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Interviewer: Bernice M. Hetzner, Former Director of the McGoogan Library of Medicine (1948-1973)

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Hetzner: This school is very important on the campus and I hope that this record will be available to scholars in the future so they can see where we've been.

Boyle: We didn't mention that transition in 1968-1969 from school to college, but Dr. Wittson had asked me several times when I thought it was time to have a college. I said not until we had both the graduate and the undergraduate programs firmly established. Then, just before he left, we wrote the materials, presented them to the Regents, and of course, they had to go to the Legislature. Again Nebraska was supportive of nursing and the college and was voted unanimously by both groups.

Hetzner: Yes, there was no question about it. It just went right through. It was the logical development and. . .

Boyle: It was good timing for it.

Hetzner: Here, again, we go back to our friend, Dr. Wittson. He was the master of timing, it seemed to me.