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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Once again I find myself sitting down to write you all and wondering what to say. I do hope as you read on through these pages, that you'll find them different in content, but interesting. We've tried to make the Notes up with things you might be interested in. I still would like to know what you'd like and that you'll feel like becoming an Alumni member and join the organization. Some time down the road we're going to run out of money and then there's going to be nothing--so please remember that. Whether you ever would come to a Banquet or not, and I know there's a split over this, your dues are needed for any future existence.

Because of my fears for our future and because of Phyllis Bovee's hopes and our schools needs, I've asked her to dream her dream on paper--so please read on in the Notes.

Even though you're not living in Nebraska and may not be working actively in the nursing profession, I feel we need to be aware of things that are happening in the Nebraska state legislature. That's why you'll find an article about the 1976 Unicameral. Please take to heart that the term "Health Provider" means nurses too! If we as nurses don't stand up and speak out, we may have others telling us what we can and can't do, and maybe when!

I think we all need to be aware that there are several states that are trying to pass legislation that only those with a B.S. in Nursing would be R.N.'s and the rest of us would be classified as something else, like L.P.N.'s. The states are Ohio, New York, and Maine.

If we plan to be a nurse the rest of our lives, we may have to come to the surface and be heard--things are happening in many states so stand up for your rights--speak out and be heard because our futures just might be at stake.

Thanks for listening to me ramble on. I do hope you enjoy your newsletter.

Carmen Sandell
President

LOAN FUND

Due to growing concerns among Alumni members regarding the School of Nursing and it's possible closing, questions had been raised concerning the Bryan Memorial Hospital Student Loan Fund and its utilization.

A committee was formed to determine the percentage of the Student Loan Fund that would be the Alumni's share. In March, 1975, the final figure through co-operation from the hospital was set at \$14,281.01 including interest. The money will remain with the hospital share of the loan fund for interest purposes.

LOAN FUND CONT.

Another committee was formed September 26, 1975 for the purpose of better management of the monies that have been collected and donated for students attending the Bryan School of Nursing. The committee is composed of five regular members (three voting and two non-voting) and one advisor. The regular voting members are a hospital department head, a hospital supervisor, and an Alumni member. The non-voting members are the Director of Bryan School of Nursing and the Loan Officer. The advisor is the Hospital Director of Management Accounting.

The committee has adapted criteria for student loan application. A maximum amount for the loan has been established to coincide with the amount of tuition and associated fees. A repayment schedule and interest rates have been established.

Since November of 1961, 302 students have been granted student loans. This number may be larger, but records before this date failed to state persons names, just the amount of money loaned.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Account \$789.68

Savings Account \$578.24

Ruth Kimmel Fund \$704.40

The Ruth Kimmel Fund is a loan fund specifically designated for Bryan Graduates to be used for furthering their education.

BANQUET INFORMATION

This years Alumni Banquet will be held at the Ramada Inn, near the Municipal Airport Interchange and I80. It will be June 26, 1976. There will be a cash bar from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. and a roast beef buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. Cost will be \$6.50 per person (spouses are welcome). The annual business meeting will follow dinner. Reservations must be received by June 22, 1976. Send them to the Alumni Association address.

(Clip and Mail)

Banquet Reservation

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____ City and State _____

Class of _____ \$5.00 dues included _____

Spouses Name _____ or Guests Name _____

***Dues payable now for the year July, 1976 through June, 1977 are \$5.00. You must be a paid member to attend the alumni banquet.

Ballot

Vice-President

Cheryl McFadden Miller _____
Jackie Nelson Clausen _____

Secretary

Verla Lehmkuhl Youngquist _____
Colleen Chapp _____

NOMINATIONS

Your Executive Board feels that the following candidates are very capable and willing to serve in their elected offices. Nominations for the two-year terms of Vice-President and Secretary for the years 1976 through 1978 are:

Vice-President

1. Cheryl McFadden Miller '65. Cheryl is currently with the Bryan School of Nursing. Her husband, Marty, is a co-owner of Eastern Ambulance and they have two sons.
2. Jackie Nelsen Clausen '70. Jackie works 11-7 at Bryan. Her husband, Fred, is a science teacher at Irving Jr. High School and they have son, Jason, and number two is due in June.

Secretary

1. Verla Lehmkuhl Youngquist '68. Verla is a clinical instructor for the Bryan School of Nursing. She and her husband, Gordon, have two daughters.
2. Colleen Chapp '75. Colleen is currently working in the Modified Intensive Care Unit (First North) at Bryan.

Please vote for one each on the reservation card. Votes will be counted whether or not you plan to attend the banquet.

BY THE WAY--DID YOU KNOW?

1. If you need a new Bryan School pin and/or cap you are in luck! Just write to the School of Nursing for information. A reminder please--that the price of gold has gone up!
2. Somewhere within these pages is the Constitution and By-Laws. Several things need to be deleted that should have been stricken when they were last changed. Please read them.
3. What is your reaction to having the Alumni Banquet moved back to August? Please send your comments with the Banquet reservation, etc.
4. We need to decide what the interest rate should be on the Ruth Kimmel Fund as none has ever been.
5. The death of Dr. E. B. Reed this April was a shock to the Lincoln community and a great loss to us as nurses. Dr. Reed had just retired from medicine in 1974. Dr. and Mrs. Reed started the "Best All Around Nurse" Award in 1955. Many of you, I'm sure remember Dr. Reed as one of your instructors. I would like the Alumni Association to give something in his memory--do you have any suggestions? Whether it is to the family or to our own loan fund, I need your ideas.
6. Please read the Nebraska District III of NNA Legislative Committee Report 1976.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT III OF NNA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 1976

"Health Care Provider", Hey, that's me the legislature is talking about. I'm a licensed "Health Care Provider". Looking at the legislation that passed this year, the nurses were often grouped under this term. Celeste Culver covered the bills that were followed this year in her state report. Quite a few of those were indefinitely postponed. These were LB 963, LB 680, LB 741, LB 909, LB 934, LB 939, LB 973, and LB 714. LB 691 was vetoed by the governor. LB 703, later changed to LB 434, Medical Malpractice for physicians passed, LB 917 passed after an amendment was accepted from Senator Shirley Marsh exempting nurses from this bill. Another bill that has not been mentioned was 1003. This bill would have set up the legislation necessary for advanced paramedics. The bill was very vague about curriculum involved and was indefinitely postponed. This will probably be reintroduced next year. As you know some of these bills go to specific committees of the legislature to be studied before next year so some of the controversial points can be worked out. If you want more information concerning the demise of these bills, the legislature prints a subjects matter booklet that will be available in about six weeks. I hope all nurses will take an active part in the legislation that affects your rights and livelihood. Let the legislative committee know how you feel about legislation. To learn more about the legislature and how it works, call the Clerk of the Legislature and have them send you the booklet, "A Look at Your Unicameral". It should clear up some of the mystery of it.

Sharon A. Cheney, R.N.
Chairman of District III
Legislative Committee of NNA

NEWS OF THE HONOR CLASSES

Class of 1936

Susan Hutchins VanSickle - Lives in Omaha. Husband, Everett, retired from Omaha World Herald. Son Robert is a VP of Goodrich Company in Kansas City and son Richard is an engineer in Minneapolis. Daughter Ann is a realtor.

Mildren Vasey Brockman-Deceased.

Esther Leech Wyndham - Lives in California and is retired.

Helen Klein Chittenden-Lives in Kearney. Husband, Everett, is the publisher of the Kearney Hub. One son John is in California.

Marjorie Fulton Bley-Lives in Omaha and husband, Gerald, is retired from the Omaha Post Office. They have three sons. Gary is a Civil Engineer in Hutchinson, Kansas, William is a mechanic for Mountain Bell, Penrose, Colorado and Loren is an architect in Greeley, Colorado.

Elizabeth Remple Wiebe-Lives in Beatrice. Husbands name is Louis. One son is a missionary in South America and one daughter is a nurse in surgery at the Memmonite Hospital in Beatrice.

Lucille Harrison Wissler - Lives in Lincoln with husband Olin. Is a school nurse for the Lincoln Public Schools.

Elsie Lou Lippstrew Erickson-Lives in Lincoln with husband Gilbert. They have three children. Dr. Charles Erickson, Pediatrician, Judith Gaylor, teacher in Omaha, and Bob, carpenter and furniture designer in California.

Class of 1941

Who, in their training lived in Wm. Jennings Bryan Home, gave 5 or more baths a day and the same or more p.m. cares, put up and sterilized all I.V. sets and many more things that are packaged today, rolled plaster bandages, slept in small rooms in the hospital while on O.R. or O.B. call, had very little time off--oh, how times have changed, but we all became good nurses and really had fun.

Kay Frandsen Brown- Now living in Merced, California. Retired from active nursing. Traveled with Air Force husband all over the world and now enjoys gardening and son and daughters children.

Marie Rasmusson Bernay- Living in Columbus, Ohio. Served in the Army Nurse Corp. Now is doing volunteer work in Emergency Food Program for A.F.S. International Scholarships. Enjoying her family of three children who are attending college.

Jean Gates Waldo- Living in St. Helena, California. Has not been engaged in active nursing. Husband, Dr. Waldo, is in Veteran Hospital work. Enjoying her family of three children, two grandchildren, and one cat.

Elaine Brown Conrad-Living in Oregon City, Oregon. She and her husband have owned and operated Hillside Chapel, a funeral establishment for 24 years. Also, works several days a week on a surgical floor in the Community Hospital. She has two children.

Opal Lee McDonald-Living in Dearborn, Michigan. Retired after working 27 years as Psychiatric Nurse in Wayne-County General Hospital. Was Assistant Director of Nursing half of this time. Enjoys her four grandchildren and traveling all over the U.S.

Class of 1941 Continued

Florence Kimmel Wronski-Living in Berganfield, N.J. Worked as an Industrial nurse for Parent's Magazine. Still helps them out. Served in U.S. Army Nurses Corp before marriage. Enjoys her family of two sons and one daughter.

Vernetta Seipp McChesney-Living in Lincoln, Nebraska. After graduation did General duty. Served in Army Nurse Corp. Now doing private duty, and serving as Registry Chairman and is on the Commission for Nursing Practice for District III.

Marie Fleischman Hirst-Living in Lincoln and is the Director of Surgery at Bryan. Has worked at Bryan for past 22 years. Served in Navy Nurse Corp. Enjoys hobbies of gardening and crocheting.

Grace Simson Shirk -Living in Wichita Falls, Texas and is still active in nursing.

Lois Kastens Case - Living in Virginia.

Ruth Ann Mitchell Hansen - Deceased in 1968.

Class of 1946

Edna Ballard Ore-Lives in Lincoln and worked at Providence Hospital until 2½ years ago, now homemaker. Husband Robert is an aviation mechanic. They have 4 children and 1 grandchild.

Barbara Burns Christ-Deceased.

Verna Davis Barney-Lives in Kearney. Professional volunteer for church and community. Husband, William, is the owner-operator of Barney Abstract and Title Company. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Vernita George Gibson-Lives in Lincoln, retired to a Tupperware dealer. Husband, Bud, is a driver with Lincoln Transportation System. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Lois Hendrickson Hutt-Lives in Grant and is a homemaker. Husband Harland is the owner and general manager of Pinto Bean Processing Plant. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Martha High Maseman-Lives in Lincoln and is Ass't. Administrator of Tabitha Home and Director of Home Health Agency. Husband, Stuart, is Vice-President and Personnel Officer of Midwest Life Insurance Company. They have 3 children.

Virginia Lewellen Downey-Lives in Lincoln and is a homemaker and chauffer. Husband Glenn is professor of Engineering Mechanics at UNL. They have 3 children.

Sheilla Neubauer Block-Lives in Lincoln, working part time at Bryan in Intensive Care. Husband Orville is State Farm Insurance Company Claim Representative. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Genevieve Nutter Robb-Lives in Lincoln, and is Director of Nursing Service at Homestead Nursing Home. Husband, Gordon, is Supervisor of Data Processing at Cushman Motors. They have 3 daughters.

Carol Sinning Hagemeyer-Lives in Fairfield and is a homemaker and hired man to husband, Jim, who farms and teaches Veteran Farm Training. They have 4 children and 1 grandchild.

Margaret Stawser Pavelka-Lives in Lincoln and is the Executive Director of Nebraska Board of Nursing. She has 3 sons and a daughter.

Class of 1946 Continued

Dorothy Miller Rayburn-Lives in rural Kearney and is a homemaker and farmer. Husband, Keith owns and operates his own farm. They have 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

Ruth Mastalka McPherson-Lives in Long Lake, Minn. and is a homemaker and is taking courses at Women's Continuing Ed. Univ. of Minn. Husband, Dan, is VP and Chemist with General Mills. They have 4 children.

Marjorie Nelson Bartels-Lives in Lincoln and is Director of SE Regional Office of American Lung Association of Nebraska. She has 2 children.

Class of 1956

Joan Westfall-Lives in Malcolm, Nebraska. Instructor of Maternal Nursing at Bryan for 8 years and for last two years, Ass't. Professor, U of N College of Nursing, Lincoln Division.

Phyllis May Roker-Lives in Bird Island, Minnesota. Husband Richard is former custom applicator for Farm Chemicals. Is retired from active nursing and has 2 children.

Marcia Youngson Shannon-Lives in Minden, Nebraska. Was Director of Nurses at Minden Hospital for 3 years. Husband Wesley taught for 12 years and has now turned to farming. They have 2 children.

Barbara Mohrman Pinkston- Lives in Wappingers Falls, New York. Retired from active nursing. Husband Clarence does fielding for Tektronix Inc. They have 4 children.

Edith Palmer Kleen-Lives in York, Nebraska. Works 3-4 nights a week at York General Hospital. Husband Lloyd is service manager for International Harvester Farm Equipment. They have 4 children.

Verla Livers Plummer-Lives near Ogallala and farms with her husband, Tom, and daughter, Kari. Is active in home and community.

Eleanor McCauley Gibson-Lives in Lincoln where she and husband Vern operate the Gaslight. They also have the Bellwood Lakes area with cabins and animals. They have 4 daughters.

Rebecca Vanderslice Rippe-Lives in Lincoln and works 2 evenings a week at Bryan in orthopedics. Husband Jack works at Cushman Motors and they have 3 children.

Nancy Peters Spahn-Nancy and husband, Jerry, have 3 children. She is not active in nursing, just a neighborhood consultant.

Elva Davidson Janak-Lives on a farm outside Walton, Nebraska, with her husband Dick. They have two children and Elva works part time in the Lincoln Clinic OB-GYN clinic.

Velda Eden Etmund-Lives in Lincoln and has three children.

Pat Arth Wolfe-Lives in Spokane, Wash. She is not active in nursing now but plans to work on her B.S. this fall. Husband, Charles, is a Medical Doctor and works in an emergency room and is also a medical director of Kaiser Aluminum Rolling Mill. They have three boys.

Rhonda Van Boening Kramer-Lives in Alliance and works part time 3-11 at St. Josephs

Class of 1956 continued

Marilyn McDonald Palu-Works 4 days at Ord Clinic. Lives in Scotia, Ne. with her husband who is a self-employed carpenter and their 4 children.

Dorothy Curren Hayhurst-Lives in Carmichael, Calif. Works as patient care coordinator of Med-Surg Unit. Her husband retired after 20 years with the Air Force and is employed by Swant Supply Company of Sacramento, California. They have 3 sons.

Class of 1961

Lois Abts Bishop-Lives in Big Spring, Ne. Has three children. Works part time in the Ogallala Medical Clinic when someone is ill.

Cheryl Miller Keenan-Lives in Ogallala. Is married to Dr. Harold Keenan of the Ogallala Medical Clinic. They have four children and one on the way. She helps Harold at a clinic every Wednesday at Chappell.

Gerl Elsasser Bond-Lives in Bladen, Ne. Husband, John, is a coach and they have one daughter.

Bonnie Phelps Huff-Lives in Lincoln. Husband Charles is an attorney and they have three children. Bonnie does volunteer work.

Gonnie Zitterfopf Lockwood-Lives in Gering. Husband Fred is a CPA and they have two children, Jon is 12 and Tracy is 6 years old. Connie does not work.

Liz Hueske Bitting-Lives in Hastings, Ne.

Rachel Grummert Neimeier-Lives in Fairbury, Ne.

Janis Cross Frost-Lives in Ft. Collins, Colorado and they have 3 children. Husband Doug, is a dentist there.

Lowene Osten Johnson-Lives in DesMoines and has two children.

Class of 1966

May Ann Meisner Bowman-Lives in Lincoln and works 3-11 at Bryan in ICU-CCU. She has two sons.

Bettie Bauer Butts-Lives in Lincoln and is the Nursing Service Education Coordinator at Bryan. She has one daughter.

Judy Curtiss Rasmussen-Lives in Plainview and is a housewife. She has 3 children and farms.

Rita Nelson Hill-Lives in Lincoln and is not currently active in nursing.

Loretta Pohlman Olson-Lives in Lincoln and is the Ass't. Nursing Service Education Coordinator at Bryan. She has two daughters.

Cay Waters Patterson-Lives in Omaha with husband Bob and three children.

Gail Russell-Lives in Lincoln and is working in the recovery room of surgery at Bryan.

Frank Schmal-Lives in Lincoln and works at the Regional Center

Karen Clark Strickland-Lives in Wichita, Kansas and works in a Psych. Unit on the 3-11 shift. She and husband Jim have two children.

Class of 1966 Continued

Jane Packer Wahlgren-Lives in Lincoln and works part time 3-11 at Bryan in the Emergency Room and sometimes as a House Supervisor.

Judy Johnson Zabel-Will soon move to Lincoln from Maryland and be employed by the State Board of Nursing. She has one son.

Class of 1971

Barbara Kein Bohling-Lives on a farm near Davenport and is working as a school nurse.

Georgeen Gain-Lives in Lincoln and is the Ass't. Head Nurse on 4-East at Bryan. She has taken two trips to Europe.

Diane Coughman Frahm-Lives in Plainview, Ne. and has one daughter.

Joyce Gaston Herz-Lives in Lincoln and works part time at Bryan as a Mobile heart team nurse. She has one child.

Vicki Gillaspie Janssen-Lives in Lincoln and works at Bryan as a float nurse. She has previously worked in orthopedics and as a data collector for the nursing analysis study.

Cindy Hanson Burgess-Lives in Lincoln and works full time on 2-West at Bryan.

Nancy Harms-Lives in Omaha and is an instructor at Immanuel School of Nursing.

Patricia Hoops Pugliese-Lives in Lincoln and works in the Modified Intensive Care Unit at Bryan. She worked in New York previously.

Rosemary Jehring Forwood-Lives in Lincoln and works in Bryan Pediatrics.

Kathy Jones - Lives in Denver now after spending about 4 years at Bryan in the ICU-CCU.

Nancy Kislner Conringer-Lives in Lincoln and works in surgery at Bryan as a CRNA.

Kathy Kliever-Lives in Aurora and is working part time. She has worked in Texas, Denver, and on an oncology floor in Omaha.

Peggy Sissel Lautenschlager-Lives on a farm near Davenport.

Sandra Wittman ? -Lives in Lincoln and works for Dr. Moessner.

Pam Luth Monroe-Lives in Lincoln and works at Bryan in ICU-CCU.

Barb Magnuson ? -Lives in Lincoln and works at the Regional Center.

Diane Metheney-Lives in Lincoln and is the Ass't. Head Nurse on 4-West.

Brenda Morock-Lives in Lincoln and works at Veteran's Hospital.

Sandy Mullins Maahs-Lives in Lincoln and works part time 3-11 at Bryan.

Jane Oliverius Kloberdanz-Lives in Sidney and works part time in a Drs. office. She has two children

Class of 1971 Continued

Lylaine Pederson (soon to be Abbott)-Lives in Lincoln and works on 5th floor at Bryan.

Dorothy Pojar Arent-Lives in Ainsworth, Nebraska

Shirley Landon Retzlaff-Lives in Lincoln and works part-time 3-11 at Bryan in ICU-CCU. She has 2 children.

Carolyn Robertson Miller-Lives in Lincoln and is the Assistant Head Nurse in O.B. at Bryan.

Judy Ross Pearson-Lives in Lincoln and works part-time in ICU-CCU at Bryan. She has one child.

Aloha Stara Schmid-Lives in York and worked part-time as 3-11 supervisor until a year ago. She has three children.

Jane Schroetlin Wenzl-Lives in Lincoln and works at Bryan in the Modified Intensive Care Unit. She previously worked on Orthopedics.

Diane Tesch Osler-Lives in Lincoln and works in surgery at Bryan.

Joan Diefenbaugh ? - Lives in Lincoln now after some time in California and works in the Intensive Care Nursery at St. E's.

Ricki Droege-Lives in Lincoln and works in O.B. at Bryan.

Rhonda Scott Jensen-Lives in Germany as husband Terry is in the service.

Dear Bryan Alums:

This is my chance to make some comments to the Alumni regarding the Alumni and the School of Nursing.

First of all, it was the decision of the Board of Trustees to continue the program at Bryan at least until 1982. It is their hope that the School will continue as long as it can be managed financially. Naturally those of us here were very pleased with this decision and we're sure the Alumni members share our feeling.

In spite of the concern about the closing of the School, we have been able to attract many more applicants than can be accepted. Our classes are limited to 80 students so that we can continue to provide good basic education and experience.

Bryan School of Nursing needs strong Alumni support to continue getting the large numbers of qualified applicants as we have in the past. Also, would Alumni ever consider helping the School financially? As you know, tuition never covers the cost of a student's education. Contributions from Alumni might be used in a variety of ways -- books for the library, audio-visual aides, dormitory furnishings. The amount we could contribute might look insignificant compared to the total need but small gifts do add up to big totals. It's something to think about, isn't it? Continuous alumni support in the years ahead is vital to the School of Nursing -- not just for money which might be given, but because concerned and involved alumni do something for a School's image which no one else can.

And finally, during this, Bryan's fiftieth year, we hope many of you will take the time to visit the hospital and the school of nursing. We'd love to show you around and tell you about what we're doing.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Bovee
Director of Nursing Education