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YSN AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR:
Support for Nursing Practice, Research and Education

Pictured are (from left to right): Donald S. Hetzel, Ph.D., Vice-President, Research and Development, Becton-Dickinson and Company; Judith B. Krauss, Dean, Yale University School of Nursing; Sandra G. McCloy, Assistant Professor, Yale University School of Nursing; Thomas Reichert, M.D., Vice-President, Medical Affairs, Becton-Dickinson and Company.
From the Dean

This issue pays tribute to the many sources of private sector support of the Yale School of Nursing. It also pays tribute to every Yale nurse! After reading this issue I think you will conclude that there is absolutely nothing wrong with the image of “the nurse!”

Initiatives like those supported by The Baxter Foundation, Becton-Dickinson and Company, and the Independence Foundation call attention to nursing in a new way. They carry a new message — that we must support both the clinical and scholarly missions of nursing if we expect nurses to respond to the demands of the twenty-first century. That’s not news to us, but it is news to the general public. I recently received a call from a local newspaper reporter. She said, “Big things are happening over there at the School of Nursing. Am I right? I mean it isn’t commonplace for nursing schools to receive endowed professorships is it? It made me realize how little I know about what kind of research nurses do.” We went on to have a useful conversation about nursing research and its relationship to advances in nursing practice. This reporter gained a different understanding about advances in medical technology and how nursing care may make the critical difference in “success” or “failure.” I suspect her next story on transplantation or new cardiovascular techniques just might include a paragraph on nursing care! And, she will never again think of the nursing shortage as a simple problem of increasing the supply of bedside nurses.

The interesting thing about private sector support is that the foundations, companies, and people who support us all started out not knowing much about nursing. All we had to do was create the opportunity to tell them. After that, it became surprisingly obvious to everyone that nursing needs support, especially endowment and program support; and, by giving nursing the support it needs, one is improving health care.

Needless to say, we aren’t the only school seeking funds from the private sector. But, we do have a critical advantage — our alumnae/i. When I’m done describing what nurses do and how a potential donor can help, there are always two compelling variables that make the case. Donors are always impressed with the level of giving by our alumnae/i, both in terms of dollars and participation. They recognize that Yale nurses support their school generously. And, when I tell them of the many roles and positions that Yale graduates occupy in nursing and health care, they are convinced that their dollars will go to a leadership school, to a place that routinely graduates pioneers and visionaries in the field.

So, this issue is a tribute to each and every one of you. In the words of Donna Diers, it seems that it is once again, “a good time for nursing.”

Judy Krauss

YSN Research Day
May 10, 1990, 3-6 p.m.

All YSN alums are invited to submit abstracts for presentation at the Annual YSN Research Day scheduled for May 10. Thesis research or current research is acceptable. A wine and cheese reception will follow. For further information contact:

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This is always a stimulating and fun day so please consider joining your fellow alums and colleagues in sharing the work that puts us at the forefront of nursing research.
Independence Foundation Endows Chair at YSN

The Yale University School of Nursing was one of the top nine private nursing schools to receive the largest single foundation grant ever made to nursing, a profession which over the past decade has experienced increasing personnel shortages. The $13.5 million Independence Foundation grant will be used to endow faculty chairs and student scholarships in the nine schools. Yale has received $1 million for the endowment of the Independence Foundation Chair in Nursing and an additional $500,000 for current financial aid for Yale nursing students.

President Benno C. Schmidt, Jr. hailed the award as "an important event because it increases Yale's ability to attract and retain superior faculty members." The Independence Foundation Chair in Nursing will have the special distinction of being the first endowed professorship in nursing at Yale.

Dean Judith B. Krauss believes that this gift will have a dramatic influence on the development of nursing education and nursing practice. "The Independence Foundation, in making this magnificent gift, has sent a message to the nation - a message that nursing has a central role to play in shaping and reforming our health care system. The endowed professorships will support a critical mass of senior nurse scholars and recognize the leadership role of schools like the Yale School of Nursing in defining the future of the nursing profession. The scholarship money will insure that we can continue to attract the brightest and best students to our schools as we seek to influence the next generation of nurses."

Other nursing program recipients include: Case Western Reserve University, Emory University, Johns Hopkins University, New York University, Rush University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Rochester, and Vanderbilt University. With one grant, the Independence Foundation has almost doubled the number of endowed teaching chairs currently established at the nine nursing programs, and increased the chairs nationwide from thirty-eight to forty-seven.

According to Robert A. Maes, President of Independence Foundation, "It is our hope that the annual income from the principal for the faculty Chairs will allow nursing programs to engage in long-term planning and support programs that will ensure the future health of nursing education. Nationally, nursing programs, unlike medical programs, have not been richly endowed; consequently, funds for planning and operations have been very scarce. We hope our contribution today will draw appropriate attention to this critical need. Each university will also receive $200,000 to be added to an existing $300,000 Nursing Scholarship program created by the Foundation in 1988."

Established in 1961 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Independence Foundation originated from the Donner Foundation of New York which was known as the International Cancer Research Foundation prior to 1945. The Foundation has given largely to independent secondary education, especially in the form of student loan funds; it has also supported a limited number of educational and cultural organizations. A growing concern of the Foundation has been the national nursing shortage. Convinced that more national attention should be given to this problem, the directors of the Foundation have aggressively funded nursing programs and created this extremely generous grant.

From the President

Dear Fellow Alums,

This year's Alumnae/i Weekend theme is empowering nurses to practice. Our keynote speaker will be Rhetaugh Dumas '61, RN, PhD, Dean of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. This topic promises to generate much discussion and the sharing of ideas about where nursing is going in the 1990's and beyond. As a nationally renowned educator and practitioner, Rhetaugh Dumas will serve as a catalyst for discussion of the issues impacting nursing practice in various clinical fields and settings.

Trish Gibbons, Vice President for Nursing at Yale-New Haven Hospital, will be keynote speaker on Saturday, June 9, when the topic will be, "Primary Nursing," the modality of practice at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

We have invited members from the clinical and administrative community to serve as reactor panel spokespeople and would, therefore, love to have as many alumnae/i as possible participate in order to enhance the discussions.

Please Come!! Looking forward to seeing you at Alumnae/i Weekend, June 7, 8, 9, 1990.

Marvel K. Davis '70
President, YUSNAA
Yale Professor Given First Becton-Dickinson Nursing Research Fellowship

Sandra G. McClowry, an Assistant Professor at YSN, and an authority regarding the effects of hospitalization on school-aged children, has been named the first recipient of the Becton-Dickinson Nurse Scientist Award.

The $60,000 two-year fellowship will provide research assistance, statistical consultation and special equipment to support Professor McClowry's investigation into the relation of temperament and life stresses to the mental health and adjustment of school-aged children and their families.

In announcing the award, Dr. Donald S. Hetzel, Vice President for Research and Development at Becton-Dickinson and Company, said: "We are pleased to participate in this innovative nursing research program. It is a logical extension of the funding we have provided for chemical and biological researchers and it recognizes the important role nursing plays in meeting the health care needs of society."

Dean Judith Krauss said that, "Becton-Dickinson and Company has made a pioneering contribution to the development of nursing research, and the Yale School of Nursing is proud to be the first recipient of such a fellowship."

Before joining the School of Nursing faculty in 1988, Professor McClowry pursued research in nursing for four years at the University of California, from which she received her Ph.D. two years ago. She has authored papers and delivered lectures on such topics as the effects of grief in bereaved families and the psychosocial response of school-aged children to hospitalization.

Professor McClowry has been involved in the nursing profession since 1976, when she received her undergraduate degree from Rock Valley College, Rockford, Illinois. She also holds a B.S. and M.S. in nursing from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. While at Northern Illinois University, Ms. McClowry was a lecturer and instructor in parent-child health nursing and also served as a pediatrics nurse.

With its corporate headquarters in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, Becton-Dickinson and Company produces medical and diagnostic products for physicians, hospitals, laboratories, pharmaceutical firms, and the consumer. It is also the world's leading manufacturer of hypodermic syringes and needles.

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Funding Future Nursing Health Care Providers

Scholarship recipients Nicole Raymond (L.) and Barbara Weaner

This is the second year that the Independence Foundation has granted $100,000.00 in unrestricted scholarship funds to the School of Nursing. The money has been used to supplement the School's annual budgetary scholarship appropriation and receipts from endowed scholarship funds. The unrestricted funds have been assigned primarily to students in the first and second year of the three-year program.

In the current year tuition costs alone have amounted to $16,460.00 for the first year of the program, with its required summer session. Scholarships from the Independence Foundation are awarded on the basis of need and have ranged from $8,275 to $14,700.

"To put it quite bluntly, I would not have been able to attend graduate school without the aid I have received from the Independence Foundation. I would love to be able to thank the people who have made this money available. I do know that their investment will be repaid above and beyond the monetary value of the scholarship as this education at YSN will allow me and others to become valuable contributors to society in our respective professions."

Nicole Raymond
Three Year Program for Non-Nurse College Graduates

The Baxter Foundation grant, received for use in the current year, was restricted to those students who elected the Home Health Care concentration in their final year of study. Offered for the first time in 1989-90, the concentration is designed to prepare specialists for practice in home health settings. The grant, with some supplementation from non-restricted funds, provided full tuition scholarships for the five students who pioneered in electing this concentration.

"Being a part of the Home Care concentration has been the icing on the cake for my experience at YSN. The opportunity for growth in studying with two experts in home care, Dorothy Baker and Paula Milone-Nuzzo, as well as sharing the perspectives of other students and guest speakers has been wonderful. I think it has helped all of us - the Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Psych, Child Psych, Medical/Surgical and Pediatric Clinical Specialist students - to be together to examine home care theory, practice and challenges. It provides us insight into what we will be faced with as advanced practice nurses in home care, and the value of interdisciplinary networking that is so necessary in thorough patient care. It has also been extremely valuable for us to realize that we each bring something valuable and distinct, both in our personal style and the body of knowledge we have acquired, to home care management. We each have entirely unique clinical situations, and the clinical seminar is so enriching, as we cross-pollinate each other.

As far as the full scholarship I received goes, I can't be grateful enough. As a mother of three, transplanted from West Virginia, the money was the lubricant that made these gears turn and set my learning in motion! Thank you, Baxter!"

Barbara Weaner
Community Health Nursing Program
Family Nurse Practitioner Track
Funk Supported in Intraaortic Balloon Pump Research

The landscape of modern health care is filled with machines. Their metallic surfaces and mechanical beeps denote a vital presence which is simultaneously reassuring and distracting. As advances are made in medical science and health care, the proliferation of technology is inevitable. The technological revolution has given us the ability to save lives of people who would certainly have died 10 or 20 years ago. But, in addition to improving patient survival, technology brings with it certain associated complications. The power that technology gives us necessitates that we apply it safely, appropriately, and humanely. The challenge is to minimize the human cost of advancement.

Marjorie Funk, M.S.N., R.N., C.C.R.N., Assistant Professor in the Cardiovascular Specialty of the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, has been pursuing research related to the safe, appropriate, and humane use of technology in health care. Her recent two-part study evaluating lower limb ischemia associated with the intraaortic balloon pump (IABP) concerns the safe use of technology.

The IABP is a cardiac assist device that is frequently used in patients with unstable angina, acute myocardial infarction, and cardiogenic shock, as well as in patients undergoing cardiac surgery. The cylinder-shaped balloon mounted on a catheter is inserted through a femoral artery and advanced into the descending thoracic aorta. It is connected to a pump console and timed to inflate during diastole to increase myocardial oxygenation and to deflate just before systole to decrease cardiac workload. The most common complication associated with this life-saving device is ischemia of the limb into which the catheter is inserted. In her practice as the Clinical Nurse Specialist in Cardiac Surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Marge had been noticing what seemed to be an apparent increase in the incidence of lower limb ischemia, sometimes requiring amputation, associated with use of the IABP. Marge, therefore, designed a study to assess lower limb ischemia in all patients treated with this device over an 18 month period. She and her colleagues evaluated patients every day while they were in the hospital and again 12 to 20 months after discharge.

In addition to generous funding from the Small Grants Program at the Yale School of Nursing and from the Delta Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Marge received $8,850 from Datascope Corporation to conduct this research. Datascope, which is based in Paramus, New Jersey and Hoevelaken, Holland, specializes in instrumentation for medicine. They manufacture IABP's, including both the catheters and the consoles. Datascope has supported a number of medical research projects and has an active clinical education department run by nurses.

Marge also received an in-kind contribution of Doppler Blood Flow Detectors and sphygmomanometers from MedaSonics, a medical instrumentation company in Mountain View, California. This equipment facilitated limb assessments during the long-term follow-up phase of the study.

The funding Marge obtained allowed her to involve YSN students and staff nurses at Yale-New Haven Hospital in this project. Doris Foell '88 and now a member of the Medical-Surgical faculty, participated in both phases of the study. She did her thesis on predisposing factors to lower limb ischemia during the acute hospitalization phase. Doris also helped design the long-term phase of the study and collect and anlayze the data. Susan Doody '89, and Catherine Ford '90, were staff nurses at Yale-New Haven Hospital when they helped collect data for the acute phase. They then enrolled at YSN and were co-investigators for the long-term part of the study, working on specific aspects for their own theses. Three other YSN students, Mary Johns '87, Ann McCrum '87, and Prasama Sangakachand '91, were also paid by Datascope funds to assist with data collection. Prasama is currently working on an extension of this research for her own master's thesis. Amy Erter '89, also did a follow-up of this research for her thesis. She evaluated the reliability of a pulse oximeter, placed on a patient's toe, in the early detection of limb ischemia. Datascope loaned Amy the necessary equipment to carry out this study.

Marge's research revealed more ischemic complications than anticipated. Forty-seven percent of the patients had evidence of lower limb ischemia while hospitalized. Problems ranged from diminished distal pulses to gangrene necessitating amputation of the leg. Women, people with pre-existing peripheral vascular disease, and diabetics were found to be at greatly increased risk for acute ischemic complications. The report of this research appeared in the November, 1989 issue of Heart and Lung. Little had been previously known about the long-term effect of the IABP on the circulation to the legs. Marge, Doris, Sue, and Catherine found that 18% of their subjects had evidence of ischemia, characterized primarily by diminished distal pulses and intermittent claudication, 12 to 20 months after treatment with IABP. Smokers and people who had episodes of hypotension while in the hospital were at higher risk for long-term ischemic problems.

In their funding of research on complications of the IABP, Datascope recognized that the benefits that high technology promises sometimes exact a high price. Their ongoing support of research into improving the IABP will help minimize the human costs of technological advancement.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Clinical Nurse Scholars Program

The Clinical Nurse Scholars Program, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, was designed as a response to the increasingly complex nature of hospital-based patient care. The program is intended to encourage the development of nursing faculty with advanced skills in clinical care, hospital management, and research who can serve as role models and who will participate in the education of a new generation of nurses.

This Fall, Ann Williams (YSN ’81 and Assistant Professor, Community Health Program) began two years as a Clinical Nurse Scholar at the University of California, San Francisco. While in San Francisco, Ann is affiliated with the Department of Physiological Nursing at the School of Nursing, UCSF, and San Francisco General Hospital. She is continuing her practice as a Nurse Practitioner in the outpatient care of patients with HIV disease and pursuing research in the epidemiology and natural history of HIV infection in injection drug users and women.

The Clinical Nurse Scholars Program has offered nurses the opportunity to pursue clinical and research interests and provided the necessary resources and mentorship. Since 1983, 63 nurses have participated in this postdoctoral program. The 1989-91 cohort, however, is the last group of Scholars to be funded. In a new program, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is collaborating with the Pew Charitable Trusts to sponsor a program entitled Strengthening Hospital Nursing: A Program to Improve Patient Care. This project provides funds directly to hospitals for planning and implementation of activities to restructure the workplace for nursing services in order to improve patient care.

The new project and the Clinical Nurse Scholars Program are both noteworthy for their focus on the vital role nursing plays in patient care; both programs recognize that advances in technology and treatment, along with changes in health care organization and financing, have created a demand for very intense and sophisticated nursing care in a variety of settings. These programs are a positive attempt to help nursing education and nursing administration respond.

CHANGED JOBS OR MOVED LATELY?

If you have changed your job or address lately, please be sure to let Barbara Reif know so that she can update our records. Just drop a line to her at the School, 855 Howard Avenue, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. We like to keep track of you and your news so that we can share it with fellow alums and classmates!

Clinical Nurse Scholar, Ann Williams '81.
Diabetes Concentration Debut

Yale University School of Nursing has announced that it will offer the first formal concentration in diabetes care at the master's degree level. Gail D'Eramo-Melkus Ed.D., R.N., has received grant support to develop this innovative program from the Diabetes Research and Training Center (DRTC), Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York. The implementation and evaluation of the program concentration will be in collaboration with the diabetes clinicians and researchers of the DRTC. Program evaluation will, however, be under the direction of James Fain, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor of Nursing at YSN.

Advanced practice nurses are a large group of health care professionals who provide care to persons with diabetes mellitus across the lifespan, throughout the trajectory of illness and, therefore, across health care settings. This group has not traditionally been the target group for professional education efforts in diabetes care and management, nevertheless, they are a group who do provide primary and secondary care to large numbers of people with diabetes mellitus, especially lower socio-economic groups, minorities, and the elderly. They are also the group of health care providers whose unique contributions in screening and early detection, patient education, illness management, policy and research at both the patient and organizational level, have the greatest potential for improving the quality and delivery of diabetes care and services.

Theoretical seminars will focus on the concepts and principles of diabetes care based on the American Diabetes Association Standards of Care (1989). Content will include principles of primary care, screening, early detection, intervention and patient education; and secondary care principles related to diabetes management, the various treatment modalities, complications, patient education and self-care. These concepts and principles of care will be presented relative to type of diabetes (insulin-dependent, non-insulin dependent, gestational and pregnancy, and secondary); age, developmental stage, duration of disease, and ethnicity. A multidisciplinary approach to care will be utilized, incorporating the contributions of other disciplines in the collaborative management of diabetes. Important aspects of living with a chronic illness such as psychological, social, occupational and economic will also be emphasized.

Students' clinical practica in diabetes care will be arranged in various settings specific to students' programs of specialization. The Albert Einstein Diabetes Research and Training Center and Yale-New Haven Hospital Diabetes Specialty and Primary Care Clinics will serve as clinical practice sites.

It is believed that this innovative program will be both unique and pioneering in the preparation of a diverse group of nurse leaders who will fill a wide range of essential diabetes care roles.

Yale School of Nursing Begins Home Care Concentration

Yale School of Nursing has launched a new concentration of study in home health care. As the population of the United States ages, as the incidence and prevalence of HIV infection increase, and as new technology continues to develop for use on a long term basis, the amount and complexity of health care which takes place outside of institutions increase. The purpose of this new concentration is to prepare nurses to meet the contemporary challenges of providing care to families in the home. The concentration has been made possible by a grant from the Baxter Foundation and is being coordinated by Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Dorothy Baker, and Phyllis Pallett.

The curriculum is unique in the School of Nursing in that it has been planned by faculty from across the clinical specializations. The planning committee, which was chaired by Dean Judith Krauss, consisted of faculty members with a background in home care from Community Health (Phyllis Pallett and Dorothy Baker), Medical-Surgical Nursing (Dee Coover and Dorothy Sexton), Pediatric Nursing (Linda Lewandowski and Robin Leger), and Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (Monteen Lucas and Nancy Anderson). Paula Milone-Nuzzo joined the faculty in July of 1989 as Project Director of the Home Care Concentration.

Students begin their studies in one of the established clinical or management tracks within YSN, then enter the home care concentration in their final year of study to consider the issues of providing specialty care in a home setting. The home care concentration presents the first opportunity for students from several different specialties to study clinical issues together; an experience that is not only essential to home care, but also has proved to be very
results of these studies will be communicated in the home care literature.

Input from alumnae, home care agencies affiliated with YSN, and the Connecticut Association for Home Care all point to the need for advanced clinical and management skills in home care. In September of 1989, a Home Care Advisory Board was established to ensure ongoing input from leaders in the home care field. Members were selected for the Board not only for their expertise with contemporary home care issues, but also to represent diverse areas of home care practice. Community members of the Home Care Advisory Board are Kathryn Barry '81, Judith Benson, Rebecca Berry, and Margaret Cushman '78. Kathryn Barry '81 is currently the Director of Senior Services at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, CT. Judith Benson is the Executive Director of Med-Center Home Care in Danbury, CT, an agency that specializes in high tech home care. Rebecca Berry joins us from the national office of Caremark Homecare in Chicago, Illinois where she is manager of nursing development. Her clinical expertise lies in the area of pediatric home care nursing. Peg Cushman, President of the VNA Group Inc. brings expertise from the national political arena and insights about progressive home care management in today's complex and competitive environment.

Presently, students in the clinical track are studying home care issues at Connecticut Hospice, VNA of South Central CT (formerly the New Haven VNA), Regional VNA, Yale University Child Study Center, St. Francis Hospital Outreach Clinic in Hartford, and through the clinics and discharge planning unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Individuals at several other health care agencies have offered to function as clinical preceptors and we look forward to their input as we enroll the second cohort of students in the fall of 1990.

enriching for faculty and students alike. According to Clarice Begemann, second year Family Nurse Practitioner student enrolled in the home care concentration, "The home care courses provide a time for collaboration across specialties in a way that has not been the norm for clinical course work at YSN. It becomes possible to draw on the expertise and clinical experience of students from other specialties which greatly enhances our ability to care for the families with complex problems seen in home care today. Further, we move beyond discussing the clinical issues of individual clients to examine the larger picture of health care, for example, the government regulations concerning home care and how they affect clinical practice."

The curriculum is designed to prepare students interested in either home care management or home care clinical practice. The YSN Clinical Specialist Track in Community Health has a long history of preparing nurses who have distinguished themselves as leaders in home care management not only in Connecticut but across the nation. Course work offered in the Clinical Specialist Track for students who are interested in home care management has been revised to reflect the 1988 National Consensus Conference on the

Pictured are (from l. to r.), Phyllis Pallett, Dorothy Baker and Paula Milone-Nuzzo

Educational Preparation for Home Health Care Administrators through Master's Programs in Schools of Nursing. The opportunity for students in management to share ideas with students focusing on the clinical aspects of home care in weekly seminars enriches the learning experience for all the students in the concentration.

The development of a track to study the clinical issues in the advanced practice of home care is unique to Yale School of Nursing relative to other programs in the country. Advanced clinical practice is common to other areas of nursing as evidenced by the tracks preparing clinical specialists for inpatient and outpatient care at YSN. The notion of an advanced practitioner specifically addressing the clinical issues of home care is new and greatly needed as patients of all ages experience shorter institutional stays. Nursing is and always has been the primary therapy of home care. Thus, the thrust of the clinical track is to examine how advanced practice nurses can apply their skills in the unique environment of the community.

An integral part of the Home Care Concentration is student involvement in home care related research for their theses. Students study issues that have a direct impact on the practice of home care nursing. It is anticipated that the
YSN Nurses in New Haven, The State and The Nation

National Nurses' Day is always in May, around Florence Nightingale's birthday, but this year in October we celebrated nursing in two full and moving days in both Hartford and New Haven. October 26 and 27 saw the Connecticut Nurses' Association's Annual Convention in Hartford, and the gathering of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) and the Alumni Fund in New Haven. Yale nurses were all over the place!

In Hartford, on October 27, three of the five Diamond Jubilee Awards for outstanding contributions in nursing were presented to Yale-New Haven Medical Center nurses. Dean Judy Krauss received the Josephine Dolan Award for outstanding contributions to nursing education; John D. Thompson, Professor Emeritus of Public Health and Nursing, received the Virginia Henderson Award for contributions to nursing research; and Jayne Ryzewski, Assistant Clinical Professor and Rehabilitation Clinical Nurse Specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital, received the Florence Wald Award for contributions to nursing practice.

Judy was recognized particularly for her work with the Connecticut League for Nursing's Council of Deans and Directors, and for her outstanding leadership in the Governor's Task Force on the Nursing Shortage and its Subcommittee on Working Conditions. She is also on the Board of the CNA and an elected delegate to the ANA House of Delegates. As the citation stated, "Her humanistic approach to nursing education has enriched both students and faculty. In so doing, she has advanced the standards of nursing education and nursing practice in Connecticut."

Professor Thompson's work in the design and development of DRGs is well known, but he was also recognized for his contributions to research on home care, on the measurement of nursing intensity and on hospital design, costing, and management. He is Professor Emeritus of Public Health and Nursing and continues to teach Health Policy and Management at Yale.

Jayne Ryzewski is the first clinical nurse specialist at Yale-New Haven and has been a leader not only in rehabilitation nursing, but in developing the role of the advanced practice nurse. In addition to her clinical and continuing education work, she serves on YSN's Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects.

The awards were presented at a gala banquet commemorating the tenth anniversary of the diamond jubilee when the awards were instituted. Florence Wald, former Dean of the School of Nursing, for whom the nursing practice award was named, was in attendance as well, warmly greeted by the assembly.

While all this was going on in Hartford, the AYA and Alumni Fund were meeting in New Haven, in a program which featured the health professional schools at Yale. Nursing was very visible in panels and presentations of faculty research, and especially in the presence of the Chair of the AYA, Sandy Bialos '71. As it happens, the Chair of the Alumni Fund, William Kissick, MD, MPH, DrPH counts himself an honorary YSN alumnus because he credits his wife, Priscilla '56 with a good deal of his accomplishments, an announcement he is proud to make often!

With Sandy and Bill as Chairs, the Assembly opened with a panel of presentations on the educational programs in health at Yale. Madelon Baranoski, Associate Professor and Chair of the Pediatric Nursing Program represented Judy, who was in Hartford at the CNA meetings. Professor John Thompson also spoke and the panel included Leon Rosenberg, Dean of the School of Medicine, and Burton Singer, Chair of the Department of Public Health. Sheila Wellington, Secretary of the University, moderated. Lively discussion followed upon the theme developed by the panel – that health care and health education cannot be taken out of the context of what is going on in the world. Indeed, as Madelon pointed out, the health care system is often asked to deal with issues that are not in truth for health care to solve – poverty, homelessness, the effects of drug traffic and so on. The panel discussion ranged widely from the decay of the ozone layer, to rationing of health care, to control of costs, to the effects of genetic engineering and technology. The place of nursing was assured in all of the discussions and the notion of caring was especially highlighted.

The next morning a panel presentation on aging was the first order of business and again, nursing was prominent as Terry Fulmer, Associate Professor and Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist, YNHH, spoke with others about the role of Yale as a service provider. Terry described the ways in which she and others help elderly hospitalized persons deal with the stress and the transition back to home. Terry also described the program she leads, the Geriatric Resource Nurses, volunteer nurses who assist our colleagues in caring for elderly persons, and who participate in nursing rounds and other activities.

In the afternoon there were simultaneous sessions for presentation of faculty research or health care programs. Madelon Baranoski discussed her work with children who have experienced trauma (which she had discussed at Alumnae/i College as well). Madelon described the present phase of the research which involves working directly with children after trauma to decrease the long-term effects. At the end of her presentation a member of the audience (an AYA delegate) was moved to say that she had heard Judy Krauss and now Madelon and that they were defining for her the essence of caring in a wholly new way. The message clearly came across!

Marge Funk '84, Assistant Professor and doctoral student at
EPH, presented her research on minimizing the human costs of advancing technology (which she has also shared with the alumnae/i). Her interest is in the wise use of technology, particularly the intrathoracic balloon pump and the audience was treated to a new role for nursing in technology assessment.

Linda DiPalma ’89, Program Instructor and Clinical Nurse Specialist, CMHC, talked about her work with the victims and survivors of sexual abuse and incest. She especially highlighted the strengths and coping strategies of incest survivors, the subject of her thesis. The role of nurse as advocate came through clearly in her presentation.

The final panel of the day was chaired by Bill Kissick and included Yale alumnae/i discussing several current issues: AIDS, the nursing shortage, care for the disadvantaged, and “managed care.” Donna Diers ’64, Professor, represented nursing’s end of that panel.

Finally, at the dinner that evening which featured President Benno Schmidt, the School of Nursing was again spotlighted as Sandy Bialos was applauded for her work in AYA, and the School of Nursing’s winning 56% participation in the Alumnae/i Fund was announced.

All in all, it was a critical mass of nurses and nursing, a repeated message about our work and our presence, and a great treat all around!

Yale nurses were also very visible at the Sigma Theta Tau Biennial Convention in Indianapolis in November. The most visible of all was Angela Barron McBride ’64, President of Sigma Theta Tau International. She was on stage throughout the week-long celebration, coping with a huge audience, rain, and other assorted problems. The problems were not apparent.

Angela chose to honor two YSN people with the President’s prerogative. She chose as the recipient of the President’s Award, Virginia Henderson. The President’s Award was presented at the Awards banquet and Virginia was feted at a reception sponsored by Delta Mu Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau and YSN the night before. Carol Radovich, President of Delta Mu, and Donna Diers, standing in for Judy Krauss who was representing YSN elsewhere, hosted a lovely reception for people who wished to greet Virginia.

The Mentor Award, also chosen by Angela as President, went to Rhetaugh Dumas ’61. Rhetaugh also gave a Master Lecture on “Leadership” at the convention to a packed house. Rhetaugh and Virginia were on the same platform later as Rhetaugh moderated a “Conversation with Virginia.”

Other Yale nurses honored were Peggy Plunkett Shedde ’81, one of the Dartmouth/Hitchcock clinical specialist group honored with a Sigma Theta Tau award. Martha Curley ’88, won a regional media award for her videotape (based on her YSN thesis), “Caring for the Parents of Critically Ill Children.” Other Yalies seen about were Maureen O’Keefe Doran ’71, who presented her study of an intervention to change nurses’ attitudes towards AIDS patients; Ada Sue Hinshaw ’63, Director of the National Center for Nursing Research who gave a Master Lecture on the Center’s priorities, and also a “Conversation with” later on; Donna Diers ’64, who gave a Master Lecture, “On Writing, On Getting Published;” Barbara Anderson Johnson ’62, who represented the petitioning honor society at the University of Toronto; Barbara Sideleau ’70, who represented the honor society at Fairfield University; Sheila Taylor Myers ’63, who was a delegate from the chapter at the University of Oklahoma; and Joan Wojey Wagner ’64, who was a delegate, also.

Jim Fain, Assistant Professor, YSN, and a member of the Nominating Committee of Sigma Theta Tau, was working hard at all sessions. Former faculty member Barbara Munro accepted the “Best of IMAGE (the international journal of Sigma Theta Tau) Award” on behalf of the research team at the University of Pennsylvania. Several other former YSN faculty members also attended the Convention. Faye G. Abdellah, recently retired as Assistant Surgeon General of the United States, held a “Conversation.” Heide vonKoss Krochuk presented her research on clinical judgement. Tom Cook, President of Iota Chapter of STT (Vanderbilt University), represented his chapter and escorted Virginia Henderson to breakfasts.

It seemed as if everywhere one turned there was another Yale nurse and what a fine testimonial that is!

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IN MEMORIAM

Marcia Files Ashley ’46W
Dorothy O. Keller ’33 died December 12, 1988
Hilda Mertz ’61
Marian S. Simpson ’46W died April 7, 1989
An Update on "Soup Kitchen Nursing"

The Yale School of Nursing, the Stamford, CT United Way and the Lower Fairfield County Coalition for the Homeless entered into a partnership in September, 1987 to establish a nurse-managed program of primary health care to the homeless of the area. The United Way provided the funding for eleven months to develop and implement the program (as was initially reported in the May, 1988 Yale Nurse), "staffed" by Pamela Hinthorn, a family nurse practitioner and Associate Professor in the Community Health Nursing Program. Services were also provided by Dr. Hinthorn's YSN family nurse practitioner students, who were in their first or second year of study in the family nurse practitioner track at YSN. In April of 1988, YSN hired a full-time family nurse practitioner for the program, Shirlee Neil, who was given the title, Coordinator of Clinic Services, and also participates in the precepting of YSN students at the two clinic sites (Salvation Army and Soup Kitchen). Volunteer family nurse practitioners, community health nurses, a podiatrist, and a physician from the community have augmented the staffing.

Since the program began, nine YSN family nurse practitioner students have had a fifteen-week experience in providing health care to the homeless. Additional YSN students have been involved in research projects which included feasibility studies related to transportation of the homeless to community resources, and tuberculosis screening. A study which will involve YSN students is currently being planned to describe the health care utilization patterns in the homeless population. Several students have been involved in the development of a computerized data base, on-site tuberculosis screening, AIDS education, health policy assessment and analysis of the organization and structure of an on-site, nurse-managed clinic. The physical, psychological, and social problems of the homeless and the unique political and policy issues generated by the setting have provided the basis for much thoughtful discussion and debate in clinical, theoretical, and issues courses which involve all the students and faculty in the Community Health Nursing Program.

YSN students and faculty have contributed much of the clothing and supplies made available to the homeless. The class of 1988 gave their class gift to the program to purchase needed permanent equipment. Dean Judith Krauss, in cooperation with the Yale Development Office, has been instrumental in securing monetary contributions for program operation. Recently Paul Newman, through Newman's Own, Inc., made a $10,000 contribution to support this homeless project.

The health care program for the homeless has been successful and well-utilized. The masterfile indicates that the program has provided care to over 1,300 individuals since its inception. On an annual basis, there are 5,000 visits, representing 500 individuals. The clinical experience with the homeless has motivated three recently graduated YSN nursing students to establish similar nurse-managed health care programs for the homeless in New Haven. A mayoral task-force from Danbury, CT was so impressed with the Stamford program that they have replicated it in Danbury.

In March, 1988 on behalf of the Yale School of Nursing, a federal grant proposal was submitted to the Division of Nursing. Although the proposal was approved, it was not funded. A similar proposal was submitted to the Public Health Service for McKinney funding in 1989. That grant was also approved but has not yet been funded. Since October, 1988 the program has been funded by contributions from community agencies, foundations and individual benefactors. At the present time, work is being done to facilitate local and state reimbursement for services provided to clients enrolled in city and state welfare programs.
Faculty Notes

Angela Crowley, Assistant Professor in the Community Health Nursing Program (FNP Track) and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Guilford Pediatrics, was a speaker at the National Association for Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners (NAPNAP) Annual Conference in Orlando, FL in March, 1989. The title of her speech was, “Health Services in Day Care Centers: Implications for Nursing.” Angela also spoke on, “Health Issues in Child Care: Problems and Solutions for the 1990’s,” at the Lysol Products Child Care Forum, New York, NY, June, 1989. In April, 1989 she was appointed the NAPNAP representative to the American Public Health Association-American Academy of Pediatrics project, “Development of National Health and Safety Performance Standards for Out-Of-Home Programs.”

Anastasia A. Fisher, Assistant Professor in the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Program (Adult Track) and Clinical Nurse Specialist, Outpatient Division, Connecticut Mental Health Center, will present, “The Process of Definition and Action: The Case of Dangerousness,” at the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Tempe, Arizona, in February, 1990.


In May, 1989 Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Research Scientist and Project Director of the Home Health Care Concentration in the Community Health Nursing Program, was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. Paula’s dissertation was entitled, “The Organizational Variables which Affect the Development of Interpersonal Conflict Among Faculty in a Department of Nursing: A Case Study.”

Terry Fulmer, Associate Professor and Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital, attended a national gerontological symposium at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA in April, 1989. The Symposium, sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Clinical Practice of the Center for the Advancement of Nursing Practice, focused on sharing nursing research, issues, and approaches that make a difference in the future of elder care. Terry was also inducted into the American Academy of Nursing on October 16, 1989.

Dorothy Sexton, Associate Professor, Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, gave the Margaret Frazier Memorial Lecture, “Psychosocial Impact of Chronic Lung Disease,” at the American Lung Association of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) in October, 1989. She is also the editor of the book, Nursing Care of the Respiratory Patient, published in 1989 by Appleton and Lange Co. Chapters were prepared by Dorothy, Mairead Hickey, Gail Simonson, Martha Swartz, Sandra Alfano, Dianne Schilke Davis ‘72, Margaret Haggerty ‘85, Linda Norton ‘80, and Emily O’Neill ‘77.

Student News

Kathrine DiBella ‘90 is the recipient of a Nurses’ Educational Funds Scholarship Award this year. The total $2500 scholarship recognizes Ms. DiBella’s academic achievements and her potential as a future leader of the nursing profession. The Nurses’ Educational Funds, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation that grants scholarships to registered nurses for master’s and doctoral study. NEF is supported by contributions from corporations, foundations, nurses, and other individuals who are interested in the advancement of nursing leadership.

Mariette Losasso ‘90, a final year student in the Child Track, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Program, is actively involved in the AIDS Project and Family Support Services, delivering home care to HIV positive children.

Vanna Dest ‘92, enrolled in the Cancer Specialty of the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program and a registered nurse at the Hospital of St. Raphael, has been awarded the “Excellence in Oncology Nursing Award” by the American Cancer Society, South Central Unit. This award is given each year to a cancer nurse who demonstrates excellence in patient care, patient education and growth, and in overall dedication to the nursing profession.

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Class News

At the 1989 California Nurses’ Association Convention, Evelyn Hamil Shopp '47W was awarded the Lillian E. Brown Award for demonstrating active participation in CNA, advocacy for nurses and nursing practice, and influence in the community of nurses and health related agencies. Evelyn was cited for innovative contributions to nursing practice, as well as having served as a leader and mentor to colleagues.

Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw ’63, Director of the National Center for Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health, has been elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Election to the Institute is both an honor and an obligation to devote a significant amount of volunteer time to committees studying health policy issues. Dr. Hinshaw also received the Centennial Medallion Award from the University of Arizona, recognizing her as a distinguished alumna. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Arizona in 1975.

Judy Flanagan ’72, after 13 years of practice as a midwife, is enrolled in the Public Administrator Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Judy’s daughter, Laura, has just begun her undergraduate work at Yale College.

Harriet ’78 and Ray ’80 Fellows proudly announce the birth of their second child, Sarah Elizabeth, in December, 1989.


Danuta I. Bujak ’81 has been an Instructor of Medicine and a clinical research coordinator at the New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY since 1986. In 1988 Danuta received an Arthritis Health Professions Association research grant from the Arthritis Foundation to conduct a pilot project entitled, “The Natural History of Lyme Disease: A Long Term Follow-up of Patients Diagnosed in Westchester County from 1980-1987.” She has also received additional funding from the NYC Arthritis Foundation to support another research project, “The Role of Education in Lyme Disease Prevention.” In addition Danuta co-authored an article, “Lyme Disease: A Review of Its Clinical Features,” with Arthur Weinstein, MD that appeared in the New York State Medical Journal. More recently she was a guest speaker at the New York State Coalition of Nurse Practitioners Annual Meeting in October, 1989, where she again spoke on Lyme disease.

Kristen Kreamer ’82, Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Maine School of Nursing, was one of ten nurses from across the country who have been honored by the US Public Health Service for their work with people with HIV infection and AIDS. Kristen has developed several provider education programs for caregivers and has been involved in establishing housing for infected persons.

Beth Baldwin ’84 was married in August, 1989 to Chris Tigges and moved to Albuquerque, NM. In addition to continuing work on her doctorate at Columbia University, she is developing and teaching the pediatric curriculum for the new Family Nurse Practitioner Master’s Program at the University of New Mexico College of Nursing. The Program is designed to train FNP’s for practice in rural, medically underserved areas.

Adele Pike ’84, Nurse Specialist at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA, started a group with another colleague which is called, “Focus on Excellence,” open to senior surgical nursing staff at BI. The purpose of the group is to, “recognize and reward excellence in clinical practice and to identify knowledge embedded in practice through group discussion.”

Judith Floyd ’86, has accepted a position as a Clinical Nurse Specialist with the Radiation Oncology Center at Meriden-Wallingford Hospital in Meriden, CT. The Center, directed by the Hartford Hospital Radiation Oncology Group and the University of Connecticut Health Center, expands the services available to cancer patients and their families to include the full complement of modalities most often used to treat cancer. Judy reports that, “The philosophy of respect and team work filters through every aspect of the department — to the patients and to those of us who work in the departments.”

Catherine Borkowski ’87, also a Nurse Specialist at Beth Israel in Boston, co-conducted a Multiple Sclerosis Support Group in Milford, MA last Fall through the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The group was designed for individuals with few visible symptoms of MS, but who are experiencing some physical limitations and emotional adjustments.

Other YSN graduates who have recently joined the Beth Israel, Boston, MA staff are Barbara Wolfe Walton ’87, Research Nurse, Psychiatry; and Dorothy Wright ’88, Clinical Nurse.
NOMINATION
FOR DISTINGUISHED/OUTSTANDING
ALUMNAE/I AWARDS
1990

The tradition of honoring outstanding Alumnae/i was started at the time of the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1973. It is a very special opportunity to honor colleagues and classmates who have distinguished themselves with special talents and achievements. We again solicit your nominations of YSN alums who, you feel, should be recognized in this way. Those Alumnae/i who were suggested last year will be considered along with new ones submitted before April 2. These awards will be presented during the Alumnae/i Weekend in June. The deadline for receipt of your nomination is April 2. Please send them to the Mary Bast at the above address.

Review the criteria below and provide as much specific information as possible to indicate the ways in which your nominee meets these criteria. You may wish to solicit help from your friends or colleagues. A Curriculum Vitae would be helpful, if one is available. The committee will also seek additional information on nominees where necessary.

Criteria for eligibility for nomination:

Achievement and outstanding contributions to any of the following categories:
- Teaching and scholarship
- Clinical practice
- Leadership
- Research in clinical nursing
- Community/Society
- YSN growth and development

Explanation:
1. How is the achievement or contribution beyond the normal expectation of the activity or position?
2. How is the achievement or contribution unique and innovative having more than local impact?
3. Describe how the service to YSN/Community/Profession is continuous and sustaining?
4. How do the activities contribute to the development of new dimensions and directions in nursing?

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