YSN faculty members (L to R) Heather Reynolds, Cassy Pollack, Ivy Alexander, and Paula Milone-Nuzzo at Prince Street Park where graduation exercises were held.

1997 COMMENCEMENT AND ALUMNAE/I WEEKEND ISSUE
From the Dean

As I compose this column for the issue of Yale Nurse known as the commencement and alumnae/i weekend issue, we are getting ready to welcome another incoming class of YSN students. I will be bringing greetings to the entering class on Wednesday, August 27th in our 75th year. Yes, we have been a part of Yale University for 75 years! It seems like only a very short time ago that I was a member of the incoming class. In fact, it was 30 years ago that I first entered the halls of YSN -- well over a quarter of a century -- and things have certainly changed.

We are much larger than we were in 1968. My graduating class numbered 16 and our total enrollment was 44. We now graduate 70-80 students per year and we enroll over 300 students. When I was enrolled, YSN had only two master’s programs, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing or Maternal-Child/Nurse-Midwifery. Now we offer seven major programs and a myriad of special concentrations, joint degrees, and post-master’s certificate programs; and, of course, we have added a doctoral program to our repertoire. When I arrived at YSN in September, 1968, the entire School was contained in one corridor in the Brady building on Cedar Street and the whole faculty occupied just a handful of offices in that corridor. Today, we occupy just shy of 50,000 square feet in our newly renovated and dedicated building at 100 Church Street South. Our faculty numbers in the 80s, and our offices comprise an entire floor of our new building. Health care delivery has certainly changed dramatically since I first walked YSN’s corridor in 1968. Back then, health maintenance organizations were considered highly experimental and suspect. Now, most of us are enrolled one way or another in some form of health maintenance organization under the rubric of managed care. And, the roles of advanced practice nurses have changed; indeed, they are in a nearly constant state of change, in the current dynamic health care environment in which we live and work.

The longer I am here, though, the more clear it is to me that some things never change. Our graduating classes are certainly larger, but we still send them off with the strong message that being a Yale Nurse means being a nurse who will make a real difference in the world. And, each year about two weeks after commencement a new group of YSN alumnae/i arrives in town to validate what we already know -- that Yale Nurses are leaders in health care and that there is a great deal of pride in proclaiming oneself a Yale Nurse. I have told you this countless times before, but let me tell you again. Each year at about this time I find renewed energy as I get ready to greet the next generation of Yale Nurses. I only need to reflect on the last YSN Alumnae/i Weekend and the most recent Yale Commencement to be reminded of our rich tradition of leadership and commitment to patient care. At this time of year our hallways are once again beginning to bustle with the return of faculty, energized from brief holidays, and students, ready to begin another academic year. Over the past 30 years the fabric of my life has been inextricably entwined with that of the Yale School of Nursing. Like a favorite quilt, it is always comforting to take it out, to feel it, to look at it, and to know that, worn spots and all, that old familiar phrase -- Yale Nurse -- will see me through another year. I look forward to traveling it with all of you!
Due to increased costs in processing transcript requests, the fee has been increased to $5.00 per transcript.

The April, 1997 issue of Yale Nurse introduced a new format. The Editors are interested in your reaction, pro and con, and any suggestions you might have in this evolving process. We felt that it was time for a new and different look!

A brand new Ethics Concentration is being offered this fall to students who might be interested in advanced preparation in clinical ethics. Douglas P. Olsen, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, is the Coordinator and available for questions at (203) 737-5431.

There have been two new appointments in the Yale-New Haven Medical Center. Patricia Sue Fitzsimons, RN, PhD, is Senior Vice President for Patient Services, replacing Diana Weaver. Dr. Fitzsimons comes from Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio where she served as Senior Vice President of Hospital Operations. David A. Kessler, MD, JD, former Commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration, became Dean of the Yale Medical School as of July 1. Dr. Kessler replaces Gerard Burrow who is returning to the medical faculty and will serve as special advisor for health affairs to Yale President Richard C. Levin.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the article on the 20th Anniversary of the GEPN Program will be further delayed. Apologies to all!

1998 Reunion Weekend will be held on June 4-6. Mark your calendar now for this special time, as we will be celebrating YSN's 75th Anniversary and honoring Dean Judy Krauss who will be leaving the deanship effective July 1, 1998.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- YSN Fall Orientation and Registration Classes begin
  - August 27-29
  - September 2
- Preceptor Recognition Workshop for YSN Clinical Preceptors
  - September 5
- AYA Fall Assembly: Yale and the Revolution in American Health Care
  - October 23-25
- YUSNAA sponsored TGIT social for YSN students
  - November 20
- YUSNAA Board fall meetings, the second Tuesday of each month. Alumnae/i welcome, but please let us know in advance!
  - September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9
- Another performance of Joan Weimer's Back Talk to benefit the CT Chapter of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. This one-woman show, starring Judith Gantley, was recently performed at YSN Reunions and received rave reviews. A reception and book signing to take place after the performance. Little Theater. New Haven, CT.
  - November 16

The fall term Research and Policy Seminars are scheduled as follows from 3-4:30 pm, Room TBA:

- October 15 Cardiac Care in China
- November 19 Diabetes and Heart Disease

Don't forget to mail in the "What's New" form on the inside back cover if you have anything to submit.
Once again the weather gods smiled on Yale's commencement exercises, as the skies cleared and the sun shone gloriously on what was a perfect spring day! Following the main event, YSN held its own ceremony for the second year in the Prince Street Park, adjacent to the school. Faculty Marshal Margaret Grey and Dean Judy Krauss led the procession, with Banner Bearer Tae-Wol Stanley '97 and Student Marshals Ann Cocks '98, representing the Certificate in Nursing candidates; Emily Barr '97, representing the Master's candidates; and Irene Stukshis '97 (MSN '96) representing the Post Master's candidates. After remarks from the Dean and the presentation of diplomas, certificates, and YSN pins, given as a gift from the YSN Alumnae/i Association by Anne Aquila '89, immediate past President of the Board, Ursula Tomlinson '97 gave the student address. Ursula's message to her classmates was, "As nurses, we are heirs to the tradition of respectful, personalized care. As advanced practice nurses, we now have the training and skills to take that tradition to the next highest level, to be not only more effective providers of care, but also more effective advocates both for our clients and our belief in a health care system that is based on the needs of the individual." Lisa Sieckhaus '97 presented the 1997 Class Gift, a glider for the Student Lounge, thought to be especially helpful to student moms and babies, and a subscription for the Reference Room entitled, *Alternative Health Practitioner: The Journal of Complementary and Natural Care*. Emily Barr '97 and Kathleen Mahoney '97 jointly presented the Annie Goodrich Recognition Award to Lynne Schilling, Research Scientist and Lecturer in Nursing.

"The other day a classmate of ours was talking to her preceptor, who graduated from Yale School of Nursing ten years ago. The preceptor was talking about professors at the school and said, 'I remember one professor who, I felt, genuinely cared about her students. She was unique in the way she guided and challenged us. I will never forget her.' That YSN alumna was talking about this year's recipient of the..."
Gathering to process from Cross Campus to Old Campus for Yale’s main graduation exercises are (L to R) Tae-Wol Stanley, Banner Bearer; Dean Judy Krauss, Associate Dean Cassy Pollack, and former Dean Donna Diers.

Annie W. Goodrich award. She stands out as an exceptional professor, researcher, role model, and ally.

“She has been involved with the Yale School of Nursing since 1969, when she acted as a clinician and researcher, investigating role expansion in nursing. She has since gone on to obtain her doctoral degree and participates in multiple research projects and presentations. She has widely published articles on a variety of topics including ethnographic nursing, marketing nurse practitioner services, and child development.

“Aside from all of her accomplishments as a clinician, researcher, and poet this professor is first and foremost an excellent teacher. She continually incorporates daily life into her teaching. Many students will remember her vivid description of how preschoolers engage in “bathroom talk,” through her stories of her own young sons making circles around her at the dinner hour talking about the potty and giggling profusely.

“Truly, though, this professor takes her teaching seriously. Hers is certainly a class in which you cannot pass your reading material on to the upcoming students. Not only do the readings regularly change, but they are valuable course materials you definitely want to keep. Often she has students learning the principles of nursing, child development, and chronic illness from a broad set of sources including novels and films. Many of us will never be able to watch films like Cinema Paradiso, The English Patient, and Marvin’s Room without drawing on ideas and concepts from her classes.

“Her commitment to teaching and dedication to the role of nursing is unique. She always takes time to listen and be there for her students. She believes what we have to say is
important. We will forever have memories of the laughter and the tears we have shared throughout her interesting, insightful, and thought provoking discussions. She is the professor who calls you when you are sick, offers help when your child is in the hospital, pulls you aside to talk when a family member is ill, and always has a smile to greet you with. She genuinely cares about us, what we think, how we learn, and who we are. We are very proud to present this year's Annie W. Goodrich Award to Dr. Lynne Schilling."

This year's recipients of the student awards that are always kept secret until graduation day were Lisa Marie Sieckhaus and Cindy Anne Czaplinski. Lisa was honored with the Charles King, Jr. Memorial Scholars Aid Prize for excellence in scholarship, research, and clinical practice.

"In everything she does, her school projects, her clinical experience, and her thesis, she strives to retain and foster her vision of what it means to be a nurse. There are numerous examples of her passion for nursing and for her efforts to support the process of nursing. As one of her fellow classmates said, 'She demonstrates through her work and in her words that caring is neither maudlin nor sentimental and that to serve is not to be servile.'

"Viewed as a leader by both faculty and students, her involvement has extended well beyond the walls of Yale. She has spent endless hours providing care to both homeless individuals through Project Hope as well as through a weekly support group she co-leads for women at the Beth-El homeless shelter. Sigma Theta Tau, the American College of Nurse Practitioners, and the Connecticut Nurse Practitioners' Group have all benefited from her participation and energy. Our own student government would not have accomplished as much as it has, if she had not been there to help.

"Her scholarly work at the Yale School of Nursing has been superb. Not only is her academic record topnotch, -- in the words of her thesis advisor, 'her research is innovative and worthy of publication,' --but, the topic and results will make an important addition to the health care literature, and will impact health care providers' sensitivity to the populations they serve.

"It is with honor that the Yale School of Nursing claims this nurse as one of our own and presents the Charles King, Jr. Memorial Scholars Prize to Lisa Marie Sieckhaus."

Cindy Anne Czaplinski was awarded the Milton and Anne Sidney Prize for her outstanding research praxis work.

"With impeccable attention to detail, her thesis is carefully designed, beautifully written, and
already changing the delivery of patient care. Her work, which began as a joint class project with two other students, rapidly evolved into an extensive independently handled study. The research question arose first from an understanding of expert nursing and then moved to place the work of nursing in an organizational and policy context.

"With seven years of data gathered from more than 11,000 patients across 16 DRGs, this student examined whether staff nurse specialization had an effect on both length of hospital stay and on mortality rates. Her statistically significant findings have already been incorporated into allocation of nursing resources for one large institution.

"Even though this thesis was completed one year ahead of schedule, her work has not stopped. The results have been presented at a peer-reviewed poster session of a national conference, to members of her own organization, and to members of the YSN community. A manuscript has been prepared and submitted for consideration for publication in a very prestigious multi-disciplinary journal.

"Yale nurses have a long history of forging change within the health care system. The policy implications of this study continue that rich heritage. It is with great pride that the Yale University School of Nursing presents the Milton and Anne Sidney Prize to Cindy Anne Czapinski."

Dean Krauss summed up both the solemnity and the joy of the day's celebration with the following charge to the Class of 1997, "The faculty and I are in awe of your accomplishments and promise. You have the capacity to lead and to care with excellence. There remains nothing more for me to say other than, go forth and nurse in the Yale tradition of excellence."
New Course Takes Yale Nurses to Belize

by Carrie Klima, MS, CNM

This past March two YSN nurse-midwifery faculty members and a nurse-midwifery student traveled to Belize, Central America to participate in an international health care experience. N704b International Nursing in Belize was offered as an independent study for the first time to Yale students. Carrie Klima, Assistant Professor, has been involved with the Belize nursing experience since it began in 1992. She has found it rewarding and enriching both personally and professionally and wanted to share it with the students and faculty at the School. She hopes to continue the course each year so students have the opportunity to experience health care in another country and culture.

Mary Ellen Rousseau, Associate Professor at YSN; Kirsten Asmus '98 and I traveled to Belize to learn about the Belizean health care system, to provide primary care services to the people of Belize, and to interact with nurses, physicians and other health care workers. We joined the yearly group of nurses and faculty from Loyola University of Chicago who have been traveling to Belize every March for the past seven years.

Belize is a small country in Central America, about the size of Massachusetts, bordered by Mexico to the north and Guatemala to the south and west. Formerly British Honduras, it received its independence from Great Britain in 1981. The country is truly multicultural. Caribbean, Mayan, and Mestizo make up the population of approximately 220,000. The Yale nurses worked in Corozal Town and its surrounding villages in the northernmost district, about eight miles from Mexico. The small 32 bed district hospital provided an opportunity to work with Belizean nurses and care for a wide variety of medical-surgical patients, as well as maternity and pediatric patients. In the prenatal clinic Mary Ellen and Kirsten provided prenatal and postpartum care to dozens of patients along with the midwives and public health nurses who staff the clinic.

Mary Ellen Rousseau (R) teaches a community seminar on menopause and breast cancer at Patchakan, Belize.
The group also worked in the outlying communities providing community education, continuing education to community health workers, and vision and lice screening for two large community schools in the neighboring village of Cristo Rey. Mary Ellen and I taught breast self exam and the menopause to two large groups of women in the village of Patchakan. Kirsten traveled to the town of Orange Walk and spent the day with the health care providers at the Belize Family Life Association, which provides family planning and gynecological services to the women of Belize.

Of course the trip was not all work! Some time was set aside to explore the beautiful country of Belize. We visited Western Belize and marveled at the Mayan ruins at Xunantunich and visited the Don Elijo Panti Trail. Here we walked a natural trail in the rain forest of Belize and learned about traditional medicine and the role the rain forest plays in health and disease. At the trail, Dr. Rosita Arvigo and her husband Greg Shropshire help to harvest plants from the rain forest prior to deforestation in order to study the medicinal properties of the plants. Every year they send hundreds of plants to the United States to be evaluated by the National Institutes of Health and other organizations for anti-cancer and anti-AIDS properties. We also visited the ancient Mayan ruins of Tikal in Guatemala where we were able to hike through acres of ruins, climb ancient temples, and marvel at the accomplishments of this ancient civilization.

A trip to Belize would not be complete without a visit to the Cayes (pronounced keys). This string of islands off the coast of Belize borders the longest Barrier Reef in the Western hemisphere. Here we were able to scuba dive, snorkel (some for the first time), and interact with the diverse marine life of the Belizean waters. Mary Ellen and Kirsten touched sharks and sting rays for the first time! The Cayes provided a perfect ending to the trip, allowing some time for relaxation and reflection on the new and exciting experiences encountered on a journey to Belize.

The course will be offered again during spring break in the Spring, 1998 semester. Anyone with questions may contact Carrie Klima at (203) 737-5510.
In the December, 1996 issue of *Yale Nurse* an article appeared describing a trip to China that had been spearheaded by Associate Professor Ann Williams '81. Ann traveled to Changsha with four YSN colleagues, Jane Burgess, Marge Funk '84, Paula Milone-Nuzzo, and Pamela Minarik, to engage in discussions with Chinese colleagues at Hunan Medical University to see what interest there might be in nursing exchanges. Marge recently returned to Changsha with YSN student Jill (Jae) Patton and sent a lengthy email to Ann detailing the trip. Jae had been selected for a Wilbur G. Downs International Study Fellowship, sponsored by the Yale Medical School for students pursuing health-related research in developing countries. Jae is studying ST Segment Monitoring in a CCU in Changsha. As you will see from Marge’s communication to Ann, the collaboration that began last year has grown enormously.

Dear Ann:

I arrived back in Hong Kong last night from Changsha and go to Beijing tomorrow morning. What a warm reception Jae and I received at Xiang Ya Hospital in Changsha! A reception committee from the hospital and Hunan Medical University met us at the airport last Friday and have been with us almost constantly since then. They provided us with a written schedule for Jae’s entire visit! Zhang Qiong, whose chosen English name is Farrah, is the young CCU nurse who spoke English and whom we met last summer. She has been particularly attentive. We had a meeting on Saturday with the nursing directors, Vice-President of the hospital, head nurse of the CCU, Liu Shao Hui, and various others. Farrah and another CCU nurse took Jae, Michele Mak, a medical student from Yale, and me on a wonderful outing to Yuelu Park (I believe that is where you said we should go) and Orange Island on Sunday.

On Monday Jae and I observed a patient having angioplasty with Farrah and Professor Ou, a cardiologist. It was quite similar to angioplasty in the US. Bill Watkins, Vice President of Medical Programs, Yale-China Association, arrived and we had a banquet on Monday evening with him and others from Hunan Medical University.

On Tuesday there was a “Signature Ceremony” in which Jae and I, along with the Director of Nursing, Jiang Dongmei, signed a contract concerning Jae’s research. This ceremony occurred in a big hall with about 150 people and TV cameras! This was immediately followed by an “Academic Report by Professor Funk.” I gave a presentation on cardiac nursing research at Yale and Jae spoke briefly about her research on ST segment monitoring. Farrah translated. Jae and I were a bit
overwhelmed by the scale of this event, but it was fun, although a bit anxiety provoking for both of us. In the afternoon we toured the CTICU and SICU and attended a banquet given by the Xiang Ya Hospital people that evening. We spent the next morning in the CCU learning about the monitors, etc. from Farrah and a Dr. Dai and then went shopping at the Hunan Antique Store with Farrah and Liu Shau Hui. We had a lovely dinner at Liu Shau Hui’s that evening.

On Thursday at 6:15 a.m. we walked to the river and saw hundreds of people doing Tai Chi, dancing with fans, doing martial arts, and even western ballroom dancing. It was quite a sight! We then had a meeting with another professor, Shi Xun Fan, Dr. Dai, and
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Liu Shao Hui about ECG interpretation. The previous day we had perceived a few differences from the way we interpret ECG’s, but these were clarified during this meeting.

Jae and I met with Dean Zhou and some people from the Faculty of Nursing at Hunan Medical University late Thursday morning. She sends her best to you and Dean Krauss. She is not able to come to Yale this summer, but is looking forward to a visit next year, if possible. Dean Zhou also spoke about the possibility of an International Conference. The Conference might cover topics such as nursing quality assurance, management of different levels of nursing staff, modern nursing trends, foreign nursing research, and development of community health nursing in China. The conference would be held at Zhang Jai Jie which they said was a beautiful place in Western Hunan Province, about eight hours by car from Changsha.

I am very happy with how things are going in Changsha. I don’t think Yale could have a better representative than Jae. She is enthusiastic, positive, and outgoing. The people at Xiang Ya Hospital like her very much and are very excited about her research. Thank you so much for suggesting the Downs Fellowship and for everything you have done to make this experience possible for Jae and me.

Marge

At a formal signature ceremony the Director of Nursing at Xiang Ya Hospital presented Marge Funk with an official document signifying approval of the research agreement for Jae Patton’s study.

Jae Patton having her palm read in Yuelu Park, Changsha
Annual Sigma/YSN Research and Policy Forum

On May 8, 1997 Delta Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau and YSN sponsored the Annual Research and Policy Forum that showcases student research at YSN. Research grants were awarded to Angela Crowley for her study, "Linking Child Care and Health: An Exploratory Study of Child Care Directors' and Health Professionals' Perceptions of Consultation and Collaboration;" Constance Donovan for, "Ethics and Human Rights Issues in Nursing Practice: A Survey of Connecticut Nurses;" Kerry Milner, DNSc '98 for, "Gender Differences in the Initial Presentation with Cardiac Symptoms in the Emergency Department;" and Carol Shieh, DNSc '99 for, "Maternal-Fetal Attachment in Illicit Drug-Using Pregnant Women."

The following student research presentations took place:

Leslie Blatt '97, "Spouses' Experience with the DNR Decision-Making Process."

Anne Heskett Carr '97, "Gender Differences in the Surgical Outcomes of Elderly Patients Undergoing CABG Surgery."

Susan Daniell '97, "A History of the Role of Nurse Practitioners."

Wendy Grey '97, "Validation of Self-Report Pain Scale for Use in Dementia of the Alzheimer's Type."

Robert Hill '97, "Domestic Violence: Perceptions, Practice, and Change."

Kim Lacey '97, "Quality of Life in Elderly Patients with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms: The Impact of Intervention."

Anne Langston '97, "Traditional and Biomedical Health Practices in Lesotho: An Ethnographic Study."

Kelley Muldoon '97, "Telephone Support of Breastfeeding Concerns."


Sally Richards '97, "Association of Race with Presenting Symptoms and Delay in Seeking Treatment in Patients with Coronary Heart Disease."

Monica Roosa '97, "The Relation of Social Support to Hormonal Measures of Stress and Intrapartal Outcomes."

Cynthia Siegel '97, "Water Birth: Wave of the Future?"

Tae-Wol Stanley '97, "How a Mindfulness Stress Reduction Program Affects Health Center Visits."

Joanne Sullivan '97, "The Initial Presentation of Cardiac Symptoms in the Elderly Suspected of Having a Myocardial Infarction."

Agnes White '97, "Artistry and Aesthetics in Advanced Practice Nursing."

DNSC Students Present at ENRS

Several of the doctoral students presented a symposium at the April, 1997 meeting of the Eastern Nursing Research Society in Philadelphia. Professor Jane Dixon organized the presentation, with YSN doctoral students Sharon Eck, Linda Juszczak, Wantana Limkulpong, Carol Shieh, and Joyce Shea.
This year’s reunion at YSN focused on clinical issues from the perspectives of practice, research, literature, and the theater. On Friday morning the latter two areas took the unusual, but delightful format of a one-woman play, starring Judith Gantley, based on the book, Back Talk: Teaching Lost Selves to Speak, by Joan Weimer. A discussion with the author followed the play and books were available for purchase—autographed, of course! As Dean Judy Krauss remarked, "Many alumnae found the play put them in touch with their own feelings of vulnerability, but also sharpened their understanding of care and touch. The play was a powerful centerpiece to our Reunion Weekend!" The weekend’s overall theme of exploring health, illness, physical, and spiritual issues in both academic and artistic forms received rave reviews.

Joan Weimer, author of Back Talk, at the book signing on Friday morning.
Thursday evening began with registration and the traditional cocktail hour and informal supper, all held in the Student Lounge and Commons. After supper Dean Krauss moderated a lively, and often poignant "fireside chat" in which alums shared memories of their years at YSN, both in terms of standard nursing practice and procedures at the time, as well as personal experiences. It was a wonderful oral history of nursing and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Following the play and lunch on Friday, June 6th, Dean Krauss gave her State of the School Address after which the Alumnae/i College theme, "Chronic Illness: Perspectives Across the Life Span," continued in the form of concurrent sessions, "Profiles in Practice." First round presenters were: Kathy Ann Heard, Alzheimer's Disease; Beverly M. Belten, HIV/AIDS; Jacqueline R. Rugg '85, Assessment/Treatment of Long-Term Psychiatric Illness; and Vanna M. Dest '92, Prevention/Early Detection of Cancer. The second group of speakers included Margaret Haggerty '85, COPD/Asthma; Elizabeth Boland '95, Diabetes; and Janet Parkosewich '85, Heart Disease.

Celebrating at the banquet at the Quinnipiack Club in New Haven
Moving from tradition, this year's Friday evening banquet was held, not on Yale's campus, but nearby at the Quinnipiac Club on Church Street in New Haven, just off the green. The new venue was lovely and it comfortably accommodated the alumnae/i attendees and their guests. Reuning classes were from the years ending in 2 and 7. Judy Krauss presided over the evening's ceremonies, which culminated in the presentation of Distinguished Alumnae Awards. This year's recipients were Anne Hoff '77 and Martha A. Q. Curley '87 (who accepted by letter in absentia). Class reports were delivered with interesting news from all.

Saturday morning began with the YUSNAA Annual Meeting, run by President Anne Aquila '89. Associate Dean Margaret Grey presented, "YSN Research and Chronic Illness: Looking to the Future," outlining the many ongoing and future research projects of faculty and students at YSN. This introduction served as an entree into the final series of concurrent presentations which wrapped up the weekend's calendar. These sessions were devoted to specific cardiovascular, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS studies that are currently in progress. Both master's and doctoral students presented.

Olga Zagraniski '42 (L) received a framed citation from her classmates in recognition of her longtime, loyal service as Class Agent. Mary Jane Kennedy '68 presented it on behalf of the class. Marge Kinney '42 was also honored in absentia for her similar service.
The Class of 1942 (L to R): Lois Stokes, Barbara Guptil, Betty Criscuolo, Olga Zagraniski, and Margaret Schoenknecht

Members of the Class of 1947 who were celebrating their 50th Reunion included (L to R) Gigi Booth, Dorothy Cannon, Priscilla Behmken, and Margaret Breg.
Eminent leader in her field, her career has been dedicated to the care of critically ill children and their families. As a staff nurse at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, then an instructor in pediatrics, her tremendous talents were recognized by the Yale School of Nursing where she was a Louise Mellon Fellow in Critical Care Nursing and recipient of the Andrew A. Veckarelli Prize upon graduation. She joined the staff at Children’s Hospital in Boston. In the role of Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist she serves as a consultant, educator, researcher, and expert practitioner in the field of pediatric critical care. While at YSN, her text on Pediatric Cardiac Dysrhythmias was published. She has gone on to author numerous publications in the area of pediatric critical care. Her textbook Critical Care Nursing of Infants and Children, published in 1996, received a 1997 AJN Book of the Year Award. Known for her dynamic style, she is invited to lecture at home as well as abroad. She emphasizes nursing’s unique contribution to patient outcomes and empowers others to explore new directions for pediatric critical care, envisioning innovative practice for the future.

Believing in “family centered care,” her research has improved the care of sick children as well as their families. She has identified supportive interventions that parents feel are most important in the pediatric intensive care setting and advocates parent participation in the care of the child. A contributing member of several professional organizations, she received a lifetime membership award from the American Association of Critical Care Nursing (AACN) for her dedication and commitment to critical care nursing. It is with great pleasure that the Yale School of Nursing and her Alumnae/i Association bestow the Distinguished Alumna Award on Martha A. Q. Curley, Class of 1987.
Anne Hoff '77

Her three month volunteer commitment to a Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand began a trajectory of international nursing that would span seven years. Her YSN education as a pediatric nurse practitioner helped her overcome environmental odds like infectious diseases, minimal equipment, and oppressive living conditions while providing first-rate care to children in the pediatric ward of a non-governmental organization sponsored field hospital in a Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand. For her, working under adverse conditions with flies, dust, rats, stench, and “don’t drink the water” signs was made more tolerable by the smiling faces and the resilience and tenacity of the Khmer patients. Upon returning to San Francisco, she utilized her acquired knowledge of this ethnic population as a referral coordinator for new Southeast Asian immigrants.

Desiring to serve other impoverished areas of the world, she also worked in refugee camps and mobile clinics in Somalia, Honduras, and El Salvador. In addition to direct patient care, she trained community health workers to provide prenatal services and give immunizations, and to teach nutrition and sanitation, facilitating greater independence in these third world countries. Faced with unimaginable suffering and a scarcity of supplies in war-torn countries, she, “did whatever seemed possible, according to human and material resources available at the time.”

Now, as a public health nurse for the city of Berkeley, California, she has brought home the community health nursing skills and cultural sensitivity nurtured abroad. Fluency in Spanish and familiarity with the Central American and Southeast Asian cultures has enabled her to become an advocate for immigrants in the Bay area.

We may call her pediatric nurse practitioner, teacher, advocate for the medically underserved, or public health nurse, but we honor her today as a Yale Nurse who has made significant contributions toward alleviating suffering in many corners of the world. It is with great pleasure and pride that the Yale School of Nursing and her Alumnae/i Association bestow the Distinguished Alumna Award on Anne Hoff, Class of 1977.
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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Anne Aquila ‘88.

Mary Jane Kennedy ’68, Chairperson of Annual Giving, announced the following:

- 7% of YSN students were given outright gifts from money raised by the Alumni Fund. The strategic plan is to increase these funds.
- The Annual Fund goal for this year was $135,000 with 60% participation. The to-date balance for the Annual Fund is $119,886 with 51% participation.
- The balance of the Reunion Total (Annual Fund and Reunion Giving) to date is $203,467.
- The 75th Anniversary Fund Goal was established five years ago. The goal is to raise $75,000 per year from reunion year classes. These funds are designated for gift aid rather than endowment funds. Dean Krauss explained the benefits of outright gifts versus the monies available from an endowment fund. Monica Robinson is YSN’s contact at the University’s Alumni Fund.
- The Class of 1947, on their 50th reunion, has 93% participation and Class Agents Georgianna Booth, Mary Jane Dews, and Priscilla Anderson were thanked for their dedication, enthusiasm, and diligent work. Bequests were made by class members Margaret Breg and Mary Ellis.
- The Class of 1942 honored Class Agents Olga Zagraniski (for 55 years of service) and Marge Kenney (for 20 years of service) with a framed citation.

Treasurer Karin Nystrom ’95 reported total expenses of $182,602 through June 30, 1997, reflecting a savings of more than $18,000 over last year. The total expenses included scholarship funds ($107,675), nursing pins ($4,581), Yale Nurse publication ($16,600), plus Alumni Weekend, Orientation and student activities ($13,769).

Robin Richards ’93, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 1997-98. The slate was approved.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business the Alumnae/i Ambassador Program was explained as an effort to foster recruitment of new students by alumnae/i. Board activities this year included planning Alumni Weekend, sponsoring a career planning workshop for CV writing and interviewing, and hosting a social hour to meet with current students. Mary Colwell ’50 reported on the Association of Yale Alumni’s activities this past year. The fall assembly will be, “Yale and the Revolution in American Health Care.”

Barbara Reif, Director of Alumnae/i Affairs, reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws. A discussion followed which included the suggestion that the relationship of the Director of Alumnae/i Affairs to the Board needed to be included as Executive Secretary in the by-laws; and that the by-laws need to reflect the intent to alternate the election years of the President and Vice President to provide for overlap. It was voted that the proposed changes be re-presented in a more comparative form at the 1998 Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Ousley Henry ’94
Secretary
The Spring, 1997 Association of Yale Alumni Assembly focused on, “The Graduate School: Reflections on the Past and Future.” In putting the Assembly together the planning committee sought to present and examine the ways in which Yale’s different alumni, those with Yale BA’s and those with other Yale degrees, shared and did not share recollections about their experiences, and to present priorities for directing Yale’s future. The Assembly was held in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Graduate School which included a formal banquet and dance. YSN alumna and AYA Board of Governors Secretary Moreen Doran ’71 served as Coordinator of the Friday afternoon University Information Sessions, covering topics such as athletics, graduate life at Yale, and the recent labor settlement which was chaired by Marvel Davis ’70, elected to the Board of Governors this past year.

At the Fall, 1997 Assembly, “Yale and the Revolution in American Health Care,” YSN Dean Judy Krauss; David Kessler, Dean of the Medical School; and Michael Merson, Dean of Epidemiology and Public Health, will serve on a panel on the economics of health care, to be moderated by Theodore Marmor from the School of Management.

In other news, the YUSNAA Board welcomes Catherine Forrest ’71 as the newest AYA Representative. She replaces Mary Colwell ’50 whose term of office expired the end of June. Thanks to Mary for representing YSN’s interests at AYA over the past three years!
In March Sally Cohen '80 testified for the Connecticut Nurses Association before the Connecticut Public Health Committee on proposed revisions to APRN legislation.

Three faculty members, Sally Cohen '80, Donna Mahrenholz, and Cassy Pollack '83, attended the Association for Health Services Research's annual meeting in Chicago in June. Also, Sally had a poster presentation of the study she is conducting with Diana Mason, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Pace University, entitled, "Arrangements between Nurse Practitioners and Managed Care Organizations: Implications for Enhancing Access to Care."

Angela Crowley recently attended a planning session in Washington, DC for the White House Conference on Child Care which is scheduled for this fall.

Donna Mahrenholz participated in the annual meeting of the Health Professions Schools in Service to the Nation (HPSIN). At this San Francisco meeting, a new national organization, Community-Campus Partnerships in Health (CCPH), convened for the first time.

Cassy Pollack '83 presented in May at the annual meeting of the Medical Records Institute in Nashville, TN. Her presentation titled, "Users of Data in Decision-Making: New Discoveries from Patient Data," was part of the conference, The Electronic Patient Record.

Geralyn Spollett was featured as Guest Editor of an issue (Vol. 1, No. 3, July/August) entitled, "Nutrition and Diet Therapy," in the newly published Primary Care Practice Journal. Included in the issue were articles by faculty members Gail Melkus, Mary Ellen Rousseau, and Geri herself. "Patient Education Protols" by YSN faculty member Ivy Alexander and alumnas Elizabeth Boland '95, Beth Anne Carlson '96, and Elizabeth Marlow '96 were also in this issue.

Donna Mahrenholz was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of her contributions to home care Community Health. Paula's article was based on the clinical practicum experiences at the Connecticut Association for Home Care of students enrolled in the Nursing Management and Policy Program, Susan Brink '97, Julu Huang '97, Karen Levine '99, and Moira O'Neill '98.

Rachel Robinson (center), former Assistant Professor at YSN and widow of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, returned to campus on April 9, 1997 to discuss the breaking of racial barriers in the sport 50 years ago. She is pictured with Yale Athletics Director Tom Beckett and Dean Judy Krauss. Ms. Robinson recently wrote a book about her personal memories of her late husband who was Major League baseball's first African-American player. Sharon Robinson, Rachel's daughter, was also a former YSN faculty member in the Nurse-Midwifery Program.
Laura Fadil '98 and Elizabeth Pruett '98 are riding in the Boston to New York AIDS Ride 3, a 275 mile, 3-day bicycle ride that begins on September 12 and ends on September 14. The ride raises money for the HIV/AIDS related services of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center and the Community Health Project in New York, and the Fenway Community Health Center in Boston. They committed to raise a total of $3000 in order to participate in the event.

Nancy Tracy '98 took a new job in June as Vice President / Administrator for a newly established agency, Mercy Community Health Care in West Hartford, CT. Nancy is enrolled in the Nursing Management and Policy Program.

YSN Receives Business Partnership Award

On April 9, 1997 Yale School of Nursing was recognized with a Business Partnership Award. The award was presented to Daniel Junior, YSN Business Manager, representing the School at the Fifth Annual Employer Appreciation Dinner presented jointly by Shoreline Employment Service, its Business Advisory Council, and the Job Club. The purpose of the dinner is to express thanks to those companies and organizations who have given employees with disabilities the opportunity to work in a community job.

The plaque presented to the School reads, “For expanding employment opportunities, supporting through team work, and promoting the value of diversity in the workplace.”

Yale School of Nursing has employed, since November 1996, a crew of challenged individuals who are represented by Shoreline Employment Service, a Division of SARAH, Inc. The School is extremely pleased with the pleasant, courteous, diligent way that these fine people help us to keep YSN looking clean and bright. They not only clean the physical environment, but they add a glow with their bright and happy smiles and cheerful greetings. The recognition given to YSN is a tribute to their ability to serve a very useful function in the YSN community.

Laura Fadil '98 was the recipient of the YSN Community Service Award which is presented annually on the occasion of the Sybil Palmer Bellos Lecture. Laura is holding the roses that are purchased through an endowed fund established in memory of Eleanor Wisser '39 each year for the Wisser Tea, the reception that follows the lecture.

Students enjoy pizza at the final TGIT (Thank Goodness It's Thursday) social of the year.
Ruth Whiting '39 joined a Global Volunteers service program in Jamaica where, for two weeks in March, she assisted at a school in the Blue Mountain community of Happy Grove.

Marion Fleck '46W was honored as co-founder of the College of Nursing at University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center on May 6, 1997 during the College’s Founders’ Reception.

Patricia Becker ’56, Helen Denne Schulte Professor of Nursing at University of Wisconsin, Madison, received one of this year’s Hilldale Awards for major achievement in teaching, research, and service. Her research focuses on child development and health issues. Patricia was elected recently to the American Academy of Nursing. She developed and currently directs a women’s health program for advanced practice nurses and she has been active in her community around perinatal, pediatric, and family health issues.

Rhetaugh Graves Dumas ’61, Vice Provost for Health Affairs at the University of Michigan, assumed the position of President of the National League for Nursing following the NLN’s 23rd Biennial Convention in Portland, Oregon.

Jean Johnson ’63, Professor Emerita at University of Rochester, recently published the book, Self-regulation theory: Applying theory to your practice.

Angela Barron McBride ’64, Distinguished Professor and University Dean at Indiana University School of Nursing, was presented her fifth honorary degree on May 10, 1997. She was recognized by the University of Akron for her contributions to women’s health and psychiatric-mental health nursing with a Doctor of Humane Letters and served as the 1997 commencement speaker. Also in May, Angela was named to the National Institutes of Health’s Advisory Committee on Research on Women’s Health.

Marvel Davis ’70, CNS in psychiatry at Yale-New Haven Hospital, received the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association professional award on April 20, 1997.

Bette L. Davis ’71 was honored by the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA) at their Annual Awards Luncheon on April 19, 1997 in Washington, DC. Bette, a past president of NOVA (1992-1994), was presented the Barbara Chambers Award for her leadership and outstanding contributions to NOVA and its objectives. Barbara Chambers was NOVA’s founding president in 1980. Specifically, Bette was cited for her activism in enhancing the political power of VA professional nursing, making it a visible and interactive force in shaping Department of Veterans Affairs health care policies and nursing’s roles in that health care. That day, Bette was honored alongside two other prestigious individuals: President Bill Clinton, the NOVA Distinguished Service Award, and Virginia Trotter-Betts, The NOVA Professional Nurse Award (also immediate past president of the ANA, 1992-1996).
Sharon Bidwell-Cerone ’74 has been elected chair of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Test Development Committee and appointed to the ANCC Board on Certification. She is also chairperson of NYSNA’s Council on Nursing Research and clinical associate professor of nursing at the SUNY (Buffalo) School of Nursing. Sharon is a PNP for two school systems and a neighborhood health center in the Rochester, NY area.

Beth Boyarski ’82 received her MD from the University of Texas at Galveston School of Medicine on May 24, 1997.

Ruth Deloatch ’82 received the Mary E. Maloney Award from the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association on April 20, 1997. This is the organization’s highest award. Ruth is a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist in private practice.

Karen Evers-Fahey ’82 writes from Switzerland, where she has lived since 1985. After graduation from YSN, Karen worked for six years in Basel in the psychiatric research department of a pharmaceutical company. She met and married her husband, Dirk Evers, and they have two daughters, Gioia (4) and Naomi (2). She studied at the C. G. Jung Institute for the past nine years and is now a qualified Jungian analyst. Karen has a private practice in Zurich, teaches at the Jung Institute, and writes a monthly newsletter column on psychology for English speaking women. She would be delighted to hear from YSN classmates.

Claire Mortimer ’82 continues to work in the Family Health Center and Adult General Medicine Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital. She is currently co-chair of the Bay Area Task Force on Nurse Practitioners and Managed Care. She is active in the California Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and acts as a shop steward representing nurse practitioner members of Service Employees International Union (SEIU). She is also on the Clinical Advisory Board of NPACE (Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education) and attended its San Diego conference in February (with classmate Amy Hecht ’82) where she spoke on the keynote panel on managed care. Claire writes from Berkeley, California where she lives with her two children, Eva (11) and Carlos (7), whom she adopted from Central America. Claire worked in Central America in the 1980s and she is a founding member of the Committee for Health Rights in the Americas. She and her daughter were interviewed last year on National Public Radio’s, “All Things Considered,” on Take Your Daughter to Work Day where Eva announced that she plans to be a nurse-midwife when she grows up.

Luc R. Pelletier ’82 was recently promoted from vice president, quality management, to executive vice president, quality management and clinical systems at Value Behavioral Health.

Kathryn Grado ’83 married William B. Sowden, Ill on April 5, 1997 in Middletown, Delaware.

Barbara Esposito ’84 took the position of Clinical Director, Adult Outpatient Psychiatric Services at The Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, Connecticut.

Judith D. Floyd ’86, CNS for Hospice Community Services at the VA in Meriden, CT, was one of two speakers for a teleconference entitled, “Ethical Issues of Modern Society,” on April 9, 1997.

Marilyn McDonald ’93 has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Southern Vermont College, Bennington, Vermont.

ence, Nursing Research: Guiding Practice into the Next Millennium, in March 1997. Wailua is currently at University of Hawaii (Manoa) School of Nursing as Instructor of Nursing.

Deirdre Murty Marcus '94 and husband Geoff welcome with great joy their daughter Hayes Murty Marcus, born April 6, 1997. They were very pleased to have Kim Updegrove, CNM, in attendance. Dee and Geoff are thoroughly enjoying parenthood but are looking forward to a full night's rest. Until then, they are sleepless in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Elizabeth Boland '95 has co-presented and co-authored various pieces of work in the field of pediatric diabetes. She presented, "Management of insulin dependent diabetes mellitus in a pediatric population," at the 18th Annual Conference for NAPNAP in Washington, DC, in March, 1997, and, "A summer vacation from diabetes: Evidence from a clinical trial," at the annual meeting of the American Association of Diabetes Educators in August, 1997; poster, "Personal and family factors associated with quality of life in adolescents on intensive therapy," at the annual meeting of the American Diabetes Association in June, 1997; published, "Teaching teens to cope: Coping skills training for adolescents with diabetes mellitus," in the Journal of the Society of Pediatric Nurses 2(2), 65-72, and, "Nutrition strategies for adolescents with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus," in Lippincott's Primary Care Practice, July/August 1997. She and Margaret Grey '76 also received the Diabetes Educators Research Grant from the American Association of Diabetes Educators Education and Research Foundation for their project entitled, "Nursing intervention to implement DCCT in youth: Supplement."

Jennifer FitzGibbons '96 began a new position this year as Clinical Associate at Yale School of Medicine with Dr. Florence Comite, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and OB/GYN. She is very happy with her research and clinical practice in a setting providing comprehensive women's health care to mid-life women. She and Dr. Comite recently were consultants to the Minister of Health and Population in Cairo, Egypt. At the Nasser Institute, which is modeled on Dr. Comite's "Women's Health at Yale," they served as advisors in "Advanced Women's Health Techniques."

Ju Lu Huang '97 has taken the position of Project Manager with the Primary and Specialist Medical Center in New Haven, CT.

Brooke Karlsen '97 presented, "Strategic planning for materials management leadership," at the annual meeting of the Voluntary Hospital Association in April, 1997, in San Diego, California.

### In Memoriam

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