RESTRICTURING FOR CHANGE: A Move in the Right Direction
From the Dean

The themes in this Yale Nurse need no illumination. They are clearly about building for the future. I see the next five years as a culminating process, the result of the past five years of evaluating, planning, and laying the foundation for our next stage of development.

I hope the next five years are active ones. I’m tired of planning and ready for some results! I think I can finally promise you some in the form of a new building, some closure on the proposed doctoral program, inclusion in the University’s billion dollar Campaign, a consolidated new organizational structure for the School, and five years full of action and results!

The legacy of each of the previous Deans of the School has been to move it to a new level of accomplishment. You have all helped get me ready for that next leap. Actually, the School (as embodied in its faculty, students, and alumnae/i) moves ahead on its own. The Dean simply has to have the stamina to go along for the ride! That’s what is so wonderful about the YSN experience.

I hope this issue of the Yale Nurse achieves its purpose — to bring together the past and the present in a way that points us with renewed energy toward the future!

Judy Krauss

President’s Reunion Update

By now you should have received your program and reservation form describing the events planned for Alumnae/i Weekend, June 7-9. Perhaps this timely and provocative topic, "Empowering the Nurse as a Practitioner," will engage your interest and spark your curiosity as it relates to your own work experience. We are certainly privileged to have such an impressive cast of characters participating over the three days.

In fact, this will be the last reunion held at 855 Howard Avenue, so perhaps a sense of nostalgia will prevail upon you to return one more time to the old, familiar haunts. Call a fellow classmate, or even round up several. Plan to come together or meet here in New Haven. Read the article in this issue of Yale Nurse describing the mini-reunion organized by the Class of 1947W that took place in Florida this past January. The sense of excitement, pleasure, and warmth experienced by this group as they gathered and shared their life’s moments — after Yale and because of Yale — is almost tangible.

I hope you will decide to clear your calendar and make your reservations now. I just know you will be glad you made the effort!

Sincerely,
Marvel '70
Empowering the Soviet Nurse Through Educational Exchange

Dee Coover, Donna Young and Laurine Zatorski

Dee Coover is an Assistant Professor in the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program and Coordinator of Surgical Nursing at YSN. She will be speaking about her trip to Latvia on Thursday evening of Alumnae/i Weekend, along with her traveling companions, Donna Young, Vice-President for Nursing, Waterbury Hospital; and Laurine Zatorski, Nursing Director, Keggi Foundation, Waterbury, CT.

Empowerment of the nurse is not unique or limited to the present day American professional. Giving Soviet nurses reason to believe that change in their practice is not only necessary but possible became the mission of the Keggi Foundation Nurse Exchange Program during August 1989.

Little did we three nurse-representatives know how opportune the time was for change in the clinical setting and educational system of Soviet nursing! Our primary objective was to investigate current nursing practices in the Soviet Union with an eye to offering some special educational assistance, particularly for nurses who cared for patients with total hip replacements.

The Keggi Foundation was established in 1988 for the purpose of promoting an educational exchange between physicians in the Soviet Union and the United States. The program offered specialized training in joint replacement procedures to Soviet orthopedic surgeons.

As a result of the Foundation physician training program, numerous joint replacement procedures were performed on Soviet patients. The arrival of Western surgical expertise was welcomed in several major Soviet cities including Riga, Latvia, the birthplace of Dr. Kristaps Keggi, director of the program; Moscow, Kiev, Tashkent, Vilnius, and Tolland.

Within a year following the commencement of the Soviet physicians’ study program, the need for Soviet nurses to visit the United States to learn about the intricacies of perioperative nursing care of patients with joint replacement became obvious. Two nurses from the Latvian Institute of Orthopedics and Traumatology (LIO&T) spent several weeks during April 1989 observing American nurses in action with patients, especially those with total hip replacements, in a variety of care settings.

When the nurses returned home to their own hospital, they were eager to use the new knowledge and skills they had learned while...
in the United States. However, their enthusiasm quickly waned because they were only two nurses attempting to make changes within a large and, by comparison to American standards, antiquated system.

As more and more joint replacement surgeries were performed on patients treated at the Latvian Orthopedic Institute, there was no way that the two nurses could keep pace with assisting in the operating room and also find the time to provide inservice classes for their nursing colleagues in the special post-operative care requirements of these patients. The feeling was especially overwhelming for the staff nurses who were front line caregivers because they could not rely on the local nursing schools to furnish the training since these educational programs at present do not include instruction in such sophisticated nursing care techniques. Hence, there was an appeal to the Keggi Foundation to send nurses to the Institute to observe first-hand the patient care conditions and to assist with planning to meet the Soviet nurses' educational needs.

Our trip lasted two weeks. The three of us, one each representing administrative, clinical, and nursing education, were shown how patients are treated in the Institute for Orthopedics and Traumatology and two other orthopedic specialty hospitals in Latvia and Moscow. Our lives were dramatically changed by the conditions of the health care system, and nursing practice in particular, we observed. By the time we left, each of us felt intensely involved with our Soviet nursing counterparts and a keen sense of responsibility to share our expertise with these nurses.

The most important discovery we made was that in countries with vast high-tech capabilities, and in those places with relatively little resources, caring is at the heart of nursing. And this phenomenon also holds true in Soviet healthcare facilities. However, by comparison to American standards, Soviet nurses labor under very difficult conditions regardless of their specialty or work environment.

Lack of adequate staffing is a
severe and constant problem in Latvia. Nurse-patient ratios often run as wide as two nurses to 50 to 60 patients. The dearth of resources largely is due to the low status afforded nurses, poor pay ($125 per month is the average salary!) and education comes at a very early age. Most educational programs are two years in length and admit students (women and men) beginning at age 12-13 years! Knowing this fact makes one wonder if the consistently high attrition rate in nursing bears an inverse relationship to the developmental stage of its entry level personne! No “professional” recognition is accorded to nurses and doctors with the Soviet employment culture. This fact is borne out in the lack of registration or certification of these healthcare workers.

Faculty from the Medical School #4, the largest nursing program in Riga, displayed considerable interest in the American two-year, diploma and baccalaureate degree nursing curricula. We learned that throughout Latvia, there is much discussion among nurses and individuals who are responsible for nurse training (not always nurses) about upgrading the education standards. In fact, our trip coincided with a meeting in Moscow of nurses from several major Soviet cities to consider new nursing curricula to be implemented throughout the USSR.

Observation of the classrooms and the teaching aids contained in cabinets, e.g., white enamel enema cans, glass syringes of all sizes, etc. or the outdated journals and books, e.g., the most recent publications bearing dates in the 1970’s, located in the library of School #4 revealed the restricted scope of education the students receive. There was no such thing as disposable supplies at the school or in the hospital settings. At the time of our visit, students were on summer vacation so we were not able to interview them regarding their feelings about their nursing studies.

Recently, with some negotiation, part of the Keggi Foundation commitment to educational exchange for Soviet nurses has been realized. Two nurses, one from School #4 and the other from the Institute of Orthopedics and Traumatology will attend a short course in orthopedic nursing (four weeks) at Oxford University during the months of April and May of this year. The expectation is that these two nurses will return to Riga to incorporate their learning into the School #4 curriculum and clinical setting.

To assist in the process of curriculum development and change, curricula representing American Associate Degree, Diploma and Baccalaureate Degree Programs have been forwarded to the Headmaster of School #4 and the “presidents” of the Soviet Nurses’ Association in Cesis, Latvia and Moscow. In turn, we were provided with the current curricula of the nursing schools in Riga and Cesis. Interestingly, the curriculum for nursing (and for physician training as well) supposedly is the same throughout the entire Soviet Union. Any revision must be considered by the Minister of Health located in Moscow before implementation.

As first-time visitors, we felt very

Antiquated patient care conditions, especially infection control
complimented and excited by the interest displayed in American nursing education and requests for actual curricula. Our long-term educational exchange program objective is to bring to the U.S. four nursing educators, two at a time, for four to six weeks, each year. During their tenure with us, they would be placed with faculty in nursing programs that were “in session,” and attend classes, observe student clinical experiences first hand, and also work under the tutelage of a faculty mentor, develop a class or course that would include behavioral objectives, lesson plans, exams, etc. to be used in their native educational setting.

Turning to the clinical setting, we found that Soviet staff nurses were just as eager as their education counterparts to seek our support and guidance relative to improving and upgrading their nursing care practices. We saw and learned many astonishing things, but perhaps one of the most startling findings was the lack of written procedures!

The absence of standardized protocols, which we learned is very common, is based on the premise that all nurses in the Soviet Union receive the same basic information in their training programs. This being the case, no time or energy is allocated to orient new staff to patient care practices or provide inservice classes relative to new procedures! When we spoke of staff development in terms of inservice education, the Soviet nurses did not understand the concept of “in-service” even though our interpreter was quite facile with translation of English into the Latvian language.

Now that total hip replacement surgeries are being done with some regularity at the Institute, the nurses’ need for ongoing education is obvious. Even though the physicians provide the more complex direct patient care procedures, nurses are eager to know what outcomes to expect following the various surgical interventions. And, much like the situation in the United States, there is a growing number of elderly patients who seek care in Soviet healthcare facilities each year. These individuals manifest problems common to the older adult population, but also their operative risks are potentially greater due to the poor nutritional status of the Soviet people in general. Clearly, knowledge specifically focused on patient care related to joint replacement would empower the nurse tremendously. Our long term goal for the clinical nurse exchange is similar to the plan for nurse educators.

In the meantime, we are sending nursing journal articles and texts that focus on clinical issues, such as proper handwashing techniques, preventive measures for the control of AIDS, essentials of wound care, post-operative management strategies for specific orthopedic surgical procedures to the nurses working at the Institute. While these materials are written in English, the nurses are confident that they can easily get the information translated into Latvian and possibly Russian.

The major concern is that the physicians will usurp the materials for their own use since recent Western publications are difficult to obtain. More especially is the consideration that current knowledge or information represents power. The regard for women is much less than for nurses so that opportunities or materials are targeted first to men who generally are hospital administrators, then to physicians.

This is a wonderfully exciting time for international exchange in nursing. Recent and ongoing events in top level Soviet and Baltic State politics only heighten the possibility of change and rapid modernization of the profession of nursing even for the grass roots caregiver. The Keggi Foundation believes patients deserve quality nursing care. To achieve this end, the aim of the organization is to support and empower Soviet nurses through educational exchange with their American counterparts so that excellence in nursing practice is reflected in better health care for Soviet citizens.
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Eileen Giammanco ’90 has announced her recent engagement to John Riccardi. She and John will be married on August 25, 1990 and plan to reside at 726 Robert Frost Drive, Branford, CT 06405.

Catherine Heer ’91, who is enrolled in the MSN/MPH joint degree program at Yale, has been awarded the Downs International Fellowship for study in the summer of 1990. She will be doing research in the Nile Delta in Egypt as part of a two year prospective study on the incidence of acute respiratory infection in children age 12 and under. Catherine will be looking at nutritional status as a link to ARI and vitamin A status as an early predictor of nutritional status.

Honor a relative, a friend, a classmate, or a colleague with a memorial gift to the YSN Reference Room.

A book, or possibly an endowment for a journal subscription, would be a lasting way to commemorate your loved one.

The YSN Librarian would be happy to assist you with the selection of a suitable title.

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Beyond Bricks and Mortar

The Yale School of Nursing is going to have a new building! The University has commissioned the architectural firm of Williams and Tsien to design and oversee the construction of the new School of Nursing, to be located on the corner of Howard and Congress Avenues on what is known in Medical Center circles as Lot 5. We have already begun the planning and design process and anticipate moving into the new building within a three-year time frame. In the interim we will relocate to the Grace Building, where Yale-New Haven Hospital will renovate four floors to the specifications of the School. Our "temporary" quarters will be attractively refurbished and will replicate all of our current space and functions so that we might remain whole and fully operational as our new building is under construction.

The relocation of the School into new quarters not only meets our needs for expansion but meets Yale-New Haven Hospital’s needs for the construction of a Children’s Pavilion and replacement bed tower for the old Memorial Unit building. The Hospital will build its new structure on the site of the current School of Nursing, thus the need for us to temporarily relocate while our new building is underway.

The new School of Nursing building will represent an expansion of approximately 21,000 square feet, the total square footage of the new building will be about 50,000. This will allow us to add much needed classroom space; space for a proposed doctoral program; expanded computer, audio-visual, reference, and laboratory space; improved faculty office space; a lecture hall/auditorium; and enhanced public space. The building will be jointly financed by the University and the Hospital. Of course, President Schmidt has already asked me to begin a campaign strategy to offset the University costs. You will hear more about that at a later date once we have determined the size and scope of the budget for the project. There will be opportunities for those of you who are so inclined to consider contributions for named seminar rooms, conference rooms, or even the whole building! And, we will undoubtedly want to create memorial gardens and the like.

Some of you have already expressed concern about various plantings which have been donated over the years to the current School. It is not clear at this time whether we will be able to preserve our current plantings for use in or around the new building. However, we do intend to find homes for all of our plantings elsewhere on campus if they cannot be used at the new School. I intend to have conversations with both the Dean of the School of Medicine and the President of the Hospital concerning our memorial plantings, possibly finding a single location that might make a suitable place for all or most of the plantings. We do intend to contact those individuals who have made major donations to our landscaping efforts to keep them apprised of our thoughts and decisions.

As to the new building and the planning process, we are already under full steam! I have constituted a two-tiered Building Committee comprised of the Board of Permanent Officers (the tenured faculty) as the first tier and the YSN Executive Committee as the second tier. This allows us a small working Committee of senior faculty to make ongoing decisions but provides for broader input of faculty, staff, and students through the Executive Committee. Barb Reif, the Director of Alumnae/i and Student Affairs, represents you on the Executive Committee. And, we will plan for formal presentations to the YSN Alumnae/i Board throughout the design process. At the moment, we are still at the "massing" stage of planning; that is, the architects are working with us to understand our program needs and are making proposals about the size/mass of the building to house those programs. The first massing diagrams and models will be presented to the Executive Committee later this month. We should have sketches and/or models to show you in the next Yale Nurse.

Starting with this very issue of the Yale Nurse, we are making efforts to preserve (in the historical sense) memories and pictures of buildings past and present. It is simply true that we must rather literally let go of our current building in order to move on to a new and expanded one. We will try to let people know when the date is set for the implosion of the current building. I know some of you might want to witness it, others will want to quietly note it on your calendars, and still others will want to banish the date from all conscious memory! The transformation from one building to the other will surely be a bittersweet experience for many of us; but most change (even welcome change) has its share of pain in the making.

We are not only transforming our bricks and mortar but transforming the very structure of YSN. We have committed ourselves to a new divisional structure which will go into place effective July 1, 1990, coincidental with the move to the Grace Building. We have organized all of our programs of study into five major Divisions as outlined below:

**ADULT HEALTH**
Chairperson to be announced

Adult and Family Nurse Practitioner Program
Gail D’Eramo-Melmus, Program Director

Medical-Surgical Nursing Program
Mairead Hickey, Program Director

Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Program
Program Director to be announced

**CHILD HEALTH**
Madelon Visintainer Baranoski, Chairperson
Child Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Program  
Sandra Giangrande, Acting Program Director  
Pediatric Clinical Specialist Program  
Linda Lewandowski, Program Director  
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program  
Susan Van Cleve, Program Director  

COMMUNITY HEALTH  
Phyllis Pallett, Chairperson  

NURSING RESEARCH AND POLICY STUDIES  
Jane Dixon, Chairperson  

NON-NURSE COLLEGE GRADUATE  
James Fain, Chairperson  

As you can see, these Divisions have led us to a regrouping of our major programs of study. I would emphasize that we have not eliminated any programs, simply reorganized them. The reasons for the reorganization are numerous. We believe the new organization will foster cross-specialty interaction of students through the creation of more core courses and final year concentrations. We also believe the new organization will facilitate collaborative research and scholarship efforts on the part of the faculty. The new organization will allow a redistribution of staff resources, including the creation of a much enhanced Business and Grants Office. And, we think this configuration will make a better fit with the proposed doctoral program. Finally, the divisional structure introduces some increased flexibility with faculty positions, allowing us to recruit individuals who may meet needs in more than one program of study.

We will use our temporary relocation in the Grace Building to test out our new structure and to refine it even as we plan for our new building. We are excited about the possibility of reorganizing in both the conceptual and physical sense. Indeed, we believe that the move will enable us to better test the new structure because we can rearrange faculty and staff offices according to the new organization.

In a very real sense our new building reminds us that we are the architects of our future — the future of YSN and the future of nursing!

Barbara Reif Named Director of New Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office

Dean Judith Krauss is “delighted” to announce that Barbara Reif has accepted the position of Director of Student and Alumnae/i Affairs at YSN. Barb has been a member of the staff since 1973 and most recently has been the Registrar of the School. She brings years of familiarity with YSN, its culture and traditions, and an intimate working knowledge of the Student Affairs side of the operation. Barb has already begun working with the YSN Alumnae/i Board as it plans the upcoming Alumnae/i College and she has assumed her role as liaison between the Dean and the alumnae/i. She and Dean Krauss will be planning an active travel schedule for the coming academic year as Judy tries to develop more regular contact with the alums near and far. Barb knows many of our more recent graduates quite well, as she admitted, registered, and guided them through YSN; but she would like to get to know some of the not so recent graduates and will accompany Judy on her alumnae/i trips in order to do so.

Barb's appointment marks a structural change in the Alumnae/i and Student Affairs offices. These two offices have been merged into one administrative unit, adding a new staff member. This change reflects the belief that alumnae/i and student affairs are all part of the same continuum of connection to YSN. The work of continuing the tradition of fostering early and long alumnae/i loyalty starts with the currently enrolled students and extends to those who are celebrating 60th reunions! When the School of Nursing relocates to its temporary quarters and then to its new building, the offices will be physically merged as well. This will mean enhanced staffing for the Alumnae/i Affairs part of the operation and will maximize the computer and information systems.

States Dean Krauss, “I am eager that as many of you as possible have the opportunity to meet Barb. Once you do, you will be as pleased as I am that she has agreed to take on this vital new position. Please join me in congratulating her!”
YSN Through the Years

Brady Building

Nathan Smith Hall (Dormitory)

Grace Education Building, July, 1976 - April, 1977

YSN renovated
Circa 1972, pre-renovation

Grace Building, July, 1990 - 1993

New building, Congress and Howard Avenues
As a nurse, the greatest contribution that Nombulelo Cingo believes she can make toward bettering the lives of the people in her native South Africa is to learn as much as she can about her profession. The greater her knowledge, she feels, the more she can improve health care in the racially segregated and politically volatile country.

Her commitment to providing the best possible medical care to her fellow citizens has brought Ms. Cingo halfway around the globe to the Yale School of Nursing, where she has been able to devote herself full-time to enriching her education.

Since coming to Yale last September, Ms. Cingo has been observing firsthand how nurses are trained at an American university.

When she returns to South Africa in May, she hopes to apply some of what she has learned about nursing education at Yale to the Glen Grey Hospital in her "homeland" of Transkei, where she serves as a midwife and a tutor in the hospital's nursing school.

Her visit, made possible by a Career Development Fellowship from the International Institute of Education (IIE) and Yale University, marks the first time that a professional South African nurse has come to the Yale School of Nursing to observe its educational programs. In January, she was joined by fellow South African Albina Kekana, who is also visiting the school on an IIE/Yale fellowship.

Ms. Cingo, who is more familiarly known at the nursing school as "Buli," has spent two weeks in each of the various curriculum "tracks" offered to students at the school, including basic research, community nursing, nurse-midwifery, medical-surgical nursing, pediatric nursing and psychiatric-mental health nursing. She has also met with faculty and administrators at the school to discuss their goals and theories about nursing education.

She has been most impressed with the close relationship between faculty members and students at the nursing school. "The teaching here is more informal, which makes for a lot of openness between students and teachers," says Ms. Cingo, who also spent a two-week period observing nursing education at Southern Connecticut...
ERRATUM: BEYOND BRICKS AND MORTAR, PAGE 7

DUE TO A TYPESETTING ERROR THE NURSE-MIDWIFERY PROGRAM WAS OMITTED FROM THE LISTING OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS UNDER THE ADULT HEALTH DIVISION. NEEDLESS TO SAY THE NURSE-MIDWIFERY PROGRAM IS ALIVE, WELL AND PROSPERING UNDER THE ABLE DIRECTORSHIP OF HELEN BURST! APOLOGIES TO ALL.
State University. “Students have a greater opportunity to pursue independent research and to put theory into practice by working for different community agencies, in clinics or at hospitals.”

In South Africa, in contrast, nurses receive basic training at one hospital over four years and then must pursue further education if they wish to have a specialty, according to Ms. Cingo.

“It is very difficult because our resources are limited and education is very expensive,” she says. “There is very little financial aid available, so most black students have to take breaks in their education to earn enough money. It can take a very long time to become trained in several different aspects of nursing.”

Her own desire to become acquainted with different fields of nursing has meant juggling work and study while also raising her 16-year-old daughter, Nozuko. She completed her basic training over 20 years ago but has since returned to school twice to study nursing education and psychiatric nursing.

Although she has found some similarities between health care in the U.S. and South Africa, Ms. Cingo has also observed major differences, especially in the countries’ health problems, she says.

“In South Africa, as in the U.S., we have a shortage of nurses, so we work long hours for low pay,” she explains. “But in my country, one of the biggest health problems in malnutrition, caused by poor socioeconomic conditions for blacks. Although this problem exists here, it is not to the same degree as at home. On the other hand, we see very little drug abuse in South Africa and rarely see patients with AIDS, which are dramatic problems in this country. I wasn’t as prepared to see these things as I might have been.”

Ms. Cingo also wasn’t prepared for the cold winters in New Haven, and is thankful for the support of friends and colleagues at the nursing school who came to her rescue with warm clothing. “The people here have been enormously helpful and kind to me, which has made my stay here very pleasant,” she says.

Although she believes that political, social and educational reforms in South Africa will take “a long, long time,” there are some changes that Ms. Cingo is convinced she can help to bring about in her country.

“I have watched the kind of care that Yale nursing students give to their patients,” she says. “They are very concerned, and they show it by really taking time with the people they care for. I have a lot of new ideas about how to help teach my own students, which I hope will change some of the attitudes in my country about nursing and caring for people. I will take back the good things I saw here to help people at home be the best nurses they can be.”
Reunion Dress Rehearsal for the Class of '47W

As plans for Alumnae/i College 1990 were beginning to take shape in New Haven, the Class of '47W was finalizing details for a dress rehearsal reunion in Naples, Florida. The place, The Cove Inn. The dates, January 17-19, 1990. The following “rave review” was received by the YSN Alumnae/i Association Office and because it is so delightful and full of news, it is printed verbatim. The message is loud and clear – reunions are wonderful events! So how about joining your fellow YSN grads this June? You will be so glad you did!

January 1990
Greetings, 1947W'ers, and other friends:

Our Florida reunion, as I saw it, was a resounding success, and I hope all who were there agree! What started as a hope, on Marge's (Takacs) part, that the Florida residents could get together during the time that I was in Florida, turned out to be a major get-together, the largest number present ever. It just might be that we should move our 50th out of New Haven!!

At first glance, we had all changed – a lot. Heavier, grayer, into wrinkles – all those things that happen to other people. But some things never change: voices-tones, inflections; gestures; smiles; the way we stand or walk. Memories are another thing. Some things we all remembered, but most of our memories were selective, and it was amazing how often someone said, “I don't remember that.” But sometimes memories returned, and we were brought together as we shared again our recollections of our Yale years, of our classes, our work on the floors, and our classmates. And we talked about you – all of you who weren't there. You should have come to defend yourselves!! We reminisced about our instructors, and about the five classmates no longer with us: Ginny, Burchette, Edie, Rosie and Germaine. We remembered those who left before we graduated and wondered what had happened to them.

We talked, too, about nursing – but not too much, since we haven't all been active in the field. And we talked about kids and grandkids, with me the only one totally unproductive! And Jan managed to mention the fund-raising a few times – enough. I hope, that all of us will try to make a contribution, however small, this year, so she will have one really good “percentage contributing” to her credit.

Just to keep the record straight, let me tell you whom came. This is of course for the benefit of those who didn't come, since I don't suppose any of those present will forget!

Becky Fields Blanchard and her husband Leon. Both have white hair and wear it well! Leon is scheduled for surgery on February 1 in Boston. We were so happy they could make the reunion.

Ruth Koons Fitzpatrick who came alone because Jack was on jury duty. To me, Ruth had changed less than anyone.

Jan Sanborn Hine, still working and very much into the current nursing scene. Any gray carefully concealed!

Barbara Brundage Johnson and her congenial husband, Dutch. We had to know how he got the name DUTCH, and of course, it went back to his Michigan undergraduate days. Barb didn't remember that we usually went by our last names.

Mary Creech Osborne and her husband Bob. They are the newly-weds of the group, ten years in April. Mary still has that sweet smile and a touch of “Georgia” in her voice.

Dorothy Peavy who left her three cats behind for the 24 hours in Naples. Dottie is still the “quiet one.”

Marge Takacs Silverman and her husband Robert aka Bob. They came a day early because the wind was so strong on the Keys that fishing was “out.” Unfortunately, it was still blowing when they got home!

Betsy Eaton O’Neil who offered the hospitality of her home on Sanibel Island. Jan and Ruth spent a night with her, and Bill and I visited for an evening. She's in a charming location, right on the beach.

And last (and least), Bill and I. Naturally, I’m the only one who hasn't changed! For some reason, I’m still the tallest in the class, but I am no longer the broadest. That is supposition on my part, as we did not discuss the breadth of our beams, nor the percentage increase in circumference.

On the 17th, The Osbornes, Johnsons, Blanchards and Shopps went out to dinner, and we
talked up a storm. It almost seemed that we would have nothing further to discuss, but not true.
On the afternoon of the 18th, Mary, Marge, Dottie and I sat around the pool and continued our reminiscing. Later, Betsy, Jan and Ruth arrived, and Beckey and Leon returned from a trip to the bird sanctuary. Some swam, some chattered. And we kept thinking of more things that had happened — and more people. Later, we shared pictures. Jan with coke bottle caps in her eyes, Welt barefoot in OR attire, Rosie's car, Mary with a pediatric burn patient. We talked about that great OB drama we produced. Remember "papa Judy?" Then there was Dottie with her VNA bag, Barb in front of Sterling [?], etc., etc. Fat sent pictures of her family along with a letter for sharing. Germaine's Bill wrote and we shared his letter.
Then to dinner and talk went on and on. Only problem was trying to hear what everyone was saying! And after dinner, still more. We didn't seem to run out of talk. Everyone was interested in families, husband, homes, work, GOLF ... Dottie left early the next morning, and the rest of us met for breakfast. The coffee shop crew knew we were seeing each other after 40 years, and added to the pleasantness of the occasion.
All too soon, it was over. We were packing, checking out, and saying our good-byes. And I was promising to send pictures, and to report our "gathering" to the alumni office. And I think all of us felt good about being together, and sharing our memories and our lives. We all think we should do it again, and our 50th seems the appropriate time, so do put that on your calendar, NOW, and we will try to find a place where wheelchairs and walkers can be accommodated!!!!!!
Last, but not least, Yale did give us all something very special. Regardless of where we went following school, we did have an education unmatched. Five of our classmates and at least two of the ones who did not finish have died. I know we all feel closer to each other, and to YSN, and hopefully, some of us will follow Jan's exhortations and give . . .
The pictures enclosed were not made under the best of circumstances, lighting and location, but I hope you will enjoy having them.

Affectionately,
Evelyn Hamil Shopp

(From left to right: Jan Sanborn Hine, Barbara Brundage Johnson, Mary Creech Osborne, Evelyn Hamil Shopp, Ruth Koons Fitzpatrick, Becky Fields Blanchard, Marge Takacs Silverman, Dorothy Peavy, Betsy Eaton O'Neill '47W)
Faculty Notes

Dorothy Baker, Associate Professor in the Community Health Nursing Program and doctoral student in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at Yale, has been awarded a Doctoral Dissertation Grant by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service. Her research entitled, "Impact of Toileting Dependence on Home Care Changes," examines whether those who are dependent in toileting generate higher expenditures for formal home care and how various levels of disability can affect the pattern of use of home care services.


Terry Fulmer, Associate Professor, Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, has recently been named a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.

Tish Knobf '82, Assistant Professor, Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, attended an invitational workshop on The Role of the Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist in Boston on March 22-23, 1990. The workshop was sponsored by Massachusetts General Hospital.


Diane Matousek Prooper '84, Program Instructor in Medical-Surgical Nursing and the Program for Non-Nurse College Graduates, will be presenting an education exhibit entitled, "Using ONS Practice Standards as a Curricular Framework," at the 1990 Oncology Nursing Society Congress to be held in Washington, D.C. in May.

Anne M. Teitelman '85, Lecturer, Community Health Nursing Program, et al. published the results of research conducted in New Haven between 1980 and 1982 in an article entitled, Effect of maternal work activity on preterm birth and low birth weight. (1990) American Journal of Epidemiology, 131:1. This work was supported by grants from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Drug Abuse, and the Yale-New Haven Hospital William Wirt Winchester Fund.

Mary Young '86, Assistant Professor, Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, has presented "Malnutrition and Wound Healing" and "Malnutrition and Surgical Outcome" at several area meetings and conferences sponsored by Yale-New Haven Hospital, the local chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, the Regional VNA, and a wound healing/pressure sore conference in Binghamton, NY.

Faculty and students from the Nurse Midwifery Program have been highly visible over the last year in the areas of research, publications and presentations:

RESEARCH COMPLETED

Susan Andrews and Margaret Beal (Principal Investigator)
"Intrapartum and Postpartum Infection and Antibiotic Treatment in Relation to Antepartum Chlamydia Treatment," funded by Yale University School of Nursing, Small Grants Program.

Terri Clark-Coler
Sociolinguistic Analysis of Medical Discourse, PhD Oral Examination Paper successfully defended July 17, 1989, University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Dept. of Sociology.

Why are Medical Ethical Dilemmas So Difficult? PhD Oral Examination Paper successfully defended July 17, 1989, UCSD, Sociology.


Barbara Decker

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Susan Andrews
The Meaning of The Event: Counseling Needs of Patients with STDs, 22nd Annual Con-
Class News


Margaret Beal

Helen Burst
“Hospital Practice Privileges: Overview, Definitions, Credentialing Mechanisms, Rights and Responsibilities, JCAH Role and Functions.” Plenary Session Speaker, Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, San Diego, California, June 6, 1989.


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Dorothy Aldrich ’31 resides with her sister Hazel near Homedale, Idaho where they have been living since Dorothy’s retirement in 1973. After graduation in 1931 Dorothy, who will be celebrating her 86th birthday on November 10, returned home to Idaho and began her professional work during the Depression when she, “did a lot of home nursing.” She wound up her long and varied working career at the Homedale Nursing Home 42 years later. A recent article which was published in The Owyhee Avalanche featured Dorothy and her sister Hazel whose lives, experiences and longtime “roots” helped to provide insight into the local history of their hometown area. Dorothy states, “I think we’ve had a good life . . . If we had stayed in the East, we would have been stifled by culture.”

Joan Cost Lester '67 lives in Rome, Italy with her husband, Lee, an international businessman; and daughter, Elena, who has been accepted under early decision at Williams College, Class of 1994. Elena is an honors student and National Merit award quarter-finalist from Marymount International School where she earned two diplomas, regular American high school and international baccalaureate. Recently Joan who has been a volunteer with the American Red Cross since 1984 was awarded the “People Helping People” Medal and Certificate of Commendation for her work in creating the American Red Cross presence in Rome, for organizing the first CPR courses in English there, for training instructors and setting up CPR programs in the four American high schools in Rome, for organizing the first AIDS education programs in the English-speaking schools, and for her dedication to health care in the community. Joan has been named Volunteer Regional Chairman for Italy and at another special ceremony was presented the American Red Cross’s Exceptional Volunteer Award for, “making a real difference in the health care of the Rome-Naples area.” Joan reports that the Yale Nurse is, “a breath of stimulating air for me to read over here, in one of the world’s most fascinating cities, but so far away from YSN!”

Virginia “Ginger” Capasso ’80 and her husband are expecting their fourth child in April. He or she will join Tommy, 11, Maureen, 9, and Meghan, 8 at their home in Reading, Massachusetts. Ginger is a Cardiovascular-Pulmonary CNS on the Surgical Nursing Service at Massachusetts General Hospital, as well as an Adjunct Assistant Professor on the faculty of the MGH Institute of Health Professions. In her “spare” time she is a Lecturer for the graduate program at Boston College where she precepts students in the Acute Care Program (CNS track).

Margaret J. Cushman ’76 President of VNA Group, Inc., Plainville, CT received the Creative Tribute Award for excellence and creative achievement for the Creative Thinking Association of America at its recent meeting in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Cushman was recognized for her extraordinary dedication and tireless effort to care for others and advance the nursing profession.

Jane Fall ’81 is an Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist at the newly formed Cancer Institute of the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

Richard Jennings ’79, CNM, has been named Director of Nurse Midwifery at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. He will maintain his role as Director of the hospital’s Birthing Suite which opened three years ago to provide a more “home-like” setting for natural childbirth. Richard also serves as Clinical Instructor and
Several YSN Alums will present at the Oncology Nursing Society Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in May, 1990:

**Debi Welch-McCaffrey '79**, Clinical Nurse Specialist at University Hospital, Oregon Health Services University, Portland, Oregon, will be a member of a panel addressing the topic, “Virtuoso Practice of Clinical Nurse Specialists: Empowerment Through Excellence,” and **Karen Kane-McDonnell '83**, Nurse Manager, Radiation Oncology, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, will take part in a panel discussion around, “Radiation Oncology: New Challenges for the Advanced Practitioner.” Karen is the Principal Investigator of a research study, “Myelosuppressive effects of radiation therapy,” and has received a research award from Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Chi Chapter, at Boston College.

**Luc Pelletier '82** has recently published the following articles:


He was also named judge for the Psychiatric Mental Health Books of the Year for the *American Journal of Nursing*, and the Editor of the *Directory of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses in California* (Second Edition).

**Marilyn McEnhill** has relocated to the West Coast and is working as an Oncology Clinical Specialist at Children’s Hospital in Oakland.

Marilyn spent a few years after graduation in Boston before returning “home” to San Francisco. Her new address is 7 Casa Way, Apt. #4, San Francisco, CA 94123.

**Lawrence D. Scahill '89**, Associate Research Scientist at the Child Study Center, Yale University has the following publications to his credit.


**Laura Mahony '83** married John Doyle in January, 1990 and after honeymooning in Mexico joined the staff at Maternity Center Association in Bethesda, MD as a midwife. In addition to births at the center, she will be participating in home births.
WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION
WITH DEAN JUDITH KRAUSS

ANA CONVENTION 1990

Tuesday, June 19, 6-8 p.m.
Boston, Massachusetts

All YSN alums and faculty who are planning to attend the American Nurses' Association Convention in Boston this June are cordially invited to join Dean Judy Krauss and Director of Student and Alumnae/i Affairs, Barbara Reif, for refreshments and conversation, at a wine and cheese reception to be held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel and Towers, 39 Dalton Street (next to Hynes Convention Center), Boston, MA, on Tuesday, June 19, 6-8 p.m. Even if you are not planning to attend the Convention but expect to be anywhere in the area on that evening, please stop by and join us for some festivity and fellowship. It would be wonderful to see you! Please tear off the form below and return it to:

Barbara Reif
Yale University School of Nursing
855 Howard Avenue, P.O. Box 9740
New Haven, CT 06536-0740

This will help us to get a head count.

Name_________________________________________ Class_______

Address__________________________________________

___ I will definitely attend the reception on June 19.
___ I hope to attend the reception on June 19.
___ I wish I could attend the reception on June 19 but am unable to this time. Please keep me posted about future events.