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School News

From The Dean

Every time I face a blank sheet of yellow copy paper in the typewriter wonders what to write "from the dean..." I envy Abraham Lincoln, who is said to have written the Gettysburg Address on the back of an old envelope. All I write on the backs of old envelopes are grocery lists, random phone numbers, and lists of things to do...

What to write about these three times a year is a problem...

...Last night I went to the first meeting of the Health Systems Agency of the South Central Connecticut governing body. I sit on it representing the three area schools of nursing. Last night the governing body elected a nurse, Jane Keeler, Executive Director of the Visiting Nurse Association of New Haven as President of this new organization. The new HSA will have enormous clout and responsibility under Public Law 93-641 for health resources planning and development for the 18-town region of the state. It was a moving moment to see Jane elected by this odd consortium of consumers and health care professionals, and it was a private thrill to share in another nurse's honor...

...In case you haven't noticed, it's a presidential election year which means that most of Washington comes to a screeching halt as the candidates try to "out-conservative" one another on federal spending. What that means directly for us is, for example, that we've had one training grant approved for eight months and are still awaiting funding which is tied up in presidential rescissions and congressional inactivity. And it also means that there are serious proposals in the air by various political front-runners to get rid of all "categorical" grants (e.g. for nursing training) in favor of block grants to states, or combinations of training grants making nursing compete with all other health professions training programs for the same scarce dollars...

...As I write this the end of March, the construction plans for our own building are creeping forward. The mechanical and architectural drawings are almost ready to be run through the regional office of HEW for clearance, after which we can advertise for bids, sign the contract, and begin hammering and sawing. One runs into all kinds of new arcane issues planning a construction project: did you know that if you plan to have tile floors and built-in bookcases, you must plan to have at least four inches of clearance between the floor and the bottom shelf so that a mechanical floor buffer can get underneath? Otherwise, the costs of custodial services are
increased if hand buffing has to be used. Another one: at one point in the early planning, the architects proposed a giant "graphic-artsy" design spelling out "Yale School of Nursing" across the new front of the building. We killed that one when we pointed out that it wasn't precisely the best part of something-or-other to advertise that we are a building full of women...

...By the time you read this, some of you will have been called by fellow alumnae under our capital fund raising plan. And by the time you read this I hope many of you will have made plans to come to New Haven in June for Alumnae College. We at the School honestly love to have contact with you who were here before -- it gives us back our sense of roots. And your pleasure in what's happening here now keeps us moving forward. See you in June?

- Donna Diers, Dean, '64

From The Editor

I am pleased to learn of your positive response to the Yale Nurse.

In this issue, a "Then and Now" visual presentation of the Medical Center depicts its progress since the 30's. For many of you the "Then" photos will bring back fond memories of your years in New Haven. I would like to thank the Department of Public Relations at YNHH for loaning the photos to YSN for our Newsletter. We hope you enjoy the issue and we look forward to seeing many of you at Alumnae College.

- Sally Cohn, '73

School Receives Large Grant

On February 15 YSN received a grant of $728,755 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, to support the School's three-year program. The grant will be allocated over the next four years and will support faculty and students, teaching equipment and facilities, student financial aid, and program evaluation.

Article Published Describing 3-Year Program

NURSING: A CAREER FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

A Combined Basic-Graduate Program for College Graduates

Yale's new program for college graduates offers them both basic nursing and clinical specialization in one three-year curriculum.

DONNA DIERS

In September 1964, the Yale University School of Nursing began a new three-year program for non

... If you are interested in obtaining a reprint of the Dean's article, write to the School requesting a copy and we will be delighted to send you one.

Nurse Midwifery Program Faculty Recruiting

YSN had a recruitment cocktail party at the American College of Nurse Midwifery Convention (March 29-April 3) in St. Louis, Missouri. Masters and Johnson were the keynote speakers. Yale is recruiting nurse midwives for the increasing development of inner-city and community hospital clinics (Hill, West Rock Division, Danbury, Norwich, Meriden, Middletown) as well as the maintenance of on-going sites. The increased enrollment and development of sites are part of a grant application submitted to Health Education and Welfare for manpower training.
Nurse Midwife Staffs Neighborhood Clinic

Helen Swallow, '74 with clients

Helen Swallow, Instructor of Maternal Newborn Nursing is one of many Yale nurses who staff the Fair Haven Neighborhood Clinic. Helen works with other staff in the clinic to provide a service which includes all aspects of the woman's care and her pregnancy. She sees the woman from the time she enters the clinic for health care, throughout the delivery. Since the service in the neighborhood setting is so available, many women use the clinic. Helen feels that she has been able to make a difference in health care in this setting. She says that women are beginning to feel that they have a right to be treated as people, not just a number and she has noticed that more women have a desire to learn about their bodies functioning. They discover that they have a better feeling about themselves as women and as human beings. Another difference that Helen has noticed is the fact that these women and their babies are healthier than when they first came to the clinic. Helen feels rewarded seeing not only the physical growth, but also the emotional growth in so many of the women and children with whom she works. Soon the clinic will be moving to a larger facility which will enable the midwives to expand their services in their area.

Seminars at Yale

On January 28, Dr. George Rosen presented "Whither Prevention?" at the Issues Seminar. Dr. Rosen, M.D., Ph.D., is a Professor of the History of Medicine and Epidemiology and Public Health. He is also Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Science and Medicine, Medical School, Yale University. Dr. Rosen is a former editor of the A.J.P.H. and Ciba Symposia. He has published extensively and is internationally known for his work in his field.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1976, the Faculty of the Pediatric Program presented an Issues Seminar with Virginia C. Hall, Attorney, as guest, speaking on "Nurse Practice Arts: How They are Changing and Implications of the Revised Connecticut Act for Nurse Practitioners." From her extensive experience in reviewing and analyzing the nurse practice acts from fifty states, Ms. Hall was able to objectively identify interesting features of the Act. She addressed trends in phraseology which potentiate difficulty in interpretation in the scope of practice, limitations to practice and also areas of potential liability risk.

As C.N.A.'s attorney, Ms. Hall urged Connecticut to reconsider the adoption of the New York Model, particularly addressing the addition of the last phrase in the N.P.A. ..."under the direction and supervision of a licensed medical physician or dentist". This statement she felt retracts the predefined independence of action and judgment intended in the total definition.

Her appraisal of Connecticut's licensure act as well as those of other states was responded to with interest and enthusiasm. This information is essential since practitioners such as the faculty and the students at YSN are moving into unknown territory in an expanded role.

Pediatric Nursing Faculty Activities

Julina Rhymes is a member of the program planning committee for child development of Wheeler Clinic, Central Connecticut Community Mental Health Affiliates, Plainville. Julie also helped plan and implement a child development course for nurses in that geographical area.

She is a member of the consultation committee on Day Care of the Human Services and Resources Center, West Haven.
Ruth Burton is an active member in CNA (PNP/PNA interest group). She has been appointed to the ANA/PNP council Executive Committee.

She is also a member of the ad hoc Committee for Nurse Practitioners of the Primary Care Task Force of the Commission for Hospital and Home Care, and a member of the CNA Government Relations Council.

Beckett Rodgers recently presented a talk on "Embryologic Urological Congenital Anomalies" at the New England Chapter of the American Urological Association in October 1975. She is also a member of the CNA Public Relations Council.

Community Health Nursing Faculty Activities

Ruth Knollmueller, instructor of community health nursing has been invited to participate on a task force for the National Center for Alcohol Education. The task force, under the auspices of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, will be developing tools to assist in alerting and educating public health nurses in casefinding and in the care of the person with the disease.

On March 27 Ruth Knollmueller served on a panel discussing "Solutions for developing comprehensive community services for the elderly". The Office of Regional Activities sponsored the Colloquium.

Alumnae News

From the President of the Alumnae Association

Spring is fast arriving in New Haven as we look forward to Alumnae College and Alumnae Luncheon. I have had responses from my special invitation to the seven members of the class of 1926. We are planning to make special note of their fiftieth anniversary, and hope that most of them will be able to be here in person during these two days.

The Alumnae College Program, under the able and creative direction of Doris Banchik, '74, is developing and will address a variety of intriguing and timely topics which will appeal to MSN's and MN's of all eras.

We who attended the President's luncheon on February 28th, were very pleased and proud to see one of our nursing alumnae, Ruth Benedict, receive the Yale Medal. I reiterate my personal congratulations here, Ruth, on behalf of the Alumnae at large.

Our School was recently a victim of the times, when on a Saturday morning the empty building was entered by way of a brick thrown through the door window and valuable equipment was stolen. The Alumnae Board responded to an emergency appeal from the Dean, and made a temporary transfer of funds to aid the school in replacing typewriters and audiovisual equipment. We are in receipt of an enthusiastic and appreciative note from Donna thanking the Alumnae for coming to the rescue of the School. I hope you all agree with the Board, that one of our purposes for being, is to help out in situations such as this, even if it does mean postponing the availability of the money for the purpose for which it had been accumulating, that is, we will not begin Donna's portrait for a while yet..'

- Dorothy MacLennan, '52

Ruth Benedict Honored

Ruth and Fred Rose, '44e, Past President of the Association of Yale Alumni
Ruth and President Brewster with other '76 Medal recipients

On February 28, 1976, Ruth Landau Benedict '48 M.N. received the Yale Medal. The citation read: In reviewing the efforts of Ruth Benedict as a volunteer leader for Yale, the breadth of her service is extraordinary. It touches her specific Alma Mater -- the Yale School of Nursing -- the Yale Alumni Fund, the Founding Board of the Association of Yale Alumni, its Board of Governors and many of its significant committees. She has been described by her Professional School as "leader, supporter, diplomat and role model."

Her enthusiasm has inspired both volunteers and staff, who know that no detail is too small for Ruth, because every detail is a part of a master plan.

In recognition of her vision and her dedication, the Association of Yale Alumni gratefully confers upon Ruth Landau Benedict its highest honor, the Yale Medal.

Ruth is the first Yale University alumna to receive the Yale Medal, the highest award honoring individuals for their distinguished service to the University. Other women recipients have been Annie Goodrich, first Dean of the Yale School of Nursing, who was honored in 1953, a member of the administration and several benefactors of Yale. Never before has a woman involved in Alumni Affairs been honored in this way.

Ruth came to the Yale School of Nursing, knowing that it was an institution of high quality. As she reminisced about her days at YSN, Ruth said she "loved every minute" of what she found. "The atmosphere was so great, everyone was so excited about what they were doing." In those days, just after the war years, students worked 50 to 60 clinical hours since the hospitals were so short staffed. Ruth remembers being left alone as a student to care for 30 patients who all required penicillin injections q 2 hours, in addition to all their other nursing needs. "Without giving the patients a feeling you were hurrying, you had to hustle and just be sharp," she said. At YSN, everyone cared about the whole person and nurses were proud to be a part of YSN and its progressive approach to patient care. At that time, students all lived together in one dormitory, Nathan Smith in their first year and Sterling Dorm after that. Living together helped to enhance the already existing "esprit de corps" at YSN.

While she was still a student, Ruth married Howard Benedict, Yale '47. After graduation, Ruth and her husband moved to Iowa where Ruth recruited students for two schools of nursing in addition to working full time in pediatrics. Ruth then came to Y.P.I. where, she said, "at that time, nurses could not even read charts." In 1950-51, she worked at the Student Health Service at YSN and she became acquainted with many members in the later graduating classes. Since that time, Ruth Benedict

Ruth at home with her family.
has been involved in both YSN and Alumni Affairs as well as other University affairs. Ruth worked out the administrative details in order to get our Alumnae College started. She served on the Annie Goodrich Fund Committee and served on the Board of Directors of the Alumnae Association for several terms. Later she became Coordinator of Fund Raising for our own Alumnae Fund and in 1971 she became the first woman in the eighty-five year history of the Yale Alumni Fund to serve on its Executive Board. For the past four years she has been Assistant Chairperson of the Alumnae Fund for all the Graduate and Professional Schools except the Law School.

Ruth feels that alumnae have such an opportunity to be supportive of YSN, and not just financially. The great financial support our school enjoys is a by-product of YSN alumnae feeling, but the financial support is certainly not the only reason YSN keeps in touch with alumnae. Alumnae are encouraged to visit the school to share advice and/or concerns about YSN, knowing that they are always welcome. Our feeling for the school is shown by our participation in fund raising year after year, our continued communication with the school, and our continued interest in coming to Alumnae College. Our alumnae serve as an example which Ruth has often been able to cite. This is the impetus from which Ruth works. Since many of the other graduate and professional schools at Yale are trying to develop a body of alumnae with spirit equal to that of the Yale graduates of the School of Nursing, it is this atmosphere at YSN that Ruth Benedict hopes to share with the total University.

Ruth was always conscious of the warmth and encouragement from the Dean, the faculty and the alumnae. The feeling that the school wanted and needed to participate more in the mainstream of the life of the University often motivated her to accept additional responsibilities even when she was already giving most of her time to Yale.

She brings to the Association of Yale Alumni a vision of what it can be like when schools keep their lines of communication open. In addition to her work with the Fund, Ruth served on the Founding Board of the AYA, as the only alumna representative for the graduate and professional schools. She feels that those were the most exciting and interesting years of her life. In this position, she felt "a uniqueness as a woman to have an opportunity to make a difference." She felt she could open the door for other alumnae of the graduate and professional schools. In this position, Ruth played a key role in creating the present structure of the AYA. On November 2-4, 1972, when the first Assembly met in New Haven, Ruth was elected to the first Board of Governors. In addition to this, she was appointed Chairperson of the Accreditation and Election Committee. Ruth served also on the Committee for the Nomination of Alumni Fellow and Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee on the Role of the AYA Assembly. Honored by YSN in 1974 as a distinguished alumna, for her "commitment and enthusiasm for YSN", Ruth was "the medicine that began to heal the cut between the older and newer Yale nurses."

And again, Ruth is being honored and in a sense, we too are being honored. Ruth is happy that "at long last all the graduates of the University are a part of the structure which was created to support the University and the Medal is a symbol of this openness." Indeed, we are proud of you Ruth, and proud of the spirit of our school and our alumnae which made your work possible.

Yale Needs You!

These days, getting involved in alumni activities means more than catching the "Red Eye" to New Haven on Friday and arriving in time for a frivolous weekend of food, drink and small talk. On the contrary, Yale alumni are assuming an increasingly active role in the affairs of the University. A contemporary philosopher once alluded to human beings as "crew members on spaceship earth." As crew members, he continues, we are obliged to pull our own weight on this planet. And, once a crew member, always a crew member. This metaphor intrigues me because, like other metaphors, it can be easily stretched. I would like to think that this particular metaphor could be stretched around the corpus body of Yale alumni like a rubber glove. All Yale alumni become crew members and spaceship earth becomes Spaceship Yale. The fact of the matter is that alumnae of the Nursing School are crew
members of Spaceship Yale just as sure as they are crew members on spaceship earth. By choice we have become Yale alumnae and this is an invaluable part of our baggage on our voyage.

Now that we have established the importance of being an alumna, the obvious question is "what now?". (This question will also allow me to discontinue this metaphor before it escapes from our field of gravity).

There are numerous ways that Nursing Alumnae can become active in alumni(ae) activities at Yale. There is undoubtedly a Yale club in your region that would be happy to hear from you and sign you up. The officers or members of a club can, at least, give you a number of ideas on how you could participate in various alumni committees, clubs or programs.

Becoming a member of the Assembly of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) is another effective way to throw yourself into the alumni activities of this University. One nursing seat on the Assembly becomes available each year and there are many other "at large" seats which must be filled each year. Assembly members gather in New Haven in the Fall and Spring of each year to discuss a topic of interest to the University community. Some past topics have included the role of Graduate and Professional Schools at Yale, academic pressure, and this spring the Assembly will address the changing shape of higher education.

Assembly members are also members of the standing committees of the AYA. These committees allow the alumni to take an active role in the on-going process of the University by offering their collective ideas and recommendations regarding University activities and policy. Committees consider such areas as the arts, placement, continuing education and communications. For the "hows" of getting involved, contact either your local club or Dorothy MacLennan '52, the president of the Yale School of Nursing Alumnae Association.

There is a great challenge facing the alumni of the University. It lies in our ability to link arms and become a viable group that can offer the University its wisdom and vitality. And if these groups are to be truly representative of the alumni population, they need the continued support of nursing alumnae who, as crew members of Spaceship Yale, feel compelled to serve.

-Barbara Geach Enjoying Work at Outlook

Barbara Geach, after teaching psychiatric nursing for five years at the University of Connecticut felt that it was time for a change and decided to accept the position of Assistant Editor at Nursing Outlook. In addition to realizing the need for change, Barbara could not resist the fact that Nursing Outlook will partially support her in furthering her education at the doctoral level. Barbara feels that the expectations in her new job have been met. She has been able to develop new skills in writing techniques, and has been exposed to the broad professional issues in nursing. Her major problem in her new job was the change of pace. Barbara was accustomed to having "too much" to do and had to produce at an enormous pace. She says at Outlook, "there is much more time and I can really address myself to doing high quality, careful thinking and writing. Barbara especially likes working with a small group of people on a problem which all of the individuals understand, feel committed to and are proud of. She parti-
"Then and Now"

Entrance to New Haven Hospital

Entrance to Yale-New Haven Hospital

1940's Aerial View

1970's Aerial View

Communicable Disease Building

Laboratory of Clinical Investigation

Nathan Smith Dormitory

Frontage Road Parking Lot
cally enjoys the privilege of working with Edith P. Lewis who, she feels, is extremely knowledgeable about the issues in nursing, as well as about all the details of editing and planning a journal. Barbara plans to spend several years at Outlook immersing herself in her work and simultaneously work toward her doctoral degree after which time she intends to return to teaching at a more senior level than in her past position. When asked what she would recommend to other nurses who were changing jobs, she said, "look for congenial colleagues with whom you share views to some extent and look for a process in work in which you have clear accountability." For nurses who are interested in what Barbara is doing, she says, "practice writing every day so that it is an easy skill." For people who think "being a Nursing Editor is not nursing," Barbara says "I am a Nursing Editor and I do my editing mainly from the point of view of writing for my nurse colleagues" Barbara asks herself "is this article useful for teachers or practitioners or both? What would make it more clear and better?", then she becomes concerned with style, grammar and so forth. Only a nurse could really handle this process well. She feels she has put herself in a position where some of her greatest activities are useful to the greatest possible number within the profession.

Florence Wald Honored

Florence Wald '41 was recently awarded a citation by Governor Ella Grasso as "Distinguished Woman of Connecticut" for her outstanding work as former dean of YSN and also for her role as founder of Hospice, Inc. Congratulations Mrs. Wald.

Since coming to Alaska lots of exciting things have happened. My first year here I had a 9 month grant with state public health and could do just about anything I wanted at the Ketchikan Health Center. I started a Women's Clinic which was quite successful despite some initial physician antagonism. I also developed a counseling practice - sexual counseling, marriage and divorce counseling, play therapy, parenting and childbirth education. At the end of the 9 months the state told me I had to stop doing all these things and go back to "regular" public health nursing - giving immunizations, doing hearing tests, changing dressings in the home, BP taking, TB control and so forth. Although these are important things I felt I was not using my training or abilities - counseling was considered "the icing on the cake". I did my best to try to change the system within the structure but finally felt compelled to leave as very little seemed to change and I was putting in 40 hours a month overtime trying to continue what I wanted to do plus all the other stuff. That decision to leave was one of the best decisions I ever made - although at the time I was unsure of where I would get another job and scared stiff about private practice.

John and I built an office and waiting room in the basement of our house out of rough cedar; it has a green shag rug, fern wall paper, blackened heating pipes, cedar ceiling and lots of plants! I sent out announcements I was opening practice and started in - around September. My practice is building up slowly - I see some children for play therapy and work a lot with parents who are having child rearing problems. I also do marital counseling and sexual counseling. I see a fair number of adolescents as well. I get referrals from the schools, Native Health Clinic (I have a contract with them) and physicians. I only do counseling on a 2 1/2 day basis - which I find is enough at the moment. I also am hired by the University of Alaska as a "child development specialist" to work with parents and day care parents to teach them about child development, preschool education and parenting. I teach two nights at the Community College - early childhood development (0-6 years) and childbirth education and Lamaze classes. I work two days a week with the local gynecologist using his office when he is in surgery to do family planning, handle routine gynecological disorders, obstetrical patients and sexual counseling. He is a great physician to have as my sponsor -
not at all threatened - he gives me a free hand to do whatever I want and to spend as much time as I want with patients.

Although I am being paid by five different sources I feel like my job is all one - and I can follow many of the women from pregnancy on through their delivery into parenting classes. It is great to be my own boss and plan my own hours. Yes there are some hassles - such as talking to patients about billing and fees. There is a lot of paper work involved in billing insurance etc. - I guess that part is all that goes into running a business and setting it up. (Here's where it would be nice to have a secretary!)

The only difficult part really is that I am pretty isolated - I have no peer group to get feed-back on patient cases and no clinical supervision which is scary at times and a heavy responsibility. I have at times called a psychiatrist in Seattle to get feed-back when I am especially nervous about a client (we have no psychiatrist in town). I feel I am seeing patients I really shouldn't be seeing but there is no one else here to see them so it's kind of a double bind situation. There is one other M.S.W. who is in private practice for the Catholic Community and she and I get together weekly to discuss cases and ensure our sanity. I have copies of all my cases and write-ups with the hope that I could use them some day for further learning.

- Carolyn Webster-Stratton, '72

The 19th Alumnae College

The 19th Alumnae College will be held on Friday, June 4. This year's College is chaired by Doris Banchik '74, instructor of psychiatric nursing. Doris and her committee have been working diligently to present a stimulating and provocative day for all.

There will be presentations, and panel discussions regarding not only major issues relating to the New Haven community, but also issues applicable to any community such as "Rape Crisis", "The Social and Moral Development of Children", "The Balancing of Personal and Professional Life", "Children's Rights and Child Advocacy", and "Nurses in Private Practice".

On Saturday, the Yale Medical School and the Yale School of Nursing will have panel presentations followed by the business meeting and luncheon. You will soon be receiving information about the weekend.

To the 50th and 25th reunion classes, and other alumnae we hope you will be able to attend what we feel will be an exciting Friday and Saturday of events.

The 25th Reunion Class

In December, I wrote to the alumnae of the Class of 1951 asking them to send me information about their present endeavors. Eighteen alumnae responded.

In this article, I cannot include all information sent, but have compiled the responses and photographs in a folder which will be available to you at Alumnae College.

The following information is based only on the 18 responses. In your class, Betty Bowman is the first to retire. Betty retired from the U.S.A.N.C. in 1972 after working in "med-surg" nursing for 20 years. Since retirement she has been involved in volunteer work (Adult Education classes) and travelling. Four members of your class teach nursing. Louise Sewell, who has been living in Atlanta for the past 19 years, teaches obstetrical nursing at Piedmont Hospital. Justine Glassman is in her third year of teaching at Pace University School of Nursing. She teaches community health and primary care nursing in the Graduate Program. Besides teaching, she is a member of the University Faculty Senate and active in the political activities in the Village of Briar Cliff. Jane Stacy Mulaik is instructor of psychiatric nursing at Emory University. Besides her family and teaching responsibilities, Jane will be applying for doctoral standing in
counseling psychology. Ann Osgood Howland is teaching in her second year at Indiana University in an integrated psychiatric and community health nursing module. Ann had previously taught for five years at the University of Texas.

There are eight of your classmates who are either in staff nursing or administrative nursing positions. Peg Lundebjerg is a school nurse. She is also active as coordinator for the health education curriculum, K-6, and a member of several school councils. Sheila Garrioch McClelland returned to nursing after 20 years as a full time parent and volunteer. Sheila works part time with the county V.N.A. She is involved in community and club activities in her town and also on an advisory committee for guidance and counseling. Greta Schnell Dahnke is in part time work at Reed College Student Health Service. In her free time, she likes to "wander about in high places". Since 1967, Vera Yordon has been a public health nursing supervisor in Norwalk. "Ginie" Wilke Nelson is a part time clinic Manager for the Lebanon Family Planning Service. Shirley Weber Howard is the Executive Director of the Middletown District Nurses Association. She is a member of several committees and organizations and a nursing representative to various non-nursing committees. Shirley in her spare time travels with her family to Cape Cod.

Virginia Nolan, now living in Walnut Creek, is working in the out-patient Department of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Linemore, California. Janice Gorton Green has just completed a five-week refresher course for nurses and begins part time work at Riley Hospital after twenty years. Previous to this, she had done volunteer work at Riley Hospital and also volunteer work with a Head Start Program. Janice was also involved with women's organizations and the P.T.A. Ginny Whittemore McAleer is a substitute teacher.

Several classmates are doing volunteer work. Ann Walters is volunteering her time, teaching a first aid health careers course to eighth grade girls. She has also received 21 continuing education credits. Ginny spends her summers in Connecticut. Pamela Perkins Tisza volunteers with the Red Cross and is president of the Board of Education.

Probably the most important part of your lives for most of you are your children. There are more than 49 children among you and one grandchild (Ginny McAleer). Pamela Tisza writes that she has four poodles who are a very important part of her life. Your husbands are in a variety of positions. Justine Glassman's husband is an Associate Director of Clinical Investigation and on the Faculty of New York Medical College. Peg Lundebjerg's husband is a mechanical engineer. Sheila McClelland's husband is in general practice. Jane Mulaik's husband is Associate Professor of Psychology at Georgia Tech. Greta Dahnke's husband is in the physics department at Reed College. Gertrude Vogel's husband is in his twenty-third year in elementary education. Janice Green's husband is Professor of Pediatrics at Riley Hospital. Ginnie Nelson's husband is Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics at M.S. Hershey Medical Center. Shirley Howard's husband is a design engineer for United Technologies and Pamela Tisza's husband is acting General Counsel for the Jersey Central Railroad.

There are a variety of hobbies among your group: oil painting (Betty Bowman), leatherwork and rock hounding (Jan Mulaik), building of an old farmhouse (Nelson's), and square dancing (Shirley Howard). The only photograph sent was from Pamela Tisza who hired a boat "The Water Tulip" with her husband and travelled through the canals of England and Wales. The photos are on display in the folder and can be seen at Alumnae College. A special thanks to those members of the class who wrote to make this article possible. Best wishes on your 25th reunion.

Regional News

One Wednesday evening, March 17, a small group of alumnae met with Tinker Barnett '48 and Mary Correa '70, who were in Houston as YSN representatives to the NLN Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs. Eleanor Voorhies '40, Chairman of the Department of Nursing at Fitchburg (Mass.) State College, a representative and program participant, also joined the group.
The others attending the mini-regional reunion included Eula McEachern McDowell, '42, enjoying retirement after many productive years in school nursing; Kay Lynch Burdette, '46, who is looking forward to reunion in New Haven this June; Eleanor Ewing Duschatka, '56, keeping her hand in nursing, teaching at a community college; and Carole McKenzie, '73, who is currently directing continuing education programs at the University of Texas System School of Nursing.

Conversation was lively, dealing with Yale then and now, and professional as well as personal experiences in the Lone Star state. An elegant dinner was enjoyed by all at Vardo's, where a peacock could be seen roosting in the trees, long before the Yalies' evening came to an end.

In addition to the meeting in Texas Dean Diers met with alumnae in Philadelphia on April 29. The New York Regional group will be holding its meeting on April 3.

**Alumnae Activities**

**Honorary Alumna**

Honorary alumna Miss Myrtie Carpenter is back home after an extended illness. She lives on Lawrence Street in New Haven.

**Mary Clapp Ungberg, '43 Named Administrator**

Mrs. Mary Jeanne Clapp Ungberg was named administrator of the Nathaniel Witherell Municipal Nursing Home for chronically ill senior citizens.

**Mary Ellen Haw, '45W Nurse Educator**

Mary Ellen Haw is working with planned parenthood of Minnesota in a program of Human Sexuality for the Mentally Retarded. She writes that her daughter Nancy was married December 27th.

**Sylvia Paige Stern, '47 Working on Ph.D.**

Mrs. Sylvia Paige Stern completed 2 years of course work for a Ph.D. in nursing science at B.U. and is now working on her dissertation.

**LaVerne Fakkema Elliot, '54 was recently married. LaVerne and her husband are living in San Jose, California.**

**Larice Burtt, '55 Expert in Rock Painting**

"Under Larice Burtt's expert paint brush, common river bedrocks are transformed into warm, rich, earth-toned animals." - Recently the Courier Times magazine section featured Larice's work with many of her rocks photographed. Larice writes: "A thank you especially to the School of Nursing and Art because of the meaningful influences and attitudes they gave me. My three years at Yale were some of the most nourishing years I've experienced."

Jare Nispel Brown's ('55) husband, Dr. Richard W. Brown, died suddenly April 30, 1975. Jan and her daughters, Alison, 15, and Sharon, 14, are remaining at home, 914 W. Nolcrest Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20903.

Reid and Marvel Davis, '70 have twin boys Matthew and Mark born November 16, 1975.

**Susan Feldman, '71 Attending Law School**

Susan Feldman is attending Western New England College School of Law. Her special interest is Mental Health Law and informed consent.

**Sally Cohn, '73 President of Board of Regional VNA**

Sally Cohn was recently elected to a 2-year term as President of the Regional VNA Board of Directors.

**Jean Kozlak, '74 Assistant Professor of Nursing**

Jean Kozlak is Assistant Professor of Psychiatric Nursing at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California.

**Jo Ann Love, '75, Clinical Specialist**

Jo Ann Love is a clinical specialist at New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, Westchester Division.

**Marguerite Saslow, '75 Working in New Mexico**

Marguerite Saslow is working at the Bernalillo County Mental Health Center in Albuquerque. The Center is part of the
Mrs. George Hyde, house mother, par excellence, has moved to a home in Northampton, Massachusetts - "Back home," as she says, since this is where she lived while "bringing up her family." She is happy to be near old friends. All her "Nathan Smith children" wish her well!! Mrs. Hyde's address is The Lathrop, 215 South Street, Northampton, Mass. 01060.

In Memorium

Julia B. Gallup, ex-'39 died on October 19, 1975. Rosemary Sands, '45 - YSN was notified of her death in January.

Addition

In a recent Newsletter, we neglected to mention that Helen Clark, instructor and registrar was another very instrumental person at YSN in the early years of the School.

Yale Medical Center

Evelyn Sturmer Honored

"I'm having the best time!"

Marie Manthey's eyes twinkled and her hands moved expressively as she talked about why she came to Yale New Haven Hospital as its new Director of the Division of Nursing. Why did she move all the way from Minnesota where she was Director of Nursing at United Hospitals? For the challenge of helping close the gap between service and education, she said. "There's a great opportunity here to develop closer working relationships because of the strength of nursing service and the marvelous educational institution across the street."

Mrs. Manthey says she is impressed with
the professional dedication and commitment to providing the highest levels of care possible, in a complicated bureaucratic structure. And she says the commitment of the School of Nursing to be practice centered is "a first for me." Most Schools talk about preparing nurses for practice but have little content and experience, she feels.

Besides her high level responsibility for nursing service, Mrs. Manthey is interested in working in nursing education to develop top level managers. "Management and good nursing go hand in hand. Without that relationship, good nursing may well be impossible." She wants to make the system work for nurses, not against, she says.

Mrs. Manthey, who originated "primary nursing" has written several articles and given numerous workshops developing her concept that the "important business of the nursing department takes place at the patient's bedside." (She will elaborate on the issues of authority and accountability for nursing practice as the Sybil Palmer Bellow lecturer for 1976.)

Like her predecessor, Anna E. Ryle (YSN '33), Mrs. Manthey wears two hats: Director of the Division of Nursing, and Associate Director of the Hospital. "Since nursing crosses all areas and is integrated into all functions of the institution, it is especially important that the Director of Nursing be informed and involved," she says. In her Associate Director capacity, she has access to information about overall decisions and input into decisions that set the directions for the hospital's programs.

A native of Chicago, Mrs. Manthey received her nursing education at the University of Minnesota. She and her two children, Claire, 14, and Mark, 8, live in the Beaver Hill section of New Haven.

Sesquicentennial at YNHH

As the nation observes its two hundred years, Yale-New Haven plans for another benchmark in history. On May 26, Yale-New Haven Hospital will celebrate its 150th birthday. The sixth oldest general hospital in the country, Yale-New Haven has seen, reacted to and often inspired change. Congratulations Yale-New Haven!

Surgicenter

Construction of a physicians' office building is now underway at the corner of George and Temple Streets. Privately financed, the building will contain offices for physicians, together with a centralized laboratory and radiology suite. Although the Connecticut Commission on Hospitals and Health Care gave approval for these supporting services, it turned down the proposal to include a "surgicenter," which would provide one day service for ambulatory surgery, including general anesthesia. The Commission said it would entertain re-application for this part of the total proposal if neither of the New Haven hospitals expands its ambulatory surgery program to include general anesthesia by late February. Although Yale-New Haven has had an ambulatory surgery program for most of the proposed procedures for several years, the Hospital has not provided general anesthesia for ambulatory patients except in a few instances. Yale-New Haven has advised the Commission that a first phase of an ambulatory surgery program which includes general anesthesia will be initiated by February 27.

Primary Care Center/Emergency Service

Those who have sought care at Yale-New Haven's "Emergency Room" in recent years have been increasingly frustrated by crowded conditions and often -- for less than true medical emergencies -- by delays in service. It has been known for a long time that this facility was being used as a substitute for "the family doctor." In fact, a survey indicated that 15 to 16 thousand persons look to the Hospital for total medical care, much of it through the Emergency Service. To meet the needs of this group of patients and to ease the crowding in the Emergency Service, the Hospital opened a Primary Care Center in November, combining its general medical and pediatric clinic services, complete with laboratory and social service functions. Teams of nurses, clinical nurse practitioners, social workers, interpreters and others, under the direction of physicians, provide a continuity of care for the regular users of the new facility. The Emergency Service area is undergoing
extensive renovation, thus creating a brighter and more attractive environment. The reorientation of many former Emergency Service users to the Primary Care Center will enable the staff to respond more quickly to the true emergency patient.

Charles Womer To Leave Hospital Post

Charles B. Womer, Chief Executive Officer of Yale-New Haven Hospital, has accepted the position of President of University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning in October. Mr. Womer said that "it has been a painful and difficult decision for me." He said he has..."enjoyed tremendous support and a tremendous working relationship with the board of directors, with the Yale University staff and many other people here." The announcement of Mr. Womer's resignation was made April 6th, by G. Harold Welch, Jr., chairman of the board of Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Computerized Tomography

In my September Report, I announced that computerized axial tomography had been introduced as Yale-New Haven's newest method of diagnosis through radiology. In many instances, this new technique replaces a painful procedure called pneumoencephalography which requires hospitalization. I am delighted, only a few months after that announcement, to report that the equipment is meeting every expectation. The waiting list, however, for non-emergency ambulatory patients now extends into April. Negotiations with the manufacturer for the acquisition of a second scanner have been completed and approval has been requested from the Commission on Hospitals and Health Care. In the meantime, the Department of Diagnostic Radiology is placing the present scanner on double shift duty to help meet current need.

YPI Awaits Move

Yale Psychiatric Institute presently located at 330 Cedar Street will finally be moving to its new residence this Spring. The YPI will be housed in rented space from Albertus Magnus College on Prospect Street.

Governor Grasso granted approval for the $1.2 million Comprehensive Cancer Center for Connecticut to be erected at the Yale Medical Center. Construction will begin soon according to Dr. Jack W. Cole, director of the Center. As part of the plan, a new two-story bridge will be erected over Cedar Street (parallel to Davenport Avenue) to link the Medical School building with the Hospital complex.

Student News

There are so many opportunities for unique experiences at YSN, and with the growth of the school as well as the increasing diversification of students, I thought I would spotlight just a few of the student's special interests.

From Lynda Pittman, Student Representative to YSN Recruitment Committee: "Over the past few years, Donna Diers has taken a serious look at the ratio of minority to non-minority students at YSN. Being the only "1st year" black student last year, Dean Diers asked me to become an active participant in YSN recruitment affairs. During my appointment to this committee, I have made two out-of-state visits - to a black school of nursing, and national black nurses convention - and have helped plan two YSN open houses. And, as the present student enrollment clearly indicates, YSN is recruiting men, too!"

From Margaret Grey, 2nd Year Pediatric Nursing Student: "As part of my preparation as a clinical specialist, I have been functioning as the Nurse Specialist with the Pediatric Endocrine Service. As a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, this role represents nursing in a medical specialty service, and emphasizes psychosocial adjustment, direct clinical medical followup of juvenile diabetes, as well as staff and family education for home care preparation. The role involves a team effort, while also allowing freedom for independent nursing intervention in families with complicated problems adjusting to chronic illness in their children."

- Barbara Dalton, '76
Plan Your Spring Trip For This Bicentennial Year

The perfect Spring Trip for this year would be to combine both an Alumnae Weekend in New Haven on June 4th and 5th and then move on to Atlantic City for the ANA Convention!

ANA CONVENTION
June 6-11, 1976, Atlantic City

A YSN Dinner for Alumnae, faculty, and friends will be held on Monday evening, June 7th at the Marlborough-Blemheim Hotel, on the Boardwalk at Park Place and Ohio Avenue.

5:30 Cash bar - (drinks $1.50)
6:30 Dinner - choice of Fish or Beef (see below)

Please make your reservation ahead of time by sending your check and the reservation form below to Mary Colwell by Friday noon, June 4th. If you find at the last minute that you can attend, please notify a delegate at the YSN Booth #906 before noon on the 7th.

Dean Donna Diers and several faculty members will be at the Convention. Do take this opportunity to drop by at the Booth to rest and visit.

The Booth must be manned during the exhibit hours Sunday 1-4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10-4. If you are willing to help cover some of these hours, please indicate the times you could be available on the form below, and we'll look for you there.

Please return by June 4th to: Mrs. Mary C. Colwell
Yale School of Nursing
38 South Street
New Haven, Conn. 06510

For the ANA Yale Dinner, my choice of the main course is:

_____ Filet of Native Flounder Stuffed with Crabmeat - $10.30
_____ Roast Prime Ribs of Beef Au Jus - $11.20

These prices include all taxes and gratuities.

Enclosed is my check for $

I can help at the Booth on Sunday ( ), Monday ( ), Tuesday ( ), Wednesday ( )

Name ____________________________ Class _________
Address ____________________________ Zip _______