From The Editor

In this issue of Yale Nurse photos and coverage of the NEW YSN are presented. Medical Center News will appear in the Fall. We hope you enjoy this issue. The deadline for the Fall Yale Nurse will be July 1.

School News

The New YSN

The smell of tile glue is still in the air, the fire alarm system goes off at irregular intervals, the heating system seems to have only two readings -- boiling and freezing, and there's a mysterious draft in the basement but the new YSN building is done and operating! After all those years of cramped quarters that tested the best of faculty friendships, half walls that made private telephone calls, much less assignations impossible, alas, so few classrooms that scheduling lunch became a major hassle, no places to study, or take a break -- it's all gone now and in its place is an architectural miracle of design and angles. Carpeted, quiet halls, recessed lighting, blackboards at adult height, a skylight that sends the outside in and changes the mood with the weather, natural fabrics and colors -- visitors literally "ooohhh" and "aaahhh" at our new quarters.

So in this issue of Yale Nurse, no random pithy observations from the dean, just a great big story on the new YSN, the people in it and the programs that go on. Full of pictures to bring us to you, and hopefully in June, you to us!

Since these pictures were taken in January before the basement (excuse me, "ground floor") was photogenic, we can't show you that, but take our word for it, it's spectacular. So let's start our tour outside, as if you were entering the building from the new entrance on Howard Avenue.

The entrance wasn't completed either when this was taken in snowy January. But the pointed "thing" behind the fence is the new elevator tower, and right next to it, the new entrance to the building. The fence will come down and in its place will be a series of graceful ramps, interspersed with planters for flowering shrubs, tulips, and whatever else we can make bloom, and there will be wooden benches for sitting and contemplating. English ivy will grow on a slope to the left of the building where the fence and the construction trailer presently are, shielding us from the noise of the street.

Enter a quiet reception area where the feeling is of a touch of class. Natural oak framed windows around new offices, a butcher block couch and chair welcome visitors and a smiling receptionist (who wasn't in the photo, nor was her desk when the photographer came through) greet you. The light beckons the visitor on back, past the receptionist into the main corridor behind the reference room (also not ready to have its picture taken in January, but take our word for it -- it's gorgeous!) The curious visitor might wonder why the light is so unusual and what's behind the glass walls one can see overhead. Upstairs, from the front of the building, it looks like this:

showing the reading area of the library with its built-in benches -- it will have butcher block tables as well.

Since the upper floor is an entirely new floor built into what used to be a gym, it has offices with "real" character and what used to be the tops...
of the windows now become floor-height appertures that will look out onto the garden below.

Probably the most impressive part of the building is the skylight, shown here looking across the upper reference room and reading room area. Note the circular staircase that connects the two levels of the reference room from the inside.

If the visitor was looking for the Student Affairs Office, the friendly faces of the people there might gang up on him:

Here, Alice Sartorelli, "Tinker" Barrnett, Audrey Allen and Bettie Feeley show off that special brand of greeting that has made so many friends of applicants and enrolled students for YSN.

If the visitor poked his head in the Dean's Office, he might overhear a serious staff discussion with Betty Flagg, Administrative Assistant, Mary Colwell, in charge of Alumnae Affairs and recruitment, Pat Moore, the Dean's secretary, Bob Houde, Assistant to the Dean for Financial Matters, and Heide Miller who has run quickly from the mailboxes to Dean Diers office.

After the visitor gets over the first impact of how one can completely turn an old grade school inside out into a modern, comfortable office and classroom building, the visitor might get down to business and look for the person he's come to see. On the way down the hall he might pass our Librarian, Heide Miller, at the mailboxes, giving someone an overdue notice, no doubt.
The visitor might have a little trouble initially in finding out where he's going, since there are no room numbers anywhere, just the names of programs, people or places inscribed on the doors.

**Classroom Six**

If the visitor bothered to count, he would find ten classrooms in the building; eight of them are seminar rooms in addition to two bigger classrooms.

All of the rooms are cheerfully painted in an off-white color, with accents of various earthy colors - yellow, orange, red, etc., and all with built-in shelves for storage or anything else that comes to mind.

Sitting voices, the visitor might poke a head into one of the classrooms on the first floor and find a large group of people talking about "transference-countertransference," clearly the psychiatric nursing faculty. Here grouped around the program chairperson, Mimi Dye, are Martha Mitchell, Sandy Nelson, Dianne Schilke, Ruth Gee, Vinnie Leigh, Nancy Hedlund and "B-J" Sullivan, with Delores Leona, Administrative Assistant trying to keep track of who said what.

By now, the visitor is beginning to be intrigued by the people who always seem to be meeting and...
talking, and he sticks his head into another room and finds -- nurse midwives! Serious discussion here -- look at

Charlotte Houde
Brenda Penner

John Collins, Lois Daniels, "Pixie" Elsberry

(Debbie Spurlock, Sarah Cohn, Linda Goodhart missed this meeting.)

Like Delores and Annie in psychiatry, Louise Roberts, Administrative Assistant, and Melanie Burns, Secretary, hold this group of busy faculty together.

Mary Ellen Francis
Linda Vieira
The visitor's curiosity is really aroused now, as he realizes how many people work in and live a good portion of their lives in this building, so he's checking behind every door, and finds next the Community Health Nursing faculty, plotting their latest raid on the Federal Dollar:

Ruth Knollmewiler, Charlotte Januska (Program Chairperson), Cheryl Ahern, John Ginetti, Susan Molde, Pat Wilson, Mary Walker and Marilyn Beach make up this program group and Joyce Boozang, Secretary, helps keep things together. Jeannie McCormick was in the hospital having her baby when this picture was taken!

From C.H.N. plots to parties, as the visitor next stumbles onto the Research Program meeting (minus the burgandy bottle that usually graces the table). Joan Abbots, Administrative Assistant, John Wolfer, Program Chairperson, Linda Dubin, Ann Slavinsky, Madelon Visintainer and Judy Krauss are either trading complicated stories about the faults of multivariate analysis or else planning the latest form of statistical torture for the students -- whatever it is, they look like they're having fun.

Finally, a little more tracking and the visitor finds the pediatric nursing faculty whose new offices were not completed in January, so they were temporarily in the Grace Building across the street. Here Dottie MacLennan, Chairperson, Julie Rhymes, Debbie Ferholt, Cora Comeau, Program Secretary, Beckett Rodgers and Ruth Burton (Roberta Rodgers and Susan Caghan were missing) devise strategy to handle a certain Irish pediatrician...

From another classroom come snatches of dialogue about "faculty evaluation...", "commencement..." and even "State Boards", a sure sign that the Student Executive Council is meeting. Gretchen Mossman, President (fourth from left) has the attention of Judy Shindul, Jill Catapano, Karla Knight, Dianne Taylor, Beth Goldberg, Katherine Walker, Wendy Gerol and Cynthia Finesilver. (Missing were: Ronald Krauss, Treasurer, Virginia Fidrocki, Ann Back-Beckwith, Nancy Kraus, George Rand, Linda Carter, Leona Hamilton, Ann D'Antuono, Barbara Mieras, Mary Ellen Ungate, Mary Lou Krebs.)
Finally, a small group down the hall is muttering about Alumnae Day and sure enough, it's the Alumnae Board planning how to get all of you here in June: Anna Ryle '33, Margaret Allman '49, Evelyn Sturmer '53, Elizabeth Wilkinson '32, Sherry Shamansky '69, A.A. President, Jill Catapano '77, Student, Mary Colwell '50, Dean Donna Diers '64. (Missing were: Peg Benton '55, Dottie Needham '74, Eleanor Gill '38, Sally Cohn '73, Betsy Cheney '39.)

It would take all the rest of the space in this newsletter to list the people we thank for making our dream of a building come true - we'll have one wall in the reception area reserved for the names of some of them. 'Way back when YSN first started, President Angell had the notion that a fitting place for the School might be the "old St. John's school" and it's only taken us fifty years or so to get here!

So take this as a formal invitation to all alumnae to join us on June 3-4 for Alumnae Day and the building dedication when you can meet the people you've seen here and see that at last we have quarters as modern and classy as our programs.

As he's travelled through the building, the visitor has probably noticed the smiling face of another person, who seems to pop up everywhere, watering plants, dusting, straightening things and "people", talking softly and obviously caring a great deal about everyone and everything. That's Marion Wright, YSN's prize person who keeps us clean and organized and is so much more than her Custodian title indicates. She decorates the lounges, cheers us up with a smile at beastly hours of the morning, and when she's away, the whole place falls apart.
Judith Krauss '70
Appointed Assistant Dean

Judith B. Krauss has been appointed assistant dean of the Yale University School of Nursing, effective January 1.

Ms. Krauss, a member of the Yale faculty since 1971, fills a new administrative position created at the school.

"The growth of the Yale School of Nursing in the past few years and the school's increasing responsibility in the Yale-New Haven Medical Center brought on the need for an assistant dean," according to Donna Diers, dean of the school.

Ms. Krauss, who carries teaching responsibilities in nursing research and in psychiatric nursing, holds the faculty rank of assistant professor. She is the principal investigator of a research study on symptom exacerbation in chronically ill psychiatric outpatients, funded by the American Nurses' Foundation, and has published several articles on her studies.

Ms. Krauss is the wife of the Rev. Ronald L. Krauss, former pastor of the Congregational Church in Killingworth. Born in Malden, Mass., she received her bachelor of science degree, majoring in nursing, from Boston College in 1968, and a master of science degree in nursing from Yale in 1970, majoring in mental health and psychiatric nursing. She was named instructor at Yale in 1971, research assistant in 1974, and assistant professor in 1975.

She has been on the School of Nursing's admissions committee since 1974 and is currently its chairperson. She has served on the school's appointment committee since 1975, and was chairperson of the curriculum committee in 1972-73.

Charlotte Houde Presents at the March of Dimes Conference

The National Foundation March of Dimes sponsors a volunteer leadership conference every three years. The purpose of this conference is to bring together Chapter representatives and to reaffirm them in the purpose and drive of the Foundation. The Conference was held in New Orleans on December 3, 1976.

This year was a year of remembering the past, commemorating the success of the present, and urging renewed energy for the future. The Foundation's past history is well documented. Initially organized to assist with the rehabilitation and maintenance of care for those afflicted by polio, the Foundation has gone from a period of supporting those with handicapping illnesses to spending time initiating new discoveries. Their work with the Salk vaccine, the measles vaccine and genetic prevention is well known to all of us. Currently the Foundation has made a philosophical commitment to the prevention of birth defects and crippling diseases, and to that end the program they gathered in New Orleans focused on programs which they have funded which they feel very strongly reflect the direction of their future energies.

The Foundation has been supporting the prenatal component of the Fair Haven Clinic by participating in funding the nurse-midwifery positions with Yale School of Nursing. The focus of this program has been prevention through the nurse-midwifery input and through the primary focus on nutritional needs of the pregnant woman. The first year of the program the Foundation sponsored consultation support from the Montreal Diet Dispensary in an effort to teach the nurse-midwives how to synthesize diet histories for pregnant women, how to maintain accurate dietary intake histories and how to make the diet more meaningful by keeping it within the context of the ethnic and cultural needs of the family.

Mrs. Houde presented the success of that program over the past two years. The current project of the Fair Haven nutritional program is the collation of a cookbook which has been written by and for the pregnant women in Fair Haven. Each recipe will have in addition to the "how to's", a specific breakdown of protein-calorie ratio for each serving, and a list of complimentary foods that would help to make it a complete protein meal.

When it is completed, the cookbook will be in both English and Spanish and will be used as an additional tool for helping the women to understand the importance of, but also and more importantly, to value the contributions of their own culture. All too often as professionals try to impart the importance of nutrition to a cultural group, the focus is on American foods and the traditional green vegetable, piece of meat, and carbohydrate per meal.

The learning that has taken place during the course of the program has reinforced for the nurse-midwives the innate balance of the meals of the women that they care for. For example, in one of our families, casseroles - one child-size portion contained exact amount of protein required for that child for that day.

The opportunity to present our work at the National Foundation March of Dimes was most appreciated and a great deal of shared communication was made possible.

Faculty News

JANICE RUFFIN, associate professor psychiatric nursing, was included in Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1975.

PENNY PIERCE, instructor in nursing, spent six weeks in the Air Force Reserves, at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base (Texas Flight Nurse School).

The Sigma Theta Tau, national honor society of nursing has awarded a research grant to Penny, the first non-doctoral candidate to be awarded the fund.
Her research, "An Analysis of the Factors Describing Patients with End-Stage Renal Failure," will examine these patients who experience a chronic, life-threatening illness which has only recently been affected by technological advances in dialysis and transplantation.

Alumnae News
Beth Strutz "68
Consultant to Health Care Group

After graduating from the Yale School of Nursing in 1968, I went to work at the Yale Psychiatric Institute. I began in a staff nurse position and progressed to a joint appointment as Assistant Professor of Psychiatric Nursing at the Yale School of Nursing and Clinical Specialist at the Institute. Additionally, in my last year at Yale, I was the Acting Director of Nursing Education at the Institute for several months.

For several years prior to attending the Stanford Graduate School of Business, I had been considering going back to school. It was only a matter of finding the kind of program which would provide career opportunities and allow me to build on my previous educational and professional experience. The idea of programs in business management appealed to me because they are designed to prepare individuals for the broad responsibilities of management positions. I thought their approach to the analysis of problems and decision-making would provide me with a new perspective on the health care field. Such programs appeared to provide an opportunity to better understand the internal environment of an organization and the interrelations between an organization and the external economy and society. Finally, I believed the skills in areas such as finance, accounting, computer methods and quantitative techniques were crucial to handling the problems of real-world situations.

There are always difficult aspects of leaving a known situation for the increased uncertainty of the unknown. I enjoyed and admired the people with whom I worked at Yale and still miss them. As a student, being poor again was not pleasant; however, school proved to be a challenging and rewarding experience. I have never regretted the decision.

Presently, I am working for a large accounting firm, Coopers & Lybrand. Internationally, it is the largest firm of its kind with offices in interesting corners of the world. In addition to doing auditing work, the firm also has a large management consulting division of which I am a part. I am a consultant assigned to the health care group in the western region. We do financial and long-range planning consultation. In deciding on a job after business school, this particular one seemed to offer several advantages: there would be exposure to a variety of projects and institutions, I would be able to develop skills acquired at business school, and I could continue to develop a career in health care.

The job is a demanding one, but as the finishing touches on a long job are being completed, the satisfactions are enormous. Aside from the actual project work I do, gaining an understanding of the functioning of such a large organization has been educational.

In terms of the future, I think there are several trends in the health care field and in society which provide opportunities for nursing. At the policy making level there are serious social choices to be made with regard to health care. We live in a world of scarce resources and these should be allocated efficiently to resolve the publicly perceived problems in health and medical care as well as other areas of life. Given our societal values and resource constraints, decisions must be made as to which problems will receive attention and in what order. These decisions will obviously affect the nature of the health care field and I think nurses should be as involved as possible.

As technology and medical science provide the means to prolong life and our standard of living rises, I see people becoming more aware and concerned about the relationship between life style and life span. I think there will be a greater demand for health education and preventive care. Nurses already have expertise in these areas and I think there will be opportunities to expand this expertise in the future.

ATTENTION - alumnae of specialty programs:
Sometime soon you will be receiving a questionnaire from the School asking information about you since you left Yale. A committee of faculty have drafted the instrument, and we hope all of you will find it interesting to complete. We're intrigued with following our alumnae as their careers develop and change.

Watch for it!

Alumnae College Weekend

Musing about spring with lilacs and sandals somehow makes these snowy January days more bearable. And...with spring comes Alumnae College coupled with the events of that very special weekend which will include the dedication of YSN's new home.

The collective heads of John Collins, Barbara Geach, Penny Camp, Evelyn Sturmer, and Gretchen Mossman have created a program guaranteed to whet your appetites (in addition to the meals hopefully).

Please allow the nostalgia and curiosity, the joy of re-experiencing old friends, and the excitement of sharing in the growth of YSN direct you now toward reserving the weekend of June 3 and 4!

This year's Alumnae Weekend will have a slight change in format. Registration will begin Friday morning at 8:30 followed by the 20th Annual Alumnae College, "YSN Reflections and Actions". The annual meeting, class reports, Distinguished Alumnae awards, and cocktails and dinner will be held Friday evening. On Saturday alumnae can participate in the Medical School seminars and at 2:00 P.M. we will all join the Dean at the dedication ceremonies of our new YSN BUILDING.


- Sherry L. Shamsky
President, YUSNAA
Alumnae News

Elizabeth Wilkinson '32 says, "I got sick of those luncheons and bridge parties and garden clubs. I've spent my life working hard; I can't stop now." Elizabeth volunteers for FISH, a non-profit emergency service agency.

Barbara Hurlin Zovickian '43 has been back in the ranks of nursing, since the death of her husband. Is working in the psychiatric in-patient unit at the Chosuke Hospital, Woburn, Mass.

Edward M. Lafferty, husband of Mildred Woodworth Lafferty '46, died on January 10, 1977 ten days after he was injured in an automobile accident. Mildred was less seriously injured when their car was struck broadside by another car. They have been directors of the Mohonk Cragmoor School in Wallkill, N.Y. for the past 18 years. She has written that she plans to go ahead with the school.

Barbara E. Thayer '46 is working with the retarded at Bethesda Lutheran House in Wisconsin.

Virginia Mallard Ross '48 writes in June she and her family "had the adventure of a life-time in a ten day river trip with the Western River Expeditions down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. It was an unbelievably beautiful and awe inspiring visual experience." Virginia has been working with the Los Angeles Community Health Services for the past 4 years.

Esther Luttrull '49 is now Mrs. Esther L. Hoffman at same address in Buymbora, Africa.

The works of Isabel Field '50 were on exhibition at the Art League Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Va. during January 1977.

Neva Hale '50 is with the Methodist World Mission working in Severence Hospital.

Mary C. Callahan Hornickel '53 is teaching nursing at the Ohio Valley Medical Center.

Margretta Styles '54 Ed.D. was appointed the new dean of the School of Nursing at U.C.-San Francisco. Dr. Styles was previously Dean of Wayne State University College of Nursing and Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Texas.

Cornelia Whallen '55 has returned back to nursing after a 20 year absence. She writes "I am particularly proud and appreciative of the preparation which the YSN offered 25 years ago."

Carol Christoffers '67, Public Health Nursing Consultant, has been named Director/Coordinator of the Connecticut SIDS Management Program.

Mary Correa '70 is assistant professor of psychiatric nursing at the University of Cincinnati School of Nursing.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to:

Charlotte Wood Smedley '68 (Jennifer Lynne)
Eileen Degarmo '73 (Christopher Ryan)
Carol and Roger McKenzie '73 (Ryan Alan)
Pat Harris '74 (Son)
Jannie McCormick '74 (Peter)
Marcia Grannuci '74 (Peter)
Terry Lindsay Beck '74 (William)
In Memoriam

A memorial service was held for ELIZABETH BIXLER TORREY on Friday, October 29 in Dwight Chapel at Yale University. J. Seelye Bixler, Dean Torrey's brother and Rev. Sidney Lovett, long time friend of the family spoke. A reception followed in the Common Room adjoining the Chapel. Dean Torrey will be missed by many.

HELENE MARY FITZGERALD '26, Director of Nursing of the Yale University Health Service, and Assistant Clinical Professor, Yale School of Nursing from 1945 to 1973, died at the New Rochelle Hospital, Sunday, September 12, following a brief illness.

A leader in the field of college health nursing, Miss Fitzgerald was a graduate of the Yale School of Nursing Class of 1926 - its first graduating class - under the Deanship of Annie W. Goodrich.

Over the span of years of her nursing career, Miss Fitzgerald developed a special interest in the field of Student Health, and in the role of the professional nurse in preventive health care. In 1957, she was director of a research project funded by the U.S. Public Health Service, to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Nurse Health Interview. For her efforts, she gained national attention, and in April of 1973, she received the Ruth Boynton Award for distinguished service from the American College Health Association. She also received a distinguished alumnae award from Yale School of Nursing at its 50th anniversary in 1973.

Calling Yale's "first nurse practitioner," Miss Fitzgerald continued to foster the concept of the nurse practitioner at the Yale University Health Service until her retirement in June of 1973. Following retirement, she remained an articulate spokesman for nursing and served as a consultant to several universities.

Miss Fitzgerald is survived by 4 sisters: Mary Fitzgerald, Larchmont, New York, Nancy Leonard, Middlebury, Conn., Josephine Fitzgerald, Larchmont, New York, and Margaret Bergin, Larchmont, New York. She is also survived by a niece, Mrs. Maryann Keegan, Rye, New York, and a nephew, Robert Bergin, New York City.

ANNE GOODRICH WATERS '26 died July 14, 1976.
CAROLINE HUNTER ex-'35 died December 26, 1976.
AUBIGNE CUSHING SMITH '35 died September 14, 1976.
DEE YOHO ELDRIDGE '36 died January 9, 1977.
JOAN CUMMISKEY DUFFY '48 died July 7, 1976.
ANNA HYDE, beloved House Mother at Nathan Smith from 1945-1955, died on November 3 of a heart attack. Her daughter Mrs. Sally Fish '46 wrote "She was active until the night she was taken to the hospital and was only there for four days, most of which time she slept."

Student News

Three Year Program

For the first time, there are students enrolled in all three years of the program. This year also marks several "firsts" for each of the three classes. Third Year: These eleven "pioneer" students were the first group to take State Board Examinations this past February 2 and 3. They will also become our first graduating class in May. Second

Year: The thirteen students in this class were the first to elect all five speciality programs. One is enrolled in Medical-Surgical Nursing, one in Pediatrics, one in Community Health (FNP), five in Psychiatry (Adult Track), and five in Maternal-Newborn. They will also become the first class to take State Boards upon completion of their second year of study. After this year, all 3 year Program students will be eligible to take Boards in the summer between their second and third year. First Year: This has been our largest and most diverse group so far. There were twenty students admitted, six men and fourteen women. Four of them came to us with graduate degrees in other fields. This has also been the class with the widest age range - an average age of 29 and a range from the early twenties to the early forties. Nine students are married and five students have children. Although they have come to us from all over the U.S., the majority of the students appear interested in specializing either in Maternal-Newborn or Community Health Nursing.

4th Row - Ann Greig, Ronald Krauss, Jim Sullivan
3rd Row - Judy Triestman, Ann Higdon, Helen Sirica, Bert Woodcock, Nancy Rosenblum, Susan Sewell
2nd Row - Patricia Emerson, Tuyet Nguyen, Marjorie Miller-Mayer, Judy Fartig, Jay Canchola
1st Row - James Spall, Elizabeth May, Judy Tierney, Shihela Stamos, Tom Fickett

Efforts to Initiate Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau

The Yale School of Nursing would like to invite all interested alumnae to participate in an effort to initiate a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Inc., the National Honor Society for nurses. In order to continue, we need to establish a Steering Committee composed of nine to fifteen members, one-third of whom must be alumnae. Initial Steering Committee functions include:

1. Appointment of members to serve as By-laws Committee to draft local Chapter By-laws.
2. Appointment of members to the Nominating Committee to define criteria for local Chapter membership.

We strongly encourage alumnae participation in the Steering Committee as these initial actions will reflect the value and purpose given an honor society at Yale. If you would like to participate or desire additional information please contact Judy Shindul (1st year psychiatric nursing student) of the Yale School of Nursing. I look forward to hearing from you.