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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
Newsletter

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Class of 1944 - 25th Reunion

Alumnae College and Alumnae Day Activities

Friday May 23. Alumnae College will concern itself with "The Expanded Role of The Nurse".
Saturday May 24. YUSNAA Annual Meeting in the morning.
Luncheon for Alumnae and new graduates, with special tables for the Reunion


Further information concerning these activities will be sent to you by the YSN office. (We hope to establish the tradition of publishing a picture of the 25th Reunion Class in each June issue.)
For your perusal, here is a profile of the Class of 1970. There are seven first year maternal and newborn health nursing students. They range from 21 to 35 years of age, and, of course, they vary in the amount of work experience they have had before entering YSN. Texas is well-represented in the persons of Donna Marie LeBlanc, who received her B.S.N. from the University of Texas in 1968, and Major Vanessa Ann Marshall who received her B.S.N. from Cornell University in 1958. Major Marshall's work for her M.S.N. degree is being funded by the Army Nurse Corps.

Both Marilyn Ann Schmidt, a graduate of Marquette University, claim Illinois as their native state. Mrs. Patricia Sweeney Snook, an alumna of D'Yonville College in Buffalo, takes the prize for having had the most obstetrical experience before entering Yale; she is the mother of four girls and one boy. Margaret Elizabeth Craig (Clio, Michigan), who was graduated from the University of Michigan School of Nursing in 1968, and Veronica Patricia Wingert (from Emmaus, Pennsylvania), who is an alumna of Temple University, round out the class. An eighth student, Carol Ann Evans (Toronto, Ontario) left the program for personal reasons during the first semester.

There are ten first year psychiatric nursing students. Like their maternity counterparts, they also have had varied work experiences and range from 21 to 35 years of age. Two of the students are, in a sense, homegrown--Mrs. Marvel King Davis, an alumna of Seton Hall, worked both at the Connecticut Mental Health Center and the Yale Psychiatric Institute before applying to this program; Donna Marie Oradie (from Iron Mountain, Michigan), a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota, also worked as a staff nurse at the Yale Psychiatric Institute before entering YSN.

Unlike the maternity students, the majority of the psychiatric nursing students come from the east coast: Judith A. Bellivcau (Winchester, Mass.), a graduate of Boston College, Mary Elizabeth Correa (New York City), a graduate of Boston College, Judith Anne Gregorie (Winthrop, Mass.), an alumna of Mount Holyoke and Columbia University, Mrs. Julianne Wallace Keller (Hartford, Conn.), a graduate of the University of Kansas, Mrs. Roberta Rankin Mattheis (Ledyard, Conn.), a graduate of the University of Kansas, and Judith Carlyle Zent (Buffalo, New York), a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo. One student comes from Kingston, Ontario and is a graduate of the University of British Columbia, Kathleen Ruth Miller. Mrs. Barbara Sideleau (Trumbull, Conn.), a graduate of the University of Bridgeport, certainly seems to have had the most experience with normal growth and development before coming to Yale; she is the mother of three boys and one girl. Two other students have already left the program for personal reasons--Jacquelyn Jan Castaldo and Joyce Geraldine Gralewski.

-Mrs. William L. McBride
(M. Angela Barron) M.S.N. '64

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Noted Nurse Leaves City For Birthplace In Canada

Miss Effie J. Taylor, 95, dean emeritus of the Yale School of Nursing, who was cited in 1962 as "one of the truly great leaders in the history of nursing and human progress" left New Haven Sunday for her birthplace, Hamilton, Ontario, where she will reside in a retirement home with her sister, Mrs. Marjorie Nelson.

The citation was awarded in the fall of 1962 at the annual convention of the Connecticut Nurse's Association in Hartford for "distinguishing herself in war and peace, nationally and internationally."

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1874, Miss Taylor was educated in the Hamilton College Institute, the Wesleyan Ladies College, and the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing.
Following her graduation from the latter school she became a head nurse; then assistant superintendent of Johns Hopkins Hospital. After a period of advanced study at Teachers College, Columbia University, Miss Taylor became director of nursing services in the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic at Johns Hopkins.

During World War I, she organized the Army School of Nursing at Camp Meade and served as its chief nurse, after which she returned to Johns Hopkins to become associate principal of the School of Nursing. She was the first executive secretary of the National League of Nursing Education and later, its president.

In 1923, after receiving a B.S. degree from Teachers College, she came to New Haven to assist in the organization of the Yale University School of Nursing. For 11 years she was superintendent of nurses at the New Haven Hospital and also held a professorship of nursing in psychiatry at Yale University.

Miss Taylor was appointed dean of the Yale University School of Nursing in 1934, a position which she held until her so-called retirement in 1944.

In 1957 she was elected president of the International Council of Nurses and her tenure of office lasted for 10 years, embracing the World War I period.

She has been active in the Red Cross and the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. She received an honorary M.A. degree from Yale and the degree of doctor of humane letters from Keuka College. She is a life member of the Connecticut Nurses' Association.

She resided for many years at 472 Whitney Ave.

A number of her friends met at the Park Plaza Hotel Sunday where she waited for the limousine to take her to the New York airport for the flight to Hamilton to say goodbye and to wish her well.

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**Care of the Newborn 1969**

On Yale Alumni Day, February 22, Miss Eileen Hasselmeyer, visiting Annie W. Goodrich Professor, addressed a gathering of YSN Alumnae and friends.

"It is my distinguished honor to have been invited to serve as the Annie W. Goodrich Professor for this academic year. Equally rewarding is the opportunity presented to one today to address you, as the Goodrich Professor, on Care of the Newborn - 1969."

Miss Hasselmeyer summarized Dean Goodrich's contributions to nursing and nursing education, correlating events in newborn nursing with some of Miss Goodrich's own student experiences in this field and some of her subsequent efforts to improve the climate for quality care of the newborn. She quoted Dean Goodrich's definition of nursing as "that expression of social activity that seeks...to interpret through action, the findings of the medical and social sciences in relation to bodily ills, their care, cure and prevention, including all factors, personal and environmental, that bear upon the achievement of the desired objective, a healthy citizenry".

Miss Hasselmeyer went on to say, "Nursing exerts its influence upon this citizenry in many ways and at many times in the life cycle of man. Nursing's first direct influence, and potentially its most significant, takes place at the time of birth and during the hospital stay of the newly born infant."

A very interesting history of care and research of the newborn since the turn of the century followed, illustrated by slides depicting old and new hospital units and equipment. Miss Hasselmeyer illustrated also the growth in the variety and complexity of scientific knowledge and its effects in the form of a great diversity of machines which literally may surround the "tiny" citizen if he requires special handling.

Miss Hasselmeyer concluded her address by saying that although changes in care have been brought about by research, the same goals of nursing care are now in effect as at the turn of the century.
Births

1962 Sheila Taylor Myers (Mrs. Kent N.) a son, Kent Nixon II.

Marriages

1965 Sarah Ellington Slind (Mrs. Merrill T.), 415 Delafield St., Richmond, Washington 99352.

Changes of Address

Dean Effie J. Taylor's new address is Central Park Lodge, 35 Arkledun Ave., Hamilton, Ontario.

1941 Marguerite Winn Currie (Mrs. David M.), 341 Dolphin Place, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411.
1945 Miss Marian B. Weinberger, 169 Maple St., New Haven, Conn. 06511.
1946 Prof. Mary Elizabeth French, P.O. Box 304, Genesco, N.Y. 14454.
1946 Geraldine Malone Robinson (Mrs. Leonard L.), 23 Cedarwood Lane, Old Saybrook, Conn. 06475.
1948 Gail L. Graham Gerber (Mrs. Thomas W.R.), Rollins Road, Concord Rt. 1, New Hampshire 03301.
1949 Esther Luttrull, World Gospel Mission, P.O. Box 948, Marion, Indiana 46952 (until the last of June, 1969).
1951 Jean L. Hopkins, P.O. Box 867, Newport Beach, California 92661.
1954 Miss Laura M. Wulhorst, 5575 S.W. 84 ter., Miami, Florida 33143.
1955 Mrs. Jean Dunham Goss, 33 Cambridge Drive, Newington, Conn. 06111.
1956 Ruby McIntosh Jefferson (Mrs. Frederick D., Jr.), 1025 E. 48 St., Chicago, Illinois 60615.
1956 Dorothy Cramer Maitland (Mrs. Alexander III), 38 Sunset Summit, Asheville, N.C. 28804.
1958 Barbara Klaus (Mrs. Robert), 6311-C Ocean Ave., Ventnor, N.J. 08406.

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This 'n That

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Class Notes

1940 Mrs. Elizabeth Hixon Neighbor is on the faculty at the Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing at Oakland, California.

1947 W Ruth Koons Fitzpatrick (Mrs. John) is working in the Recovery Room at the St. Louis Schriner's Hospital for Crippled Children 2 days a week.

The following includes a continuation of items from questionnaires for the recent Alumnae Director. Do you know of anyone who does not have their copy? If so knowledge of their whereabouts would help us to send it to them.

1949 Peggy Rogers Femly (Mrs. Lloyd M., Jr.) is Chairman, Department of Nursing, Adirondack Community College, Glens Falls, New York (2 year Associate Degree program).

1949 Miss Helen Tashjian is a Doctoral Candidate, Dept. of Administration and Supervision, Boston Univ. School of Education.

1950 Harriet Shea McConnell's (Mrs. Ellicott) husband is a parasitologist, U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit. They were among those American families evacuated from Cairo, Egypt in May, 1967, before the Six Days War.

1950 Mary Schmidt Wolf (Mrs. Fred C., Jr.) New address is 106 Dorrington Blvd., Metairie, La. 70005.

1951 Justine Rizinsky Glassman (Mrs. Jerome M.) has 3 children and since 1964, has been camp nurse summers at Briarton Camp.

1951 Miss Jean L. Hopkins is Project Director, Joint Project for Curriculum Improvement, So. California Diploma Schools of Nursing. This is a 5 year grant for improvement in nurse training under the nurse training act of 1964. There are 5 hospital diploma schools of nursing in this particular project.

1952 Jean Carter Bradley (Mrs. C. Arthur) Husband is senior minister at Church of the Redeemer here in New Haven.

1952 Judith Etherington Lissner (Mrs. Richard) does volunteer nursing for the Los Angeles Red Cross Blood-mobile and is a sometime camp nurse for a Girl Scout day camp.

1954 Louisa Urey Murray (Mrs. Edward J.) goes to a children's hospital in Miami each week to sing and play the guitar for the children. Hopes to become more involved in play for children at hospitals when her own 3 are older.

1955 Adelia Elmer Robertson (Mrs. Marion G.) is a member of the board of directors of her husband's Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc., in Portsmouth, Va., and also produces and appears in a 30 minute TV program once a week. She is also active in PTA and President of Women's Council, a volunteer group connected with radio and TV stations.

1957 Miss Marcia Curtis Her 1968 doctoral dissertation was entitled "Experiment in Nursing Education: Yale University School of Nursing 1923 - 1958", an historical-philosophical study of the role which the concept of autonomy played in the origin and development of the Yale school. She is now Associate Dean and Professor of Nursing, South Carolina Medical College.

1957 Miss Rosemary Wiley Received an M.P.H. degree in June 1966 from the University of Pittsburgh. Corrected address is 5815 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

1957 Joceline Kumm Alexander (Mrs. Charles E.) "The Alexander family moved to Thailand last summer. My husband is Deputy Surgeon at the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group .... Our two boys, Garth and David, are both in school this year. I have been... setting up a series of Parents and Mothers' classes for the local U.S. Army Hospital and working in the Outpatient Obstetrics Clinics." Address: c/o Surgeon's Office, USMACKTHAI/USMAGTHAI APO San Francisco, Calif. 96346.

1961 Miss Helen Mertz is now teaching at the University of Toronto.
Needed: an Executive Secretary for YUSNAA. We have not had one since last summer. Her duties have been assumed temporarily by various members of the office staff of YSN and by the YUSNAA Board. We need one person at 310 Cedar Street to coordinate all Alumnae activities. This is a part-time, paid job and the individual must, of course, be able to type (reasonably well). Duties would include keeping alumnae records up to date as address changes, degrees, marriages, etc.; preparing mailings for Alumni Day, the Annual Meeting and reunions and making arrangements for these functions; answering mail from alumnae caps, ribbons, etc.

The ideal solution: a YSN alumna in the New Haven area. Any applicants? Please write to YUSNAA, 310 Cedar St.

Poplin Nursing caps from Brucks may be ordered at $1.75 each from the Alumnae Association, 310 Cedar Street, New Haven, Conn. 06510.

Exploration of a permanent-press type of cap has resulted in a sample sent from Marvin and Neitzel of Troy, New York. The brim is very firm and cannot be reshaped; it is called "perma-starch" and will be easy to care for—simple hand washing, no starching of the brim will ever be needed. The back is soft and gathered at the top as our present one, and may be starched or not as you wish. Pleating the back still will be necessary. The cost of the cap will be $2.00, or 3 for $6.50 (50¢ for postage). If enough interest is expressed, we will notify the factory to produce them. Please write to Mrs. Isao Hirata, Jr., c/o Alumnae Association, 310 Cedar Street. A cap will be available Alumnae Day for those present to see.