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Sustaining excellence is not easy, but that is what we are about at YSN. With the brightest students, the most industrious and supportive staff, and the most qualified faculty, sustaining excellence may look easy but, in fact, we work at it. Believing that our central commitment to practice and our practice activities distinguish us from others, we are constantly looking to improve our clinical education programs and our own clinical service activities. That is why we have hired Dr. Betty Nelson as YSN's first Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. Betty is working closely with our faculty to implement a new 24/7 nurse-midwifery service at the Yale-New Haven Hospital and to expand our newly developed nurse-midwifery service at the Griffin Hospital in Derby to include family practice services. We engage in practice to strengthen our academic programs and to improve our understanding of the clinical problems that demand solutions.

The relationships among our academic programs, our practice activities, and our scholarship are the focus of our Centers for Excellence. Now nearly five years old, our Center for Excellence in Chronic Illness Care, under the direction of Dr. Ruth McCorkle, provides consultation to investigators interested in chronic illness and serves as a touchstone for clinicians who aim to provide excellence in care to those experiencing chronic illness. This summer, the Center will sponsor the first summer institute, looking at the family and chronic illness. The Center for Health Care Policy and Ethics, under the direction of Dr. Sally Cohen, has established a tradition of bringing advanced practice nurses and policy analysts together to discuss the policy issues faced by advanced practice nurses today. Through its Donaghue-funded initiative, the Policy Center has brought attention to the role that health care relationships play in the outcomes of care.

Through our newly established Office of International Affairs, directed by Pamela Minarik, we are working to create educational opportunities for our students all around the globe. Our educational programs have been exported to Japan and Hong Kong. We are hosting international students and scholars and creating exchange opportunities for our faculty and students. Our international research, which has taken our faculty to Thailand and China, is moving into new parts of the world where nurses and nursing care are needed to stop the spread of deadly diseases.

Here at Yale we have a long tradition of using practice to solve social problems. And in doing so we improve health care for all people.

Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor

• With the reorganization of the Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office and Barbara Reif’s retirement, Alumnae/i Affairs has moved to the Development Office, under the direction of Lisa Hottin, our Development Officer. Lisa is eager to assist you in any way. Please contact her for all your alumnae/i needs at (203) 785-7920 or lisa.hottin@yale.edu.

• The Student Affairs Office is still the place to go if you wish to receive an application packet for a friend or colleague; or need a transcript or form filled out; or just want to find out what’s going on at the School. Assistant Dean Frank Grosso and his staff would be pleased to help you in any way. Call (203) 785-2389.

• Interested in recycling your YSN pin? If you never wear your pin, but wish to give it to someone who has lost his or hers, please send it to Lisa Hottin, in care of the Alumnae/i Affairs Office, Yale School of Nursing, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. Every once in a while we get a request for a replacement pin, especially from graduates in the MN classes, and these pins are difficult to come by. Having some extras is a wonderful means of continuing the YSN tradition in a very special way. Thanks in advance!

• YSN’s web address is www.nursing.yale.edu.

• The redesigned AYA web site (www.aya.yale.edu) now offers many new services in addition to more up-to-date news and information about Yale and alumnae/i activities. There is an easy-to-use and fully searchable directory where alums can update their contact information online. Please also remember to contact YSN when there is a change, until we can be sure that both systems “speak to each other.” Send contact information updates to barbara.larkin@yale.edu, including phone numbers and email addresses.

• It’s not too late to order a handmade sterling silver bulldog pin. Send a check or money order for $65 to Bulldog Pin Fundraiser, Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. Any questions should be directed to Lisa Hottin at lisa.hottin@yale.edu or (203) 785-7920.

• Comments and questions about Yale Nurse and the activities of the YSN Alumnae/i Association are invited and should be directed to the Editors, Yale Nurse, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740 or to Lisa Hottin at lisa.hottin@yale.edu or (203) 785-7920.

CIC Convocation Speaker

On Monday, February 3, 2003 at 4:30 pm, the Center for Excellence in Chronic Illness Care at YSN will hold the fifth annual convocation. This year’s keynote speaker is John S. Rolland, MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Co-Director of the Center for Family Health at the University of Chicago. The topic of his talk is, “Families, Illness, and Disability: An Integrative Model.”

Dr. Rolland received his training in medicine and psychiatry at the University of Michigan and Yale. He also received a master’s degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. He was the founder and Director of the Center for Illness in Families, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Yale before relocating to Chicago. He is widely recognized for his conceptual model, clinical work, and research with families facing serious physical disorders. His recent book, Families, Illness, and Disability: An Integrative Treatment Model, was selected as the Behavioral Science Book of the Month and was nominated for book-of-the-year by the American Medical Writers’ Association.
Collegiality Benefits Everyone

By Patricia Ryan-Krause ’81

It is the best of all possible worlds for nurse practitioners to practice in collaborative and collegial relationships with other health care providers, including other nurse practitioners and/or physicians. These relationships allow the participants to utilize and develop skills unique to their role, while also benefiting from the specialized talents of other disciplines. The outcome of this collaboration is the provision of excellent care to patients and families.

Over the past 12 years I have enjoyed unlimited opportunities to utilize and develop all of my pediatric nurse practitioner skills in a supportive setting. I have simultaneously increased my knowledge and expertise in the intricacies of the medical management of acute and chronic conditions, all in the context of today’s managed health care environment. All of this occurs through collaborative relationships with the seven pediatricians at Children’s Medical Group (CMG) in Hamden, CT. The success of the collaborative relationships with these physicians lies in the recognition of the complementary roles we each fill in our mission to provide outstanding, quality health care to all of our patients. This includes both primary preventive care, as well as management of severe illness and life-threatening conditions.

As the mission statement of YSN directs us to improve the health of all people, CMG affords me the opportunity to serve both those patients with easy access to health care and those patients who experience difficulty in accessing appropriate care. CMG is a large, well-established, community-based primary care practice which serves approximately 8,000 children and their families. Patients come from a large geographic area including Hamden, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Cheshire, and West Haven. The practice serves a widely diverse population from a range of socioeconomic classes and from all corners of the world. Husky, Connecticut’s Children’s Health Insurance Program, covers at least fifteen percent of the practice’s total patients, while a significantly larger percentage of my patients are covered by this plan. An overall increase in Husky coverage in the past three years speaks to the commitment of the practice to help reduce health care disparities among children of different backgrounds and socioeconomic classes.

In some “collaborative” arrangements, there may be issues of role restriction or lack of role recognition. Role restrictions may be imposed in many ways, including designating the types of patients that a nurse practitioner can see (only well, only certain conditions, etc.), requiring co-signatures on prescriptions and/or patients’ charts, restricting the types of medications which may be prescribed, limiting the hours and settings in which a nurse practitioner may see patients (no evening/weekend hours, no hospital privileges, no on-call, etc.), limiting direct contact with and referral to specialists, or limiting nurse practitioner input into policy areas. Although some of these issues are determined by individual states’ Nurse Practice Acts or are driven by insurance plans, when they are imposed by physicians in an effort to control advanced nursing practice, the optimum level of care which a nurse practitioner is capable of providing is diminished and a truly collaborative relationship is not in place.

Role recognition is another important consideration in collaborative practice. Although, advanced practice nursing has certainly gained national recognition over the last decade, there are still families and patients who view nurse practitioners as less capable and, therefore, less desirable than physicians. It is critical that collaborative physicians take an active role in the promotion of nurse practitioner services in the practice setting. Opportunities for the advanced practice nurse to have scheduled, routine contact with all patients can begin to accomplish this goal.

At CMG, I experience no issues of role restriction and, in fact, benefit from much role recognition from both the physicians and the fami-
lies we serve. As the sole nurse practitioner, I am encouraged and supported to fulfill all the functions of the nurse practitioner role, including the provision of preventive care, illness care, and chronic care. I am involved in policy making and the quality improvement aspects of the care we provide. Although, I do not conduct prenatal visits with potential patients, the role of nurse practitioner is introduced to families at these visits and I am scheduled to see each four-week-old infant. This is an opportunity to meet the family early in the child’s life and to explain and actually demonstrate the scope of the advanced practice role. By the establishment of this structured contact with each family, the physicians affirm my role and the fact that I provide at least the same level of preventive care that they do. Since CMG is a setting in which all families may choose their caregiver, it is a privilege and a testimony to the acceptance of the role of NP that I am as fully booked for preventive and specialty care as the physicians for both day and evening sessions.

I have developed a specialization in the assessment and management of attention and learning problems within my practice. This enhances my role recognition, since the pediatricians directly refer patients to me for this specialized care. It validates my expertise and allows CMG to provide services within the practice without referring families to outside, unfamiliar specialists. In truly collaborative fashion, I am able to refer to or consult with several of the pediatricians who have specialties in hematology, cardiology, pulmonary, and sports medicine.

The physicians recognize that my strengths lie in the ongoing relationships with families which allow me to function as educator, counselor, and problem-solver. They not only recognize and support these strengths, but also frequently consult with me about family and developmental issues which arise with their own patients. I, on the other hand, have the highest regard for the physicians’ knowledge and abilities to manage complex medical conditions and consult with them about unusual or troubling presentations of patients whom I am evaluating.

In 1999, CDC researchers indicated that the majority of primary health care is delivered through physicians’ offices in community settings. As a nurse practitioner in a community-based pediatric setting, I have the opportunity to reach a large number of diverse patients. I am able to provide excellent preventive care, acute care, and specialty care, while educating families about the expertise and capabilities of nurse practitioners, thus promoting the role of advanced practice nurses. This is all accomplished through the mutual recognition of my colleagues that advanced practice nurses and physicians can offer complementary approaches to the entire range of pediatric health care issues through strong and respectful collaborative relationships.
Collaborative Practice in Washington State: One ARNP’s Experience

By Jan Davis-Morgan ‘88

I am a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist with prescriptive authority who practices in Washington State at Puget Sound Health Care System. I am licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP).

Last year Washington State Legislature approved advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP) to prescribe Schedule II-IV drugs. However, this approval requires ARNP’s to enter into a Collaborative Practice Agreement with Physicians. This written agreement must be approved by and on file with the Washington State Board of Health. It is only then that an ARNP may apply for a DEA number.

So how has this law affected practice? Initially, compatibility and legal responsibility issues surfaced as ARNP’s and physicians crafted Collaborative Practice Agreements. ARNP’s had to find physicians with whom they may be compatible. This was a challenge for many Psychiatric ARNP’s who were in private practice. ARNP’s who practice in clinics with physicians had an easier time finding a compatible physician. ARNP’s and physicians wrote Collaborative Practice Agreements to meet their particular practice setting. Some physicians, however, refuse to enter into Collaborative Practice Agreements because they are worried that they might be held liable for the actions of ARNP’s with whom they have Collaborative Practice Agreements.

Collaborative practice...what does it mean? Perhaps it is better defined as what it is not. It is not supervision. It is consultation with a physician regarding the prescribing of Scheduled II-IV drugs. It does not encompass any other ARNP prescribing practice. The physician is not responsible for the actions of the ARNP. Each Collaborative Practice Agreement must identify how the consultation will occur and under which circumstances. My Collaborative Practice Agreement stresses that I will consult with the psychiatrist prior to prescribing a high dosage of a scheduled drug or prior to prescribing more than one scheduled drug for a patient. I can consult with the psychiatrist by telephone, e-mail, or in person.

In the past, when I wanted a patient to have a sleeping medica-
tion or anxiolytic, I had to find a psychiatrist in our clinic to co-sign my order before I sent it to the pharmacy. Sometimes this process took only a few minutes, sometimes several hours. The psychiatrist then had to make time to listen to my mini-case presentation with treatment recommendations. This not only was time consuming for the patient, but I think, this procedure undermined my therapeutic relationship with the patient.

Once I had been credentialed to prescribe scheduled drugs at my agency, I no longer had to haunt the halls in search of a psychiatrist to co-sign my orders. Patients were treated more rapidly. This was a dramatic improvement in patient care from the previous system.

The first patient I treated who met the collaborative practice criteria for consultation was a 35-year old white male who was taking Xanax 2mg qid (8mg a day) to treat a panic disorder. He was very apprehensive that I might discontinue his Xanax. After consulting with the psychiatrist, we developed a treatment plan to change the Xanax to Clonazepam, a long acting benzodiazepine. Our goal was to slowly taper the Clonazepam and add an SSRI to treat his panic disorder. Next, he was to be enrolled in a cognitive behavioral therapy class to give him coping skills to manage panic/anxiety. The patient continues to follow the plan that was initiated under my Collaborative Practice Agreement.

Although the Washington State Collaborative Practice Agreements initially raised questions for both ARNP’s and physicians, this law is an important improvement in the delivery of patient care. An additional, but less obvious, benefit of this process is improved communication between ARNP’s and physicians, thereby enhancing the practices of both professions. ■
YSN A Presence at APNA Meeting

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Integrating Practice, Research, and Education was the theme of the 16th Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA), held in Dallas, Texas in October. Approximately 600 nurses registered at the conference. YSN alums who attended were Wailua Brandman ’94, Deirdre Carroll ’00, Ann Cousins ’82, Kris McLoughlin ’88, Luc Pelletier ’82, Larry Scahill ’89, Luana Rumph Walker ’86, and Barbara Wolfe ’87. Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Specialty Director Sandra Talley was also in attendance and chaired a symposium, “Optimizing Management Strategies for Psychotic Disorders.”

In addition, she was the honored recipient of the APNA’s “APRN Psychiatric-Mental Health Excellence in Practice Award”!

Larry Scahill and Deirdre Carroll

presented a luncheon symposium, “ADHD: Recent Findings and Recommendations,” and Larry also presented, “Emerging Uses of Atypical Antipsychotics in Children.”

At a reception hosted by Sandra Talley were (L to R) Kris McLoughlin, Deirdre Carroll, Ann Cousins, Larry Scahill, Luc Pelletier, Barbara Wolfe, and Sandra. Missing from the photo is Wailua Brandman.

To the Community of the School of Nursing

It is my pleasure to announce the reappointment of Catherine Gilliss as Dean of the School of Nursing for a second five-year term, effective July 1, 2003.

Under Dean Gilliss’s leadership, the School has continued to strengthen its programs of research and doctoral education, maintained its excellent teaching programs across a range of nursing specialties, and undertaken an exciting new collaboration with Howard University. Dean Gilliss’s involvement in the national nursing community has raised the visibility and reputation of the School, which has helped our efforts to recruit outstanding faculty and students.

In my conversations with nearly forty members of the faculty, I was deeply impressed with the shared energy and passion for the School of Nursing and its mission. The School is fortunate that its faculty, staff, students, and alumnae/i are so strongly committed to its continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,
Richard C. Levin
YSN Bids Farewell to Our Good Friend, Barbara Reif

By Kate Stephenson '94, Co-Editor, Yale Nurse

It is a daunting task to write a tribute to someone who cringes from praise and compliments (particularly when she also will be editing the piece!). If what follows is a large blank space, readers will know that I've been completely edited out. Never mind...here goes!

Barbara Reif had been on the YSN staff for nearly thirty years as she said farewell and retired last month. She will be missed tremendously by students, alumnae/i, staff, and faculty. No one needs much explanation about how special an individual Barb is. But a bit of the flavor of her contributions to the YSN community and a glimpse of her accomplishments are appropriate, as we help her celebrate her retirement.

Most of the YSN community has special memories of interacting personally with Barb Reif because she is so congenial and witty. She is organized and thorough, which is apparent when anyone walks into her office or reviews her work. It is therefore no surprise that she is highly respected for her professional contributions to YSN. Barb and her staff have put forth intelligent, thoughtful, and creative work for years at YSN. Yale Nurse, the annual YSN Bulletin, the YSN Alumnae/i Directory, Commencement, Orientation and Registration, and Alumnae/i Weekend to name just a few.

As the Director of Student and Alumnae/i Affairs, she has been a mentor to students across many graduating classes and has always been the consummate correspondent with alumnae/i. After all, what would YSN be without students and alumnae/i? Her essence has provided the "glue" that closes the ominous gap between student and alumnae/i life. Friend, hard-working, dedicated, beloved, and beyond the call of duty. These describe Barb Reif. Now THAT is an accomplishment.

Born and raised in Wyandotte, Michigan, Barb grew up in Richmond, Virginia and Princeton, New Jersey. She graduated from Princeton High School and earned a BA degree in classics from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1965. Her first job was as a teacher of Latin and French at Upper Darby High School in Upper Darby, PA. She was then busy raising her children and subsequently moved to Branford, CT.

Barb began working at YSN, then located at 855 Howard Avenue, in November 1973. As a single mom raising two small children at the time, she worked from 2 to 5 pm in the Dean's Office for
Donna Diers '64. Little did she know that she would spend the next 30 years of her life building a career at Yale.

She soon moved from the Dean’s Office to work for a few years for Carol Davis Harriman '71, MPH '72, a faculty member in community health nursing who was working on a grant from the government Division of Nursing. Employed as a research assistant, Barb collected data and interviewed patients for a study investigating utilization patterns of the extended emergency department at YNHH for primary care purposes.

For the next seven or eight years, Barb worked for Professor Emerita Dorothy Sexton as an Administrative Assistant in the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program. Then, in 1985, she became the Registrar under the deanship of Judy Krauss '70. Subsequently in 1990, a reorganization and the retirement of Mary Colwell '50 landed Barb the title of Registrar and Director of Student and Alumnae/i Affairs. At that time, she also became the lead co-editor of Yale Nurse. She has continued in this position to the present, under the deanship of Catherine Gilliss.

YSN relocated to the Grace Building in 1990 and then to 100 Church Street South in 1995. Through several moves and three administrations, Barb recalls each as, “unique and special in their own ways, all with opportunities to grow professionally and to establish a career for myself. Yale has been very good to me and allowed me to begin my career later in life.”

Interesting family tidbits: Barb’s now deceased mother, Margaret Wilson Fenn, was a registrar at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. John B. Fenn, Barb’s father, who is now 85 years old, was formerly on the faculty at Yale in Engineering and Applied Science. He was recently awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry on December 10, 2002 for his work in mass spectrometry and electrospray. Barb’s two children are Deborah and Donald Leslie. Deborah is studying naturopathic medicine at Bastyr Naturopathic Medical School in Seattle, Washington. Don recently relocated to the east coast of Florida and works for GE in the biomedical technical support field. Barb has been married for 26 years to David Reif, a trial lawyer with Cummings and Lockwood in New Haven. Barb has been active in her church and as a volunteer at Connecticut Hospice in Branford for over 15 years. As yet, she does not have any specific plans for retirement, though she says she plans to travel and enjoy the new flexibility.

On a personal note, I will miss Barb tremendously, both as my partner in crime (co-editor for Yale Nurse) for the past seven years,
and as a former student. It has truly been a pleasure to maintain my connection with YSN by serving on the Alumnae/i Board in this manner. We interview and meet fascinating students and alums through producing Yale Nurse issues and also at the annual summer Alumnae/i Weekend events.

But I would never have even come to Connecticut had it not been for Barb. When I phoned from San Francisco to ask about the program for historical background, NOT with any intention of applying, she picked up the phone. After hanging up from a 15-minute conversation ending with her promising to send me an application for that year, I realized that she had “hooked” me! I would now apply to YSN. This meant that I may have to leave the Bay Area, something that I had not considered previously.

Upon arrival for my interview in January, 1991, Barb was brimming with enthusiasm about YSN and made me feel very welcome. She went the extra mile to send a copy of my acceptance letter to me in the United Kingdom, where I was traveling during the weeks of notification. That was just the beginning of a tremendous friendship. We worked together on Student Government projects, orientation and graduation activities, and she volunteered me for several other projects. I even spent an Easter
holiday with her and her family. Then the really significant part occurred. Barb introduced me to Frank Jordan, the man who would become my husband. Well, she did so unknowingly...having volunteered me (again, thankfully!!) for the Yale freshman orientation weekend at Camp Laurelwood in North Madison, CT for four days in August, 1994. I had just returned from interviews on the west coast and in Colorado, hoping to relocate to a new state.

Frank was working at the camp and, well, the rest is history. Of course, Frank and I asked her to participate in our wedding in 1997 and she kindly obliged. And when our son, Tyler, is a bit older, we can explain to him that he wouldn't be here without our dear friend, Barb Reif.

Barb will be remembered as a YSN staff member who always went the extra mile. On a daily basis, she particularly gave of herself to students. She always took the time to listen, pointed you in the right direction, or simply provided a hug. Whether it was a financial, academic, or personal crisis, students could turn to Barb for support and advice. We knew she was there for us. YSN will continue to educate advanced practice nurses, but YSN will never be quite the same without Barb's presence and lovely smile.

Editor's Note: This article was edited by Lisa Hottin.
YSN Conference Advances Knowledge of Vietnam's Toxic Legacy

By Ilya Sverdlov

Three decades after the Vietnam War ended, scientists from the United States and Vietnam gathered at Yale to share information about the continuing ecological and health effects from herbicides used by American forces during the conflict.

Titled, "Yale Vietnam Conference 2002: The Ecological and Health Effects of the Vietnam War,” the event was held September 13-15 at the Yale Law School. The conference was sponsored by the Yale School of Nursing (YSN), in association with the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (FES), with a grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Science (NIEHS).

In her welcoming address, YSN Dean Catherine Gilliss explained that the school's sponsorship of the Yale Vietnam Conference is very much mission-driven. “YSN's mission is, 'Better Health for All People.’ YSN remains very interested in the problems of the health of the people of Vietnam,” said Gilliss. “We are proud to play a role in bringing the international scientific community to Yale with the purpose of advancing the science that will help improve the health of the people of Vietnam and the health of the veterans who served there.”

An estimated 20 million gallons of Agent Orange were used in Vietnam to clear dense vegetation to better track North Vietnamese troops, as well as destroy their crops, noted Arthur Galston, the Eaton Professor Emeritus of Botany, and Professor Emeritus at FES. "The use of Agent Orange as

Some impressions from Conference participants:

"I had the distinct privilege of being able to attend the Agent Orange Research conference regarding Dioxin and its effects, and an overview of the dioxin sprayed in Vietnam. Scientist/researchers, doctors, and the public came from as far away as Australia, Japan, Germany, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. It was quite evident that discussions and presentations provide for research and discussion on where the science is leading. The timing of this meeting was of importance. It showed what an impact and devastating effect dioxin has had and will have on our world. Educating people on the effects, as well as generating the fieldwork results and the focus on health, is a major issue....This conference was outstanding and Linda Schwartz, VVA's Health Care Task Force Chair, and the Yale School of Nursing did a wonderful job organizing this meeting.

-Nancy S. Switzer, President, Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America

"The sessions I attended were excellent! The Vietnamese officials and scientists and corresponding American officials were impressive. The fact that the Vietnam and US are sharing information and trying to clean up contaminated 'hot spots' is very positive. The topics covered in the conference deserve national and international attention!"

-B. Bowles, Conference participant

"You did a great job in putting the conference together. You brought so many diverse groups together, and I think we all took away much positive information."

-Mike, Vietnam War veteran and Conference participant
a defoliant and herbicide in Vietnam was the largest chemical warfare operation in history, producing considerable ecological, as well as public health damage,” he said.

Today, Galston noted, there are an estimated one million Vietnamese suffering from cancers or born deformed, allegedly as a result of exposure to Agent Orange/Dioxin, as well as other US defoliants and chemicals.

Scientists from Vietnam and the United States realize that in order to help the people of Vietnam and the veterans who served there, collaboration between the two countries must continue, said Do Van Minh, first secretary of the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington, DC. “Vietnam is not a war. It is a country,” asserted

Minh. “Veterans and scientists have an important role in getting these two countries together.” While the focus of most of the conference was on Agent Orange, the participants also looked at other toxic legacies of the Vietnam War, including the long-term health consequences of chronic stress among veterans, and the problems of cancer, HIV, hepatitis C, and auto-immune diseases associated with exposure to chemicals in Vietnam. Links between environmental damage and human health were also discussed.

Participants also noted that the problems resulting from the Vietnam conflict have particular resonance today. “The timing of this conference is particularly important as we stand on the precipice of a new war with Iraq,” said Steve Robinson, a 20-year US Army veteran who served in the US Special Forces, and now heads the National Gulf War Resource Center, a veterans’ advocacy group. “Veterans of the war in Vietnam are still trying to understand the impact of the war almost 30 years later. This demonstrates that no war should be entered into lightly.”

“Although peace has come to Vietnam, the taint of battle remains,” said the conference’s project director, Linda Schwartz ’84, a research scientist at YSN, as well as a Vietnam veteran and chair of VVA’s Health Care Task Force. “The Yale Vietnam Conference has provided a forum for the exchange of knowledge and for planning of mutual efforts to address the unsolved questions which linger from a war now three decades in the past.”

“I have just arrived in Singapore and am now visiting my daughter here. I wanted to sincerely thank you for your help during the days I was in the US. The 11 days have left me with a number of wonderful memories about Yale University and the people there....I wish you great success and hope you will never forget Vietnam.”

-From a letter by Dr. Phung Tuu Boi, Forest Inventory and Planning Institute in Hanoi, to Pamela McElwee, Yale Vietnam Conference Planning Committee

“On behalf of the National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA), we would like to express our utmost gratitude for the successful and exquisite planning and coordination of the Yale Vietnam Conference 2002. This conference was well organized and entertaining, and it brought together a dynamic group of individuals from all over the world. This experience has broadened our views and understanding of the ecological and health effects of the Vietnam War on our society.”

-Hui Bui, Executive Director, NAVASA

“Dear Dr Schwartz: I am writing to thank you for organizing the Yale Vietnam Conference 2002 and for making it possible for me to participate. As a teacher, I was grateful for the chance to bring one of my students who is preparing for a year-long internship on reproductive health in Vietnam. As a social science graduate student, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to learn more about the tragic aftermath of the Vietnam war.”

-Kate, Conference participant
Robert Leonard Guest of CIC Journal Club

On November 11, the Center for Chronic Illness Care’s Journal Club was treated to an informative, and often humorous, conversation with Robert C. Leonard, PhD, and Former YSN Deans Donna Diers ’64 and Florence Wald ’41, ’56. The topic was the beginning of nursing research at YSN and how nursing research in general has been influenced by the field of sociology.

Bob Leonard, inspired by Virginia Henderson and Florence Wald, and especially informed by Rhetaugh Dumas ’61, is perhaps more responsible than anyone else for YSN’s long-standing and strong commitment to research in nursing practice, or, as it was called in the 1960’s, clinical nursing research. The Dumas-Leonard paper on the effects of nursing on post-operative vomiting, published in *Nursing Research*, is generally recognized as the first randomized controlled clinical trial in nursing.

Leonard was one of a number of social scientists at Yale recruited into practice disciplines (not only nursing) in the early 1960’s to help the practice disciplines develop the research necessary for them to be recognized as valid academic enterprises. Initially there were three such individuals, Leonard, Powhatan Wooldridge, who essentially succeeded Leonard when he left Yale, and the late Jim Skipper, who held an appointment at the Yale Child Study Center. All were sociologists. Leonard and his successors developed the first nursing research and statistics courses at YSN and set up the thesis advisement system as well, remnants of which still survive in YSN’s current praxis guidelines.

AYA ASSEMBLY LXI: The Yale College Curriculum

Twice a year the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) hosts nearly 300 alumni leaders from various constituencies to consider an issue of importance to the University. These assemblies generate discussion, thoughtful review, and many new ideas for the alumni, as well as members of the campus community. YSN’s current delegates to AYA are Alyson Cohen ’92, Linda Pellico ’89, and Kate Stephenson ’94.

The Fall, 2002 Assembly examined the Yale College curriculum in collaboration with the Yale College Dean’s Office. Last year President Levin appointed Dean Richard Brodhead to chair the first full review of the Yale College curriculum undertaken in the last three decades. Special attention is being paid to the physical sciences, social and international studies, the humanities, and the arts. The Assembly provided alumni the opportunity to learn about the review and to participate in it directly. Dean Brodhead reported on the progress to date and invited delegates to reflect on the principles and practices that they believe should guide an undergraduate course of study at Yale. This was a unique opportunity for Assembly participants to share in this large-scale effort to formulate the College’s future academic direction to ensure that its undergraduates are given the best preparation possible for the future.

In addition to a full schedule of speeches and meetings, delegates enjoyed musical and theater productions, as well as the Yale vs. Penn football game and other athletic events.
CAETC Hosts Conference on Women and HIV

By Laurie Sylla, Director, CT AIDS Education and Training Center

On September 27, the CT AIDS Education and Training Center, located at YSN in New Haven, hosted a highly successful conference on Women and HIV at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut. More than 150 people attended to learn about special issues affecting HIV prevention and care for women. Lisa Hirschhorn, MD, from Harvard University, emphasized social issues affecting both access to care and the ability to adhere to medications as responsible for the differential in health outcomes sometimes seen between men and women. Marshall Forstein, MD, also from Harvard, spoke about the impact of HIV on the brain, even in the face of successful viral suppression in the blood. He also stressed the importance of aggressively managing psychiatric issues, such as depression, and the impact of mental health disorders on HIV disease progression, adherence, and survival. Tadd Lazarus, MD, discussed how HIV infection affects the course of co-occurring sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and how to manage treatment of chronic STDs, such as HPV, in women with HIV. Laurie Sylla, MHSA, Director of the CT AIDS Education and Training Center, discussed microbicides, a new female-controlled prevention method that is currently in clinical trials.

Participants rated the conference as superior. Audience interest showed that there is still a strong need for programs focused on women and HIV.

Van Gogh Upstages Elvis

Halloween brought faculty, students, and staff together for the annual costume competition in the Student Lounge. After a long and difficult deliberation, this year’s panel of judges ruled that Van Gogh (Ilya Sverdlov) edged out Elvis (Ruth McCorkle) for the top prize. Clearly the bar has been raised for next year’s challenge.
YSN Remembers September 11

By Ilya Sverdlov

On the one-year anniversary of September 11, the Yale School of Nursing community gathered to mourn the thousands of innocent lives lost in the tragedy, and to pay tribute to our nation's countless heroes. A number of activities were held at the School to commemorate the anniversary of the terrorist attack.

In the spirit of continuing the care for its neighbors in the community, YSN hosted a Community Caring Breakfast on the morning of September 11. YSN faculty, students, and staff gathered to share food and friendship. In exchange for breakfast that day, each brought in personal care items and school supplies that were later distributed by the YSN Student Government Organization to YSN's neighbors in the New Haven community. Boxes were filled with personal care items and distributed to local homeless shelters and soup kitchens. School supplies were donated to YSN's sister school, Sacred Heart/St. Peters. At 8:46 am that morning, the YSN community joined the Yale and New Haven communities for a moment of silence.

While the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11 brought great sadness to all, it was thought that the process of sharing one's feelings with others would help to comfort many at YSN. To facilitate this, beginning on September 9, easels with poster boards were set up in designated areas throughout the School. Members of the YSN community were invited to express their reflections on the past year, their messages of inspiration, and any comments related to the 9/11 events by posting them on these easels. Messages remained posted throughout the week, and have since been collected and posted on the YSN web site. It is the hope of the Yale School of Nursing that by sharing our thoughts and inspirations we may bring a measure of comfort to our community and to each other.

In a world filled with lions, tin men, and scarecrows, America is truly the city of Oz. Adversity cuts away the detritus of banal concerns and frivolous goals to refine and ultimately heal our souls. True evil exists in our world. So does true good. The good will triumph.

“Today as we mark one of the darkest days in American history, the entire nation will be holding its breath, worrying and wondering what might be in store. This is only human nature.

But this is also a day of remembrance and thanksgiving. All of us will be taking time to thank the firefighters, police, and home care workers who responded so heroically to the tragedy that was 9/11. Today, we remember what they did on behalf of all Americans and honor their memory by recommitt ing ourselves in service to others.

This is a day to thank God that we live in America, home of the brave, land of the free. It is a day to be thankful that we have the opportunity to serve the sickest of the sick, the most disabled of the disabled, and those who are dying.

This is a day to remember that home care and hospice play not only a helpful and necessary role in our society, but a sacred one as well. It is a day to remember the words of Luciano de Crescenzo, 'We are each of us angels with only one wind, and we can only fly while embracing each other.'"

Written by Val Halamandaris, Executive Director, National Association for Home Care

Keep peace alive - our children will remember.
If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and word, So I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute to stop and say "I love you," Instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time, I would be there to share your day, Well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything just right.

There will always be another day to say "I love you," and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day.

That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear, Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take time to say, "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay." And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

For all people who have died from violence, greed, fear, misunderstanding. For all who have lost their homes and their way of life, oho mitakuye oyasin, we are related. May the love in our hearts spiral forever out to wrap all that is.

2 major lessons learned: 1) Maintaining hope is essential, and 2) Reaffirming the goodness of mankind must be continual.

We cannot end killing by killing... We cannot find peace in declaring war.... Time to evolve or will we dissolve? I vote for creative evolution!

There are times when the media needs to have a conscience.
Night Train

The train bumps along its lonely track, as I size up my fellow passengers. There are only four of us tonight and we will all be getting off at the same stop. This will be my second trip to New York City, ever. When I was twelve I saw the usual sights; awe-inspiring buildings. I imagine it will be much different this time as I stare into the lights rushing by my window.

It has been a hectic day. Our morning class was interrupted by awful news, a plane crash. Classmates with loved ones in New York reveal themselves by rushing out of the room to make phone calls, while the rest of us flock to the only TV available. Class is cancelled for the rest of the day, buildings collapse; and I...I know I am going there. It takes me all day to figure out a way to get to New York, but eventually I am aboard this eleven-o'clock train with a classmate and two volunteer firefighters. Seeing that we are potential relief workers, the conductor agrees to take us all the way to Grand Central Station. He turns off the lights for us and tells us to sleep. Everyone is dozing, but I am wide-awake contemplating what I am doing. Why am I going? Will I be able to help? Is this dangerous? Is this a naive venture that is way over my head? Soon we are there, the conductor wishes us luck, and we step into Grand Central and make our way to the subway. The smell of the subway is odd. There are a few people around who seem to be conducting business as usual. We get as close as we can on the subway, which leaves us with about a three-mile walk. We start walking fast. It's nearly 1 am now and we are in New York City. We come to the first of many roadblocks, which is easily passed with a brief explanation. Emergency vehicles and utility trucks rush by and pay no attention to us.

Another roadblock which requires more talking and some sort of ID. Having virtually no proof of why I should be there, I pull out my Yale ID in a last ditch effort. It seems to work and they let us pass. Now the streets and buildings appear to be empty. We are walking through a ghost town. For blocks at a time, power outages leave us in the dark. At this point we can see smoke, and lots of light from up ahead. It looks and sounds almost like a stadium in the distance, as we can start to hear deep rumbling. There is a very serious looking roadblock one block ahead. We decide to turn and avoid it, doubting that our IDs will work again. For awhile we follow the two firemen around to various roadblocks. Since I have no connection there anyway, I am unsure of what I will do even if I am able to get past the block. Finally, my classmate and I decide to approach. We walk up and casually tell them we are here to help and flash our ID again and miraculously they let us pass. After another block or two, we start to see changes. Dust lines the street and sidewalk. Cars are smashed by pieces of concrete. As we get closer still, the dust in the air starts to make my eyes water and I notice that it is difficult to get a breath of air. We are given masks and told to go to the high school where we can help with the EMS crew. It's a noisy walk now, among generators, trucks and workers yelling and directing. The dust is an inch thick now and lies like light gray snow everywhere. After getting directions to the high school, we finally arrive one block away from ground zero. It's nearly 2 am. We step inside the high school and the world of EMS lies before us. EMTs, firefighters, paramedics, and an assortment of other personnel busyly work as we stand there, in the way. There is a huge area set up for food and water and Gatorade right as we walk in. We take a look around, hoping that we can find out what to do, where to help. There is a darkened gymnasium upstairs that has scattered sleeping firemen and other rooms with a few people having conversations. My classmate decides to take a nap (its 2 am).

On the main floor of the high school, a small makeshift ED is set up and I ask if I can help. I am introduced to the staff consisting of two doctors, four medical students, three nurses, and one paramedic and I am given the job of assessing firemen as they come in for routine checks. Groups of 1-12 would come in at a time. After vital signs and a listen to lung sounds, I send them to eye irrigation where the dust is removed from their eyes. Less than half had goggles, some had no dust mask. Some needed nebulizer treatments. Others were severely dehydrated. What struck me most was that often this was the first time these men sat down. This was the first time they had a chance to process what was going on here. Everyone looked swollen under their eyes, almost bulging from holding the inevitable rush of tears back. Others could cry no more, as the dust and tears formed a sort of crust on their cheeks. Huge firemen were crying on my shoulder and I felt helpless. What was I supposed to do? The only thing I could think to do was look straight in their eyes and try to relate, which seemed impossible. I had brought my stethoscope, my emergency medical kit, and knowledge from the varied emergency medical training I have been through. I felt sharp in my skills and keen at recognizing life threats. None of that was useful except that it allowed me to occupy myself with something other than the reality of the situation. I didn't need training for this. I just needed to be there, nodding my head and saying, "It's okay.......It's okay."
Announcing... YSN Establishes new Student Journal Award...

Well not yet anyway, but we’re getting there! With the sale of our popular “Do You See What I See?”, we are slowing reaching our goal. This recently published 64-page compilation of student journal entries from the last three years, allows the reader an intimate, front seat view of real nursing. The new Student Journal Award will recognize our students’ extraordinary talents in a tangible way while publishing annually the results of their creative energies.

In order to reach our goal of $25,000 we need your help. Here are three ways you can ....

✓ Buy a copy of "Do you see What I See". It is on sale for the bargain price of $6.00 each. All proceeds from the sale go directly to the Student Journal Award.

✓ Make a gift. You can also make a tax deductible contribution (above and beyond the $6.00) towards the Student Journal Award. (Hint: for $25,000, we will name the award after you or a loved one).

✓ Attend our Spring Event. We’re making an evening of it, dinner and student presentations. More information to follow on our website.

Here are some reviews of "Do You See What I See?"...

"Sometimes it takes new eyes to see old truths. ‘Do You See....?’ is a such a rich set of delicacies, I have to put it down between essays to digest. I pick it up when I need a professional lift or a great story for a speech, and copies are going to Australia and New Zealand as well as all over the US for Christmas presents. Thanks to everyone who made this gem happen."

Donna Diers, Annie W. Goodrich Professor Emeritus

"Visceral, heart wrenching, by turns scathing and self doubting, the entries record the journey from student to nurse... incoming students can find comfort reading their predecessors’ entries, comfort realizing their reaction are normal..."

Shannon Douglas, as reviewed in ARTS!, Oct. 2002

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YSN, ATT: DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI AFFAIRS, 100 CHURCH STREET, P.O. 9740, NEW HAVEN, CT 06536-3554

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2. Make a gift.......Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution of __________ for YSN’s Student Journal Award.

3. Attend our Spring Event.......Put me on the invitation list!

Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________

City ___________________________ State __________ Zip __________ Phone ___________

Please make your check payable to Yale School of Nursing and know that we appreciate your help!
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you to all who, once again, put the Yale School of Nursing ahead of all the graduate and professional schools at Yale in our participation in Annual Fund giving. Fifty one percent (51%) of thousands of YSN nurses (79 years of history) contributed over $150,000 toward scholarships for students.

You’ve just received your YSN fall update, directly from the Dean, which goes to all YSN graduates. (Please do let us know if you did not receive a letter!) After the Dean’s letter last year, many YSN grads became newly involved in the Annual Fund and we hope that will happen again. The early growth of the Annual Fund is so supportive to YSN, to the Dean (from whom you receive thanks directly), and to the Class Agents who are dedicated to keeping their colleagues involved in YSN.

And speaking of Class Agents....we know that the system is not perfect and we often hear your frustrations. We know that there are too many letters from confusing Yale/YSN sources which focus primarily on your generosity (which we really treasure), but which miss opportunities to maintain connections and relationships. There are YSN classes with Class Agents who maintain old friendships and collegial relationships, but there are classes without Agents at all!

We know that the YSN experience has changed, with the growing numbers of students, as well as with the many levels of specialization. But we want our alumnae/i to remember and retain the strong ties that are built during the years here at YSN. Not only is it important for scholarships and Annual Fund giving, it is important for reunions, continuing education, and the networking which can be personally and professionally invaluable.

The YSN Task Force (see separate article) is reviewing the broad questions of our Alumnae/i Association and Board. We are more specifically looking at the definition and role of Class Agents and systems for better, deeper, more permanent relationships among YSN alums and to the school itself. We want to make the system work better. We want to hear about your experiences and frustrations and get your ideas about how to make this structure work better for you and for YSN.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, both fiscal and intellectual. Please take advantage of the Annual Fund 2002-2003 return card and envelope you received in the mail to make an early contribution.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Nina Adams
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Alumnae/i Association Task Force

By Carol Ann Wetmore ‘94, President, YUSNAA

The Yale School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association (YUSNAA) exists to support the mission of YSN. The function and purpose of the YUSNAA, as stated in the bylaws, is to further and strengthen the interests of YSN, to promote professional standards and education advancement of nursing, and to promote fellowship among our graduates.

During the past year, we have engaged in preliminary discussions about the most effective ways for the Alumnae/i Association to support the School. We believe that some of our national and international alumnae/i are not well represented in the current structure and operations of the Alumnae/i Association and Board. Additionally, we know that many of Yale’s professional schools have undertaken similar reviews and recently modified their alumni association and board structure and operations for similar reasons. We believe it is time to address these questions.

To that end, we solicited suggestions from the current Alumnae/i Association Board members for alumnae/i to participate on a Task Force to examine these issues. The Task Force, comprised of six noted alumnae representing varying generations and geographic locations, has been charged to recommend an approach to structure the operations of the Alumnae/i Association and its Board. We have had three meetings to date and anticipate a final meeting to present the recommendations in April, 2003.

Specifically, the Task Force will address the following questions:

• What should the role of an alumnae/i association be in providing advice to the School?

• How can an alumnae/i association best represent the full range of its members in its relations to the School?

• How can the activities of an alumnae/i association best be supported by the School to strengthen the relationship between a group of diverse alumnae/i and the School?

• How can the Board of the alumnae/i association best carry out its executive functions on behalf of a diverse group of alumnae/i?

We are very grateful for the time and expertise that the Task Force is contributing to this important effort and we acknowledge their participation:

Maureen O’Keefe Doran ’71, Chairperson
Nina Adams ’77
Bonnie Baloga-Altieri ’82
Angela McBride ’64
Gretta Styles ’54
Deborah Ward ’77
Carol Ann Wetmore ’94

Lisa Hottin, Director of Development, is serving as staff.

If you have any questions or comments about the activities of the Task Force, please email me at carolann@optonline.net or Lisa Hottin at lisa.hottin@yale.edu.
In the Public Eye

August 20, 2002
- Article in the Hartford Courant's Education News section about YSN's partnerships with the Hospital of St. Raphael and the Hill Health Center.

August 26, 2002
- **Dean Catherine Gilliss** and **Tonya Wilkinson '04** featured in Nursing Spectrum article, "Area Schools Offer Something for Everyone," highlighting nursing education programs in New England.

September, 2002
- An article about the Yale Vietnam Conference 2002: Ecological and Health Effects of the Vietnam War appeared in the News Times of Danbury, CT; The Providence (RI) Journal; The International Herald Tribune; and The Yale Bulletin and Calendar. Conference organizer, **Linda Schwartz '84**, Associate Research Scientist, was also interviewed with Professor Emeritus Arthur Galston, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, on National Public Radio, and Linda made an appearance on CBS's "Face the State" television talk show with Al Terzi. Further press coverage appeared in The Hartford Courant, The New Haven Register, and the Connecticut Post and there was television coverage on C-SPAN, NBC, and ABC network affiliates.

October, 2002

October 22, 2002
- Associate Professor **Larry Scahill '89** was quoted in the New York Times Science Section in an article entitled, "Treating Related Problems, Not Autism." Larry's study, "Risperidone in Children with Autism and Serious Behavioral Problems," is the largest randomized clinical trial in autism to date.

November, 2002
- YSN programs in the community, coordinated by Lecturer **Linda Honan Pellico '89**, featured in the current issue of the New Haven Arts Council News Journal, entitled, "A Healthy Creation: Medicine and the Arts," and "Small Space Gallery," as well as some photos by student, **Susan McDonald '05**.

November 11, 2002
- Two articles about YSN in the November 8 issue of the Yale Bulletin and Calendar, "YSN Faculty Practice Program Cited for Excellence by the US Department of Health and Human Services," and "New Office of Clinical Affairs Will Support Nursing Faculty Providing Health Care to Community."

November 21, 2002
- Interview with Associate Dean for Research Affairs **Margaret Grey '76** on National Public Radio, focusing on her intervention program in New Haven schools to curb obesity and minimize the risk of Type 2 diabetes in school-aged children.

November 22, 2002
- Dean Gilliss's reappointment featured on front page article in November 22 issue of Yale Bulletin and Calendar.
Flu Shot Clinic
A Big Success

First year GEPN students participated in a Flu Shot Clinic on November 15, giving a total of 175 shots to faculty, students, and staff. Some patients were more relaxed than others, as students practiced their newly learned skills.

Faculty member, Alison Moriarty-Daley, took a turn.

Hold the date!

38th Annual Sybil Palmer Bellos Lecture

featuring

Pulizer Prize Winning Journalist and Best Selling Author

Anna Quindlen

Wednesday, April 30, 2003
4:30 p.m.
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED
Faculty News

Lynette Ament, Nurse-Midwifery Specialty Director, has been elected to a two-year term as Secretary of the Directors of Midwifery Education (DOME). DOME is an affiliate network of the American College of Nurse Midwives comprised of top national leaders in midwifery education whose collective efforts advance the profession by ensuring excellence in midwifery education across the nation.

Debbie Chyun '82, Associate Professor and Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty Director, was inducted as a Fellow of the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing of the American Heart Association at the AHA 2002 Scientific Sessions in Chicago in November. The Council offers Fellowship to members to recognize and award leadership within the American Heart Association relative to cardiovascular nursing and cardiovascular health. Council Fellows are cardiovascular nurse leaders with specialized expertise who may be called upon to develop scientific and position papers and to address issues beyond the scope of the Council. Council Fellows support the AHA mission to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Jane Dixon, Professor of Nursing, has received an NIH award for a two-year grant to develop an instrument to measure environmental engagement.

Dean Catherine Gilliss's exploratory grant application, "Decreasing Health Disparities through Self and Family Management," has been funded for five years by NINR and is jointly funded to both YSN and Howard University. The Center will expand our already funded Center for Self Management Interventions to emphasize research aimed at reducing health disparities. Other faculty involved in the Center include Ann Williams '81, Ruth McCorkle, Gail Melkus, Marge Funk '84, and Margaret Grey '76. As part of the Center funding, four pilot studies were funded, two at Howard and two at YSN. The two pilot studies funded at YSN have Ivy Alexander and Karel Koenig as PIs; the two studies funded at Howard include collaborations by Gail Melkus, Deborah Chyun '82, and Ruth McCorkle.

Dean Gilliss also visited the University of Alabama, Birmingham School of Nursing as the 2002 Jean A. Kelley Lecturer. The Jean A. Kelley Endowed Lectureship incorporates two days of activities (November 21-22) designed to allow students and faculty to enjoy both formal and informal academic exchange with the visiting scholar. As part of the two-day program, Dean Gilliss gave a lecture titled, "Oh Say, Can You See?" in which she discussed how visual data holds the promise of providing access to our deeper understanding of the social process influencing health and health care outcomes. She also led a doctoral seminar exploring the development and testing of nursing interventions for families experiencing chronic illness. Past Jean A. Kelley Lecturers have included such distinguished scholars as Betty Neuman, Karin Kirchhoff, Nancy Fugate Woods, Betty Ferrell, Nancy Kline Leidy, Afaf Meleis, Suzanne Feetham, Judith Maloni and Cynda Rushton.

Margaret Grey '76, Associate Dean for Research Affairs, has received an NIH award which will continue funding for APRNet for the next two years.

Kathleen Knafl has been appointed to a four-year term on the Nursing Research Study Section by the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health. This study section reviews the research grants submitted to the National Institute of Nursing Research. Members are chosen on the basis of demonstrated competence and achievement in their discipline, as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications in scientific journals, and other significant scientific activities, achievements, and honors.

Ruth McCorkle, Florence Schorske Wald Professor of Nursing and Chairperson of the Doctoral Program, was honored by the University of Connecticut with its Distinguished Scholar Award. Ruth was the keynote speaker at the UCONN School of Nursing Homecoming 2002, delivering a talk entitled, "Nursing Impacts Patient and Caregiver Outcomes in Cancer Care," a synopsis of her landmark research on the psychological ramifications of cancer. On September 15, Ruth was also honored by the National Institute of Nursing Research with the Distinguished Nurse Researcher Award. This prestigious award recognizes a select group of researchers who have received three or more investigator initiated (ROI) research grants during the 15-year history of NCNR/NINR at the National Institutes of Health. Ruth's research in oncology nursing is world-renowned. In the past 15 years, she has been principal investigator on four ROI research grants, and a co-principal investigator on one other ROI grant. She was also the PI on two specialized center grants and on two T32 institutional research training grants. Among her numerous honors, Ruth has received the Nurse Scientist of the Year award by the Council of Nurse Researchers of the American Nurses Association, one of the most coveted awards in the
field of nursing. A prolific writer, her work appears in numerous professional journals in the United States and abroad.

As part of the newly established Johnson & Johnson/Rosalynn Carter Institute Caregivers Program, The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development is gathering an advisory panel of national experts to address caregiving challenges. Ruth has been asked to join the "Caregiving for Individuals with Cancer" panel that convened at The Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta on December 4-5. She will be among thirteen leading experts representing cancer caregiving issues, including dealing with emotional challenges, the economics of caregiving, and national and state caregiving initiatives. Her presentation titled, "The Feelings of Family Caregivers: Dealing with Emotional Challenges, Living with the Cancer Diagnosis: Helping Families Cope," took place on December 4.

Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, traveled to China in November with YSN faculty members, Carol Bova, Associate Research Scientist; Kristopher Fennie, Associate Research Scientist; and Ann Williams ’81, Professor of Nursing. They attended the First Annual Chia Fellows Workshop in Changsha where they spoke on the role of research and evaluation in community health, and assisted in the selection of the new Chia Fellows.

Pamela Minarik, Professor of Nursing, has returned from a year of leave which she spent teaching at Aomori University in Japan. Upon her return, she was installed as the first Director of the Office of International Affairs. In this capacity, she will bring leadership to the vision laid out in our strategic plan to expand our education, practice, and scholarship to other parts of the world.

Betty Nelson has joined YSN as the inaugural Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs.

Heather Reynolds ’80, Associate Professor, spoke to the students of Career Regional High School about the work of Certified Nurse-Midwives and midwifery education at YSN. Heather has been instrumental in strengthening YSN’s partnership with Career High, as the School continues to develop its relationship by expanding opportunities for seniors interested in health careers.

Larry Sechill ’89, Associate Professor, is the principal investigator of the NIH funded ARUP Program at Yale University, a study addressing the pressing need for new, safe, and effective treatments for children with Persuasive Development Disorders (PDD). The study will extend previous findings over a five-year period.

Sandra Talley, Associate Professor and Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Specialty Director, was awarded the 2002 American Psychiatric Nurses Association’s APRN-PMH Excellence in Practice Award for her significant contributions to psychiatric-mental health nursing as a clinician and educator. The award was presented at the APNA annual meeting in Dallas, TX in October. Sandy is also an Academic Liaison and Research Nurse at the Connecticut Mental Health Center in New Haven.

Diane Viens, current President of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, has joined YSN as an Associate Professor in the Adult, Family, Gerontological, and Women’s Health Primary Care Specialty.

Ann Williams ’81, Helen Porter Jayne and Martha Prosser Jayne

Professor of Nursing, was awarded $100,000 by the World AIDS Foundation to provide HIV/AIDS prevention training to nursing leaders and educators in China. In addition, Ann has been awarded the 2002 Ruth B. Freeman Award by the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) for her distinguished career in public health service, research, and education in the field of HIV/AIDS. The award ceremony was held in November in Philadelphia, PA.
GEPNs Experience Community Health Rotation in Trinidad and Tobago

Suzanne Moser, Janna Stephan, and Shobhna Shukla, all from the Class of 2004, spent their summer GEPN Community Health rotation in Trinidad and Tobago. They were all at the Cyril Ross Nursery, an orphanage for HIV positive children, where there were 32 residents for a 25 bed capacity facility with a lengthy waiting list. The age range was one to sixteen years old. Most of the medical services and daily health monitoring, as well as medication provision and some acute care, took place on site. In addition, there was a monthly HIV Clinic and regular pediatric visits to a practitioner at a local hospital.

The photos tell the story.

The Cyril Ross Nursery is the only orphanage in Trinidad and Tobago for HIV positive children.

Piling on with Janna and Shobhna. High energy interactions were the norm!

(L to R) Suzanne, Janna, and Shobhna.

Suzanne helped put on a pair of shoes.

Suzanne and one of the resident “smilers!”

Janna with her constant companion.

Play time in the common room with three of the 32 children and Suzanne and Shobhna.
Kelley Newlin '01, DNSc '06 received funding for her research training application from the National Institute of Nursing Research. The title of her project is, "Spirituality and Health Factors in Women with Diabetes." Kelley’s sponsors are Associate Professor Gail Melkus and Professor Marge Funk '84.

Susanna Westbrook '03, a student in the Nurse-Midwifery Specialty and a 2002 Downs Fellow, was an invited presenter at the International Symposium on Adolescent Health held in Havana, Cuba from October 28-November 1. Susanna presented (in Spanish!!!) research findings from her summer Downs Fellowship in Nicaragua. Her presentation was titled, "Pregnancy Prevention: An Assessment of Adolescent Sexual Risk Behaviors, Knowledge, and Attitudes in Southwestern Nicaragua." Susanna was also one of the presenters at the Second Annual International Symposium showcasing YSN student and alumni international experiences, held at YSN on November 25. The newly established YSN Office of International Affairs and the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs sponsored the symposium.

Three YSN students were selected as Downs and International Health Travel Fellows 2002 this past summer. Dylan Barnes-Lotfi '04, an FNP student who is also a joint degree student with EPH, traveled to Zambia where she did research on, "Knowledge and Attitudes About HIV/AIDS Among Rural Health Workers in Zambia.”

Susanna Westbrook '03, enrolled in the Nurse-Midwifery Specialty, did her work in Nicaragua where she studied, “STI and Pregnancy Prevention: An Assessment of Adolescent Sexual Risk Behaviors, Attitudes, and Knowledge in Southwestern Nicaragua.” Erin Shawn '03, also an FNP student at YSN, researched, “Measuring HIV Symptom Distress in a Rural Zulu Community.” On October 16, all were honored at the Annual Fall Reception, Poster Session, and Oral Presentations, given at the Jane Ellen Hope Building at the Yale Medical School. Susanna gave an oral presentation and Erin and Dylan presented posters.

More Than 60 People Certified in CPR at Emergency Nursing Team Workshop

By Mei-Ling Smith '04

This fall, over 60 people—many of them incoming GEPNs—were CPR certified at a workshop held by the Emergency Nursing Team, a YSN student interest group that organizes events to enhance emergency skills and knowledge. Last spring, the group put together a workshop where students learned IV starts and phlebotomy. Due to the success of these events and student demand for increased ED skills and experience, the Team is currently planning workshops for suturing, casting and splinting, EKG and X-ray interpretation, and additional IV/phlebotomy training. The group is also looking into events focusing on wilderness medicine, as many people have expressed an interest in this topic.

The Emergency Nursing Team supports supplementing interested students’ curricula with education and experience in emergency care. “We want to offer students the opportunity to pursue their interests in emergency care, whether that means attending a workshop or doing a rotation in the Adult or Pediatric ED,” commented Aaron Huston '04, one of the students who helps coordinate the group.

The Emergency Nursing Team is led by YSN students in all years and specialties, with faculty input. For more information or to get involved, email emergency.nurse@yale.edu.
Scholarship Recipients 2002-03

The following students received scholarships, fellowships, and grants for the 2002-03 academic year:

American Cancer Society Virginia Syombat

American Indian Graduate Center Scholarship Emily Haozous

AORN Scholarships Dana Volstorff

Charles King, Jr. Scholarship Jennifer Carrier Julia Jones Jessica Otka

Class of 1937 Memorial Scholarship Nicole Laing Claudia LaVerde Shannon McCabe

Class of 1991 Reunion Scholarship Joyelle Vigue Tanya Walter

Annie & Albert Coffin Scholarship Krista Danneman Annette Milliron

The Community Foundation of Southeastern CT Robin Johnston

Connecticut Association of Professional Financial Aid Administration Tiffany Lundeen-Frost

Connecticut Women in Health Care Management Claire Cassidy

Dorothy L. Sexton Scholarship Jennifer Dorward

Federal Employee Education Award Krista Danneman

Jacqueline O. French Scholarship Suzanne Moser

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Fort Sill Apache Tribe Education Grant Emily Haozous

Green Scholarship Danielle Olivier

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Scholarship Luncheon

YSN's first annual Scholarship Luncheon was held at the School on Thursday, November 7. The luncheon was planned in order to honor scholarship recipients for the 2002-03 academic year, as well as to thank a number of guests who represented foundations and organizations that sponsored some of these awards.

The luncheon was held in the YSN Reading Room.

Vanessa Reid (L) and Christie Blake (R), Margaret Perry Pearce Scholars, pictured with Diane Pearce and Dean Gilliss.

(L to R) Katina Varzou, Michelle Cappiello, and Annette Milliron attended the luncheon.

Lisa Hottin (L), YSN Development Director, with Catherine Ko, Executive Director of the Richard C. Frisbee III Foundation.

Students and scholarship recipients (L to R) Callandra Clark, Summer Armack, Nicole Hammann, and John Kinabrew.
YSN Reunion 2003!

Class of 1953 celebrating 50 years!

Come to New Haven and celebrate with old friends and new!
Mark your calendar for June 5, 6 & 7, 2003.

“Nursing Strength in an Uncertain World”

◆ The theme of this year’s YSN reunion program will highlight what is most current in today’s headlines: the psychological and emotional effects of terrorism, the prospect of war, international and refugee health issues, bioterrorism and “emergency preparedness” measures.

◆ We will also highlight some of the important partnerships YSN has entered into which are shaping the future of nursing, both here and on a global scale.

◆ Call for Posters! Here is the perfect opportunity to showcase your work to classmates and colleagues. Space is provided on a first come first served basis.

Other reunion highlights:
• Welcome dinner and visit with Dean Gilliss
• State of the School address
• Distinguished Alumni Awards
• Reunion reception and dinner
• Class Agent Meeting
• Alumni Association Business Meeting
    ....and more!

Look for Registration Information in April 2003
Rhoda Kaplan Martel ‘54 died in May, 2001 after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. In her memory the University of Michigan Medical School, where her husband William Martel, MD, is Professor Emeritus, established the Rhoda Martel Annual Lectureship, the purpose of which is to explore quality of care issues for cancer patients. Rhoda met her husband at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City where she was the head nurse for neurology and neurosurgery. They were married in 1955 and moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1957 when Dr. Martel joined the faculty of the UM Medical School. The title of the inaugural memorial lecture was, “Excellence in Oncologic Care: Passion, Priority, and Performance,” delivered by Timothy M. Johnson, MD.

Marvel Davis ´70 appears in the Aetna Insurance Company 2003 calendar profiling 12 nurses, one for each month of the year. Marvel’s picture can be seen for May, mental health month. The calendar was due out in November or December.

Dottie Needham ´74, DNSC ´01 has been appointed to the position of Chair and Associate Professor of Nursing at the Dominican University of California. Dottie was formerly the Director of Education and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for the Children’s Lead Poisoning and Asthma program at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Bess Detmold ´77 writes from Massachusetts saying that she has taken a position as a school nurse. She reflected on a humorous anecdote while at YSN: “Here’s a story from my time in the CHN/FNP track in the seventies. One Friday afternoon in my first year, I was kneeling in the department office, putting some books in my bag. This must have been right across the hall from the midwifery offices. A really nice faculty member from that neighboring department saw me, walked over, and said ever so quietly, ‘They make you do penance in this department?’ Enough said. It was a long time ago.”

Ann Back Price ´78 was named psychiatric clinical nurse specialist at the Division of Women’s Behavioral Health at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, RI. She has been a consultant at Butler Hospital and in private practice for 20 years. After graduating from YSN, she completed her psychoanalytic training at the CG Jung Institute in Boston, MA.

Patricia Adams ´82 developed a new approach to staffing hospital units resulting in a cluster staffing system that has significantly improved staff satisfaction by reducing hospital-wide floating. Pat co-authored an article, “Cluster of Care,” for the October 14, 2002 issue of Advance for Nurses, describing her approach.


Beth Roth ´87 has published two articles from her original research on mindfulness-based stress reduction: one in Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine (Vol 74, 249-258, 2001) and the other in Alternative Therapies (Vol 8, No 1, Jan/Feb. 2002). Beth and her son, Emilio, also co-authored an article entitled, “I Have Two Countries,” in Adoptive Families (Vol 35, No 5, Sep/Oct. 2002). It is the heartwarming story of Beth and her husband’s trip with Emilio to his birth country, Bolivia, to adopt a new sister for him, Claudia. Beth is currently working as a meditation teacher (she teaches the Stress Reduction and Relaxation course at YSN), consultant, and writer in New Haven, CT.

Barbara Wolfe ´87, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School, is President-Elect of the American
Psychiatric Nurses Association. She began her three-year term on the Board of Directors in October and will assume the Presidency in 2003. Barbara is currently a member of a collaborative team studying the biobehavioral relationships that may point to new interventions for patients with anorexia and bulimia nervosa.

Stacey Young-McCaughan ’89 began a new assignment in San Antonio, TX, where she is the Chief of Outcomes Management for the Army Medical Command. She was awarded the Phyllis J. Verhonick Excellence Award for research completed while in a non-research position. Stacey currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army Nurse Corps.

Jacquelyn Jordan ’92 received the Centennial Award for Excellence from Western Connecticut State University on September 14, 2002. She was one of 80 alumni to receive the award during WCSU’s centennial kickoff celebration. She also gave the keynote address for Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Chi Chapter, during their annual scholarship luncheon on October 5 in Windsor, CT. Jaci is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Howard University College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Health in Washington, DC.

Susan Miller ’95 was featured in a television special entitled, “Caring Hands,” on The Learning Channel on September 30.

J. Richard Bicknell ’98 and his wife, Sandy, were excited to welcome their son, Cooper, into this world on September 7, 2002, at 9:01 am. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. “He’s been up to no good ever since, but we love him very much anyway. We’re very proud of the wee bairn.” Jay continues to work at VNA Community Healthcare in Guilford, CT and sees patients all along the shoreline. In May, he became Psychiatric Team Leader for the shoreline area and is supervising a team of eight RNs and APNPs. He enjoys working with a top-notch group of nurses, many of whom are YSN grads.

Helena Albertin ’00 and her husband, Mark, welcomed Ian Albertin Deaton on November 2, 2002, at 8:50 pm. He weighed exactly 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. After 12 hours of labor two weeks early, mother and son are feeling great. “He’s a blondie, with lots of hair and a sweet temperament. He’s doing a great job breastfeeding and we’re just ecstatic that he’s already here!”

Virginia Sun ’02 is working on a project at City of Hope in the greater Los Angeles area of California. The project is a five-year, NCI-funded grant called, “Simultaneous Care - Integrating Palliation to Clinical Trials.” She is providing basic symptom management, palliative care, and education needs to patients and their caregivers on Phase I and II clinical trials. The collaborating sites include UC Davis and Johns Hopkins, where the main study goal is to measure the effectiveness of integrating simultaneous supportive care to patients at the same time they consent to enroll in clinical trials. The study also looks at caregiver quality of life.

IN MEMORIAM


Margaret MacWilliam George ’33 died March 3, 2002.


Marie Roberts Giannou ’35 Date of death unknown.


Helen Hallfors ’39 died September 17, 2002.

Janet Winne Meter ’45W died in May, 2002.

Sister Elaine A. Baumann ’46 died April 20, 2002.


Anne Landes Moffett ’49 died October 23, 2002.


Betty Lou Donnici Armacost ’69 died October 4, 2002.

Cooper Bicknell
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Petra B. Shearer
Barbara Reif

In Memory of
(gifts made in memory of recently deceased alumnae and friends)
Margaret C. Arstein
Marion H. Fasanella '40
Jean A. Guveyan '90
Katherine B. Nuckolls '41

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BP Amoco
Consolidated Edison Co.
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Insurance
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Foundation
Phoenix Mutual Life
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Pfizer Co., Inc.
Richard D. Frisbee III
Foundation
Silverstein & Osach, P.C.
Vietnam Veterans of America

Bequests
(the following individuals have remembered YSN in their wills)
Marjorie W. Beckley '27
Clara A. Traver '38
Evelyn C. Slopanskey '50

Yale School of Nursing Classes Annual Giving in 2001 - 2002
YSN Alumni participation in the Alumni Fund once again has led all other Graduate and Professional Schools at Yale.
This year 51% of YSN alumnae/i participated in the Alumni Fund drive. Thank you!

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*Totals include gifts from classes of 1946 + 1946W and 1947 + 1947W respectively. Separate totals were not available at press time.
NOMINATION FORM
FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNAE/I AWARDS 2003

The tradition of honoring outstanding alumnae/i was started at the time of YSN's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1973. It is a very special opportunity to honor colleagues and classmates who have distinguished themselves with special talents and achievements. The YUSNAA Board again solicits your nomination(s) of YSN alums who you feel should be recognized in this way. These awards will be presented at the Reunion Banquet in June. The deadline for receipt of your nomination is March 1. Please send all nominations to Lisa Hottin at the above address.

Review the criteria below and provide as much specific information as possible to indicate the ways in which your nominee meets these criteria. You may wish to solicit help from your friends or colleagues. A current curriculum vitae would be very helpful, if one is available. The selection committee will also seek additional information on nominees where necessary.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION:

Achievement in and outstanding contributions to any of the following categories:
- Teaching and scholarship
- Clinical practice
- Leadership
- Research in clinical nursing
- Community/Society
- YSN growth and development

Explanation:
1. How is the achievement or contribution beyond the normal expectation of the activity or situation?
2. How is the achievement or contribution unique and innovative, having more than local impact?
3. Describe how the service to YSN/community/profession is continuous and sustaining.
4. How do the activities contribute to the development of new dimensions and directions in nursing?

YOUR NOMINEE: ___________________________ CLASS: __________

Your Name: ___________________________ Your Class: __________

Your Address: ___________________________

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