the duties inherent in the various positions.

President, 1995-97  
Vice President, 1995-97  
Secretary, 1995-97  
Directors, 1995-97

Linda Degutis '82  
Anne Mercurio Aquila '89  
Rebecca Ousley Henry '94  
Alyson Cohen '92  
Edward Drew '92  
Toby Wilcox '94  
Kate Stephenson '94  
Pamela L. Driscoll '81

Co-editor, *Yale Nurse*  
AYA Representative

Officers and Board members continuing for another year of service are:

Treasurer, 1994-96  
Directors, 1994-96

Doris Foell '88  
Nancy Kline '92  
Kristin Oberg '92  
Rosemary Fanale-Golub '92, Chair  
Michelle Bolles-Vitale '93  
Beth Ann Collins '93  
Mary Colwell '50  
Marvel Davis '70

Nominating Committee  
1995-96

AYA Representatives



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YUSNAA

June 3, 1995

The meeting was called to order by **Ed Drew '82**, President, who made welcoming remarks and offered thank you's to all who had contributed to the success of the Alumnae/i Weekend events.

**Justine Glassman '51**, reporting for **Mary Jane Kennedy '68**, Chairperson of Annual Giving, gave a special thanks to the group and announced that YSN is the #1 school at Yale in terms of participation rate. \$142,000 was the goal for this year. \$130,483 has been pledged to date, which is a 45% participation rate, up from last year when the participation rate was 40%. All giving, including reunion gifts/alumni giving totals \$288,170, reflecting a 47% participation rate (compared to 41% last year).

Treasurer **Doris Foell '88** reported that the largest expenses for YUSNAA were for scholarships (\$90,000), school pins (\$4,000), printing of *Yale Nurse* (\$12,000) and Alumni Weekend costs (\$10,000). The checking account was closed with a balance of \$13,000. The interest rate was only 1.2% and there was a \$10.00 monthly charge for this account. Funds were moved into a CD paying an interest rate of 6 1/4% until February, 1996. Some of this money will be used for a portrait of Judy Krauss when she leaves her Deanship. Ideas for future fund raising projects were discussed. Doris will bring these ideas to the Board.

**Alyson Cohen '92**, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 1995.

There was no old business.

Under New Business Ed Drew presented the objectives/content of a career workshop held in January, 1995 for final year students. This was an effort launched by the 1994-95 Board for graduating students and was very successful. It is hoped that this will become an annual event to assist graduating students in finding a job and developing a resume, curriculum vitae, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Anne Aquila '89**  
Secretary



*Back from Florida Anne Milo '45 at the banquet*



*Justine Glassman '51 was pleased with the 1995 Class Gift.*



*YUSNAA Board members Linda Ryan '92 and Alyson Cohen '92 at the Registration table*



# RESEARCH NEWS

## ENRS HONORS YSN DEAN

Several YSN faculty and students attended the Eastern Nursing Research Society's (ENRS) 7th Annual Scientific Sessions in Portland, Maine on April 23-25, 1995. **Margaret Grey '76** received the Distinguished Research Award for 1995 and there were a number of presentations and poster sessions on display reflecting Yale's ongoing research efforts. **Angela McBride '64** delivered the keynote address.

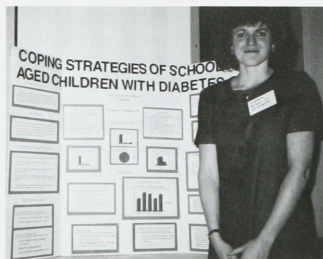
**Margaret Grey, DrPH, FAAN**, Associate Dean for Research and Doctoral Studies, was the recipient of the ENRS Distinguished Research Award for 1995. "Dr. Grey has completed more than a decade of research exploring the dimensions of diabetes in children. She has focused especially on the adaptation to chronic illness on the part of children and their families and ways that nurses may intervene to ameliorate the effects of the devastating chronic illness." The Award was presented by Barbara Munro, PhD, FAAN, Chair of the Awards Committee. Dr. Munro is Professor and Dean of the Boston College School of Nursing and former YSN faculty member.



*Margaret Grey (L) received ENRS award from Barbara Munro.*

## POSTER SESSIONS

**Elizabeth Boland, MSN, '95:** "Do Metabolically Effective Coping Strategies Exist for Children with Diabetes Mellitus?"



*Elizabeth Boland '95 and research poster.*

**Shirley Gale, MSN, '95:** "The Effect of a Chest Pain Center on Outcomes of Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction"

**Tricia Hertz, MSN, '95:** "Caseload

Complexity and Process of Care by Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Medical Providers"

**Robin R. Leger, MS:** "The Transition to Adult Living Project: Identifying the Health and Service Access Needs of Young Adults with Spina Bifida"

## SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

YSN was well represented at the Sigma Theta Tau International Research Conference, sponsored by the Connecticut chapters and held in Branford, Connecticut on April 17, 1995. Melva Kravitz, Associate Professor at YSN and Director of Nursing Research At Yale-New Haven Hospital, gave the keynote address, "Redesign Research: Process vs. Outcome."

## PRESENTATIONS

**Marjorie Funk, PhD, '84:** "Predicting Hospital Mortality in Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction." (Co-investigator was **Robin Pooley-Richards, MSN, '93.**)

**Dorothy Sexton, EdD** "Uncertainty and Coping Strategies Reported by Adults with Asthma." (Co-investigators were **Sharon Bottomley, MSN, '94;** **Jane Dixon, PhD;** **Marjorie Funk, PhD, '84;** and **Stephanie Sherman, MSN, '95.**)



# Student News

## PRESENTATIONS

**"Family Needs in Planned and Unplanned Cardiac Events"**

Rebecca Ousley Henry, MSN, '94

**"The Home Care Needs of Rural Zimbabwe Children with AIDS"**

Susan Michaels-Strasser, MSN, '95

**"Predicting Hospital Mortality in Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction"**

Robin Pooley-Richards, MSN, '93  
Marjorie Funk, PhD, '84

**"The Relationship of Gender to the Use of Cardiac Procedures in Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction"**

Marjorie Funk, PhD, '84  
Kathryn Griffey, MSN, '93

**"Uncertainty and Coping Strategies Reported by Adults with Asthma"**

Dorothy Sexton, EdD  
Stephanie, Sherman, MSN, '95  
(Other Co-investigators were  
Sharon Bottomley, MSN, '94;  
Marjorie Funk, PhD, '84; and  
Jane Dixon, PhD)

## POSTER SESSIONS

**"Functional Status of Elderly Patients After Percutaneous Aortic Balloon Valvuloplasty"**

Beth Ann Collins, MSN, '93  
Marjorie Funk, PhD, '84  
Raymond G. McKay, MD

**"Gravid Women's Postpartum Assessment of Intrapartum Experience as Related to Antepartal Attitudes Toward Pregnancy"**

Ariel Yellin, SNM, '96  
Ivy Alexander, MS  
William F. McCool, PhD

**"Presenting Signs and Symptoms of Patients Hospitalized for Myocardial Infarction"**

Jill Obata, MSN, '95  
Deborah Chyun, MSN, PhD, '82

Frank Roger Palin '96 has been awarded both a Nurses' Educational Fund (NEF) Scholarship and a scholarship from Sigma Theta Tau (Delta Upsilon) for the upcoming academic year. The NEF scholarship is awarded to nurses who have demonstrated academic excellence and potential for leadership and service in the nursing profession.

W. Kathleen Warner '96 was named a Downs Fellow for the Summer of 1995 in Mexico. Her faculty sponsor is Associate Professor Margie Beal '82.

## Students Honored with Community Service Award

Dean Judy Krauss presented both Mary Jane Linnehan '95 and Elana "Lani" Wishnie '95 with the 1995 Community Service Award. The award, instituted last year to honor students who have made outstanding contributions to the New Haven community, was presented at the Wisser Tea which follows the annual Sybil Palmer Bellos Lecture.

Lani was a founder of the Homeless Outreach Program for Enrichment (HOPE) Project and is YSN's coordinator for the Buddies Just for Kids program. She participated in Make a Difference Day and has worked as a volunteer for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK).

Mary Jane, a joint degree student with the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, served as the School's Community Service Coordinator and was also a founder of the HOPE Project. She

Leslie Blatt '97, Ann Kaisen '97, and Mary Robbenhaar-Fretz '98 were awarded the annual Rachel Rotkovich Scholarship, sponsored by Yale-New Haven Hospital (YNHH). Ann was also recently honored with the Virginia Henderson Award for Clinical Excellence, presented by Diana Weaver, Senior Vice President for Patient Services, YNHH. Gina Piscitelli '97 also received the Virginia Henderson Award for Clinical Excellence. She and Ann were instrumental in facilitating the Adolescent Unit's implementation of a recent operational redesign.

participated in the Buddies program, was a volunteer at DESK, and spent three years as a house manager at the Ronald McDonald House. She also directed a Dwight Hall summer internship program, served on the AIDS Project New Haven Hotline, and was an organizer of Make a Difference Day.



Mary Jane Linnehan (L) and Elana "Lani" Wishnie with the traditional roses that are part of the history of the Wisser Tea



## EDITORS' CORNER

This new column has been added to *Yale Nurse* in hopes of using it as a source of information about such things as how to replace a lost YSN pin, how to request a transcript, how to find a classmate, what services are available to alumnae/i on an ongoing basis, etc. The Editors hope that the column will be useful to you in a pragmatic kind of way. Do let us know!

Kate Stephenson '94 has agreed to take over the co-editorship of *Yale Nurse* from Linda Demas '89 whose insight, wit, and creative talents have delighted us all over the last few years. A heartfelt thank-you to Linda and a hearty hello to Kate who has already demonstrated great energy and sound new ideas beginning with this very issue!

### New Mailing Address and Telephone Numbers

Effective August, 1995 our new mailing address is Yale School of Nursing, P.O. Box 9740, 100 Church Street South, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. All telephone numbers will remain the same, but the Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office now has its own FAX machine, (203) 737-5409.

### Transcript Requests

For a transcript please send a written request to the Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office stating the kind of transcript required (official with a raised seal or unofficial without a raised seal), its destination, and \$2.00 per transcript. The very first one requested after graduation is free. An official transcript is usually sent directly to an agency or board that requires official proof of graduation. It can also be sent to you, but will be stamped, "Released to Student." An unofficial transcript is the exact same document, but is stamped "Uncertified," simply meaning that it is an informal copy and Yale School of Nursing does not guarantee its authenticity.

## AYA Assembly XLVI, April 20-22, 1995: The Relationship Between "Town and Gown"

In April, the Association of Yale Alumni met for the biannual AYA Assembly, chaired by Rafael A. Porrata-Doria, Jr. ('77 JD). The theme for the 46th meeting was "New Haven/New Yale/New Directions" and focused on the nature of the relationship between the University and the City of New Haven.

AYA delegates met in New Haven for three days to explore and analyze the partnership between the two entities. This Assembly's goal was to identify and extrapolate universal principles applicable to major universities and the cities where they are situated. Lectures, seminars, panel presentations, workshops, and case studies were utilized to convey and gather

information and new ideas on the most effective of "town and gown" relationships. John DeStefano (Mayor, New Haven), Rosa DeLauro (U.S. House of Representatives), and Michael Stegman (Assistant Secretary, US Department of Housing and Urban Development) were among the numerous presenters. In addition to receptions and meals held throughout the City and University, class and graduate/professional school meetings were held to discuss alumnae/i issues and activities.

Planned for this autumn (October 30-November 1) is Assembly XLVII, "Athletics at Yale," chaired by Maureen O. Doran '71. Assembly XLVIII will be held April 25-27, 1996.

## Becoming an AYA Delegate. . . Making a Difference

"Just what is an AYA Delegate?" one may ask. You could ask Mary Colwell '50 and Marvel Davis '70. These two YSN alumnae are AYA delegates who have been joined recently by a new inductee, Pamela Driscoll '81. Delegates to the Association of Yale Alumni work to fulfill its central mission: to connect and reconnect alumni to the University. This mission is accomplished by participating in biannual meetings called "AYA Assemblies," held each April and October.

Each Assembly has a theme on which are based numerous seminars, workshops, and panel discussions. In addition, delegates attend sessions on club, class, and graduate and professional school

programs that offer possible ideas to be incorporated into, for example, YSN's Alumnae/i Association. Delegates also meet informally with students, faculty, administrators, and other alumnae/i to learn about the recent changes on campus.

The primary responsibility of each delegate entails providing a link between alumnae/i and University by bringing questions and concerns to campus and returning home with information for one's constituents (YUSNAA). If you are interested in serving as an AYA delegate, please contact Linda Degutis '82, President, YUSNAA, c/o YSN Office of Alumnae/i Affairs, P. O. Box 9740, 100 Church Street South, New Haven, CT 06536-0740.

## 1996 REUNION WEEKEND

Reunion Weekend 1996 will be held June 6-8 in the brand new School of Nursing building, 100 Church Street South. This is the year to return! Come tour the new facility and enjoy the fact that we can have the full program in our OWN building. Make plans now. No excuses. 1996 is THE year to reunite and reconnect!



# Faculty News

**Margaret Grey '76**, Associate Dean for Research and Doctoral Students and Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing, has once again brought great honor to herself, to YSN, and to the nursing profession. She has been asked to Chair the Scientific Sessions for the American Diabetes Association for 1995-96; this is the first time that a non-physician scientist has been named to chair the sessions. She was also named Chair of the Nursing Science Review Committee at the National Institute of Nursing Research. In addition, **Margaret** received the Outstanding Nurse Researcher award from the Eastern Nursing Research Society on April 24, 1995.

**Angela Crowley**, Associate Professor, was a panel member at the Plenary Session, "Models of Linkages," at the National Child Care Health Forum held in Washington, DC on May 10-11, 1995. The purpose of the Forum was to strengthen linkages between child care and health and to develop strategies to promote the healthy development of children in child care.

**Ann Williams** has added two new staff members to assist with her research project on primary care nursing and HIV gynecologic manifestations. They are **JoAnne Mezger**, Associate in Research, and **Karina Dos Santos**, Senior Community Outreach Worker.

## CORRECTION

Apologies to **Sheila Conneen '79** and spouse **David Johnson '80**. *Yale Nurse* mistakenly reported that Sheila had completed the JD degree at the University of Arizona when in fact it was David who is the lawyer! Sheila, however, IS enrolled in a PhD program in ethics.



*The 1995 Sybil Palmer Bellos Lecture was delivered by Linda R. Cronenwett, RN, PhD, FAAN, Director of Nursing Research and Education at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.*

## Memorial Gifts

Classmates, family members, or friends may wish to create a memorial for a recently deceased alumnus or alumna, or faculty member, by means of a gift to Yale School of Nursing. The University notifies the next of kin that Yale has received a memorial gift, and prints the names of memorialized persons each year in a commemorative booklet: A Testament of Remembrance.

Persons choosing to make a memorial gift may mail checks payable to Yale University, with a notation, "in memory of Mary Smith, Class of 1900," to Yale Alumni Fund Memorials, P. O. Box 1890, New Haven, CT 06508-1890. You may also use this address, or fax number (203) 432-5685, to send the University obituaries or death notices. For more information, please call Jim Blanning or Bill Bliss at (203) 432-4354.



# IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANNA RYLE

Anna E. Ryle died on June 30, 1995. Miss Ryle graduated from YSN in 1933 with a BN degree and has served her school and her community with skill, grace, and dignity. Former Dean and Annie Goodrich Professor of Nursing Donna Diers delivered the eulogy at her funeral on July 3, 1995. Her words, printed in full below, pay fitting tribute to this remarkable woman and nurse.

"Miss Ryle — if you were a doctor or a nurse or hospital administrator — no matter how long you had known her, she was Miss Ryle, always in public, and always referred to that way outside her hearing.

"It wasn't the graceful dignity, nor even the respect for her age and experience that made this formality required. It was her rock solid professionalism, the steel rod of integrity that ran up her spine and the fact that she seemed to know everything that happened in a five mile radius of Yale-New Haven Hospital by acute observation, an enviable network of informants, her own intelligence, and her gift for listening.

Miss Ryle — well, I finally became comfortable calling her Ann - was shy. She neither sought the spotlight nor was comfortable in it, although when called to the stage she performed brilliantly, without a note to depend upon. I remember insisting that she participate on stage at the 50th Anniversary of the Yale School of Nursing and she demurred, but acceded. I learned later that beside her concern about her place in this event, she did not own a long dress and this was a formal occasion. I'm told the shopping trip was an adventure and I know she looked splendid in ivory and gold. An alumna who was there at the time wrote that Ann was 'awesome,' whereas I was described as looking 'interesting.'

"Her metier was the personal conversation, the executive meeting, the early morning telephone call

announcing a new fact or development which contained within it the seeds of what one was supposed to do.

"Yesterday, her niece, Laura, told me about trying to put together the facts of her professional life for the obituary in the newspaper. The facts are clear; what is impossible to describe in the space newspapers give is how important and influential Miss Ryle was in all capacities to generations of nurses here and physicians and employees of her beloved Hospital. Charles Womer, who directed the hospital for many of her years said, 'They broke the mold,' after Ann. She held the nursing management position through the years of some of the largest changes in how hospitals operate and she had to change, too. In her early years in nursing management, hospitals did not want strong nursing managers. When the time came that the hospital did, she flourished. In these days of managed care and health care reform, it is instructive to remember how Ann combined her humanism and her deep sense of values with management that made us all feel good, whether we worked for her or she worked for us or we collaborated across the parking lot.

"Some years ago my college roommate, who was then on a career path to become a Director of Nursing, visited me from Colorado and I offered to arrange a tour of Yale-New Haven for her. I called Ann, to ask her for help and she took it upon herself to take us around. My roommate, Jeanne, still talks about her astonishment and her learning at how thoroughly Ann knew the place: to a cook, 'How is your back now, Anthony?' (never Tony); to a head nurse, 'Did maintenance ever get that door fixed?'; to a nurse's aide, 'Holly, how is your mother now?'; to her colleague in hospital administration, 'I'll look at that budget when I am finished here.' Jeanne and I watched as everyone including physicians and residents and interns

straightened up when she came on a unit, even if they didn't know her, and most of them did. She owned the hospital.

"Ann made any number of differences in her professional nursing world outside Yale-New Haven. There are three that I know intimately and for which she has not received enough public credit. With Dean Margaret Arnstein of the Yale School of Nursing, the first nurse practitioner training programs were mounted here, and because it was Yale and Yale-New Haven Hospital, not only did they succeed, but they set a national standard that survives today for new roles for nurses in primary care. And with me she created a system of joint appointments for faculty who were also clinicians for clinical leadership in practice and research.

"She brought me up as a very awfully new green dean. Ann took me subtly under her wing. You family and friends who knew her better than I would appreciate how patient she was with the fact that I tended in those days to wear the wrong clothes. Ann's strategy was to compliment me when I had on an outfit that was better. Her strategy was also to feed me information that I badly needed. And when we began to create the program that was most troublesome in national nursing, a program to prepare college graduates for nursing and specialization, a program much as Ann had gone through at Yale, she served on the senior planning committee and made us all put our heads on straight when we got confused over trivia such as whether these new students ought to wear white uniforms or not. She said in a memorable meeting and as the Director of Nursing who knew, "If they do the work well, it won't matter what they wear."

"Most important of all, in this tedious planning effort, she told us that we should simply set a date for opening the program and then back off everything from there. Her utter confidence that if we did it this way,



it would happen and then we'd clean up the loose ends, freed us and we did it and that program is now the mainstay of the Yale School of Nursing.

"Annie kept her personal and professional lives very separate. Where that intersected was with nurse friends, especially with her dear friend, Kate Hyder, and those of us who knew them both.

"It was Thanksgiving and Ann invited me and drove me to the house she and Kate shared in Woodbury, a house whose essence, in the form of a mail-order cabin from Montgomery Ward, Kate had built. That had been a long time ago and the house was now a beautiful home on a lovely hill. Another friend, Eleanor Gill, then Dean of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing, was also a weekend guest. Now at this time Ann and Kate had been taking bridge lessons and Eleanor was a Grand Master or whatever they call it in bridge. I was your basic amateur. We played bridge for a long evening over conversations about various things. I'm sorry to tell you Eleanor and I won because Ann and Kate took to arguing about the values of the Blackwood Convention.

"We had a lot of fun as Ann told stories. My favorite was this one. One of the things the Director of Nursing was in charge of at the Hospital was the intern/resident on-call rooms where student physicians could sleep when they were on call. It was an annual event, although each class of interns and residents thought it was original, that one of them would steal the practice mannequin, called Mary Chase, from the lab used to teach nursing students. This was a full-sized female doll, and the boys would put it in one of the beds to scare one of their colleagues when he came stumbling in at 3 a.m. Ann's responsibilities included retrieving the doll and returning it to its place in the lab. She was doing that one day, hugging the doll

to her chest as she rode down on the elevator in the Clinic Building. The elevator stopped and a very senior surgeon got on. He took one look at her clutching the doll, she took one look at him, they said, 'Good morning Miss Ryle, Good morning Dr. Taffell,' he turned to face the front and no more was said. And good thing, too, because she knew he had been the intern who had done the same prank years ago.

"Steadfastness and devotion, integrity and enlightenment (for Ann changed ahead of when the times changed). In nursing we have not lately talked nor written about these values which are so much a part of her being, her personality, and now her legacy. Miss Ryle was born the year before Florence Nightingale died. The tie, the red thread, is there.

"On the occasion of the Yale School of Nursing's 50th anniversary, Anna E. Ryle was the first to receive a Distinguished Alumna Award. I wrote that citation and the award surprised and moved her, as we hoped it would. It said: 'Dignity, dedication, decorum and an almost divine sense of propriety and politics are hers. Without publicity or praise she has guarded the integrity of nursing and nursing education at Yale-New Haven Hospital since 1951. Her devotion to the Yale School of Nursing has never clouded her vision either of historical precedence or immediate needs. She has opened opportunities for students of nursing from many colleges and universities and has interpreted the changing nature of nursing and nursing education to her staff and her colleagues in medicine and hospital administration with supreme delicacy and tact. She has led, directed, and served the Yale-New Haven Hospital through its years of growth and nearly overwhelming change with consummate balance and unflinching good humor.' Ann wrote to me that this citation capped her career, which wasn't over then. Nor did it cap her life. For her life and her

work were of a piece. And of the special peace that God gives to the good."

## IN MEMORIAM

**Marjorie W. Beckley '27**  
died May 7, 1995.

**Anna E. Ryle '33**  
died June 30, 1995.

**Frances W. Cheney '39**  
died May 31, 1995.

**Elizabeth Evans Erickson '40**  
died April 5, 1995.

**Mary Sjobeck Evans '40**  
died March 25, 1995.

**Mary E. "Betty" Peoples Frey '41**  
died March 13, 1995.

**Bessie M. Kellogg '41**  
died March 14, 1995.

**Miriam M. Kearney '45**  
died December 7, 1994.

**Elizabeth Jane White '45W**  
died October 21, 1994.

**Reva Rubin '46**  
died May 13, 1995.

**Kathryn K. Mowbray '46W**  
died November 9, 1994.

**Charlotte Sparling '46W**  
died February 11, 1994.

**Mary L. "Nilda" Shea '47**  
died February, 1995.

**Stephanie Coghlan Cleveland '50**  
died June 25, 1995.

**Ieva-Jurate S. Kades '62**  
died June 9, 1994.

**Sheila A. Packard '74**  
died April 23, 1995.



# Class News

**Alice M. Forman '45** was inducted into Fellowship by the American College of Nurse-Midwives during its Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas on May 27 in recognition of her distinguished achievements in providing health care to women and infants.

**Madeleine Crowley '45W** and husband Larry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cocktail buffet party at the Stanford Faculty Club on June 10, 1995.

**Jewel Q. Patton '47** was honored as one of the "Outstanding Women of Monterey County" at the ninth annual awards ceremony on May 7, 1995. Jewel participated in the founding of the Salinas Valley Visiting Nurses Association, taught nursing at Hartnell College, helped start the Meals on Wheels of Salinas, and the Hospice of the Salinas Valley in the late 1960's and 1970's.

**Victoria Conn '48** of Newtown Square, PA has been elected to membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She was inducted as an undergraduate member of Alpha Rho Chapter at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia on April 8, 1995.

**Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott '51**, Associate Professor Emerita of Public Health Nursing at The University of Illinois at Chicago, has been named the winner of two awards in recognition of her career accomplishments: the Ruth B. Freeman Award from the American Public Health Association and the Educators Award from the Association of Community Health Nursing.

**Angela Barron McBride '64** was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Medical College of Ohio on June 2, 1995. Angela, Distinguished Professor and Dean at Indiana University School of Nursing, also gave the keynote address, "Orchestrating Your Research: From Novice to Expert," at the Seventh Annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern

Nursing Research Society in April in Portland, ME.

**Margaret E. Craig '70**, a private practice physician affiliated with John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, was inducted into Fellowship by the American College of Nurse-Midwives during its Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX on May 27 in recognition of her distinguished achievements in providing health care to women and infants.

**Carol L. Howe '74**, Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Education Program at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital and President of the ACNM Certification Council, Inc., was inducted into Fellowship by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) during its Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas on May 27 in recognition of her distinguished achievements in providing health care to women and infants.

**Deborah McCaffrey Boyle '79** was a 1995 recipient of the Award for Excellence of Scholarship and Consistency of Contribution to the Oncology Nursing Literature from the Oncology Nursing Society/Chiron Therapeutics. Deborah also received the Public Education Project grant for 1995 which will support a project, "A Community-Focused Outreach Education Demonstration Project to Enhance Prostate Cancer Awareness in Elderly Men in Northern Virginia."

**Margaret Beal '82** was awarded a Ph.D. in Nursing on May 11, 1995 from The Union Institute. Congratulations, Dr. Beal!

**Veronica Kane '83** recently separated from the Air Force, turning down a promotion to Major, to spend more time with her preschool daughter and avoid a conflict of interest with her husband, the Hospital Commander. She keeps busy volunteering as a PNP and working as Adjunct Faculty at Midwestern State University where she is involved in starting a Family Nurse Practitioner Master's program.

**Marguerite Witmer '83** is a clinical nurse specialist in neurology-neurosurgery at Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA.

**Beth Baldwin Tigges '84** and her husband Chris happily announce the birth of their first child, Austen Baldwin, on January 22, 1995. The Tigges now live in Albuquerque, NM.

**Jean Guveyan '90**, President of the American Society of Pain Management Nurses, gave the keynote address, "Riding The Waves of the Future," in Dallas on April 8, 1995.

**Catherine Burd Nelms '92** recently married Michael G. Nelms, an Associate Pastor at the Larchmont Presbyterian Church in Larchmont, NY. They are living in Mamaroneck and Catherine is busy looking for a new position.

**Susan A. Kass '93** writes from Moses Lake a/k/a/ "the Desert Oasis" (honest, that's what the signs entering town say!) that she's coming to the end of her NHSC stint there and looking forward to getting back to somewhere where she can "buy bagels other than Lender's and see movies other than *Free Willy* and *Bruce Lee*." Meanwhile she writes that **Molly Savitz '93**, last heard from having fun in the sun as a Recreationland RN in Santa Cruz, has abandoned her search for the perfect surfer dude to minister to the hundreds (thousands?) forced into emergency shelter by the flooding in California. She's been spending her weekends as Disaster Relief Nurse and doing YSN proud.

**Elizabeth Mallory Ryan '94**, husband Pancho, and daughter Hunter welcome Alexandra Elizabeth, born on June 7, 1995. All are well, but busy!

**Kate Stephenson '94** has recently accepted a position as a Family Nurse Practitioner at HealthFirst, Inc. of Willimantic, CT. HealthFirst is a family practice health center which also has centers in Norwich and Killingly, CT.





Judy Krauss in front of 100 Church Street South with architects Glenn Gregg (L) and Rick Wies.

In the upcoming issues of *Yale Nurse* look for the “Building Showcase” feature highlighting a particular aspect of the new YSN facility.

## *We're Lost Without You!*

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☐ New Alumnae/i

☐ Alumnae/i Information Update

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

What's new with you or your classmates? \_\_\_\_\_

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