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Dorothy L. Sexton, highly respected and beloved faculty member, mentor, and friend will retire at the end of the academic year.
From the DEAN

As the oldest academic nursing program in the United States, the Yale School of Nursing enjoys a history and tradition unknown to most other institutions. Over a third of that history has been shared with Professor Dorothy Sexton, who has quietly declared that she is ready and will retire in June, 2001. Her departure marks an opportunity to reflect on our work and her legacy.

Dorothy joined YSN in 1974, having already completed important studies on how families cope with chronic pulmonary disease. She expected to continue her research career at Yale. But she saw what YSN needed of her and her role evolved with emphasis on teaching, curriculum development, and facilitating students as they initiated their own programs of research.

Upon arrival, Dorothy immediately set about creating a curriculum in medical-surgical nursing for the incoming class in the brand new master’s program for college graduates with no prior nursing experience, now known as the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN). The following year, she took over YSN’s Medical-Surgical Nursing Program, setting about to hire well grounded clinicians who loved practice. She claimed she could teach them to teach if they were secure clinicians. Her work continued as author of numerous federal training grants, enabling the school to expand its offerings. Notably, she prepared the grant application supporting the launch of YSN’s doctoral program in 1994.

Dorothy has been characterized as the consummate “mentor.” Selfless, she sees what needs to be done and she quietly goes about getting it done. She understood the need to strengthen YSN’s curriculum and to recruit faculty whose strengths matched the YSN mission. She saw that students needed tutoring; she went about editing their work and offering advice. She saw that faculty needed direction in teaching and scholarship and she organized a year-long series of workshops to address those needs. She recognized that faculty recruited from out of state needed to “connect” with Connecticut and she sent them copies of Connecticut Magazine.

Dorothy leaves the legacy of deep human concern and a strong, clinically focused curriculum. These treasures must be protected and nourished. They must continue to grow. To be a caring community and to teach our students to do caring work, we must take up Dorothy’s daily concern for one another. We must treat each other as we would hope to be treated. While encouraging excellence, we must be prepared with understanding. Our curriculum must feature detailed clinical excellence, while recognizing the need to prepare our graduates for critical thinking about topics yet unimagined. Thanks to Dorothy Sexton and her 27 years of service at YSN, we are better able to improve the health of all people. Thank you, Dorothy.

Catherine Lynch Gilliss
Dean and Professor

Credit goes to Colleen Shaddox for her assistance in shaping this column.
• The article about YSN’s Student Government Organization (SGO) in the January, 2001 issue of Yale Nurse did not mention by name the involvement of a number of students who also helped put together the structure of our current organization. These individuals were all integral to the revival and development of the SGO as it exists today and include Michael Greene, Sheila Geen, Brian Arey, Amanda Dworski, Elisa Vandervort, Kim Russell, Sarah Campbell, and Hannah Copp. Many others also offered ideas and support to the tremendous amount of work that was invested in this project. Everyone who contributed should be acknowledged and thanked!

• The Editors are always interested in including articles of all kinds submitted by our alums. If you have an idea for an article, please contact either Kate Stephenson (StephKN1@aol.com) or Barbara Reif (barbara.reif@yale.edu) and we would be happy to discuss it with you. Any idea is a good one! Just remember that Yale Nurse is your newsletter and is a vehicle for sharing and communicating with your fellow YSN alumnae/i.

• Transcript requests and verification forms can be sent to the Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office, Yale School of Nursing, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. The first transcript request following graduation is free. Subsequent requests are $5.00 apiece. Be sure to indicate whether the transcript needs to be official or unofficial and where it needs to be mailed or faxed. There is no charge for the completion of verification forms.

• Comments and questions about Yale Nurse and YUSNAA activities are invited and should be directed to the Editors, Yale Nurse, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740.

To All YSN Alumnae/i: DON’T MISS THE 2001 REUNIONS!

Once again the YSN Alumnae/i Association Board and I invite all alums to return to New Haven and celebrate the wonder of Yale School of Nursing during the reunion weekend. Reunion events are scheduled for May 31-June 2, 2001. The events kick off Thursday evening with an informal gathering at the school where, after dinner, we will have the opportunity to reminisce about our own experiences at Yale and learn about the changes surrounding current student life. In keeping with the University’s Tercentennial theme, Friday’s and Saturday’s programs are focused on showcasing how the YSN community has impacted communities around the world and outside of the classic health care arenas. We are especially pleased to celebrate the Tercentennial with a special invitation to all recipients of YSN’s Distinguished Alumna Award. We have asked these honored alums to join us Friday evening at our annual banquet. We will all have an opportunity to visit and catch up at the reception before dinner and celebrate with the newly honored Distinguished Alumnae/i afterwards.

Did you graduate in a year that ends in a 1 or a 6? This is a special anniversary year for you and your classmates, and it is particularly exciting to come back and enjoy their company. We hope you can return to the Elm City and celebrate with us. We look forward to seeing you!!

Carol Ann Wetmore ’94
President, YUSNAA Board
McCorkle and Williams Named to YSN Endowed Chairs

On March 21, 2001, Yale President Richard Levin announced to a large crowd in the YSN Lecture Hall that two faculty have been named to two newly endowed professorships.

Ruth McCorkle, a pioneer in oncology nursing, is the first Florence Schorske Wald Professor. Ruth is currently a Professor, Chair of the Doctoral Program, and Director of the Center for Excellence in Chronic Illness Care. She is also the program leader for Cancer Control at the Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center and a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Yale Medical School. The Chair is named in honor of former Dean Florence Wald, pioneer, defender of patients’ rights, and distinguished scholar. Florence was present to applaud Ruth and her accomplishments. In part Ruth’s citation reads, “As a researcher, she proved what she had known instinctively as a clinician, that nursing matters, that this skilled and critical work is as necessary to the healing process as any miracle drug or cutting edge procedure.” Nowhere does nursing matter more than in the care of chronically ill people and Ruth has untiringly advocated for dignified care of the dying, and supportive care of families.

Ann Williams, an international leader in AIDS research, has been named the Helen Porter Jayne and Martha Prosser Jayne Professor. Ann has long been acclaimed for her work with under-served populations, as a person who respects the dignity of all people across lines of class, race, gender, and sexual orientation. She has worked tirelessly as a teacher, scholar, clinician, and activist. “Her politics told her that imposing solutions on marginalized people was a form of assault; her humanity and sensitivity helped her live out that conviction,” states her citation. Ann’s work over 20 years in the Yale community has never deviated from its focus on compassionate and expert care of under-served patients. She is also a trustee of the Yale-China Association and has been particularly active in China where she serves as a resource for nurses working to protect themselves and others from blood borne infections.

Yale School of Nursing faculty, students, and staff honor both of these people and stand in awe of their accomplishments, their humanity, and their remarkable contributions to nursing and the science of care.

President Richard Levin announced the first recipients of the newly named professorships.

(L to R) Ruth McCorkle, Florence Wald, and Ann Williams.
Sandra Talley Assumes Directorship of Psych Specialty

Having left YSN in 1989 to pursue doctoral work at the University of Utah, Sandra Talley wasn't thinking about coming back to New Haven and Yale. But she did return to the faculty last summer and has recently agreed to become the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Specialty Director.

Having earned a BSN at the University of Nevada, Reno; an MN at the Oregon Health Sciences University; a Post Master’s in Primary Care at the University of Rochester under the auspices of a Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship; and a PhD at the University of Utah College of Nursing, Sandy is well armed...and certainly well educated...to do the job! Her doctoral research focused on self-regulation activities of individuals with schizophrenia.

After receiving her BSN degree, Sandy worked as a staff nurse in a psychiatric program, and having completed her master’s work, held a joint appointment in psychiatric emergency services and the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing. From there she first came to Yale where she served on the YSN faculty from 1979-1989 and as Chairperson of the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Program from 1985-1989.

Committed to the integration of health care and mental health care, Sandy has done recognized research and writing on prescriptive authority for psychiatric nurse practitioners and was lured back to YSN to help implement the newly formulated Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Track. “The nice thing about being back is the ability to reconnect with the psych-mental health nursing community of former faculty and graduates which so enriches the program and its goals. Our new agenda is to increase recruitment efforts and to continue to evolve curriculum, so that our YSN graduates are prepared to care for the complex needs of our clients.”

Welcome back, Sandy!

(L to R) Dr. Courtney Lyder, Associate Professor, YSN; Dr. Margaret Grey '76, Associate Dean for Research Affairs, YSN; Dr. Penny Pierce '75, University of Michigan School of Nursing; and Wailua Brandman '94, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, attended the 14th Annual Nursing Research Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, “Searching for Evidence and Finding the Answers,” held March 23, 2001. Penny and Margaret were keynote speakers and Courtney presented a poster, “Utilizing Portable Ultrasound to Detect Stage 1 Pressure Ulcers in Darkly Pigmented Skin,” co-authored with Kristin Cooke ’00 and Elizabeth Esstman ’00. Wailua was conference staff. All enjoyed a wonderful mini reunion, reminiscing and sharing stories about YSN, past and present.
Third Annual CECIC Convocation Held in February

Donna Diers '64, YSN’s Annie Goodrich Professor of Nursing, gave the 2001 Keynote Address at the Center for Excellence in Chronic Illness Care’s Third Annual Convocation, held on February 27, 2001. Donna, who is well known for her passionate and reasoned explanations of nursing’s role and its potential in the health care system, is currently working with large administrative data sets typically kept in hospitals. She is an expert at using data to extract important clinical information which can improve practice and influence policy. She consults internationally about the uses of such data and its impact on policy, thus the title of her speech, “Between Policy and Practice.”

This year’s recipients of the 2001 Excellence in Caring in Chronic Illness Awards, presented at the Convocation, were Amy S. Kuhner, MBA, MDiv, Founder and Executive Director of Sunshine House, a pediatric hospice facility still in its conceptual stage; and Janet Parkosewich ‘85, MSN, CCRN, currently a doctoral student at YSN and a seasoned cardiac clinical nurse specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Both honorees embody the goals of the Center which are to disseminate and facilitate use of research-based knowledge in a timely fashion to enhance chronic illness care; to provide training and mentorship to enhance scholarship and practice in chronic illness care; and to facilitate research among disciplines that play a vital role in the care of persons with or at risk for chronic illness and their families.

A lovely reception followed, with music provided by harpist Jacqueline Kerrod.

SUBRENA WINFIELD, Peer Educator with the ATHENA Project at YSN, was the guest of honor at a book signing held at the School on December 14, 2000. Her book, edited by Alice Mattison, Patricia Benedict, and Lesley TwoBears, is entitled, “As I Sat on the Green: Living without a Home in New Haven.” Before coming to Yale, Subrena was an activist for folks in transition from homelessness to active citizenship in the community and felt it appropriate to share her own story. All proceeds from the sale of her book go to Columbus House in New Haven, a community-based shelter for people in need.
HIV University: A Unique Concept in the Battle Against AIDS

By Karina Danvers

Karina Danvers is a Peer Educator with the ATHENA Project at YSN and has fought tirelessly to teach women about HIV and AIDS. She and a colleague were selected in a competitive process to start their own HIV University in Connecticut, a program to teach HIV+ women about treatment and life skills in the long relationship with the virus. She describes the program below.

In addition, Anna Deavere Smith, the actress, playwright, and teacher known for her ability to converse and listen to others and then transform the conversations into startling, introspective dramas, taught and performed at Yale School of Medicine last November, 2000. Smith, the Daniel James Memorial Visiting Professor, sponsored by the Department of Internal Medicine, performed an original theatrical piece entitled, “Rounding it Out,” which was based on the stories of patients whose illnesses are shaped by social and economic disadvantage. To create this original piece, she interviewed a number of patients and their families, physicians, and nurses from the New Haven area to achieve a better understanding of the adversity patients face as they experience serious illness. Karina was one of the patients Smith portrayed.

HIV University was first developed by HIV positive women at WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Lifethreatening Diseases) in Oakland, California, 1994. The goals are:

- To improve health outcomes of HIV+ women by providing peer based education about the multifaceted treatment aspects of living with HIV and how it impacts their lives physically, mentally, and socially.
- To empower every HIV+ woman to become an integral part of the treatment decision making process with her health care providers so that treatment regimen are based on knowledge and understanding.

If a team of two women (both have to be HIV+, unless special dispensation is given) is interested in setting up this peer based treatment education training in their own community, they can apply to the World Health. Kathy Tumillo, an HIV- Nurse Practitioner, and I, an HIV+ woman, applied for the grant to attend this one week training in San Francisco in November, 2000. We were selected along with nine other teams. The total number of applicants was 160 women from all over the country, so the competition was stiff.

The training consisted of:

- WEB training—how to obtain AIDS related information
- How to set up budgets for non-profits
- Complete HIV101 and treatment options in "consumer language"
- How to promote the University
- How to select speakers, volunteers, students, etc.
- How to apply for grants and learn how to write small grants
- Psychosocial issues
- Advocacy and self-advocacy
- Nutrition
- Clinical trials
- Group dynamics

It was an amazing experience and I feel that I finally have the complete tools to be a good “consumer educator” and a “provider educator,” that is, how to explain to patients in “real world language” about AIDS!

If interested in learning more about HIV University, please contact Karina Danvers at (203) 737-1579.
The Office of Research Affairs has initiated two new processes to assist faculty with grant writing and production. In January, a group of faculty (Ann Williams, Marge Funk, and Kathy Knafl) formed CERES - Colleagues Encouraging RESeach - to institutionalize the ongoing mock review of grants. Named for the goddess of the Harvest, CERES is a collegial forum for gathering input and feedback on our research. It builds on the mock review process and includes regularly scheduled breakfast meetings for the review and discussion of research proposals and research ideas. The group meets monthly to review all grants due in the next one to two months and provides detailed critical analyses in the form of an NIH grant review. A number of faculty are included as reviewers, and all faculty are welcome to attend the meetings.

The second new initiative in our ongoing efforts to assist faculty with grant development and submission is that we have developed an on-line grant planning tool that can be helpful in making sure that work is progressing on time and that the investigator has not missed something important in the process. The tool is very detailed in both timeline and process. Currently, it is focused on research grants, but we intend to develop one for training grants, as well. The process works as follows. When a faculty member or student decides to do a grant and meets with Office of Research Affairs staff (me or Sarah Zaino, Administrative Associate), we enter the due date, and through the wizardry of Lorna Grey, YSN’s Data Manager, deadlines are automatically calculated for each step along the way. The principal investigator, Sarah, and I all get a copy of the completed planning tool, so that we can be helpful in assisting the work in a timely way.

At the end of the semester and over the next year, we will be evaluating these new efforts. A number of large grants were submitted over the past several months, and we are awaiting the funding decisions.

YSN Abstracts Accepted by ADA for 61st Scientific Sessions

YSN will be well represented at the American Diabetes Association’s 61st Scientific Sessions, to be held in Philadelphia, PA in June.

Diabetes and Cardiac Risk Factor Knowledge: Influence on Control. Deborah Chyun ’82, Assistant Professor; Kimberly Lacey ’97, DNSC ’02; Gail Melkus, Associate Professor; Janice Davey ’76; Virginia Sun ’02; and Silvio Inzucchi.

Diabetes Education in an Urban Native American Population. Deborah Chyun ’82, Assistant Professor; Susan Langerman ’99; Barbara Namias; Jean Abram; and Gail Melkus, Associate Professor.

Correlates of Depression in Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes. Robin Whitemore, YSN Post Doctoral Associate; Sabrina Singleton, Howard Scholar, YSN; Sheri Kanner ’92, DNSC ’02; and Margaret Grey ’76, Associate Dean for Research Affairs.

Culturally Sensitive Intervention of Education and Care Improves Glycemic Control for Black Women with Type 2 DM. Gail Melkus, Associate Professor; Vanessa Jefferson ’98, Lecturer in Nursing; Geri Spollett, Associate Professor; Susan Langerman ’99; Deborah Chyun ’82, Assistant Professor; Donna D’Eugenio; and Kelley Newlin ’01.

Spiritual Well-Being in Black American Women with Type 2 DM. Gail Melkus, Associate Professor; Kelley Newlin ’01; Vanessa Jefferson ’98, Lecturer in Nursing; Deborah Chyun ’82, Assistant Professor; and Nicole Laing, Howard Scholar, YSN.
In January, David P. Steffen ’85 was selected by the Public Health Leadership Institute (PHLI), through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as Director of the program. He began work on March 5, initially from New Mexico, where he has lived for the past 15 years. He has since relocated to North Carolina.

PHLI is a national leadership development program created through a collaborative effort among the CDC, UNC-CH School of Public Health, the UNC-CH Kenan-Flagler Business School, and the Center for Creative Leadership, Inc., in Greensboro, NC. PHLI seeks to prepare senior level health professionals as they work to promote the country’s public health agenda.

After receiving his MSN and MPH from Yale in 1985, David worked for several years as a family nurse practitioner in New Mexico. He then received his DrPH from the UNC-CH Public Health Leadership Program. David left his 13-year position in Las Cruces as District Public Health Director, Public Health Division, District III, State of New Mexico Department of Health, to assume the directorship at UNC-CH.

David commented, “I am excited to be involved in this project which aims to develop leaders whose efforts with other individuals, organizations, and communities will improve the health of the public.”

VICTORIA ODESINA, an intervention registered nurse with the ATHENA Project at YSN, was the recipient of the Allen C. Crocker Award from the New England Regional Genetics Group. This award is presented annually to an individual whose work, activities, or initiative in human genetics has inspired and informed the region of New England in a collaborative and cross-disciplinary manner. Odesina, who is originally from Nigeria, received this year’s award in recognition of her work in co-chairing the New England Regional Genetics Group from 1994-1997. She has a special interest and expertise in issues related to sickle cell anemia. She is pictured here with Dr. Crocker.
Giving Back

YSN Welcomes First Development Officer

Among the many “firsts” at YSN, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Lisa M. Hottin to the new post of Director of Development. The creation of this position is an important development for the future of YSN. It signals a commitment by the University to the growth and vision of YSN as a leading center for scholarship and research in nursing science.

Lisa’s professional career has been anything but predictable. She earned a Master of Science in Library Service from Columbia University and was introduced to the health sciences early in her career (albeit peripherally) as Assistant Archivist with New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center (now Weill Cornell Medical Center). She later moved on to assume the role of Curator at the American Irish Historical Society (AIHS) in New York City. While at AIHS she was introduced to fundraising, working with fundraising counsel to coordinate a feasibility study in preparation for a capital campaign.

Lisa honed her development expertise as a consultant with The Oram Group, and later at Boston College. Marriage and children brought her back to Connecticut where she returned to a clinical health care setting, accepting a position first as Marketing Representative and then as Administrator with Burt Medical Laboratory, Inc.

After ten years (“Who said you need to reinvent yourself every ten years? I truly believe it; I guess it’s all about taking risks,” she says), Lisa returned to the non-profit sector when she joined the Albert Schweitzer Institute, and then YSN.

“I am very excited by the opportunities to increase our circle of friends of YSN. The students, faculty, and staff are passionate about nursing and incredibly committed to improving the quality of health care and health care services. I am looking forward to working with our faculty and alumnae/i to realize the full potential the school has to offer.”

Lisa welcomes your suggestions and comments. You can reach her at (230) 785-7920 or by email at lisa.hottin@yale.edu.
Dorothy Sexton Scholarship Fund

There is no better tribute to the greatness of a teacher than the success of her students in their professional pursuits. Throughout her career Dorothy Sexton, RN, EdD has demonstrated a tireless commitment to her students, nurturing them during their academic nursing careers and beyond.

To commemorate Dorothy Sexton’s unparalleled contributions to nursing education and in particular to the dedication and professional guidance for which she will always be remembered, Yale School of Nursing has established the Dorothy Sexton Scholarship Fund, to advance a new generation of nurse scholars. The Sexton Scholarship will develop and support students in their pursuit of the highest quality of nursing education and scholarship. Sexton Scholars will continue to be encouraged to exemplify the qualities Dorothy has embodied during her many years in nursing and nursing education.

Our goal of reaching $100,000 is quickly becoming a reality through the generosity of a number of early university], even though it was not my first choice, was going to be the deciding factor unfortunately..."

Yale has always been able to attract the highest caliber students, regardless of their economic resources to become Yale Nurses. To maintain that competitive edge and to continue to select the best students, YSN must increase its scholarship support. The School currently has 12 endowed scholarship funds, which provide $100,000 in annual scholarship awards for worthy and needy students. This falls far behind the two other Ivy League nursing schools and other schools of comparable size.

The average student debt load at graduation is $60,000, over a three year period of study. The average student attending YSN receives $15,000 in scholarships and $60,000 in loans over these three years.

An endowed named scholarship is funded at a minimum of $100,000. Invested in Yale’s endowment fund, a scholarship at this level generates on average $3,000 in annual student financial support.

For more information about support for scholarships or other funding priorities at YSN, contact Lisa Hottin at 203-785-7920 or email her at lisa.hottin@yale.edu.

Let’s Talk Scholarships

"...I had always heard about YSN, its tradition of scholarship, its dedicated faculty, the incredibly rich faculty to student ratio, the nurses who graduated from there and how they stood out from other post-graduate nurses. So when I received my acceptance letter, I was more than thrilled! But under the crush- ing weight of two years of tuition, with little to no scholarship support, it was almost as if I had received a rejection letter. It was worse! This incredible opportunity was held out to me, but with no way of attaining it. The scholarship support I was offered from [another donors to the Fund who have stepped forward to become the first members of a “Committee of 100.” The Committee of 100 will represent the first one hundred donors who have contributed a minimum of $1,000 to the Sexton Scholarship Fund. The Committee’s generous support of the Sexton Scholarship Fund will be specially recognized. The Committee invites all interested donors to earmark their gifts or pledges to the “Dorothy Sexton Scholarship Fund.” Contact Lisa Hottin at 203-785-7920 or email her at lisa.hottin@yale.edu for more information.

Alumnae/i Leaders Breakfast With The Dean

On Friday, April 6, Dean Catherine Gilliss hosted YSN alumni leadership at her home for the third annual Alumnae/i Leaders and Class Agents Breakfast. An elegant breakfast was enjoyed by all in attendance. The Dean expressed her gratitude to the Alumnae/i Association Board and to Alumni Class Agents for their commitment and dedication to the School and to maintaining vital links between YSN students and alumnae/i. The Dean spoke about the vision of the School and the implementation of a 5-year strategic plan underway to realize that vision. Annual Fund Chairperson, Nina Adams ’77, gave a report on the progress of this year’s Annual Fund and YSN’s Director of Development, Lisa Hottin, discussed funding opportunities and types of gifts available.
Carolyn Falls was born and raised in Connecticut, but left the area to attend college at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. After earning a BA in Religion, she worked in a variety of positions before coming to the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (F&ES) 13 years ago, where she was hired as a clerk in the Business Office. Carolyn quickly assumed more and more responsibilities as she was promoted to Grants and Contracts Administrator, Assistant Business Manager, and Financial Aid Officer, eventually specializing in financial aid. Having found her niche at Yale, she has shared her expertise and talents with students in Yale College and the Drama School, as well as the F&ES. YSN now benefits from that expertise, since she has come on board to replace Lillian Hale who retired last summer.

Carolyn will continue to divide her time between Forestry and Nursing. "I am excited to be at the School of Nursing and to be able to use my experience in graduate student financial aid in this new arena. Students at Forestry and Nursing share many common altruistic goals and the missions of both schools are remarkably similar."

Bruce Carmichael, Associate Dean for Resources and Management adds, "Carolyn brings a wealth of knowledge about and experience with the intricacies of financial aid in general, but also about the workings of the financial aid processes here at Yale. We are fortunate, indeed, to have her at YSN. While we share Carolyn with the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, we will be augmenting our financial aid function with a full-time clerical and technical staff member, thus increasing our day-to-day support for this important activity."

Carolyn’s daughter is a graduate of Smith College and works in Washington, DC as an editor for publications at the American Institute of Cancer Research. Her son, a graduate of the University of Vermont, is a legislative aide in the Connecticut Legislature.
Gloria Chang '01, a student in the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Specialty, has been awarded a Harvard Behavioral Health Fellowship. This one year Fellowship is an interdisciplinary program open to senior psychiatric residents, postdoctoral psychologists, master's prepared psychiatric nurses, and social workers. She will be working in Boston at a Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates clinical site involved in direct clinical services and administrative activities for children and families.

Caroline Dorsen '01 had a Letter to the Editor published in the March 20, 2001 edition of The New York Times in which she addressed the opening of a Costco outside Tokyo, Japan and the cost that will potentially be incurred in treating diseases caused by the high fat, low fiber diets encouraged by inexpensive, bulk food.

Meghan Sawyer '01 was first author for an article published in the Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 12 (12), 2000, entitled, “A critical review of current nursing faculty practice.” Co-authors were Yalies, Ivy Alexander, Assistant Professor; Catherine L. Gilliss, Dean; Lisa Gordon '01, and Linda Juszczak, DNSc '99.

Heart Month Activities at YSN

Violet Baczewski '02, Deborah Kubowicz '02, Kimberly Hudson '02, Lynette McCloy '02, and Michelle Sanford '02, students in the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty, participated in a community-based blood pressure and stroke screening opportunity as part of Heart Month. The screenings took place at Shaws Supermarket, in conjunction with the Regional Visiting Nurse Agency (RVNA) and the Connecticut Heart Group. Twenty-nine patients were seen for stroke screening, and an additional 30 were seen for blood pressure screening. Criteria for further evaluation or follow-up were determined for fifty percent of the total number of patients screened. Jessica Shank Coviello '82, Lecturer in Nursing at YSN and Adult Nurse Practitioner for the Connecticut Heart Group, and Jona Hackett Winters, publicist for RVNA, coordinated and participated in the effort. Prevention is every nurse’s responsibility!

(L to R) Lynette McCloy, Deborah Kubowicz, Michelle Sanford, Violet Baczewski, and Kim Hudson.
Dorothy Sexton to Retire
By Donna Diers ‘64

YSN will not be the same place after June 30, 2001 when Dorothy Sexton will no longer be a daily presence. Dorothy has decided to take early retirement to enjoy her life at home and especially her dog, Duffy. She will be honored at an invitational seminar and dinner early in May.

Dorothy is known as a teacher’s teacher. Her dedication to her students and junior colleagues is legendary, as is her wont to cut student papers into strips and tape them back together in the right order. A request to comment on a student paper or a nascent article always brought an affirmative reply, as well as comments that revealed her prodigious memory for long-ago citations and events. Meticulous in detail, Dorothy has served as the conscience of YSN, especially during trying accreditation days and getting-grants-out-the-door times. Her thoroughness and perspicacity have saved us from many external slings and arrows.

Dorothy came to YSN in 1974 with her first assignment to build for us a medical-surgical nursing program that would complete the specialty offerings and allow us to open what is now called the GEPN program. Within a year, she was teaching students and within two she had designed and implemented (and got the federal funding for) a graduate level clinical nurse specialist offering in medical-surgical nursing. Since then, more than 285 specialty students have come through the program of study, most of them having been personally taught in one course or another by Dorothy. They carry away from YSN a respect for teaching and for attention to detail, as well as a devotion to Yale carefully crafted in Dorothy’s work.

Dorothy was trained as a nurse at the Hospital of St. Raphael, and educated at Boston College and Boston University. She taught at Boston University and the University of Massachusetts, as well. But she has always seemed one of Yale’s, and we lay claim to her even as she steps out.

Dorothy L. Sexton
Research Units on Pediatric Psychopharmacology Autism Network Complete Clinical Trial

Yale is one of five federally-funded Research Units on Pediatric Psychopharmacology (RUPP) engaged in evaluating pharmacotherapy in children with autism and related disorders. The consortium began enrolling children and adolescents with autism in a study of risperidone for the treatment of severe aggression and self-injurious behavior in July, 1999. In January, 2001, recruitment was closed after enrolling 101 subjects. This is the largest controlled treatment study in autism to date and it is likely to be the definitive study of risperidone in this population. Under the direction of Drs. Larry Scahill ‘89, Associate Professor in the Psychiatric-Mental Health Specialty at YSN, and Fred Volkmar, Yale is the coordinating site for the RUPP Autism Network. Yale takes special pride in completing this phase of the project. The other sites include Indiana University, Johns Hopkins University, Ohio State University, and the University of California at Los Angeles. In addition to Larry, the Yale RUPP includes Kathleen Gawlocki Koenig ‘88, Deirdre Carroll ‘00, and Heidi Levine ‘00.

Marcus Welby: APRN

In February, 2001, Linda Honan Pellico ‘89, Lecturer and Specialty Director of the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN), presented, “Marcus Welby, APRN: Paradigm Shifts in Today’s Care Giving.” It was one of the lectures in a series sponsored by the Program for Humanities in Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine. To a standing room only crowd in the Beaumont Room at the Medical School, Linda eloquently addressed the need to have nurses become more visible and acknowledged in today’s health care arena. Several of Linda’s GEPN students joined her at the podium and read powerful and moving excerpts from their journals which they are required to keep. A few also read poetry written about their experiences in the hospital, taking care of very sick patients. Malia Davis ‘02, John Leopold ‘02, Mary Patten ‘02, Dana Quealy ‘02, Anna Maria Speciale ‘03, Carrie Szejk ‘03, Laura Thompson ‘03, and Brie Thumm ’01 made YSN stand proud as they demonstrated their intellect, creativity, and energy. Linda and her students got a standing ovation at the end of the program!

ANGELA CROWLEY, Associate Professor in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Specialty, was awarded a grant from The Commonwealth Fund to adapt, implement, and evaluate a pilot program, Healthy Steps: Strategies for Change, for final year PNP students. The Healthy Steps curriculum was created by Boston University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics in order to strengthen child development in primary care. YSN is the first school of nursing to examine this curriculum for potential inclusion in a graduate program.
Mary Hagan Harvey '46 writes that she is, "...very appreciative of the wonderful news about YSN graduates. As always, Effie J. Taylor and Miss Barrett would have been proud!" She married Raymond Bernard in 1951 and had three children, Marie (California), Paul, and Peter (both in New York). Mary and Raymond were divorced in 1972. She later married John Harvey and then retired from federal service in 1990. John has since passed away in August, 1998.

Vanessa Marshall '70 took a trip to China in October, 2000 and met up with several other alums for a mini YSN reunion. "What a great trip—second only to the 26-day Antarctica cruise I took in February, 2000. Ain't retirement great?!"

Anita Ward Finkelman '71 wrote, Managed Care: A Nursing Perspective, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., 2001. The text includes a companion website. Anita is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing at University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and President of Resources for Excellence, her own health care consulting company.

Dianne Davis '72 will be honored in June by the Alzheimer's Association, South Central Connecticut Chapter, as an inductee into their Hall of Fame. Dianne is a Geriatric Case Manager at the Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Ruth Ouimette '75 co-authored with Joanne Hickey and Sandra Venegoni, Advanced Practice Nursing: Changing Roles and Clinical Applications, 2nd Edition (Philadelphia: Lippincott) last year, which was cited as one of the most valuable texts of 2000, as chosen by The American Journal of Nursing’s panel of judges.

Laura Mahony '83 is pleased to announce her return to Charleston, WV. Laura is in practice with four

Together in China on a cruise of the Yangtze River (L to R) Frances Hindley '50, Virginia Brown '50, Sally Elliott '56, and Vanessa Marshall '70.
CNMs at Women Care/Family Care and attends hospital and free-standing birth center births.

It was recently announced that **Rhea Sanford ’86** is the recipient of the Florence Wald Award, one of the Connecticut Nurses Association 2001 Diamond Jubilee Awards. She will be honored in May at the Awards Banquet.

**Robyn Miller ’88** works as a CNS for Partners Psychiatry and Mental Health with administrative and clinical responsibilities in the Psychiatric Emergency Room at Massachusetts General Hospital. She and her partner live in Newton, MA and have two daughters, Mikaela 7-1/2, and Gabrielle 5-1/2.

**Julie Allen-Stamos ’89** writes from Evanston, IL where she lives happily with her three children, Dana (7), Gayle (3), and Luke (6 months). She is busy working on their house and volunteering at school and church.

**Mimi and Noel Mateo**, graduates of the Class of 1989, are still in Oceanside, California and live with their three children, Sisa, Kai, and Zeny. Noel is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with The Spirit of Caring Mobile Health Care Clinic, a bus which provides free health care to the Chula Vista Elementary School District students. Noel works with the medical director, a clinical nurse, and a medical assistant to increase the general health of the District’s students, reduce the incidence of communicable and preventable diseases, and raise student achievement through improved attendance. Mimi is a Certified Nurse Midwife with Women’s Health Services. The group’s mission is to improve the health status of their diverse communities by providing quality care that is comprehensive, affordable, and culturally sensitive. The group includes two physicians and nine midwives.

**Katherine (DiBella) Seluja ’90** accepted a new part-time position as Nurse Practitioner Examiner at Para Los Ninos, the pediatric sexual abuse clinic at University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. She is the first PNP to hold this position. Katherine lives with her two daughters, Serafina (6), and Camila (1).

**Vanna Dest ’92** was a recent recipient of the Robert Zanes Award from the American Cancer Society’s New England division. The prize is awarded to health care professionals who, “set the highest standards in care for people with cancer and their families.” Vanna continues to work at St. Raphael Hospital’s Father Michael J. McGivney Center for Cancer Care in New Haven and is currently a student at YSN in the Oncology Nurse Practitioner Post Master’s Certificate Program.

**Meredith Wallace ’93** currently serves as series editor for, **Try This: Best Practices in Nursing Care to Older Adults**, a publication for The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, Division of Nursing, at New York University.
Annette Hatch-Clein '94 writes from Bangor, ME where she and her husband, Lee, have adopted another child, Luciana. Luci was born in Michigan on April 15, 2000 and has been with her new parents since June, 2000. She and her brother, Eli, (2-1/2) are keeping their parents busy and feeling blessed. Annette continues to work at EMMC Family Practice Center in Bangor in the residency program, which is a, "busy place and very demanding, but I still get to swim and run and eat chocolate." Lee, who is a great father according to Annette, is now studying, "intensive early childhood development and household management," i.e., he is at home for now with the children.

Tina London '95 and her husband Nick Shorr welcomed Naomi Elena (born July, 2000 in Bogota, Colombia) home on November 29, 2000, after a six week stay in Colombia. It was a wonderful adventure. Tina is working at the local Planned Parenthood affiliate in Winston-Salem, North Carolina doing GYN care.

Susan Moscou '95 will be attending Brandeis University in September, 2001 where she will pursue a PhD in social policy. Susie recently co-authored, "The role of race in clinical medicine," which was accepted for publication in Family Medicine.

Nico Boramanand '99 writes from California where she is working with the cardiology group at Children's Hospital in San Diego. She gave her first professional lecture at the San Diego American Academy of Pediatrics conference in November, 2000 entitled, "Cardiology and school sports restrictions." She enjoys running and kayaking and, "other outdoor activities to keep me out of trouble."

Deena Mallareddy '99 is living in California where she recently accepted a nurse-midwifery clinical and faculty appointment with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and San Francisco General Hospital. She writes, "I miss the East Coast in the weirdest ways, but I'm happy here."

In November, Nicole Lavigne Laquis '00 married her fiancé whom she met while at YSN, and they moved to Tennessee for his fellowship in oculoplastic surgery. Nicole works as a nurse practitioner in the after-completion-of-therapy clinic for long-term survivors of cancer at St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis.

Neesha Ramchandani '00 is moving to New York to take a job as Nurse Manager of the Children’s Clinical Research Center at the NY Hospital/Cornell Medical Center.

She also reports that she has published two articles, one as primary author and one as co-author, and is co-author of an abstract that was accepted for presentation at the American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions in June. Neesha has been busy!

IN MEMORIAM


Anna Milford '38 died January 15, 1997.

Carol Reynolds Dunham '41 died March 3, 2000.

Clara McKenna Browne '46W died October 16, 1992.


Fannie Evelyn Dewar '49 died December 9, 2000.


Sally Ann Yeomans '58 died March 18, 2001.


BULLDOG PIN AVAILABLE AS FUNDRAISER

The Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association is sponsoring a mini fundraiser, proceeds from which will benefit the Association and ultimately the YSN community in some way. We are selling this handmade, sterling silver bulldog pin which would make a wonderful gift for someone or a special treat for yourself. The pin, which also doubles as a pendant (1 1/4 X 1 1/2 inches) was designed by Courtney Design. Graduation is coming, as well as the 2001 Reunions and many other occasions that would warrant this fun and lovely gift. Very Yale, but we’re all proud of that!

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