YUSN Alumnae Newsletter

Yale School of Nursing
$450,229 in Research Grants Awarded to YSN

The academic year began in great style with the September 22 announcement of the United States Public Health Service award of $470,229 in research grants to the Yale University School of Nursing. For those whose local paper did not cover the complete story, we quote from the University News Bureau press release.

These grants have a significance far beyond their record amount, according to Dean Florence Schorske Wald of the Yale School of Nursing. They reflect the pioneer role of the School as a graduate center, with a responsibility to carry out research for the improvement of nursing care of patients.

The grants have been awarded through the Division of Nursing, Bureau of State Services of the USPHS. The funds will support seven different projects - three that have just been initiated and four that have been in progress for some time and will be continued with the federal grants.

Dean Wald explained that graduate schools of nursing have concentrated on teaching nursing rather than studying nursing practice systematically. The small amount of research which has been done was devoted almost entirely to studying nurses rather than nursing and studying curricular problems. It has only been in the past few years that qualified nursing schools, such as the Yale School, have undertaken major research programs aimed at improving patient care and helping patients to make better use of health measures, medical and otherwise.

The Dean pointed out that with the support of the $470,229 in federal grants, the program of the Yale School is now about equally divided between teaching and research. She said that this pioneer work in research is enriched because of the close working relationship of the Yale nursing faculty with other University units, notably the Yale School of Medicine and its Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, and the Yale Departments of Psychology, Sociology and Philosophy.

The seven research projects supported by the federal funds.

1. A grant of $56,666 for the research of Mrs. Rhetaugh Dumas, assistant Professor of Nursing, to test the effect of several specific approaches by the nurse to prepare patients psychologically for hospitalization and surgery. She believes it important to determine how patients perceive their hospital and surgical experiences and is interested to learn how nursing care relieves stress caused by psychological factors.

2. Through a grant of $26,513, Anna Baziak, Research Associate in Nursing and Psychiatry, has continued to examine the attitudes of nurses in a psychiatry hospital, how the attitudes affect patients, and how the attitudes may be changed to help patient care.

3. With a grant of $42,311, Virginia Henderson, Research Associate, is completing a collection, categorizing and indexing of studies in nursing from 1900 down to present. The index she has prepared and designed is to provide a model for future indexes of
nursing studies.

4. Supported by a grant of $38,013, Lucy H. Conant, Research Associate, will examine the interaction of public health nurses and mothers attending child health conferences and test techniques to maximize the nurse-patient relationship.

5. A grant of $61,312 for Donna K. Diers, Instructor in Psychiatric Nursing, to develop systematic methods of studying the verbal relationship of patient and nurse.

6. A grant of $134,019 for Howard Leventhal, Associate Professor of Psychology and Research Associate in the School of Nursing, to support new research about reactions and adjustment of women during labor and to determine how nurses can assist patients in labor.

7. Finally, $111,595 has been granted for a project under Dean Wald which makes it possible for nursing school faculty members to undertake research work, develop new knowledge and techniques and collaborate with Yale faculty from other schools and departments in conduct of research.

Dear Fellow Alumna,

I feel remiss not to have sent a progress report long before this, but we have been so busy making progress that we have had no time to report it! At least the time is right to wish you all a happy and prosperous 1966.

The dinner for Ernestine Wiedenbach will be an occasion to have a warm get-together. We are planning it for the evening of Alumnae Day, Friday, February 19, and soon you will receive an invitation in the mail. We hope that many of you will be able to accept this invitation.

The year 1965 has seen some interesting developments, most of them good, some sad. On September 1 the Yale School of Nursing received $201,321 in research awards, which has made it possible for us to continue Rhetha Eugene' Dumas' study on Experiments in Clinical Practice, and to add three new studies: Lucy Conant's Exploratory Study in Nurse-Patient Give and Take; Donna Diers' Studies in Nurse-Patient Interaction; and Howard Leventhal's Measurement of Emotion and its Alteration by Nursing.

At about the same time, several new faculty members came into the fold. Rachel Robinson was appointed Assistant Professor of Psychiatric Nursing, and also Director of Nursing of the new Connecticut Mental Health Center. Mrs. Robinson is a graduate of University of California and New York University, and has had recent interesting experience at the Albert Einstein Medical Center. Despite family responsibilities and a long commute from Stamford where she lives with her husband, Jackie Robinson, and their three children, she became an important and well-loved member of the faculty.

Nancy French has been appointed instructor in psychiatric nursing. She comes to Yale via Western Reserve and Boston University, and was most recently at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. She lives with her husband, Bruce, and two small children in Derby.

When you come in February we hope you can not only meet these two faculty but also Mr. James Dabbs, instructor in psychology; Margaret Maher, instructor in maternal and newborn health nursing; and Elizabeth Sager Sharp, who will join the faculty February 1 to take up the reins for Ernestine Wiedenbach as clinical expert in maternal and newborn health nursing. Our research faculty has been augmented by four persons in this last year: Ann Ports Hempy, Jean Irwin Johnson, Amelia Munson, and Charlotte Cram who has just been married and is now Charlotte Cram Elsberry.

We have fourteen new students, twelve from the United States and two from Canada. The faculty have been
much engaged in long range planning for the School of Nursing, and we have divided ourselves in two three task groups: Long Range Planning for Clinical Practice, Long Range Planning for Advanced Study, and Long Range Planning for Relationships between the School of Nursing, School of Medicine, Graduate School, and the Yale-New Haven Medical Center. When you come on the 19th of February I hope to have an opportunity to tell you the details of some of our thinking at the morning coffee hour.

Our saddest loss has been the death of Esther Parsons, who died in Seattle, Washington on September 10th. While we all feel her loss keenly, everyone concurs that to die at the end of a happy reunion with her nieces and nephews in Seattle and without suffering a long, lingering illness was best.

Our hearts are all with you and we look forward to hearing your news, directly or indirectly, so that we can keep in touch with our "family."

With warmest regards,
Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Florence S. Wald, Dean

In Memoriam

Miss Esther Parsons died in Seattle, Washington on September 10, 1965 while visiting her niece. Miss Parsons came to Yale in 1947 and, until her retirement in June 1958, served the school as Residence Director of Sterling Dormitory. Previously she had lived and worked at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, where her father was College President. She was a selfless person and gave to students, family, friends and co-workers, the support of enduring and endearing kindness, loyal friendship and understanding. She made Sterling Dormitory a warm and gracious place in which to live and work.

A slight, meticulous person,
deceptively fragile looking, children were drawn to her wherever she went. She had a sense of beauty and helped to create it in the rooms in Sterling, making it a home away from home.

"A lady of quality" as described by a friend, strong in her integrity and Brahmin like sense of values and duty, she continued to work for several years after retirement as a capable Executive Secretary for the Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae Association.

We will continue to miss her. For her "the long night is ended and the way lies open to eternal day". She "has lifted her eyes unto the hills when cometh her strength". The hills were, as always the place she loved - Jaffrey and home.

Helene FitzGerald, '26

Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae Association
Alumnae Day Program
February 19, 1966

9:45 - Coffee and Registration
Brady Seminar Room,
310 Cedar Street

10:15 - Visits to newer areas of the Medical Center for Nursing School Alumnae

11:00 - Panel Discussion: "The Graduate School's Responsibility to the Undergraduate School"
John Perry Miller, Dean, Yale Graduate School
Robert A. Dahl, Professor, Political Science
Robert Rosenbaum, Provost, Wesleyan University
Sprague Memorial Hall,
470 College St.

12:30 - Alumni Luncheon University Dining Hall
Award of Yale Medals
Songs by Yale Glee Club
Program (continued)
2:15 - Alumni Meeting - Woolsey Hall
arge of the Howland Memorial Prize by
President Kingman Brewster, Jr. to
Sir Tyrone Guthrie
Address by Sir Tyrone Guthrie
5:30 - Sherry Hour, Law School Lounge, 127 Wall St.
6:30 - Testimonial Dinner for
Miss Ernestine Wiedenbach
Law School Dining Hall

Report of 1965 Alumnae College and June Reunion

The Alumnae College program, held on Friday, June 11, 1965 featured papers by Dean Wald on "Emerging Nurse Practice", Mary Fischelis ('57, MSN '61) "The Role of the Psychiatric Nurse in an Out-Patient Clinic", and Ernestine Wiedenbach "Why Nurse-Midwifery at YSN?". The presentation of the papers was followed by discussion from a reactive panel which included Mary Joanna Foster, '47, Assistant Director of Nursing at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, Miss Nea Norton, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry (Psychiatric Social Work) Yale University, Dr. George Silver, Chief, Divisions of Social Medicine, Montefiore Hospital, New York and Mr. John Thompson, Associate Professor, Hospital Administration, Yale University Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, School of Medicine.

Saturday, June 12th, the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in the morning. Following this, many returning alumnae visited the Medical School Library where the Effie J. Taylor Exhibit was on display in the cases in the Rotunda and Alcove. Credit for the selection, arrangement and documentation of this exhibit goes to Miss Myrtie Carpenter.

The following description is quoted from the Bulletin of the Yale Medical Library, Volume XXIII, Number 10, June 1965.

Exhibition: Effie J. Taylor

Special recognition is being accorded Effie Jane Taylor, Dean Emeritus of the Yale University School of Nursing, who has now reached her 91st year. The displays in both the rotunda and the alcove feature letters, pictures, medals, degrees and citations representative of honors which have come to her during her long years of contribution to the nursing profession.

Case I contains items relative to the period at Johns Hopkins Hospital from which she graduated in 1907. Miss Taylor is pictured as director of the nursing department of the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, director of the Army School of Nursing at Camp Meade, and associate principal of the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing.

Two of the cases in the alcove relate to the Yale period, when Miss Taylor was for several years, superintendent of nurses in the New Haven Hospital and director of the last class in the Connecticut Training School, before becoming Dean of the Yale University School of Nursing. A New York Sun news release of December 3, 1926 contains the announcement of Miss Taylor's appointment as professor of psychiatric nursing. Dean Annie W. Goodrich in describing the appointment stated:
"Professor Taylor's appointment is of widespread interest and importance, for she will hold the first and probably the only professorship in the world in psychiatric nursing".

Another case presents aspects of her responsibilities during World War II, including the Student Nurse Cadet Corps and the securing of personnel for the 39th General Hospital, sometimes known as the Yale Unit. A
final case contains miscellaneous material, including two recent publications: Nursing Studies Index and Nursing Research, A Survey and Assessment, gifts to Miss Taylor, as well as a bound presentation from the Postmaster General of the first stamps issued by the Government honoring the nursing profession. Interspersed in various cases are a few of Miss Taylor's published articles.

Miss Taylor was the guest of honor at the Alumnae Luncheon held in the Yale Commons. Members of reuniting classes of '30, '35, '40, '45 and '45W, '50, '55, and '60 gave brief reports and greetings. Mary Taylor Swoboda, '26 spoke of the days when YSN had Misses Goodrich and Taylor in the top eschelon and Misses Goodrich and Taylor in the student body, and recalled some of the amusing and amazing incidents that occurred as a result of this situation. Jean MacLean, '35, payed a warm tribute to Miss Taylor. Margaret Hulburt, '40 probably deserved a tribute herself, for in the midst of her comments, Mildred Briggs Twiss, '35 appeared in her old Yale basic uniform (long-sleeved variety) and proceeded to read a poem about the days in such attire, to the delight of all present. Nelliana Best, '40, concluded the alumnæ greetings to Miss Taylor with a tribute based upon the letters of her name.

When formal festivities for the day were concluded, the group wandered through the quadrangle behind Woolsey Hall, pausing in the sunshine and reflection of the Beinecke Rare Book Library for pictures and conversations prior to the individual class events that were planned.

Yale-New Haven Hospital - Yale-New Haven Medical Center

In June of 1965 Grace-New Haven Community Hospital officially changed its name to Yale-New Haven Hospital. The change resulted from a revised affiliation between the Hospital and the Yale University School of Medicine. The Hospital and the Medical School will continue to be operated by their respective corporations, but under the new affiliation agreement the University will nominate to the Board of the Hospital a group consisting of 6-8 of the 24 directors, all of whom are leading community citizens and Yale representatives.

This hospital, one of the nation's oldest medical institutions traces its beginning to May 28, 1826 when the General Hospital Society of Connecticut was officially chartered. The first hospital in the State of Connecticut, (and the fifth oldest in the United States) was started by five doctors on the Yale faculty.

Opening in 1833 with 75 beds, the hospital has never closed its doors. During the civil war, the hospital and grounds were used by the government for a military hospital. Major reconstruction and expansion took place in the 1930's when the Tompkins and Fitkin wings were built. In 1945, the original New Haven Hospital and the former Grace Hospital consolidated its facilities and staff to form the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital. The Memorial Unit, financed mostly by public subscription was opened in 1953.

In the past ten years the Hospital and Medical Center facilities have continued to grow and be refurbished. The Hospital today has 735 beds and 94 bassinets. The Dana Clinic Building was recently opened to ease the pressures experienced by out-patient services.

New additions to the Medical Center include the Laboratory of Epidemiology and Public Health building which houses the C-E. A. Winslow Auditorium. The Connecticut Mental Health Center is now under construction on Park Street, close to the former site of Nathan Smith Hall.

25th Reunion Gift

Marge Frick Allen, '40's class secretary reports that a photograph of
Miss Jean Barrett will be presented to
the Yale University School of Nursing
by the class as its 25th reunion gift.
Jean Barrett, who missed reunion in
June while acting as a WHO consultant
in Egypt and Iran received a cable from
her first YSN students.

Dates to Save

East Coast -
June in New Haven

Alumnae College will be held on
Friday, June 10th, the Annual Alumnae
Meeting and program on Saturday, June
11th, Commencement on Monday, June
13th.

Reunioning classes for June '66 are:
'26, '31, '36, '41, '46, '46W, '51, '56,
and '61.

West Coast -
San Francisco Alums - Here we
come again!

The ANA Convention will be held in
San Francisco June 12 - 17, 1966.
Representing the School as delegates
will be Lucy Conant, '50, Virginia
Henderson, Donna Diers, '64 and
Rhetaugh Dumas, '61, who will be one
of the speakers. A luncheon or dinner
for YSN alums will be planned, so do
keep it in mind, detailed announcements
will follow.

YSN Alumnae Fund

Half Way in the 65-66 Yale Univer-
sity Alumnae Fund Appeal

390 Alumnae have contributed $4,531...
Are you counted among this number?

Federation of Yale Alumni Organizations

Following two years of preliminary
work, the Federation of Yale Alumni
Organizations was announced on Mon-
day, September 27, 1965. The purpose
of this organization is to develop closer
ties between the Alumni of Yale College
and the Alumni of the graduate and pro-
fessional schools.

Each organization remains autono-

will sponsor the National Alumni Meet-
ing held in Pittsburgh on January 21-22.
President Brewster has appointed the
following steering committee:

Mr. Arthur Greenfield, 1947,
Secretary of the Federation of
Yale Alumni Organization

Dr. Leona Baumgartner, Ph.D.
1932, M.D. 1934, President
of the Yale Alumni in Public Health

Judge Herbert S. MacDonald, B.A.
1929, President of the Yale
Association of Class Officers

William Rockefeller, B.A. 1940,
Chairman of the Yale Alumni
Board

Miss Katherine B. Woodman, M.A.
1949, M.F.A. 1960, President
of Yale Drama Association

Dr. Lawrence K. Pickett, B.A.
1941, M.D. 1944, President
of the Association of Yale Alumni
in Medicine.

The Federation plans to publish a
directory of those concerned with all
University alumni/ae activities.

The Yale Alumni Magazine is
available through the YSN Alumnae
Association at a group subscription
rate of $2.50. Any interested, should
send their checks, made out to Yale
University, to the YSN Alumnae Asso-
ciation office, 310 Cedar Street, New
Haven, Conn., 06511.

Some Recent Faculty and Alumnae
Publications

Conant, Lucy H., "A Group of Matern-
ity Patients who were Referred for
Nursing Care," Pass It On. Publi-
cation of the Board Members Organ-
ization of Connecticut Public Health

"Give and Take in Home Visits,"
American Journal of Nursing, 65, 7:

"Use of Bales' Interaction Process
Analysis to Study Nurse-Patient
Interaction," Nursing Research 14,


Ripley, Ione MS '52, "The Child with Cleft Lip and Palate" The Mother in the Maternity Unit... Jane Kallaus On the Pediatric... Margaret McDermott Through His Years of Growth... Ione L. Ripley American Journal of Nursing, Vol. 65, No. 10, October 1965.


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<td>1930</td>
<td>Gordon Mackay, husband of Helen Noyes, died suddenly in Stonington, Maine in August 1965.</td>
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<td>1931</td>
<td>Lois Bliss writes: &quot;I have accepted an appointment as Staff Assistant (Business), actually, Administrative Assistant to the Medical Director, Dr. Robert W. Gage – with the University Health Services at the University of Massachusetts.... I have bought an 8-year-old, 8-room Cape Cod home.... My address will be 818 E. Pleasant Street, Amherst, Mass.&quot; Eileen Ditchburn Troop became Mrs. Edward H. Withridge this fall. Her new address is 495 Dutch Ridge Road, Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009.</td>
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<td>1932</td>
<td>Eleanor King has accepted a position as Director of Nursing Education at Danbury State College, Connecticut, where she is to develop a new nursing program there. Her home address is 8 Sky Edge Drive, Bethel, Conn.</td>
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<td>1933</td>
<td>Violet Amidon stopped off in the School Office this summer. She was on her way back to Florida after vacationing in the north.</td>
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<td>1936</td>
<td>Margaret Birchard Fillmore was married August 24, 1965 to Ken Schussman. Their address is 1001 Halcyon, California 93420.</td>
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<td>1938</td>
<td>Lois Schneider's husband, Dr. Lyman M. Stowe, died suddenly of a heart attack on June 2, 1965. He had been appointed first Dean of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.</td>
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<td>1940</td>
<td>Margaret Hitchcock Carson visited during the summer. With her was her teenage daughter and friend who were interested in seeing the Rooming-In and Pediatric Services.</td>
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<td>1941</td>
<td>Althea Davis Stadler (Mrs. Lawrence B.) has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Division of Nursing, St. John College of Cleveland where she is teaching psychiatric nursing. Her address is 2169 Delaware Drive, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106. Wanda Galantowicz died following a long illness in October 1965.</td>
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<td>1943</td>
<td>Florence Alexander has left her position in Chicago and effective January 1, 1966 she is on the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She has bought a new home where she and her mother are residing. The address is 2 Buckingham Court, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The marriage of Mary Jeanne Clapp to Warren E. Ungberg took place on June 19, 1965. They are living at 11 Weston Hill Road, Riverside, Conn. Edwiga Rafalowski Peppler (Mrs. Leonard) has taken a full time nursing position as Teacher-Supervisor in a one year Practical Nurse Education Program in North Carolina. Her address is Onslow County Industrial Education Center Unit, 255 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville, N.C.</td>
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<td>1944</td>
<td>Gwendolyn Cooke is now Mrs. Berthil E. Wilhelmson. Her address is Broadwater Way, Gibson Island, Maryland.</td>
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Shirley Munson Stiles (Mrs. Robert E.) is now employed by the California State Department of Education as a high school nurse. Her address is 60 Queens Court, Atherton, Calif.

1945

Adah Davis has become executive director of the Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester and Monroe County, New York. Her address is Mountain Lane II, 6D Panorama Trail, Rochester, N.Y. 14625.

1945W

Nancy McMurray died on May 22, 1965. She had been employed as Home Care Administrator at the Cleveland Visiting Nurse Association.

Julia Wolverton Meinikheim (Mrs. B. Felix) wrote her Christmas 1965 letter on November 1 from a hotel in Tehran, Iran where she, her son and daughter were staying, having been evacuated from Lahore, West Pakistan because of the Indo-Pakistan hostilities. Her husband was still in Lahore but he was well and safe. On November 30th, she added a P.S. to her letter which reads: "During November the decision was made to return all four of us to the United States. Our Lahore home has been dismantled and packed up for shipment. As we will be traveling all during the Christmas holidays, please send all Christmas cards and any further communications to the following address until further notice: c/o Mrs. R.K. Derry, Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014, U.S.A."

1946

Mildred Roth Lafferty (Mrs. Edward M.) and her husband visited in the School Office this summer while on an automobile trip through New England.

Jean Thompson Saxon (Mrs. Durwood D.) is now teaching at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Her home address is 2207 Federal Ave., East Seattle, Washington 98102.

1946W

Mary Murray Martin (Mrs. John M.) wrote in August 1965 - "some nineteen years and nine children later (after graduation) I have accepted a position as a teacher in the Newport, R.I. School System." Her address is 9 Sylvan St., Newport, R.I.

1947

Mary Duncan died March 12, 1965 in an airplane crash in New Zealand.

Milda Shea is assistant to the dean at Russell Sage College, in Troy, New York. Her address is Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y. 12180.

1950

Faith Jensen left the University of New Mexico College of Nursing and is now connected with the Albuquerque Public School system, working with Marian Fleck, '56W.

1951

A daughter, Maureen Frances, was born to Irene O'Reilly Burns, (Mrs. James) on November 23, 1965. Her address is S. Nauraushaun Road, Pearl River, N.Y.

1952

The marriage of Mary Jane Mordan to Mr. John C. Burch took place on July 31, 1965. They are living at 2270 Elba Street, Durham, N.C. 27705.

1954

LaVerne Fakkema is nursing consultant in child health for the State of California, Department of Public Health, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health.

1957

A little sister joined the two broth-
ers of Mary Stone Brodish (Mrs. Alvin L.) on August 21, 1965.

Hui-Chen Sun Ku writes that they will move to their new home in the middle of January 1966. New address will be 244 Old State Road, Berwyn, Pa. 19312.

1958

Adele Buonocore Fazzone (Mrs. Philip R.) welcomed a new baby girl at their home at 290 Cook Hill Road, Wallingford, Conn. 06494.

1961

Hilda Mertz has been appointed director of nursing at McLean Hospital, Belmont, Mass. Her home address is 62 Carey Ave., Watertown, Mass.

1962

Barbara Anderson was married to David M. Johnson in June 1965. They are living in Toronto, Canada where her husband is associated with the University of Toronto. She is an instructor on the faculty of the school of nursing, University of Toronto.

1963

Edythe Ellison has moved to California where she is an instructor in psychiatric nursing at the University of California Medical Center School of Nursing, Los Angeles.

Ada Sue Hinshaw reports the birth of their first child, Cynthia Lynn, on January 2, 1966. The Hinshaws are living at 2516 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, Calif. while husband Lew pursues doctoral study at the Graduate Theological Union.

1964

Ann C. Hagen was married to Mr. W. Eugene Watkins and is living in California. Their address is Box 3084, Daly City, Calif. 94015.

Mary Angela Barron was married on June 12, 1965 to William Leon McBride. Their address is 586 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn. 06511.