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President's Letter
Who is your YUSNAA President this year?.....

My name is Dottie Needham. I am a '74 grad from the YSN Pediatric program. My years at YSN were two of my life's most memorable. I found an education there to be challenging and motivating as well as rewarding. During my second year at Yale my first child was born creating an unforgettable link. Martha is now 6½ years old and has proven to be one of my best pediatric learning projects developed during my stay at Yale. She has since been joined by her sister Julie, now 20 months old and both reassure my choice of Pediatrics as a specialty.

I try to strike a happy medium between being wife, mother, professional, and individual. As a professional, I spend several hours a week practicing as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in a private pediatric office in Orange, CT. In addition, once a month I am the primary health care provider in a public health nursing well child clinic. These roles allow me to see a sampling of almost every type of patient - from newborn to college bound - sick and well - problem free and multi-faceted problem families.

My husband, Walt, is a clinical psychologist who deals with rehabilitation of blind veterans and works in other areas in the field of psychology. Together we enjoy being out of doors, eating in gourmet restaurants, being with good friends and just family togetherness.

As a mother I try to enjoy all aspects of my children's lives. Along with my children I am involved in a "mother's group" (a support group for me - a play group for Julie and Marty). I am chairman of the P.T.O. Special Program Committee at Marty's School and a Brownie troop leader for second graders. We have our quiet times, hustle-bustle times and sometimes fussy out-of-sorts times like all families. My philosophy toward rearing my children is that this is my one chance to do the best job I can and enjoy them to the fullest for the years pass swiftly and progressively.

As an individual I like many things and always enjoy new experiences. Some of my favorite activities are cooking, reading and gardening. My reading tastes vary from time to time; often hungry for professional literature, now and then enjoying a good classic and frequently escaping into science fiction, mystery and adventure novels. My love for cooking often has to be put off to bare essentials as these are busy days. I still manage to try a new gourmet recipe now and then and bread baking is particularly fun. As for gardening, this year is my best ever!

I hope you feel you know me a little better now. I look forward to the next two years as your president and would like to get to know all of you better. Thank you for electing me.

Alumnae/i Association Officers and Directors for 1980-1981

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Yale Commencement 1980 took place on Sunday, May 25. As always seems to be true, the weather was perfect -- sunny, warm, clear skies shined down on the graduates as they assembled with the other graduate degree candidates on the Cross Campus Green before the University Commencement Exercises.

Tradition and brevity have made a good match at Yale Commencement. Each group of graduates from the college and from the graduate and professional schools rise as they are presented to the President. We proudly heard our Dean say, "Mr. President, I have the honor to present the candidates for the degree of Master of Science in Nursing, 63 in number."

Ceremonial marshals from each group accepted a symbolic diploma -- for the certificate in nursing group, Patricia Ryan; and for the MSN candidates, Sally Solomon.

Recipients of honorary degrees from Yale this year were: Simone Veil, President of the European Parliament; Abraham A. Ribicoff, U.S. Senator, Connecticut; Frank M. Johnson, Jr., U.S. Circuit Judge, Fifth Circuit; John M. Musser, Business Executive, St. Paul, Minnesota; Danny Kaye, Entertainer; N. Scott Momaday, Professor of English, Stanford University; John Griggs Thompson, Mathematician, University of Cambridge; Roald Hoffmann, Chemist, Cornell University; Wole Soyinka, Nigerian Writer and Theatre Director; L.J. Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels; Lucia Chase, Founder and Co-Director, American Ballet Theatre; Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Opera and Concert Singer.

Assembling back at the school of nursing, our own ceremony took place under a tent in
the parking lot of our neighbor, the Connecticut Mental Health Center (our own space now greatly reduced by the construction of the new hospital building next door). Before receiving their diplomas, the graduates heard from the Dean:

"At commencement time, I have the privilege of offering a few parting shots, since the next time you hear from me after today it will be when I ask for money for the alumnae fund.

Each year I try to characterize the graduating class in whatever ways seem relevant, perhaps as a way to tie up our own experience over the past two or three years. The class of 1980 is the largest class ever graduated from the Yale School of Nursing and in that you are by definition singular.

But there is another way in which your class might be described and that is, that you cannot be described as a group at all.

The power of your presence here has been in your individuality and personal autonomy, which cumulates as a class of extraordinary talent and strength. This is not to say that you have not developed ties with one another, or have not acted in concert on occasions. Rather, it is to say that when one sat at home last night picturing you sitting here, what one thinks of are individual faces and individual names, not a collectivity except by the accident of the seating arrangement.

I think too that the School is less a group than, as one of you put it, a plebeceite. The faculty too are individuals, with individual idiosyncracies, hangups, talents, energies and commitments. That fact produces inevitable tensions and creates an eternal climate of ambiguity for there is never one common answer, there are always differences, and there is finally only the regularity of unpredictability.

When we all do it right, this collection of individuals makes for an enormously rich experience, if unsettling sometimes, if unusual. Outsiders look at this School and do not see what they might expect in a School of Nursing -- a consensus on issues, an anonymity of thought, a sharing of common ideology or conceptual framework. Outsiders often think that means there is no internal structure here, when there is one, woven of the threads of creativity and competence, freedom and challenge, talent and investment, seeking, arguing, risking, debating, believing, hoping and sometimes regretting, and always, always trying for excellence.

You have, when things were rough, tolerated us; when things were good, you profited. We in turn have tolerated you sometimes when the grafitti in the men's room went up, when the last minute thesis hassles came down, when your tensions and questions ran their highest.

This place is not composed of two groups, the faculty and the students. It is made up of individual people swimming along upstream against the tides of convention and conventionality, sometimes close to drowning, sometimes riding the wave's crest. If we had less talented and aggressive students it would perhaps be easier, but it wouldn't be nearly so exciting. If you had more usual faculty, it would also be easier, but it wouldn't be as enriching. Yale is a strange place, and today both a triumphand one and a sad one.

The words of the President as he bestowed the graduate school degrees apply also to you:
salue et valare: hail .... and farewell. We will miss you very much."

To thunderous applause, graduates received their diplomas. A select group whose master's theses were finished but not yet bound in hard covers, received neatly lettered notices to the effect that "When we have your thesis, you will get your diploma."

Cathy Worthley presented the class gift, a financial contribution to the Wiedenbach Reference Room. This is indeed a useful and much appreciated presentation.

**Veckerelli Prize**

This year's winner of the Veckerelli prize was Bonny Johnson. In her presentation, the dean said: "Bonny came to us as an experienced oncology nurse, one of the nurses who had helped to develop the role of nursing in cancer chemotherapy and cancer care very early. Her rich clinical background provided a role model for her classmates, peers, and faculty, and has made her a source of inspiration. Her openness to learning, her exquisite blend of experiential and scholarly competence and her outstanding clinical work have already made her well known in oncology nursing circles. Reserved and poised, calm, composed, assured, and giving, she has earned the respect of colleagues, faculty, physicians, and fellow nurses alike. Her continuous scholarly productivity including publications and presentations and work in national organizations attest to her growing reputation in her chosen field. The "mystery of cancer" which first enthralled her nursing

talent is made less mysterious by her studies and her attentive and emphatic work with patients.

It does honor to the Yale School of Nursing to present the 1980 Veckerelli Prize to Bonny Libbey Johnson."

**Annie Goodrich Award**

Sally Solomon presented the Annie Goodrich award: "The Annie Goodrich Award for excellence in teaching is presented at graduation for the past two years to a faculty member who is selected by students. Annie Goodrich was founder and first dean at the Yale School of Nursing and the award is in tribute to her innovative and inspirational approach to education. The winner is given a certificate for excellence in teaching and her name is engraved on a plaque in the school.

We received many glowing nominations from students and I wish I could share with you the praise and gratitude expressed by some students for individual teachers. Too often, we don't bother to communicate our positive feelings for people who have influenced our lives here. I guess one reason why this award is so meaningful to us is because it gives some of us a chance to express our thanks and appreciation.

This year, the Annie Goodrich award for excellence in teaching goes to Linda Dubin.

The only way I can capture the outstanding features of this year's recipient is to quote from some of the nominations which described her. Indeed, she epitomizes the qualities attributed to Miss Goodrich herself. She is viewed by students as "...a woman of fine intelligence and unquestionable scholarship who not only is an inspiration to students, but is also able to establish a rapport with students that is of the highest order." She is noted for her "...availability, organization, fairness, and her ability to review her statements in light of objections." She was
described as a "...genuine teacher of the highest calibre, in the sense that teaching is a calling and not just a job." "She never loses faith in her students' ability to learn and always treats them as mature adults, although they might be rookies in her field." "She cares that her students learn and worries about how she can help them if they're having difficulties." "Her love for her subject matter makes the enthusiasm she brings into the classroom contagious. She is a woman who exhibits care and concern that could well be integrated into role models for patient care, despite the fact that she herself is not a nurse. She had the awesome task of teaching some of us in the three-year program all our basic science, anatomy and physiology -- an extraordinary challenge, keeping in mind our varied backgrounds. And yet, she was able to integrate a nursing perspective throughout the courses. In fact, as one student so aptly said, she "...ironically exhibits the positive characteristics we like to attribute to a nurse, without being able to assume the title herself." It is for all of these reasons that we proudly present the 1980 Annie Goodrich Award in teaching to Linda.

May 31, 1980

Dear Friends,

This is to express my great appreciation for being honored by the "Annie Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching" this year. However, it is not hard to be a good teacher if there are interested, intelligent, motivated, and receptive students, i.e., those I have met at YSN. Your spirit, comraderie, and individuality were not even squelched by hours of intensely concentrated, often difficult, sometimes boring (but always attention worthy) biomedical science. I consider myself privileged to have met those of you I have taught. Nursing will profit from your having chosen to work in it.

Best wishes for your health, happiness, and success.

Sincerely,
Linda Fagan Dubin

ALUMNAE/I COLLEGE

We were delighted to see so many of our friends and colleagues. And you gave us to feel you enjoyed coming here.

- "Since this was my first reunion, I didn't know just what to expect. It was SUPER!!"

- "It was so great to meet with classmates again. After many years, we could "pick up where we left off", with intelligent conversation and with respect for each other. We all share a very special experience."

- "What a wonderful group of people!"

Right on the heels of graduation, our 23rd annual Alumnae College was held on Friday, May 30th. Over 100 alumnae and friends gathered for a day of panel discussions at the School of Nursing. The theme was "Careers in Transition."

One group of panelists -- nurses turned businessperson, lawyer, doctor, and administrator -- discussed their career choices.

Ruth Benedict '48, Margaret Craig '70, Roberta Spurgeon '65 and Beth Strutzel '68. Panelists who spoke of their change in careers.

A second group presented the reverse -- from architect, homemaker, minister, teacher, missionary to nurse.

Ruth Foster Shryock '50, Michele Johnston '82, Bruce Carmichael '82, Helen Southen Taffel '41, and (missing in picture) Bert Woodcock '79 spoke on panel about their entering or re-entering the nursing profession.

Recycling School Pins

Are you wondering what should be done with your YSN pin, since you no longer need it? Happily, it can be used by another graduate who has misplaced or lost one. The Alumnae/i office will be glad to care for it, and send it on upon request. Contact Mary Colwell, Alumnae/i Office.
In a third panel, seven parents talked about the conflicts and rewards of career plus raising a family.

Care for the Caregiver was the subject of a fourth panel -- positive approaches to the prevention of burnout.

Ron and Judy Krauss, Sandy and Don Bialos, Susan Altshul, Andy Ward, (missing from picture: Debbie Ward and Libby Arney-Powell), were participants in the panel concerned with Dual Roles and the Family.

Dr. Bernard Siegel and Gloria Pilot discussed Care for the Caregiver.

Discussion in all the panels was lively, and forceful.

The enthusiasm of the day carried over to the evening banquet when class reunion reports were given and the presentations of Distinguished Alumna Awards were made.

Members of the Class of 1930 -- back for their 50th reunion -- were honored guests: Gayle Isensee receiving corsage; Edith Windeler and Helen MacKay.
And Mary Colwell '50 was thanked for her attention to all the details for the alumnae/i weekend. 14 members of her class reunited on the weekend.

The Class of 1940 had 16 members present for their reunion. Above, Marian Fasanella and Marge Allen enjoy dinner.

Gordon Sawatsky '55 was welcomed back for his 25th reunion. There were 16 members of this class present for the weekend.

Lee-Nah Hsu '79, Susan Anderson '79 and Chris Wioska Stephenson '75 who spoke for her class -- there were two members present.

Sole representatives of their respective classes, gave reports at the banquet -- Virginia Hart Hulbert '35 and Marion Weinberger Hartman '45.
Distinguished Alumna Awards

The evening was climaxed with the presentation of the Distinguished Alumna Awards. Each citation is included below.

Helen Varney Burst '63

Even before she was a Yalie, she was always asking "why?" and "where?" and "when?" and "why not?", taking nothing for granted. An expert in curriculum, in clinical work, in the politics of professionalism and the doctor-nurse game, her reputation has spread beyond the borders of this country to affect her colleagues worldwide. Meticulous in everything she does, her dedication and commitment to improving the quality of professional work, care to women and babies, and education of students supply her with apparently unlimited energy for her numerous activities. Discretion and integrity color all she takes on, and her well-developed talent at high-level diplomacy have preserved and developed services and educational programs from the midwest to the south and back. Elected to the highest office in her professional association, about-to-be-famous as author of the first American text in her field, she exemplifies the qualities of leadership that bring honor to Yale.

Elouise Collier Duncan '46W

Her nursing activities have literally spanned the globe. Teacher, administrator, national organization staff member, leader in her profession in this country and abroad, international nursing has recognized her competence and authority with honors and offices. In her adopted country, she moved nursing service administration to an enviable level of professionalism, always respecting the uniqueness of the people, the geography, and the society. Her commitment changed then to the important matter of credentials for nurses, licensing and regulation. The International Council of Nurses calls upon her frequently for service on important committees and commissions and her stature as professional made her a member of her country's delegation to the United Nations. Unique in her time at Yale, she is the first Black Graduate of the Yale School of Nursing.

E. Jean M. Hill '35

Her brown eyes twinkle when she is pleased and sparkle when innovations she has considered come into being. A gifted administrator and teacher dedicated to setting quality standards for nursing care and placing nursing programs in institutions of higher education, east, west and north, she has given forty years of service to her profession. A classmate called her the member of the class who most nearly exemplified the role of the nurse educator in her day, and said she has gone on to influence the more "cerebral" nursing of today. A listing of just a few of her accomplishments shows her impact: she established a four year generic nursing program; advocated and promoted improved health, welfare and education for ethnic minorities; taught in and developed both undergraduate and graduate programs; and served in professional organizations with energy and distinction. Recently retired from her position as Dean of a distinguished Canadian school of nursing, she keeps her hand in by teaching and serving on a hospital board.

Eileen Callahan Hodgman '68

Her faculty here thought she was one of the most outstanding students we had ever had, and that perception has proved more than accurate. She is noted for her fine and analytic mind, her quite incredible energy, the depth of her feeling for other people, her clarity of purpose, her vision, and her way with words. As researcher, as teacher, as clinician, student, wife, mother, as public speaker, organizer, editor, and thorough-going professional, she impresses all with the maturity of her work and the grace of her presence. Never satisfied with mediocrity in any form, her efforts have led to national recognition in nursing and positions of prominence and impact. Wherever she goes and whatever she does, she is a credit to Yale and a blessing to all who have the privilege of knowing her.
Jean E. Johnson '65

In the words of one of her colleagues, she represents the complete academician/clinician/scholar. She started on her way to that description at Yale, counting perspiration drops on slides, inventing new curricula in research teaching and building her interest in stress and coping. Recognized nationally as the most distinguished nurse researcher, her studies have carried her to national recognition not only in nursing but in psychology and even medicine. Her leadership of the American Nurses Association Council of Nurse Researchers set that organization on its current activist path. She has served as mentor, stimulator and facilitator to countless fledgling researchers, including Yale students. The elegance of her research and her leadership both have brought her honors and awards in her chosen field.

Alumnae/i Association Officers and Directors for 1980-1981 (continued from pg.2)

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*newly elected

Yale Nurses in Cambodia

On the other side of the world from commencement and alumnae/i weekend, two Yale nurses have been working on the Thai-Kampuchean border. We wanted to share their letters with you.

Anne Ford, YSN '77, is a pediatric nurse practitioner from Oakland, California. She works for Kaiser-Permanente in Oakland, from whom she took a three month leave to work with the volunteers from Rescue Now in San Francisco. This is her letter:

"I recently spent two months working at a Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand and thought I'd let you know some of what happened.

The name of the camp is Khao-I-Dang (pronounced Cow-ee-Dong'), which is translated "Bitch Mountain". Cambodian refugees began arriving at Khao-I-Dang on Thanksgiving Day, 1979, by truck and bus from border areas north of Aranyaprathet, largely from established armed camps right on the border, which serve as a military base for Khmer Serai forces. Khao-I-Dang was built in an effort by the Thai military to disarm and move these refugees further into Thailand for fear that Vietnamese forces would use the present armed camps as an excuse to attack into Thailand. The camp is about 9 km from the Thai-Cambodian border. The nearest town you might locate on a map is Aranyaprathet.

The people arrived at a "slow" rate, about 4-5,000 per day, because of opposition from Khmer Serai leaders to people moving to the camp. Approximately 10,000 of the first 80,000 people were pregnant women; most of the 80,000 were either women or children. Malnutrition was prevalent, but had improved considerably by the time I arrived in March. By Christmas, close to 90,000 people had arrived in the camp, and there are currently approximately 120,000 refugees living there.

Khao-I-Dang is designated a "holding center". Some of the inhabitants are being processed for immigration to Europe, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand, but there was also no guarantee that the people will not be sent back into Cambodia if the political situation changes. No new refugees are arriving, since the Thai border has been closed.

Since the camp was established, a school has been started, taught entirely by Khmer (Cambodian) people, largely using American primary textbooks translated by the few teachers who have survived the Khmer Rouge purging which began in 1975. Currently there are more than 7,000 students attending on a four two-hour shift schedule. Many of them have never been to school, since schools were abolished in Cambodia in 1975; consequently, there are only two grades, those with some previous schooling and those with none.

I worked in a pediatrics ward in one of the two hospitals in Khao-I-Dang. The ward is staffed by the International Rescue Committee and the Rescue Now Medical Volunteers office (a San Francisco organization). Volunteers for this ward are largely from the Bay Area. They work eleven to fifteen hour shifts, six days a week, with three consecutive days per month off. The hospital is a combination bamboo, grass, and plastic tarpolin building with electricity from 6 PM to 6 AM. Families stay with their sick child(ren), and there are 80-100 sick children in the ward at a time. Medical supplies are spotty; shortages are common, although much improved during the time I was there, and adaptability is stressed. A great deal of emphasis is placed on teaching the Khmer workers, who initially acted as interpreter and "go-fers", enough nursing background and procedures so that they could function at
least at the level of LPNs. The object is to gradually decrease the number of foreign nurses needed on the ward. Initially, several of the workers were much better at ward procedures than I was and ended up teaching me. The language barrier was an ever-present problem, but I was surprised to find how much I could communicate with people in pantomime and tone of voice.

The ward list of diagnoses reads like an infectious disease report, with a preponderance of pneumonia, diarrhoea and dehydration, staph abscesses, meningitis, TB, malaria, and a small selection of cholera, pertussis, measles, and chickenpox. April is the hottest month of the year in Thailand, and at 100° and 85% humidity, coupled with flies, dust, rats, stench, and "don't drink the water", there were a number of times that I seriously questioned my sanity in choosing to volunteer. Always at those times I was reminded to smile by the incredibly friendly, beautiful, and resilient Khmer patients, families, and workers. After enduring much loss and suffering, they still have much to give.

I lived with other staff members in wooden houses in Aranyaprathet, about a half hour commute in van or pickup truck. The houses are equipped with electricity, but usually no running water. The length of the drive to work is partially dependent on the number of Thai army checkpoints which must be dealt with along the way. A number of people have asked about the personal safety of the volunteers, and I did think a fair amount about that before going to Thailand. Although we felt the military presence daily, in the form of checkpoints, and military equipment rolling by our house, and occasional sounds of shelling in the distance, I was surprised that there was less feeling of threat to personal safety than I had anticipated."

Anne Ford

Pat McCarthy, a registered nurse, is shown here with several residents of the Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand where she spent three months as a volunteer worker.

Pat McCarthy was a member of the Community Health Faculty until November 1979, when she and her husband had to transfer to Gambier, Ohio. Pat took advantage of the hiatus in her career to volunteer her services -- she has a background in pediatric intensive care as well as being a family nurse practitioner -- in the same neighborhood Anne Ford mentioned -- their time there did not overlap. This is Pat's letter from earlier this winter:

"Here I am on the other side of the world thinking of all of you. I've been in Thailand over five weeks already. First, I was working on the pediatric ward but lately I've been working in an out patient department. The structure and all the furniture, shelving, etc. has all been made over a few days by the Khmer. It's a bamboo frame with thatched roof. We have gravel over the dirt floor. Sometimes we have a few buckets of water. We have no appointment system, and we never can see all the people that come to the clinic -- so about each hour, someone goes out into the waiting area to screen for those sick -- usually children with fevers who need to be seen before those waiting in line. At the end of the day, someone has to go out and decide who will be seen and who needs to come back the next day. There are four of us examining patients, actually five, counting the Khmer midwife, as well as nurses who change dressings, and give injections and act as the pharmacy. We each see about 40-50 patients a day so we don't give very thorough exams. We each have a Khmer interpreter who works with us and they're excellent. They can usually collect a concise and pertinent history without help. Right now we have a measles epidemic in camp -- about half the kids with measles here develop pneumonia, they are so malnourished.

We see a lot of malaria, TB, parasitic infections, non-specific gastroenteritis. There are two varieties of malaria here --
chloroquine resistant falciparum and vivax. There are always a million flies in the clinic -- when I worked on Peds I would have to go back and repour some of my medications -- flies would drown in the ampicillin syrup and sometimes I would have to change needles because the flies would light on the needle before I could give the injection.

Yesterday we received an invitation to go to classical Cambodian dancing -- a group of refugees have started a dance club and they had a beautiful show -- with costumes they made. We went during our lunch hour but had to go back to the OPD before the dancing was finished.

I still run here in Thailand -- I live about 30 km from the Refugee Camp of Khao-I-Dang with a large group of Red Cross workers. It started out with two of us running each morning but this morning there were six. We have breakfast cooked for us -- eggs and toast and for supper a selection of Chinese dishes. I'm not yet tired of fried rice. There are 100 tents with two people per tent. All in all, I'm living very well, and will be spoiled when I go back to Ohio and have to cook my own meals and do my own laundry.

Although most of the people we see in OPD are pretty sick, we also get some that seem to have complaints such as "yesterday my heart stopped beating for 15 minutes". The Khmers are wonderful to work with -- they are a graceful and friendly people and I have learned a lot from knowing them. Everyone I have met in this camp has lost at least one (usually more) family members over the past five years. Mothers usually take longer to bond with their newborns -- they have had their children die before and are almost afraid to become attached until they know the babies will be healthy. I was offered several babies when I was working in Peds. Well, I've run out of room. Hope you all are well."

Pat McCarthy

DELTA MU
Installation and Induction Ceremony

The Yale Honor Society was installed as the Delta Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau during ceremonies held March 30th, 1980. Sister Rosemary Donley, President of Sigma Theta Tau, was the installing officer for the national Honor Society of Nursing.

Sigma Theta Tau recognizes scholarship and research in nursing. The purposes of the Honor Society are to recognize and encourage scholarly creative work, recognize the development of leadership qualities, foster high professional standards, and strengthen the commitment on the part of individuals to the ideals and purposes of the profession of nursing.

Sister Rosemary Donley presented the chapter, bearing the names of the one hundred and sixty-one members, and the seal of the national organization to Bernadette Forget, President of the new chapter.

Speakers during the program included Dean Diers and Judith Shindul, Chairman of the Honor Society Steering Committee. Filmed interviews of the founders of Sigma Theta Tau were shown.

Chapter officers installed during the ceremony were: Bernadette Forget, President; Charlotte Januska, Vice-President; Kathleen Flynn, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Joan Bilcheck, Recording Secretary; Antoinette Tyndall, Treasurer; Virginia A. Henderson, Counselor; and Patricia Horvath, Counselor.

Carolyn Ladd Widmer, Virginia Henderson, Sister Rosemary Donley, President, Sigma Theta Tau, Helen Ference, 3rd Vice-President, Sigma Theta Tau, Bernadette Forget, President, Delta Mu Chapter.

Research Seminar

Delta Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau held a research seminar Saturday, May 31st, during Alumnae/i Weekend. Faculty and new graduates presented completed and on-going research at Yale School of Nursing and Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Speakers at the seminar and the titles of their papers were: Margaret Flinter, Prenatal Care in Northern Georgia--Effects on Pregnancy Outcome; Alice Bausch, The Effect of a Videotape on Nurses' Attitude Towards Ileostomy Patients; Mary Ropka, Treatment of Adriamycin Extravasation with Immediate Local Agents; Nancy Hedlund, Coping in Cancer Patients; and David Johnson, Cancer and Coping: Interviews with Patients.

The papers and discussion were excellent. The value of research collaboration as well as the difficulties of doing clinical and laboratory research were discussed. Participants in the seminar had many comments about the clinical value and personal satisfaction that research efforts provide. Delta Mu looks forward to repeating the session next year during Alumnae/i Weekend.
Delta Mu and Mu (UConn) chapters of Sigma Theta Tau will also present a Research Day on November 8, 1980. Members and non-members are invited to attend. The keynote speaker will be Susan Steckel, Ph.D.

Honorary Degree

Virginia Henderson for the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa

"The surpassing worth of the human person is cogently recognized in the insight that "the unique function of the nurse is to assist the individual, sick or well, in the performance of those activities contributing to health or its recovery (or to peaceful death) that he would perform unaided if he had the necessary strength, will or knowledge. And to do this in such a way as to help him gain independence as rapidly as possible." Through a long life, the nurse who formulated this definition and who has seen it accepted internationally has preferred to be known as a practitioner although she is everywhere recognized for her contributions to nursing education and research and has served eminently on the faculties of, first the Norfolk Protestant Hospital, where she was the first full-time instructor in nursing in Virginia, and later of the Strong Memorial Hospital of Rochester, of the Teachers College of Columbia University, where she had earned her baccalaureate and master's degrees, and finally of the Yale University School of Nursing, from which she retired with the title Professor Emeritus. The Catholic University of America, proud of what its own School of Nursing has done for professional advancement during the past half-century, salutes both pioneering leadership and continuing distinguished and exemplary service in conferring upon Virginia Henderson the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa."

Student Awarded Fellowship

Suzanne Boyle - a 2nd year student in the Med-Surg Program - is one of ten recipients of the Louise Mellen Graduate Fellowship in Nursing offered by the Mellen Foundation. These Fellows are selected on basis of personal qualities which assist acute/critical patient care, outstanding intellectual and academic abilities, ability to teach, leadership qualities which will serve as role models, interest in research, sense of responsibility to the nursing profession and commitment to practice and being an agent of change.

AYA Assembly Report

Virginia Brown '50, Margaret Allman '49, Mary Colwell '50, and myself attended this Spring's AYA Assembly XVI on Athletics at Yale. A thorough discussion of Yale's philosophy and practices, a sometimes emotional subject, was presented. There are 37 different sports activities organized at Yale. Many of the facilities, especially the Payne Whitney Gymnasium, are overloaded and in need of maintenance repairs. Although originally planned for only 4200 persons, over 3000 use the gym daily and the total membership numbers close to 10,000. I participated in a tour of the gym which I had never done as a YSN student, although I did swim along with 600 others who use the pools daily. I was fascinated to see the variety of activities and the quality of performance. Dance, exercise, swimming, fencing, squash, basketball or any number of other sports are offered at the gym providing relaxation and a pleasant way to meet other members of the Yale community. It is available to all graduate students and members of the Yale community.

Kathleen Stone '77
Representative-At-Large AYA

In Memoriam

Grace Behrents Anderson '41 - deceased April 11, 1980
Elizabeth Ahern '45, MPH '49 - deceased January 24, 1980
Beate Mathias Brann MS '53 - deceased January, 1980
Ruth Sheatsley Neikirk '57 - deceased March 1, 1980
Alice Grant '59 - deceased May 9, 1980
Dorris Weber - faculty of YSN 1935-1953 -
remembered by YSN students mostly as educational director at the New Haven V.N.A. Died June 8, 1980 in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Class News

Mildred Lafferty '46 is now living in Weiner, Arkansas - has been auditing classes at the Arkansas State University School of Nursing and observing students at St. Bernard's Regional Hospital (300 beds). On going to class one day, one assignment posted was "Be sure you read Reva Rubin's article Cognitive Style in the American Journal of Nursing for March 1979."

Jean Dunham Goss '65 is studying the Japanese language like mad, because about half of her work will be in that language. "I'll be acting as general consultant to nurses in a big general hospital, also helping at the Tokyo Psychiatric Medical Research Institute."

Lois Kopp Daniels '67 has a daughter Katherine, born June 4, 1980.

Maryanne Pranulis '67 has been "accepted and will start doctoral study at U.C.S.F. in the Fall of 1980. Has been offered a part-time position in nursing administration at Stanford. My 'staff participation' article has been accepted for publication in Arizona Nurse - to be in May-June issue."

Betty Lou Armacost '69 is now the Director of Nursing Services in a large State hospital (400 beds) in Oregon. Hopes to start a private practice in a few years.

Sherry Shamansky '69 "just received official notification that I shall be spending next year at Indiana University, Indianapolis, as a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse-Faculty Fellow in Primary Care."

Virginia Nehring '72 completed all doctoral requirements for her degree this spring, is starting to write a book on Nursing Ethics. All this while being program director at the School of Nursing at Boise State University.

John Collins '72 served on the Credentials Committee for the 1980 ANA Convention. Also has been offered membership on the editorial advisory board of the journal Perinatology-Neonatology. He will be the first nurse on the nationally prominent all physician board.

Carolyn Webster-Stratton '72 received the Western Council for Higher Education in Nursing (WCHEN) award for Achievement of a New Researcher at the thirteenth annual conference, Communicating Nursing Research in Los Angeles, April 30-May 2.

Judy Kane '73 had a daughter born in winter of 1979-80. Family will be moving to Augusta, Maine this summer.

Carole A. McKenzie '73 has assumed a new position as Department Chairperson for Graduate Maternal-Newborn Nursing Program and as Associate Professor of Nursing at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Major Jean Hammond A.N.C. PNP '74. "I am presently the Assistant Director of the Army's PNP Program here at Fitzsimons in Colorado and am able to combine teaching, administration, and clinical practice. There is little research going on, but I have developed a clinical evaluation tool which may become a paper in the future after testing and revision."

Jean Kozlak, R.N., M.S.N. '74. "Life is fine here in Northern California! I'm happy and healthy and doing well. Last June I was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor."

Chris Wioska Stephenson '75 will have an article in The Nurse Practitioner, July-August 1980, "Non-Organic Failure to Thrive: Nursing Assessment and Management." Chris and husband Max attended Alumni/i Weekend at YSN in May.

Linda Goodhart '76 to be Assistant Director of Nursing at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Tina Burke Durrence '76 has a daughter Aubrey who was born June 5, 1980.

Tina Root Schenk '77. "About to take a year or so off for full time motherhood -- beginning in August! Our three years living and working on the reservation have provided an interesting balance to the atmosphere of New Haven. It's always nice to have YSN news."

Beverly Dixon Shell '78 has a daughter Gabrielle Alexia born in January 1980. Beverly works in an adolescent clinic with a pediatrician and other nurses. It's been a challenge! I'm applying for Air Force Nurse Corp Commission.

Cheryl Anderson Small '79 - one of four directors in the nursing department at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit in charge of Med-Surg Nursing. "I love it! It's challenging and wonderful, and a multiple of things to learn!"

Marianne Lewis '80 was invited to present her thesis at the Phobia Conference in Washington, D.C. June 14-15. The title of her research: "The Effects of Contextual Therapy on Phobias and Other Psychoneurotic Symptoms."

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