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From the Dean

I don't know about you, but for me Spring is a time for taking stock and renewal. It's a little more illuminating to think about where you have been and where you are going when the sun is shining, the trees are budding, and the flowers are in bloom!

This has certainly been a year of “stock-taking” for YSN. We successfully completed a National League for Nursing site visit at the end of February. The site visitors have recommended that YSN be granted full and continuing accreditation for eight years. Of course, the Board of Review must meet in October to review the Visitors’ Report and to make final recommendations, and although we were all glad to be finished with the self-study process, we also experienced a reaffirmation that the “Yale Model” is still on the cutting edge of specialist nursing practice and that our faculty, students, and graduates hold a unique and proud place in the profession of nursing.

Simultaneous with the NLN review, we have been undergoing a University review and we just completed a major site visit with the Kellogg Foundation for consideration of a community-based, multidisciplinary, primary care curriculum, proposed jointly by the Schools of Nursing, Medicine, and Public Health. These latter two reviews have been conducted largely by non-nurses some of whom have a major stake in shaping health care policy and others of whom know little of health care, let alone the nursing profession. Herein lies the challenge of the next decade. We must find ways to make ourselves more visible, understandable, and central to the health care mission of this country. That challenge is not ours alone; indeed, we must challenge those outside the profession to stop behaving as if we are invisible.

The Yale School of Nursing has been an important beacon, guiding the development and definition of nursing practice and research over the years. We have always been risk takers and boundary pushers and question askers. That is the nature of a school of nursing in a great university like Yale. It strikes me that it has gotten easier to ask the tough questions and propose new directions within nursing, but that we still face some pretty primitive bias and ignorance once we step outside the discipline, almost more so as we get stronger and more collective as a profession. Certainly in this year of taking stock, I have had to remind myself not to be discouraged or disgusted in the face of such ignorance or bias but, rather, to take it as an opportunity to shape ideas and impressions of the nursing profession. In this year of taking stock I am grateful that I come from such good stock — Yale stock — and that I am simply part of a legacy of Yale nurses who know the answer before the stocktakers can even think of the question and who, more importantly, know that it is the next question, not the answer, that really makes a difference!

20 Year Celebration

Advocates for Child Psychiatric Nursing, an organization formed at YSN, will hold its annual conference on September 26-28, 1991 at the Marriott Hotel in Stamford, CT.

The conference, entitled Evolution of Nursing and Child Advocacy: A Twenty Year Celebration, marks the twentieth anniversary of the organization. Presentations will focus on advanced practice issues, inpatient milieu, child and adolescent mental health policy and new research. Special events are also planned in honor of the twentieth anniversary.

The conference is being co-sponsored by the Yale Child Study Center, Yale School of Nursing and Yale New-Haven Hospital. For more information contact Maureen Hardin, MSN or Larry Scahill, MSN, MPH at the Yale Child Study Center, P.O. Box 3333, New Haven, CT 06510, 203-785-5880.
Heidi Miller first joined the staff of the Yale School of Nursing on Friday, September 13, 1968. At that time the “reference room” consisted of two shelves of books with a recipe box for cards, located in the Brady Building. We now have 6500 volumes and 82 subscriptions and the student body has climbed from 24 students to 199 this year! Heidi has also served under three deans — Arnstein, Diers, and Krauss — and has regaled us over the years with many an anecdote from a rich repertoire of experiences.

Heidi is well known to many YSN alums. Her knowledge of library systems and acerbic wit have been a cornerstone of our community for several decades. She has given much to the School and its graduates, not the least of which is a “Special Collection” which she compiled in her spare time and which is a database of YSN’s historical holdings. It contains mementos past and present, books, documents, photographs, and other memorabilia which tell the story of our School. It is Heidi’s hope that this record will continue to grow and be useful to all. What a wonderful gift!

Heidi’s retirement plans include a year in New York state where her husband has undertaken a special project, with trips back and forth to the island of Nevis in the West Indies where they are building a home for eventual fulltime living. Although the Millers first discovered Nevis through relatives who had already succumbed to its charm, they long ago decided to retire there. The island, the prettiest of all according to Heidi, is tiny, only 36 square miles, and has no harbor for commercial shipping. The economy is essentially based on tourism — although it is no easy place to get to! — sugar, cotton, and coconuts. Perhaps its one claim to fame is that it is the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton. Heidi’s current “ambitions” are to swim twice a day, sail, and see what may come up that looks interesting. We wish her well in her golden years.

As a final tribute to her years in the Reference Room, Heidi shared a wonderfully humorous collection of vignettes that she had collected over the years. It was her swan song and she claims they truly happened, with no embellishment necessary. We share some of them with you.

Vignettes from the Daily Life of a YSN Librarian
Let me indulge and remember a few of the many little funnies that have come my way over the years.

Phone rings:
Q. Hi, do you have Videos about Mental Health?
A. Please call our A/V department. Number is, etc. .
Q. Oh, is that that Bansomething lady?
A. Michelle Banville is the name.
Q. Yeah, well, she isn’t there.
A. Try Monday morning.
Q. Then will she have it?
A. Have what?
Q. Mental Health.
A. She has plenty of that. But am not sure if it has been recorded.
Q. Oh . . .

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Copy machine user:
Q. How do I make it flip the pages?
A. I guess you have to do that yourself.
Q. But I want it to copy the other side.
A. Set button A . . . etc. After making one copy . . .
Q. But it won’t flip the book . . .
A. No, it won’t . . . (I decide to take a walk to see what’s in the mail.)
Heidi Miller Retires (cont.)

Patron walks in.
P. Do you have those little things for the theses?
A. What things?
P. You know, those little, well, whatever.
A. We have lots of whatvers, please specify . . .
P. You know, the things that tell you what to do.
A. Do you mean the typing guide?
P. I don't know, but I guess so. But they called it something else.
A. Who's they?
P. Oh, you know, upstairs.
A. Did they call it APA manual?
P. That's it! Gee, thanks. They told me you'd know.

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Ms. O calls for permission to use the Library:
O. Where are you?
L. Our building is located at . . .
O. How do I get there?
L. From what direction are you coming?
O. Oh, right down the street . . . After some further explanation . . .
O. When I get there, how do I get in?
L. Try the door.
O. Oh . . . (I was tempted to recommend the window and rescind permission.)

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Student X, after standing in line for the copy machine for a few minutes:
Q. What would happen if I told the Dean that we need another machine?
A. I really don't know, but probably not much.
Q. Could she make you get one?
A. She could, but I doubt that she would.
Q. Who decides how many we get?
A. I do.
Q. Oh . . ., and she couldn't make you get one?
A. See above . . .

Student clutching a three-line memo from the Reference Room just found in her mailbox:
Q. I just got this note. What does it say?
A. Why don't you read it?
Q. I'm in a rush.
A. During this time of questions you could have read it twice.
Q. Well, what do you want?
A. Line 1 in memo: I want you to return the book.
Q. What book?
A. The one mentioned on line 2.
Q. Now looking at the memo: Why? It isn't due yet.
A. It is needed for reserve.
Q. Why didn't you say so?
A. Read line 3.
Tosses it in the waste basket mumbling something about they never tell you anything . . . and exits.

This was a person with advanced degree and age:
Q. How do I sign out a book?
A. Put date and name on card, etc . . .
Q. Which date?
A. Today's.
Q. What is that?
A. The 10th.
Q. No.
A. Yes.
Q. It is?
A. Yes, all day long.
Q. Oh . . . which name, the book's or the author's?
A. Yours.
Q. Mine?
A. Yes.
Q. Oh . . . (Question to psych faculty: Is this a display of the learned helplessness syndrome?)
Phone Call:
No introduction. "I need some books; they come every couple of months or so; do you have them?" Discussion follows concerning titles, authors, volumes, and issues. After lots of ohs, yesses and but whys, we identify the title and where to get it. Then:
Q. Can you do that?
L. Can I do what?
Q. What you just said.
L. No, you are supposed to do that.
Q. Do what?
L. What I just said.
Q. Oh...
L. I think you had better go into a library to get this.
(Suppressed suggestion: another one, please.)

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Copy Machine User:
Q. This sign here that says paper-tray empty, does that mean it wants more paper?
L. (With an ill-concealed sigh): Yes, that's what that means.

Patron asks for directory of doctoral programs. She studies it for a while and tells Librarian that she intends to go on with her doctorate right away when she is finished with YSN; then:
Q. Do you have the Indicus Medic. . . . no — huh — I mean the Medicus Indi . . . well, whatever, do you have it?
A. You mean the Index Medicus?
No, we don't get that, but the Med Library does.
Q. Oh, I don't like that place.
A. Well, that or EPH are the only places around here where you can find it.
Q. Oh? Well, I like it here. This is nice and homey.
A. I am glad you feel comfortable here, but if you used the Med Library more often you'd become just as familiar with it.
Q. Oh no, they never have what I want.
A. But they do have the Index Medicus.
Q. Never mind, I guess I'll do some copying instead . . . (Academia here I come!)

Ms. X wants to copy pages out of a book. She sits down, counts the pages, then puts the book on the copy machine, punches some buttons and exclaims:
X. Oh no! Look what it did to me . . . it did all these pages!
L. But you punched 17.
X. Yes, I wanted it to copy 17 pages, but not all the same . . .

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Patron bursts in:
P. Quick, where do you keep the big red book?
L. Which red book?
P. You know, the red Ob/Gyn book, the big one.
L. Oh, most likely next to the thin blue one.
P. Which blue one?
L. You know, the blue peds book.
P. Huh?
L. Well, I like to color-coordinate things.
P. What . . . Are you pulling my leg?
(Who, moi?)

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Phone Call:
No introduction. "I need to do this paper on midwifery (sic), and I gotta do it quick, do you have that?"

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Letter:
"I need information about Ernestine Wiedenbach. I need to know all about her, her life, a picture maybe, her philosophy and all that stuff, like I need to know the lady inside out in two weeks. Can you send me that?"

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Comment: In an attempt to encourage questions, I have always told students that there is no such thing as a stupid question, that it is stupid not to ask. At this late date I think I am changing my mind.
YSN Welcomes New Librarian

Mary Angelotti joined the YSN staff replacing Heidi Miller as our new Reference Librarian in January of this year, bringing with her a long and impressive history of experience in the library system at Yale. Born and raised in the New Haven area, Mary earned a BS in Education and History at Southern Connecticut State University, and later, an MS in Health Science and an MLS in Library Science. YSN represents her fourth position at Yale, since Mary began her career at the Law School and moved from there to the Beinecke Rare Books Library, the Medical School, and finally here. Some of you may remember her from the Medical School Reference Desk or perhaps she even processed an Interlibrary Loan for you at sometime in the past!

Mary has adapted easily to the YSN community and describes the School as a very “friendly” place. She states that the students are easy to work with and very respectful of the rules and regulations of the Reference Room. In fact, she finds them somewhat timid in their dealings with her!

Mary looks forward to the new building and all the wonderful ideas which she hopes to implement in the near future. She is planning an exhaustive inventory of the current collection housed in the Reference Room with an eye to updating as much as her budget will allow. (Any monetary donations will be gratefully accepted!) Her other exciting news is the purchase and installation of a nursing database on CD-ROM, The Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Literature, hopefully by Fall, 1991. The program literally is housed on a “silver platter,” exactly like one might have at home, and is “played” in connection with a computer allowing for literature searches as far back as 1983, and allowing the user to combine the terms of the search, such as subjects and authors. Currently, YSN students use a Medline search which is free at the Medical School but involves cost from our Reference Room. Furthermore, there are only 11 nursing journals available with the Medline search whereas the CD-ROM system will access more than 300 English language journals and ANA and NLN publications, as well.

Mary spends her leisure time reading biographies — among her favorites are those about Georgia O’Keefe, Picasso, Alfred Stieglitz — and enjoying her four cats. As Heidi Miller said, “I am sure you will find Mary to be a valuable resource, a skilled librarian, and just plain a very nice person!”

Nursing History Society Established

The Anne Hutchinson Society for Nursing History was voted into existence in late February, 1991. Helen Varney Burst ’63, Ann Ameling ’67, and Donna Diers ’64 were the moving forces behind the creation of this now formal interest group, but students, faculty, staff, and community colleagues are all a part of it. The organization is a Yale affiliated entity, registered with the University, but not formally a part of the School. The first officers for the society are Helen as President, Donna as Vice-President, and John D. Thompson, Professor Emeritus, as Secretary-Treasurer. Ann is “Sommelier.”

In its very brief life, the Society has already sponsored three formal programs: a presentation by Prof. Thompson of his study of the relocation of St. Thomas’ Hospital in London, which includes some Florence Nightingale maneuverings; a presentation by Judith Schiff, University Archivist, on how to think about setting up archives; and a presentation by Judy Hays ’86 on the history of public health nursing.

The Society has also committed itself to collecting some oral history of YSN and of nursing as practiced in various eras. Alumnae/i will hear more about that shortly.

Anne Hutchinson, for the uninitiated, was a nurse and midwife in the mid-1700’s who was eventually massacred in New York State (the Hutchinson River Parkway is named for her). Her name was chosen because her work exemplifies values that are still important at YSN: integrity, challenging the system, clinical excellence, empowering others, generosity.

The Society welcomes the interest of anyone. Membership is not restricted to alumnae/i, students, or staff. A twenty dollar membership check can be made payable to the Anne Hutchinson Society, c/o John D. Thompson, YSN, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. Meetings are not yet on a regular schedule, but if anyone wished to be added to the mailing list, just drop a line to the Society at the YSN address.
Sister School Celebration Day

Bixler Lounge at the Yale School of Nursing was transformed into a tropical paradise for a day as nursing students celebrated their relationship with their Nicaraguan sister school, Perla Maria, on Thursday, April 4th. Brightly colored parrots were suspended over tables filled with Nicaraguan crafts; handwoven fans, embroidered banners, and poster art decorated the walls; and a wooden rocking chair beautifully hand-carved by a Nicaraguan carpentry cooperative held the place of honor, waiting to be claimed by the winner of a raffle drawing. The day began at noon with a slide presentation by Cindy Brohome and Cindy Engler, nurses who had spent 13 months in Leon teaching at the nursing school. The presentation gave an overview of Nicaraguan history, health care in Nicaragua, and daily life in Leon and at Perla Maria, and the Cindys brought enthusiastic greetings and messages of thanks from the Perla Maria students, who had received a gift of medical kits from their counterparts at YSN.

At 3 pm the Open House began, with homemade arroz con frijoles (rice and beans) and other traditional Nicaraguan foods, Central American music, and crafts and tapes for sale. Visitors watched a video letter from the Perla Maria students, and were able to participate in the taping of a return letter currently being produced by Michelle Banville and students at YSN. Information about the New Haven-Leon Sister City Project and about the Training Exchange, a program that sends health care professionals to work in Nicaragua, was available and visitors were encouraged to sign up for the upcoming delegation to Leon. This delegation, which will take place in August, is open to any health care worker or student who has basic Spanish or a willingness to learn, and will be accompanied by a nurse-midwife and a physician from the Training Exchange. For more information, those interested can call Karen Klein at the Sister City Project at (203) 467-9182.

The high point of the afternoon came at 6 pm when the drawing took place. A Syracuse Peace Workers calendar and a certificate for a free car wash were second and third prizes, and the grand prize, the rocking chair, was won by Susan Naylor, a final-year student in the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing program. Susan has graciously stated that all those wishing to sit in her rocking chair are welcome! Proceeds from the drawing will go toward the costs of the August delegation to Leon.

The organizers of the Sister School Day would like to thank all the students and others who helped make the celebration a success and to encourage all those who are interested in visiting Leon or in other aspects of the New Haven-Sister City Project to call the Project at (203) 467-9182. And to those who were not so lucky in the drawing: try again next year!
Soviet-American Nurse Exchange Program: The Second Generation

Dee Coover, Yale School of Nursing
Iveta Stepite, Keggi Foundation

To sponsor the visit of Soviet nurses to Connecticut — an objective of the Keggi Foundation (Yale Nurse, May, 1990), — was actualized with the recent arrival of Iveta Stepite from Latvia. A nursing educator from Medical School #4 located in Riga, Ms. Stepite is evoking two months in the Waterbury and New Haven areas. Her primary goal is to experience the curriculum of several types of nursing education programs throughout the region. Also, she will observe first-hand, nursing practice at Yale-New Haven, Gaylord Rehabilitation, and Waterbury Hospitals, the Veterans Administration Medical Center, West Haven, and the VNA of South Central Connecticut.

Speaking at a Sigma Theta Tau dinner meeting at Sacred Heart University, Ms. Stepite acknowledged the honor of addressing a group of professional nurses about her impressions of nursing in the US. She believes that American nurses are extremely fortunate to have such diverse and high quality educational opportunities. Nurses in Latvia have very little choice in the decision where to attend nursing training, and to achieve a degree in nursing (comparable to a baccalaureate degree) has been a rarity only until the past two years. Master’s and doctorate degrees held by nurses are nonexistent.

Having the opportunity to attend continuing education to keep current with new methods in nursing is particularly exciting for Iveta. She tells us that education for nurses beyond their basic training is not available. There is hope that continuing education can become a reality with contributions made by interested groups of professionals from Western Europe and the United States.

The concept of nursing as a career is foreign to Iveta. In the Soviet Union, nursing is a low-paying occupation, one to which very few individuals aspire, and one that necessitates a second source of income if there is a family to support.

While visiting in the ER at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Iveta was able to observe EMTs providing pre-admission care. This experience was one of the highlights of her visit since she teaches basic surgical skills to young people who wish to become felchers, a position in the Soviet healthcare system similar to our paramedic or physician assistant roles.

Iveta strongly believes that nurses in her country must have educational experiences that are more substantive. “This goal will take perhaps 20 years to achieve at the rate we are going now.” Maybe not. Already there is some evidence of a renaissance afoot. As a result of her visit, there has been a great outpouring of support for Iveta and the students she teaches. Books and journals, curricular materials, and supplies have been offered by nurses Iveta has met in her travels. With these resources, and the insight she herself has gained during this visit, empowerment through educational exchange has come alive. Iveta can begin now to institute changes in the instruction she provides her Latvian nursing students about current methods of practice.

For nurses already in practice at the Latvian Institute of Orthopedics and Traumatology, there will be a nursing conference — the first ever — presented for them during the third week in April, 1991. In conjunction with physician meetings, entitled “Keggi Days”, nursing staff will be exposed to lectures and small group sessions that will provide information about post-operative care of the patient with a hip prosthesis, asepsis, universal precautions, and the importance of documentation in nursing practice.

Iveta along with Laurine Zaltorski of the Keggi Foundation, will organize the conference. There will be nurses from Nuffield Orthopaedic Center, Oxford, England, and St. Goran’s Hospital, Stockholm, to present specialty topics at this meeting.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to all nurses and other health care professionals who have contributed to Iveta’s empowerment experiences. Each of you have “made a difference” in the upgrading of nursing education and professionalization of nursing practice in Latvia. In sum, Iveta extends this wish for all nurses, “TA TURPINAT!”

Sigma Theta Tau Induction

Thirty five new members were inducted into the Delta Mu chapter on March 3, 1991. Twenty one graduate students and fourteen community members were welcomed into the chapter during this eleventh induction. Jim Fain, RN, PhD, President-elect, Delta Mu, spoke on the merits of becoming a member of Sigma Theta Tau. The Founders’ Award, a chapter service award to recognize a member’s contributions to the chapter, was given to Mary Joan Bilcheck, RN, for her ten years of dedicated service. A champagne reception followed in the Harkness lounge.
Sigma Theta Tau Honors Virginia Henderson

The electronic International Nursing Library (INL), contained within Sigma Theta Tau's new International Center for Nursing Scholarship, has been named in honor of nursing legend Virginia Henderson, according to Dr. Billye J. Brown, president.

Virginia Henderson, who resides in New Haven, CT, is widely acclaimed as an international nursing leader in education, practice and research. She directed the preparation of the Nursing Studies Index, a major scholarly contribution to nurses, which indirectly gave rise to the publication of the International Nursing Index. Henderson is well known for her revisions of the text, The Principles and Practices of Nursing, and she authored several other books, including The Nature of Nursing, which was translated into Japanese and Hebrew.

A nursing instructor for 26 years and researcher for more than 30 years, Henderson is designated Research Associate Emeritus of Yale University School of Nursing. She received the International Council of Nursing's first Christine Reimann Prize, Sigma Theta Tau's Presidential Award, and numerous other honors. She is an honorary Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

The state-of-the-art Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library is part of a $5 million complex on the Indiana University-Purdue University/Indianapolis campus which serves as an international focal point for nursing. It was established in late 1989 by Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing, which is the third largest nursing association in the world. The society has 150,000 members and 301 chapters affiliated with colleges and universities in all 50 states, Canada, Taiwan and Korea.

The library features a unique scientific database which in 1991 may be accessed using computer and modem by nurses, other health care professionals, and individuals across the nation. Information contained with the International Nursing Library will assist practicing nurses in improving the delivery of health care. Nursing educators, researchers, clinicians, and entrepreneurs will all benefit from the full-text abstracts, bibliography citations for clinically relevant topics, and information on 2,467 nurse researchers featured in the INL database.

“We at Sigma Theta Tau can think of no individual more deserving of the honor of having the International Nursing Library named after them than our distinguished and beloved colleague, Virginia Henderson,” says Brown. “Virginia is renowned across the globe for her extraordinary contributions to the nursing profession.”

Henderson, 94, recently signed a contract to participate in a 1997 international celebration of Sigma Theta Tau's 75th anniversary and her 100th birthday.

Student News

Pamela '91, and Asher Delerme, joyfully announce the birth of Amaya Jade on November 30, 1990. She weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz.

Nancy Mistretta '92, has recently been appointed a member of the 1991 Emergency Care Guidelines Task Force of the Emergency Nurses' Association. Nancy will participate in addressing national issues related to emergency nursing practice and emergency care.

Susan Walker '92, and Madeline Lord, RN, MPH, a Nurse Consultant from the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services, Community Nursing and Home Health Division, will present a paper at the 7th National Nursing Symposium on Home Health Care. The conference is held late each spring at the University of Michigan School of Nursing in Ann Arbor. The title of their presentation is, “Home Health Care — Long Term Care for the Elderly: A Plan for the Year 2000.”

Janetta Yanez '92, received the 1990 National Hispanic Scholar Award. She also participated in the National Association of Hispanic Nurses' Working Symposium in San Antonio, Texas. During the three day conference, the 100 participants examined issues relating to the recruitment, retention, and career mobility of hispanics in nursing.

Student Government Organization Helps with School Volunteer Program

The School Volunteer Program is a volunteer organization run through the New Haven public school system. The Community Outreach Committee of SGO selected this organization, as well as the Domestic Violence Service, for YSN students to volunteer their time. Students spend an hour a week tutoring children one-on-one, ages 5-17. Students can volunteer on a one time only basis or for an hour a week. The time spent is rewarding and really makes a difference for these children. Volunteers for this year or next can contact Nancy Kline '92, Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, at (203) 397-3535.
Margie Beal '82, MSN, co-presented a two day workshop at the annual meeting of the American College of Nurse-Midwives in Minneapolis. The topic of the workshop was, “Beginning Shiatsu for Nurse-Midwives.”


Gail D'Eramo-Melkus, Ed.D, presented, “Relationship of Insulin Secretion and Glycemic Response to Dietary Intervention in Non-insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus,” at Diabetes/Endocrine Rounds, in May at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center.


Anne Crepeau '89, MSN, presented the paper, “Elderly Patients: The Influence of Nutrition on Length of Stay and Infection.”

Marjorie Funk '84, MSN, presented, “Long-term Lower Limb Ischemia Related to Intra-aortic Balloon Pump Use,” during the poster session. Mairead Hickey’s presentation was entitled, “A Construct Validity Study of Cardiac Rehabilitation Self-Efficacy.” She also conducted a pre-session seminar, “Using Causal Modeling in Nursing Research.” Sandra McCloywer, PhD, spoke on, “The MCTQ: The Next Generation.”


Mairead Hickey, MS, was recently awarded a PhD from the University of Connecticut. The title of her dissertation was, “A Causal Model of Cardiac Risk Factor Behavior in a Cardiac Rehabilitation Population.”

Monteen Lucas, PhD, attended the Annual Florence Cellar Symposium at Case Western Reserve University as part of a recent visit to the Florence Payne Bolton School of Nursing. During the visit she consulted with May Wylke, PhD, RN, FAAN, on the development of Psychogeriatric-Mental Health curriculum content.

Mary Ellen Rousseau, MSN, CNM, has rejoined the YSN faculty and received a joint appointment as Assistant Professor in the Nurse-Midwifery Program and the Yale Medical School, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Yale Menopause Program. Her area of interest is women’s midlife health.

Martha K. Swartz, MS, was promoted to Associate Professor in the Child Health Division and recently appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*. She and Susan Van Cleve, MSN, presented their research on the follow-up of pediatric emergency room visits at the 12th Annual National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners (NAPNAP) Conference in Philadelphia. The paper was also published in the *American Journal of Diseases in Children*.

Jane Tuttle, MS, was named the Distinguished Alumni Recipient for 1990-1991 by the University of Rochester School of Nursing. Jane was the special honoree for the June 7 Alumni Reunion featuring the Clare Dennison Lecture delivered by Susan Reverby.

A Special Note

Yale and the University of Connecticut School of Nursing lost two of our beloved shared leaders this winter. Carolyn Ladd Widmer '29 died in January and Eleanor Keating Gill '38 passed on in March. "Laddie" was the first and founding Dean of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing, and "Keat" was the second. Together, their terms as Deans spanned 35 of the School’s almost 50 years.

Both Laddie and Keat received Distinguished Alumnae Awards from YSN. The University of Connecticut will name their major building for Dean Widmer, and a graduate student scholarship has been established in Dean Gill’s name.

A special ceremony of remembrance was held on the University of Connecticut campus on April 19. Laddie’s two sons and one of Eleanor’s daughters spoke, along with friends, colleagues, and professional associates. All remembered particularly Laddie’s hilarious stories and Eleanor’s fiery red-headed personality.

We shall miss them deeply, as we cherish the luck of having known them.

IN MEMORIUM

Elizabeth Bucholz '30 died in January 1991.
Frances M. McCormick '34 died in December 1990.
Agnes Bowe '35 died in February 1991.
Eleanor Gill '38 died in March 1991.
Mary B. Kenyon '42 died in August 1990.
Helen Lyman '43 died in January 1989.
Mildred H. Rieman '46 died in July 1990.
Jean Thompson Saxon '46 died in February 1991.
Amy A. Shapiro '49 died in January 1991.
In November, Lucille “Lou” (Ol- sen) Pond ’34, was honored by the New Mexico Hospital Association during its 45th annual meeting. Over 700 health care professionals attended the event. Lou was recognized for her outstanding contributions to health care and the mission of Holy Cross Hospital, Taos NM. Along with her late husband, Dr. Ashley Pond III, Lou was a prime mover in getting the hospital started in 1937. Only as a result of a series of recent hip and knee surgeries, she has resigned from active work with the boards of the hospital and auxiliary.

Marion Davis ’36, sent her regrets that she was unable to attend Alumnae/i Weekend. Marion celebrated her 90th birthday with a large group of friends and remains very happy with small town life in Oberlin, Ohio. Her friend writes and tells us that she’s faced with a major decision of buying another car now or seeing if the current one will last another ten years! She sends best wishes to all her classmates.

Florence Wald ’41, was lauded as a founder of The Connecticut Hospice by the National Association for Home Care (NAHC) and the Hospice Association of America (HAA) and presented with an Award for Outstanding Service to Hospice. The presentation was made at the NAHC annual meeting last fall in Dallas.


Andree deLisser ’79, gave birth to an 8 lbs. 6oz. baby girl, Erica Lauren, in April. The proud parents and baby are doing fine.

John Roberts ’80, and Naomi Feingold ’88, announce the birth of their daughter on November 2. The birth was assisted by Felicia Moreland, CNM, ’87. Naomi practices midwifery at the Cambridge Hospi- tal and John works as an Adult Nurse Practitioner in Dorchester, MA.

Joan Dreyfus ’82, is currently a psychotherapist in private practice with Comprehensive Psychiatric Services in New Haven and is Project Director for an ADA Training Grant, “Training Psychiatric Supportive Home Health Aides,” administered by the University of Bridgeport Center on Aging. Her most recent publications include: “Depression, Assessment and Interventions in the Medically Frail Elderly,” in the Journal of Gerontological Nursing, September, 1988, and “Cognitive Behavioral Interventions in Psychiatric Liaison Nursing Practice,” in Medical Psychotherapy, 1990, Vol 3.

Mary Heery ’84, is an oncology nurse specialist at Stamford Hospital, Stamford, CT. Recently Mary was honored with a “Nurse of the Year Award.” The AJN Company sponsored in-house contests in hospitals across the country. Mary was recognized for her outstanding work at Stamford Hospital.

Helene M. Vartelas ’84, and her husband John are the happy parents of a baby daughter born on March 5 and weighing 9 lbs. 8oz. Helene continues to enjoy her position of Director of Nursing 2 at Cedarcrest Regional Hospital in Newington, CT.

Peggy Joyce ’87, Clinical Nurse Specialist at The Connecticut Hospice, is in charge of arrangements for the first Certificate in Hospice Nursing being offered by the Schools of Nursing of Central Connecticut State University and Southern Connecticut State University. The program is in cooperation with The Connecticut Hospice Institute for Education, Training, and Research.

Ron Tamarisk ’87, is an occupational/employee health nurse practitioner at Queen of the Valley Hospital, Napa Valley, CA.

Stacey Young-McCaughan ’89, is an oncology clinical nurse specialist in the US Army Nurse Corps at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA.

Catherine Ford ’90, and her husband Robert announce the birth of Rebecca Whitney Ford on March 10.

Mary Kernan ’90, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in January. Both mother and baby Julia are doing well.

Hemsley Stewart ’90, writes from St. Catherine, Jamaica where he is coordinating the Post Basic Psychiatric Nursing Course and involved with AIDS counselling and substance abuse work. He presented his research at Jamaica’s National Nurses’ Research Day. Hemsley hopes that YSN friends will visit or call him when they are attending the ICN’s annual conference in Jamaica.

Vicky Conn, ’48 with former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and Jack Nottingham, Executive Director of the Rosalynn Carter Institute, following a conference on Caring For The Professional and Family Caregiver, held November 19, 1991, at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, GA. Mrs. Conn, who represented the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, spoke on, “Professional and Family Caregivers of the Mentally Ill: Friends or Foes?”

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