Alumnae activities, June 6, 1953, started at 12:00 noon with a buffet luncheon in the recently decorated lounge of Sterling dormitory. Informal visiting, plenty of good food made this event a happy success.

The Annual Meeting of YSNAA was held in Brady Auditorium at 1:30 P. M., Florence Alexander, presiding. The report of the Tellers revealed that the revised Constitution had been adopted, culminating three years of work by Irma Biehusen's committee, incorporating changes recommended by the Board of Directors, and confirming the policy of contributory dues after a two-year experiment of emphasizing the number of contributions rather than the amount.

The newly elected officers are:

- President: Margaret Perry '45 (to fill the unexpired term of Florence Alexander).
- Vice-president: Rosalind Loutrel '48.
- Secretary: Margaret Chalker Maddocks '35.
- Treasurer: Mary Payne Sullivan '35 (to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Kane '47).

Two directors: Elizabeth Cole '45W, Grace Nichols Knight '43 (re-elected).

Directors Anne Goodrich Waters '26, Betty Due Reilly '46W, and Elizabeth...
THE BULLETIN BOARD
Mrs. Elizabeth Bucholz '30, Editor
Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons '29
Miss Kathleen Barrett '39
Mrs. Patricia Petersdorf '51
Miss Virginia Brantl '51
Miss Janet Haynes '53
Editorial Office: Brady 114 A
310 Cedar St., New Haven, Conn.

Plummer '46W, complete the Board of nine members.

If you were unable to attend the business meeting we hope that the reports following this editorial will help to bring you up-to-date on the affairs of YSN and its Alumnae Association.

The climax of the day’s events was a banquet dinner held in the President’s Room, Woolsey Hall, at 6:15 P. M. The graduating class of 1953 were our guests and were welcomed as new alumnae. Honored guests seated at the head table included Dean Elizabeth S. Bixler; Dean Emeritus Effie J. Taylor; Miss Florence Alexander, President of YSNAA; Miss Helen Lowe, President of the Class of 1953; Miss Virginia Henderson, Associate Professor of Research YSN; Mrs. Priscilla Humphrey Halpert ’27, Chairman of the Alumnae Council; and Mr. Reuben A. Holden, guest speaker for the event. We were honored to have Mr. Holden with us, as on July 1, 1953 he will assume the duties of the Office of Secretary to the Yale University Corporation. And we relished his talk to us! Before attending the dinner he had brushed up on YSN history and was moved to pay his respects to women at Yale, who registered now in all departments of the University but the Undergraduate Colleges and the School of Forestry, form a minority to be considered. He quoted from a book, “The Superiority of Women,” which he purchased expecting to find amusement but had discovered that it really is no joke at all! He gave our Bulletin favorable mention and expressed the sincere interest of the University in the success of the development of the Annie W. Goodrich Endowment Fund.

REPORT OF SCHOOL OF NURSING

We are happy to report that new personnel policies for faculty of the School of Nursing have been set up this past year and approved by the University Administration. Perhaps the most important clause in these policies is the one stating that all faculty members of Assistant, Associate, or full Professor, rank may at the end of three years of service have three months leave of absence with full pay. This is in addition to the one month’s annual vacation. The faculty agree that an arrangement of this sort is preferable to the usual University procedure of taking a leave of absence every seventh year. We believe that this policy will make for better stability in our faculty. This year Miss King is taking her full allowance of leave of absence and Miss Toelle and Miss Russell are taking some additional time.

There is no marked fluctuation in student enrollment to report at this time. For the class to be admitted this fall, 40 students have been fully accepted and 7 applications are pending. We can anticipate receiving additional applications this summer. The publicity committee has recently sent out a poster to the colleges and already several letters have been received from the college counselors.

Over $6,000 have been given to students for scholarships this past year and over $2,000 for loans. We are, so far, fortunate in being granted scholarship help from the General University Scholarship Funds. The Loan Fund which was originally started by the Connecticut Training School has been drawn upon very heavily and at the moment there is very little left in this fund. The outstanding loans have all been taken out recently and are not yet due. The special fund for scholarships for Negro students has been practically exhausted.

Miss Helen L. Clarke, who has been Registrar of the School of Nursing since the School of Nursing opened in 1924, retires at the end of June. She has been with the School longer than any other individual and certainly no one has been more loyal to the ideals of our School than Miss Clarke. She is an honorary member of our Alumnae Association and we can hope to continue our contacts with her in the future through this group.
Miss Jeanette Evans has been appointed as Registrar to begin her duties July 1. Miss Evans has her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Education and has had both teaching and community agency experience. Her work has been mainly in the health field.

The Alumni Committee for the Division of Medical Affairs is in the process of being re-activated and we are pleased to report that Mr. Coombe, the Chairman, has appointed Dr. Esther Lucile Brown to this Committee. We know that she is very much interested in the Yale School of Nursing and we are sure that she will be of considerable help to us.

Elizabeth S. Bifler

PROGRESS OF A.W.G. FUND

Goal for Alumnae Day 1955...$250,000.00
Present total June 1953...35,379.00

Received in 1953:
Alumni Fund appeal ........................................ 1,413.58
Direct to Alumnae office from 66 alumnae and regional groups ........................................ 1,341.00
From non-alumnae ........................................ 245.00

Gifts by classes (1953)
1926 ........................................ 5.00 1941 ........................................ 6.00
1927 ........................................ 207.00 1942 ........................................ 170.00
1928 (25th reunion) ........................................ 75.00 1943 (10th reunion) ........................................ 105.00
1929 ........................................ 85.00 1944 ........................................ 97.00
1930 ........................................ 18.00 1945 ........................................ 39.50
1931 ........................................ 158.00 1945W ........................................ 29.00
1932 ........................................ 72.00 1946 ........................................ 63.00
1933 (20th reunion) ........................................ 17.00
1934 ........................................ 329.00 1946W ........................................ 17.00
1935 ........................................ 91.38 1947 ........................................ 8.00
1936 ........................................ 49.00 1948 (5th reunion) ........................................ 121.50
1937 ........................................ 61.20 1949 ........................................ 50.00
1938 (15th reunion) ........................................ 82.00 1950 ........................................ 153.00
1939 ........................................ 5.00 1951 ........................................ 21.00
1940 ........................................ 205.00 1952 ........................................ 17.50
1940 ........................................ 22.00

Checks, payable to Yale University, earmarked for the A. W. Goodrich Fund, may be sent either to the Alumnae Office, 310 Cedar Street, New Haven, or to the Treasurer of Yale University.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Alumnae Advisory Council to the Yale University School of Nursing met on June 5, 1953, with 8 members present as compared with 3 members present last year at the Council’s first meeting. The President of the Alumnae Association and the Dean of the School of Nursing also participated in the meeting.

In connection with increasing the Annie W. Goodrich Fund the Council considered methods of stimulating interest in Yale. It appeared desirable for the Alumnae regional groups to strengthen their organization and to use such promotional methods as distinctive stationery, and the providing of copies of the two biographies of Miss Goodrich for local libraries.

There was discussion of an Alumnae questionnaire to elicit opinions on strengths or weaknesses in the Yale program and suggestions from graduates as to possible changes and improvements in the curriculum of the school.

It was agreed in the Council that the basic program, a professional course in nursing for college women, should be continued by Yale. It was also felt by the group that the faculty and the Dean should give constant and careful attention to the development of appropriate advanced programs comparable to that already in operation in mental health nursing.

It was also agreed that all Alumnae of the school need not hesitate to promote the reputation of the school in every way. All of the latent loyalties of Yale graduates must be stimulated and directed towards the important project of establishing the Annie W. Goodrich professorship in the near future.

Pricilla W. Halpert ’27, Chairman

BOOKS
"Annie W. Goodrich: Her Journey to Yale," by Esther A. Werminghaus (’39)  
"Militant Angel," by Harriet Berger Koch  
are published by MacMillan Company.

Both authors donate their royalties to the A.W.G. Endowment Fund.
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The duties and functions of the Alumnae Office are numerous but by and large pleasant ones. First of all, I would like to express my appreciation to all the Alumnae for permitting me to assume the responsibility of Executive Secretary—and especially to Dean Bixler, Miss Alexander, the retiring Alumnae Board of Officers, and Miss Carpenter, without whose assistance I could not have carried on.

The responsibilities or duties of the Executive Secretary have not been clearly defined. Therefore I have tried to do the things which I thought needed to be done the best I knew how. You may be interested to know that between 4,400 and 4,500 pieces of mail have been sent out from the Office, such as: Requests for contributions and or dues, invitations to Alumnae Day for the awarding of the Yale Medal to Miss Goodrich, and invitations to the luncheon and dinner to all 1,090 living Alumnae. Ballots and by-laws, and the Directory have been mailed to all dues paying members of the association—I hope. However, if any contributor has not received a copy of the 1952 Directory please let me know.

Keeping up our elaborate address and position system is tedious and complicated, even with a Cardex system. When we are uncertain of an address we write to classmates, inquire of any who come to the office, call class secretary, etc. New changes of address are sent to the Dean’s Office, Miss Carpenter, University Class Secretary’s Bureau, and to any class mates who write for them.

During May I mailed about 15 yards of cap ribbon, answered requests for obtaining Yale caps, Yale pins, Yale capes, etc.

The Directory which we publish every 2 years is, perhaps, the most time-consuming part of the year’s work. There is a concentrated period of three months when I am so consumed with names and addresses that I answer practically all questions with a string of names. Some of you are wonderful about sending us pertinent information once or twice a year. I urge all of you to help us in this task.

As you know Miss Carpenter is of tremendous help in this matter, for no doubt she is known and loved by all of you for her thoughtfulness, interest, and help.

When I learn that one of you, or your family is in this hospital I go to see if our Alumnae Office can be of any help, write notes to those who have lost loved ones, and to those of you who write us of the birth of your babies, or those who have gotten married, etc. For this I use my own stationery, but use Alumnae Association stamps. Notes of appreciation were sent to many of you for your contribution to the Annie W. Goodrich Fund. Others will hear later, for at least 50 checks have come this week.

I attended all the Board Meetings, all Committee Meetings and the Monthly Meetings of our local Nursing Service Bureau. I do all the banking for the Alumnae Association and send all Annie W. Goodrich Fund checks to the University for deposit. We keep a list of these deposits in the office.

The duties of the office have increased so much that it has been necessary to secure part-time clerical assistance.

A pleasure I derive from this position is connected with any brief trips I take. With a copy of the Directory in hand, I look up all Alumnae in the vicinity and phone them as I pass through their towns. Two recent trips have been especially rewarding in which I went through a hospital and a large college infirmary and learned of the interesting work our graduates are doing.

Our relations with Yale University, the Class Secretary’s Bureau, the Alumni Board and the Yale School of Medicine Library are all on a cordial basis. For the past three years Yale has permitted us to house returning alumnae in Wright Hall for the Commencement week-end.

All of us are tremendously interested in reaching our common goal for the Annie W. Goodrich Endowment Fund. Recently a Yale professor was asked at the close of a lecture what his fee was. Because it was a local nursing group, he said there was no fee. But when they insisted that they must pay him, he suggested they send a donation to the Annie W. Goodrich Fund. They did.

Thank you for permitting me to serve in the Alumnae Office for the past three years.

Elizabeth H. Simmons,
Executive Secretary
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

There were two meetings of the membership committee this year, the first to plan activities and the second to execute our main project which was to acquaint all three classes of the school with the meaning and functions of the Alumnae Association. May 12 was the day set aside for us. Very fortunately we were able to talk to all three classes at different hours on this day. The students seemed to respond favorably to the indoctrination.

The committee decided it would be an excellent idea to give a punch party after the informal talk to the seniors. It turned out to be a very warm day and the seniors had just completed an exam, so we believe they enjoyed our cookies, cakes and punch.

We should like to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors and the Alumnae Association that these talks be continued from year to year and that a punch party be given to the seniors in behalf of the Alumnae Association.

The committee is very anxious to stimulate full-hearted membership among all YSN alumnae in the coming year. This will be one of our projects next year.

Our thanks to the committee members who have given their whole-hearted cooperation throughout the year. They are Barbara Guptil '42, Marjorie Rovelstad Wessen '49, Betty Dyer '51, Jane Shannon '52.

Betty Due Reilly '46W, Chairman

Note: It was voted that the membership committee should continue to work with the students and entertain the Seniors.

REGIONAL GROUPS

Mary Ochiai '45 writes that the Regional Group of Southern California met at her home last November. She plans another meeting for the fall of 1953.

The New Haven Regional met on April 29 at Nathan Smith Hall, Elizabeth Plummer '46W, chairman. The speaker was Albert Wessen, Ph.D., instructor in Sociology at Yale. He presented the highlights of his research project, "The Nurse and a New England Hospital." Dr. Wessen is the husband of Marjorie Rovelstad '49. Miss Bixler's "removal sale" on April 12 with the cooperation of the New Haven Regional netted $265 for the A.W.G. Fund.

The Boston Regional met May 23 with Dean Bixler as guest speaker. The group has raised an additional $118 for the Fund. Elizabeth Smith Barnett '48 sends us the following notice:

"Members of the Boston Regional Group who don't find the dollar for the A.W.G. Fund in their pocketbooks are embarking on an individual projects program wherein items made at home will be sold with all profits going to the Fund.

Examples:—Fruit cake (sampled and heartily endorsed by all attending the last meeting) at $1.50 per generous pound, gives the fund 35¢ per sale.

Imported English gingham bow ties and strings at 75¢ yield 50¢ for the cause on each sale.

A two-penny postcard to Marion T. Gates, 91 Old Billerica Road, Bedford, Mass. will bring you a list of items for sale. Since most of these involve a certain amount of time and effort, early orders will be appreciated. Remember, the longer fruit cake ages, the better it tastes at Christmas!"

OUR STUDENT AT BRAZIL

Jean Lashar Weed '54 has been selected to represent Yale student nurses at the International Congress of Nurses in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 6-22. Her expenses have been raised by the students. She will report results of the world-wide conference to the student body on her return to New Haven.

NOTES

Ex-faculty. Miss Elizabeth G. Fox has been elected 3rd Selectman for the town of Bethany, Conn. She sold her home on Litchfield Turnpike and has built a new one on Hilldale Road.

Miss Evelyn Sturmer is in charge of Nursing Service in the new Memorial Unit. She received her M.S. from Yale this June, having completed the Advanced Course in Mental Health Nursing.

'26. Doris Pinkney Allison's son Bill was in the thick of disaster work on duty with a National Guard unit in Worcester, Mass.
'27. Mae McKerkle is now at home after a stay in the hospital in Seattle and a period of convalescence with her cousin in Kelso, Wash.

'29. Elizabeth Simmons and family moved July 1 to Downs Road, Bethany, Conn. Daughter Betsy having completed one year of the nursing course at Univ. of Conn., is affiliating at G-NH Hosp. this summer.

'29. An article in the Spring issue of the Radcliffe Quarterly by the International Relations Chairman of the Conn. P.T.A. describes her visit to Yugoslavia, and gives space and credit to the work being done at the hospital where Dr. Manya Vaitch is in charge of Pediatrics.

'30. Margaret Brandson Hillsman visited New Haven June 1. Her son Dean finished at Dartmouth College and daughter Margaret graduated from Dana Hall, Wellesley Hills. Ex-’30. Delia Tracy Smith has a granddaughter, Deborah Reynolds, born to son Carlton and wife, May 8, 1953. Her daughter Betsy graduated from Centenary Junior College and will enter Cornell Univ.-New York Hospital School of Nursing this fall.

'31. Lucy Shaw Schultz did emergency hospital duty recently in tornado-torn Flint, Mich.

'39. Esther Anderson Werminghaus is Assoc. Exec. Sec. of ANA and is living at Parkside Hotel, 18 Gramercy Park South, New York 3, N. Y.

'39. S. Katherine MacDonald is Assistant Director of the Newton (Mass.) VNA. ’39. Jane Wilcox has been appointed Chief, Heart Nursing Service in the Nursing Dept. of the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

'43. Florence Alexander is assistant to Director of Nurses (Esther Budd ’31) at Syracuse Memorial Hospital and enrolled in Miss Jean Barrett’s course in Nursing Service Administration.

'43. Harriett Hicok is Operating Room supervisor, USPHS Hosp., Baltimore, Md., and has written the chapter on Aseptic Techniques in a new book by Felder and West.

'45. Joan L. Savage is head nurse at the Neuropsychiatric Institute, Univ. of Ill. and lives at 912 South Wood Street, Chicago 12, Ill.

'45W. Elizabeth Cole is assistant in instruction in Education Dept., G-NHCH.

'45W. Jean Dooley received her M.S. in Nursing Education from Catholic Univ., Washington, D. C. She is a Certified Nurse-Midwife.

'45W. Mary Ellen Oesterle Haw has an adopted daughter, Nancy Clark, born April 10, adopted May 19, 1953.

'46. Anne Gleysteen Kramer lives at 37 East 75th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

'46W. Mathilde Haga received her M.A. from Univ. of Chicago. Thesis: Activities of Assistant Director in charge of Nursing Education.

'46W. Frances Davis is Assoc. Exec. Sec. of ANA in the economic security program.


'47. Jeanette Gies is a student at the American Seminary of the Bible, Patterson, N. J.

'47W. Evelyn Hamil has left Oklahoma for 11708 Horton Avenue, Downey, Cal.

'48. Norma Coggan is living at 28 St. Paul Street, Brookline, Mass.


'48. Hope Houser Asay and family returned from Germany in June and will spend the summer at 61 Stone Road, Belmont, Mass.

'48. Eugenia Schwanda Finnegan (Mrs. D. A.) is living at 1521 Sherrod Avenue, Florence, Ala.

'48. Valerie Douglas is Instr., surgical specialties, Univ. of Michigan Hosp.

'49. Helen Tashjian was on duty day and night at Hahneman Hosp. following the tornado in Worcester, Mass.

'49. Irene Mszanowski Ropski (Mrs. J. A.) is living at 510 East 12th Street, Erie, Pa.

'51. Gertrude Vogel Graham (Mrs. T. B.) is living at 145 Maple Avenue, Newark 8, N. J.

'52. Jean Carter has an appointment for the fall as head nurse in surgery at the American University Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon.
'52. Estelle Miller and Corinne Kerfoot are students at the Kennedy School of Missions and are taking field work, the former in Kingston, Jamaica, the latter in Aguascalientes, Mexico.

'52. Helen Chuan is staff nurse at the Medical Center, Jersey City, N. J.

'52. M. Ellen Peck is instructor of clinical nursing and head nurse in the Tbc Clinic, N. H. Disp.

WEDDINGS

'35. Raidie Poole Mitchell to Prof. Emanuel Merdinger, March 26, 1953. Address: 641 West 59th Street, Chicago, Ill.

'45. Margaret Perry (our new president) to Herbert H. Pearce, June 27, 1953. They will live on Mansfield Road, North Haven. Elizabeth Grim '45 was maid of honor.


'BIRTHS

'35. To Mr. and Mrs. John U. White (Eleanor Stonington) a son, William Augustus, May 2, 1953.

'38. To Dr. and Mrs. James D. Barger (Josepine Steiner) a baby, April 9, 1953.

'38. To Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Pearce (Marie Leis) a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, February 15, 1953. Marie is a director on the Board of Education in Oxford, Mich.

'39. To Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Spear (Jessie Parkinson, M.D. and M.P.H.) a daughter, Barbara Ann, June 10, 1953.

'40. To Mr. and Mrs. George P. Fraga (Genevieve Faeh) a daughter, Rosalie Frances, April 3, 1953.

'42. To Mr. and Mrs. William Hall which (Elizabeth) a son, Donald Kent, April 1953.

'46. To Dr. and Mrs. Donal R. Sparkman (Margaret Markham) a son, David Ross, February 28, 1953.

'46 W. To Dr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Biehusen (Yvette Richard) a baby, spring 1953.

'47. To Mr. and Mrs. Meade T. Hargiss, Jr. (Clarice Osterud Hargiss) a daughter, Margaret, April 16, 1953.

'48. To Dr. and Mrs. Lyal D. Asay (Hope Houser) a son, Frank, in Germany, March 1953.

'48. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Lynn (Katharine Wuerth) a son, May 1953.

'48. To Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson (Mildred Bone) a son, David Bruce, May 7, 1953.

'49. To Mr. and Mrs. Travis S. McGehee (Margaret Dobbins) a daughter, Kathleen, February 13, 1953.

'49. To Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Otis (Mary Hamlen) a son, Richard, Jr., March 28, 1953.

'51. To Mr. and Mrs. John J. McGarry (Jean Morgan McGarry) a daughter, March 1953.

'51. To Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Floyd, III (Mary Batts Floyd) a son:

'June 4, 1953

Hi everyone.

Just a note to say Richard Dudley Floyd IV arrived May 30—Wt. 7 lb. 11 oz. We had no trouble whatsoever. I worked full time up to the day before he came, then he arrived after a total labor of 4 1/2 hours. (I was only in the hospital 1 1/2 hours before he came.) I'm convinced there's nothing like having a baby at Duke!

Dick will be going to the army for a two year period sometime this summer, so I'm retiring for a couple of years, then we'll probably come back to Duke.

Would love to hear from some of you. Anxious to know all the VNA news.

Sincerely,

Mary Floyd

Permanent address: 1522 Pecos, San Angelo, Texas.
DO YOU KNOW THE ADDRESS OF:

'34. Elizabeth Ferguson King (Mrs. Griffen W.).
'38. Olive Lewellyn Blandau (Mrs. Richard J.).
'41. Grace M. Behrents.
'45. Helen Hunter.
'45. Eunice Tucker Herrington (Mrs. Ulysses S.).
'45W. Hilde Kantsky Cherry (Mrs. James W.).
'46W. Jean Ball Trumpp (Mrs. Theodore F.).
'46W. Lt. Adiel Wilder.
'47. Elsie Frances Noe?

If so, please notify the Alumnae Office.

Miss Carpenter will love you even more if you send and continue to send her pictures, local newspaper clippings about yourselves and your children, and reprints of your publications. Those from outside the New Haven area will be especially welcome, and all will be carefully kept as part of her enlarging family collection. (She says they are not just "family folders," nor does she call them "case studies"!!)

The fall Alumnae Bulletin will contain information regarding the Advanced Programs in Nursing which are already developed by YSN and which are planned for the immediate future.