

NURSING AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY

A Brief History

“Nursing is unquestionably an essential profession, and Alfred University has included the nursing program since World War II. Nursing alumni and students have pride in the program and loyalty to Alfred.”

(3/26/1991 memo from AU to NYS Education Dept.)

Original Program Philosophy

- ✓ A professional nurse can be best educated in a collegiate atmosphere,
- ✓ A broad-based liberal arts program combined with professional courses enriches the student's scholastic preparation,
- ✓ The rich cultural and social values of University living contribute to make her a well-rounded, competent member of society, able to function effectively in her profession and as a citizen.

In a nutshell ...

**Nursing
Program Begins**

1943

1976

**Nursing
Program Ends**

1991

**Highest
enrollment of
full-time
students**



Class of 1970

Topics

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- Sigma Theta Tau
- Lecture series
- Awards & scholarships

Program Foundation World War II ... 1943



Frances Bolton
“The Bolton Act”



CADET NURSES ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES
ANSWER THEIR COUNTRIES CALL FOR NURSES



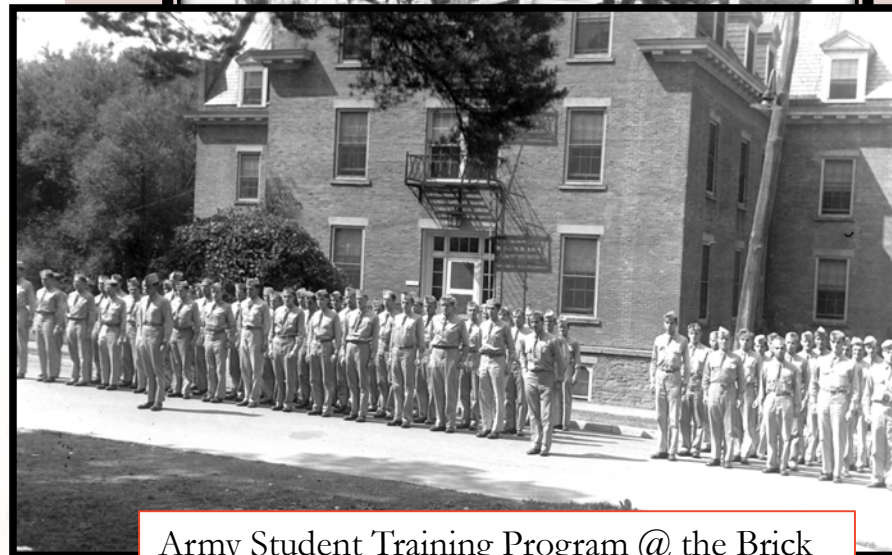
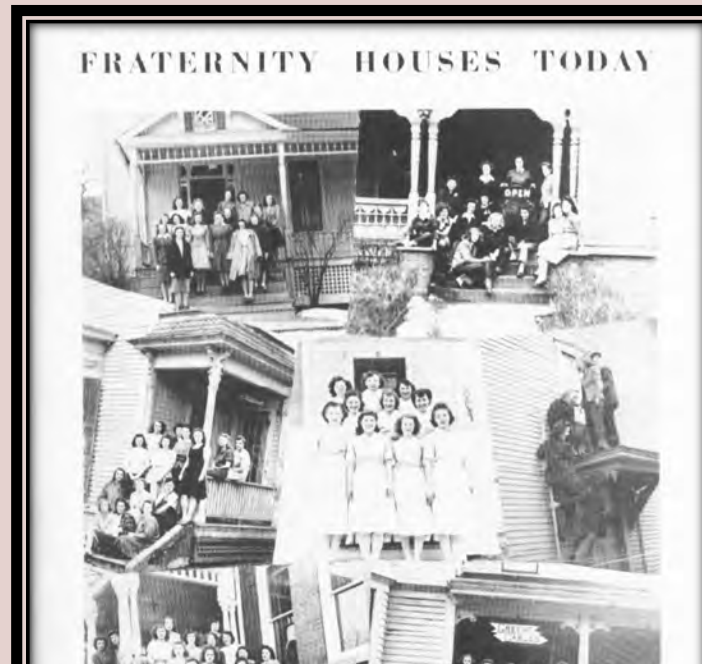
WWII impact on campus

NEW PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN

- ★ School of Nursing
- ★ Medical (Clinical) Technology



A SPECIAL WAR - TIME BULLETIN OF
ALFRED UNIVERSITY
ALFRED, NEW YORK MAY, 1943



Army Student Training Program @ the Brick

ALFRED UNIVERSITY NURSING

School and the

UNITED STATES CADET NURSE CORPS



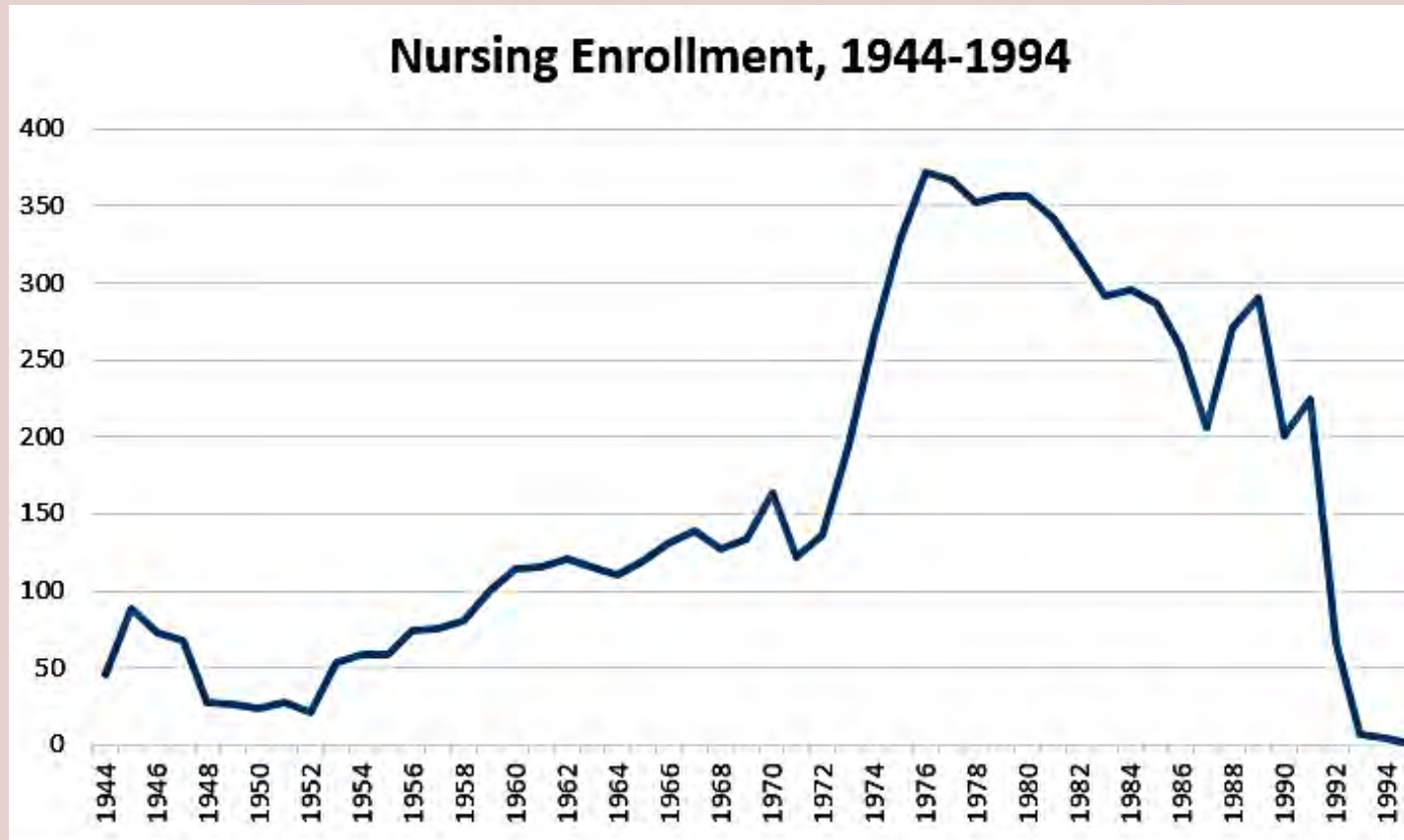
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OCTOBER, 1943

Full-time and part-time students



1976

Peak enrollment of full-time students = 326

1990

Full-time enrollment = 30

1994

Last graduates = 4

Timeline

- 1943: U.S. Cadet Corps formed, program located in South Hall
- 1945: Cadet program terminated, last class of cadet nurses enrolled
- 1946: AU continues nursing program at request of NYS Education Dept.
Program moves to Allen Hall, part of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 1953: School of Nursing formed
- 1970: Initial full accreditation by National League for Nursing
- 1972: Mobile Health Unit project begins
- 1974: Name changed to School of Nursing and Healthcare
- 1977: Affiliation begins with St. John Fisher College
- 1979: Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau honor society established
- 1980: Name changed to College of Nursing
- 1989: Master of Science in Nursing first offered
- 1990: College of Professional Studies formed – Division of Nursing created;
Program transfer to St. John Fisher approved
- 1991: St. John Fisher assumes control of program
- 1994: Last students graduate with AU nursing degree



Directors and Deans



Grau



Rand



Barker

1943-1946	Hazel Hull Harvey
1946-1951	Elizabeth Foote
1951-1954	Margaret Conrad
1954-1968	I. Vernetta Grau
1969-1978	Virginia Barker
1978-1990	Joella Rand
1990-1991	Kathleen Powers



Areas of Focus

Medical-surgical

Maternal-child health

Public health

Psychiatric nursing and mental health

Tuberculosis nursing

Clinical nursing

Rural health

Community health

School nurse

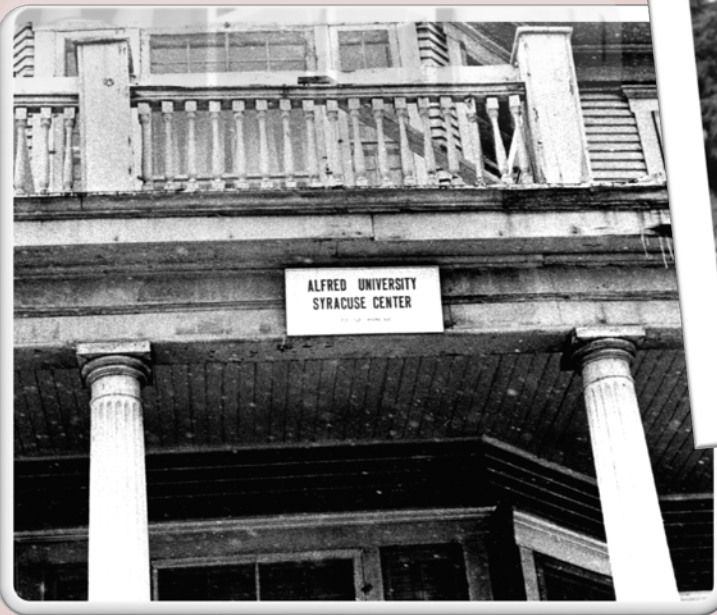
Nutrition

Coronary nursing

Pediatric nursing

Family nursing

Geriatric nursing



Clinical Locations

Allegany County Public Health Nursing Department

Bethesda Hospital (Hornell)

Corning Hospital

Genesee Hospital (Rochester)

Genesee Region Home Care

Highland Hospital (Rochester)

Jones Memorial Hospital (Wellsville)

Monroe County Department of Health

Mount Morris Tuberculosis Hospital

Olean General Hospital

Philadelphia Children's Hospital

Rochester Psychiatric Center

Rochester General Hospital

St. James Hospital (Hornell)

Rochester State Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital (Rochester)

St. Francis Hospital (Olean)

Strong Memorial Hospital (Rochester)

Syracuse Memorial Hospital

Visiting Nurse Association (Scranton, PA)

Visiting Nurse Service (Rochester)

Willard State Hospital

Closure of the program

Spring 1990

Changes & consolidation made to program

Decision that the program would be better served by full affiliation with St. John Fisher which had broader allied health programs



- Majority of students were part-time, plus new curriculum had students in Rochester for 3 of 4 years of study
- Tuition level and rural location were “disadvantageous but unchangeable”
- Needed more full-time students, not just part-time to provide a “stable, vital undergraduate program”
- Enrollment decline
 - 240 in 1980 → 30 in 1990
- National decline in interest for nursing as a career
- Changes to the field; difficult for AU to offer a meaningful clinical experience in the area



Joella Rand & Students @ St. John Fisher College

Transfer to St. John Fisher

Decision was contingent on:

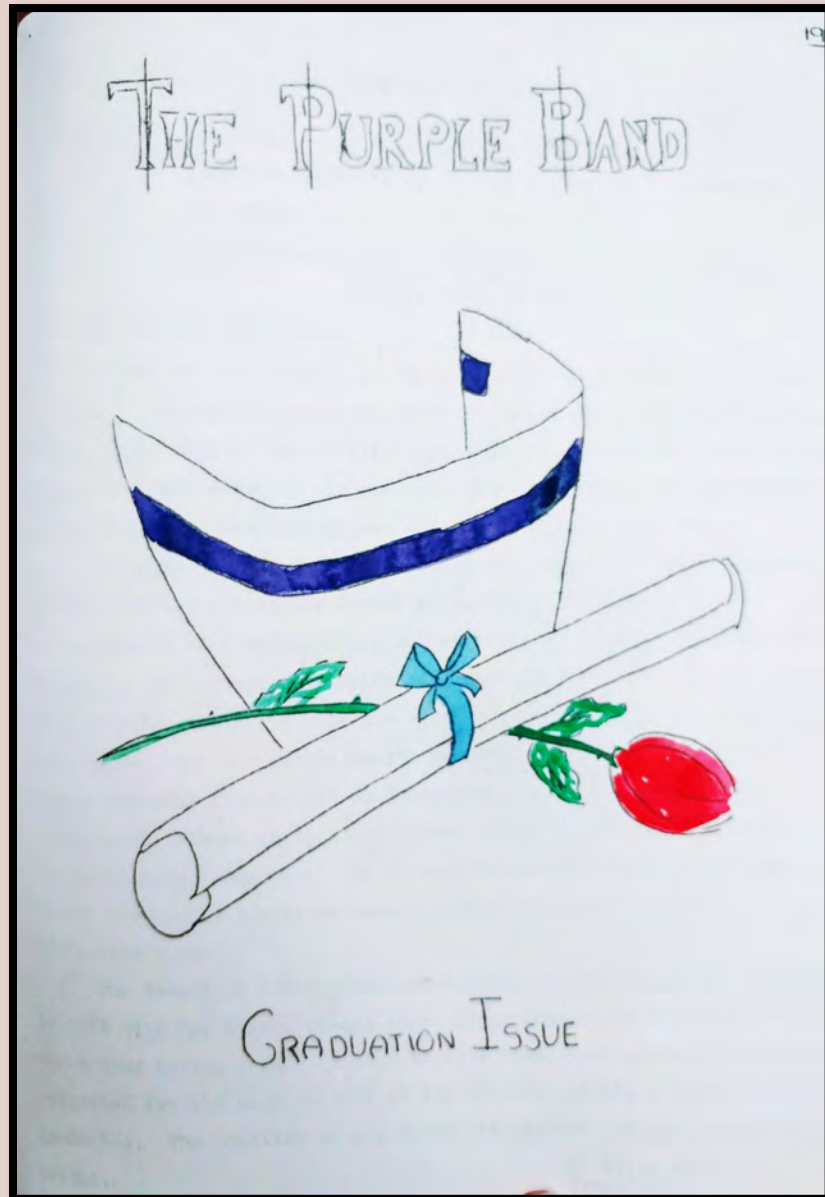
- Continuing employment of all existing nursing faculty
- Guaranteeing **AU degrees** to students currently enrolled
- Maintaining continued **professional contribution** to the field of nursing through an effective program transfer (continuation of a baccalaureate program in an important field)



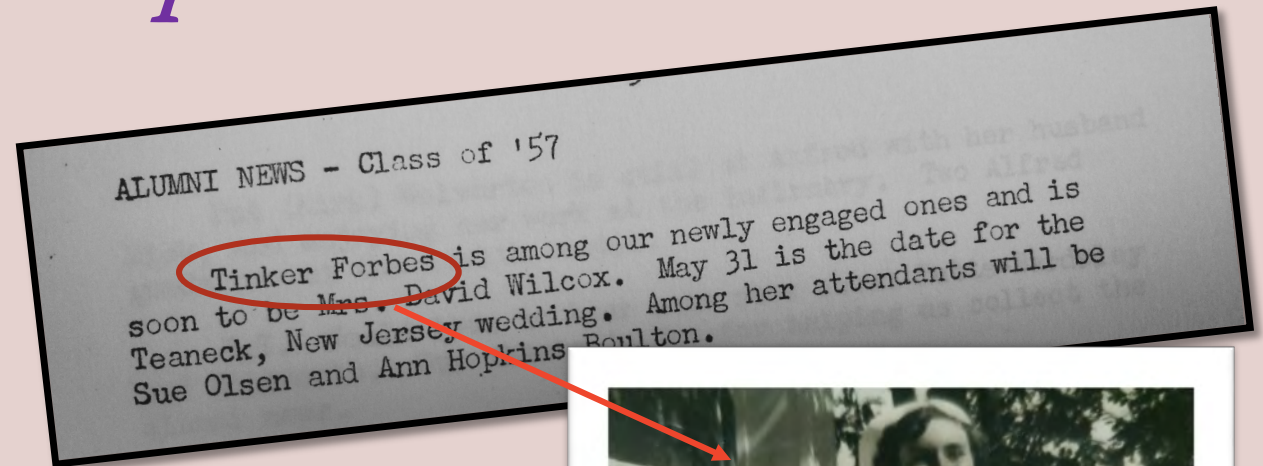
Pinning Ceremony

Held the day before commencement

Seniors received their nursing pin and wore their white uniforms for the first time



Purple Band newsletter



First issue Fall 1955

Official publication of the
nursing school

Intended to “draw the
classes closer together”

Last issue in the University
Archive collection, May 1971





1969

Student Nurses Association of NY (SNANYS)



Sigma Theta Tau



Formed in 1922 from nurses in
Indiana

AU had a local honor society 1977-
1979 before having a Sigma Theta
Tau chapter, starting in 1979



FIRST INDUCTION SERVICE

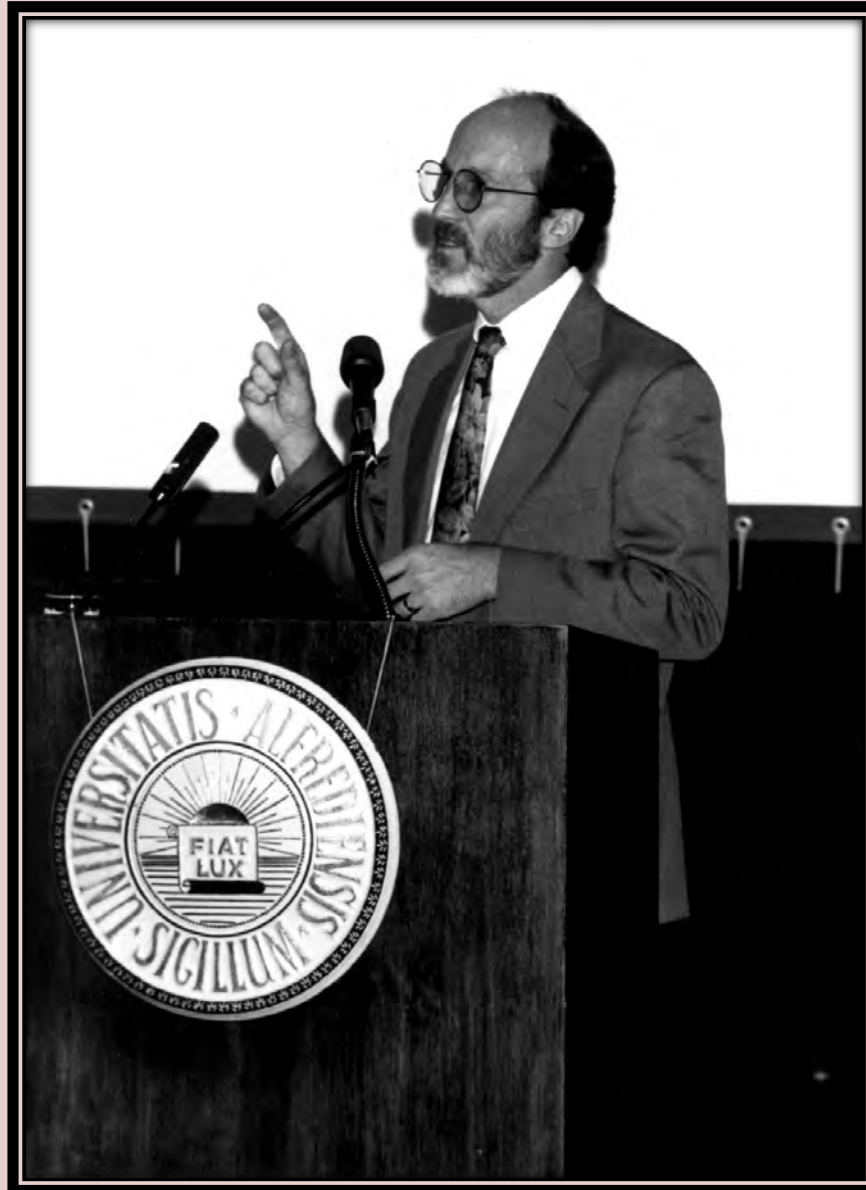
THE LOCAL HONOR SOCIETY OF

ALFRED UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH CARE

Harder Hall
4:00 P.M. /Saturday/September 17, 1977

Dr. Tim Quill gave the
lecture in 1995



JoAnn Miller Memorial Lecture

Annual lecture series
created by Dr. Irwin
Miller '50 as a memorial
to his wife who was a
nurse.

Lectures focused on
ethical issues in medicine.

Ran from 1987 - 2014

Awards & Scholarships

- Nursing Excellence Award
- Nursing Leadership Award
- Bethesda Foundation Scholarship
- Nancy Arnold Borrelli Memorial Scholarship Award
- Award for Outstanding Registered Nurse
- Ellen Hastings Janosik Award for Excellence in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing
- New York State Nursing Association District No. 3 Outstanding Graduating Nurse from the Southern Tier
- William and Grace Wansor Scholarship Fund
- Sylvia Weinstock Stitzel Memorial Award



1989
scholarship
winners



Outside the classroom 😊



