

BRYAN



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September 1973

Officers 1974

President: Sharon (Sommer) Hammond
Vice-President: Sharon (Krueger) Treat
Secretary: Sandra (Crocker) Deahn
Treasurer: Marlene (Corr) Trunkenvolz
Advisor: Shirlene (Hening) Way

Shirlene, Sandy and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sharon and Marlene to the executive board. We are looking forward to their sharing with us their enthusiasm and new ideas. Sharon Hammond graduated in 1968. She married her husband, Gene, in December, 1967. They reside at 3920 Prescott with their two daughters Sara 3 and Christiane 1½.

Marlene Trunkenbolz graduated in 1968. She married her husband Bob, on March 16, 1968. They reside at 1542 David Drive with their daughter Nancy 2½.



Dear Alums:

As your new president, I would like to say thank you for your vote of confidence. I admit that I am a little uncertain about my new job! I realize it is a great responsibility and I am grateful for the help and support of the Executive board and past president, Shirleen Way.

Due to the change of the alumni structure, I will not be holding regular meetings with the alumni members, I will, however, be meeting with the Executive board monthly to continue the business of alumni.

Even though we are not asking for your active support on a monthly basis, I would hope you would take an *active* interest in your school alumni, and give your support by being aware of the things your alumni is doing.

On behalf of the Executive board we would appreciate constructive criticisms and suggestions that would improve our association.

Thank you for your financial support.

Sincerely,

Sharon Sommer Hammond
President

INTERNATIONAL NURSING

As we reported in our last newsletter, Bryan Alumni and Bryan School of Nsg combined their efforts to send Diane Glenn '67 to the 15th Quadrennial ICN Congress. This year's theme was nurses and nursing. Diane helped with the convention getting into the act as translator (English-Spanish) and also helped in the press room so she was able to appreciate all of the hard work that goes into such an international Congress. True to her word, she did send us reports from the congress and a letter summarizing it in her own words.

Diane writes us that, "It appears that some of the same topics we frequently discuss here on a local or state level were discussed there at an international level. It is interesting to note that they made a point of saying that nurses must become more verbal and more involved in their part of the health world. Involvement on a local level begins with your professional organization. Only through group involvement can nurses speak loudly enough to make their opinions heard. If you don't like the course that nursing is taking, join a professional organization where your opinion will count in a vote and make changes occur."

64 New Graduates Join Association

We are happy to extend a cordial welcome to the 64 students who were graduated on Friday, June 15, 1973. The 45th annual commencement was held at the Fine Arts Center at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Scholarship awards were presented to the top three students in the class. Charlene Tilson received the first place award. Kathy Bruning, second place, and third to Karen VanderHam. The Best All-Around Nurse Award was presented to Susan Schwindt Hamersky. Congratulations to all these girls.

Dues are Due

Your alumni association dues are due again. According to the recently revised constitution, our fiscal year started July 1, 1973 and dues are \$5.00. Mail your dues to Bryan Alumni Association, 5000 Sumner St., Box 120, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$146.00 9/18
Savings Account: \$514.52 6/30
Ruth Kimmel: \$530.68 6/30

EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

In our last newsletter we published an article on Mandatory Continuing Education for Relicensure. On Sept. 25th and 26th the NNA House of Delegates met to discuss and decide upon:

- 1) The definition of nursing
- 2) The draft plan for M.C. Ed.
- 3) Opening the Nurse Practice Act
- 4) Expand State Board of Nursing

The definition of nursing was not completed — but the delegates approved the intent to define the ever expanding role of nurses so as to include these new areas in advancing medicine.

A plan for M.C.E. was also approved and will be presented to the State Board of Nursing for their acceptance or rejection. As proposed it will not become effective til 1977. This plan proposed the attachment of 30 CEU (Continuing Education Units) every 3 years. (age divisible by 3) and may be acquired through three areas:

- 1) Professional practice
- 2) Continuing education
- 3) Professional organization

For example, 1 exposed hour equals .1 CEU unit. 40 hours of work (PP) equals 1 CEU. Therefore, 800 hours equals 20 CEU. The other 10 units would have to be attained by Continuing education (seminars workshops, ETV, films, etc.) and or through a professional organization. (membership in ANA, ACCN, NLN, Heart Ass. etc.)

Nurses who are inactive would be required to obtain an 80 hour refresher course or obtain 10 CEU in order to obtain a permit to practice. An additional 10 CEU's would then be required following the issuance of that permit to attain their license.

None of these decisions will be activated until a bill is submitted to the State Legislature to open the Nurse Practice Act.

Although the ANA advised against the adoption the majority of NNA delegates, in spite of this advise voted to proceed. It appears since a bill writer has actually been contacted that this issue will go to the legislature within a year.

It is the feeling of this delegate that the majority of Nebraska Nurses was not represented in this decision since 1 delegate represents 10 nurses and there were 173 delegates that made the decision. It is apparent that a *minority spoke for a majority!* Since NNA and ANA receives a large amount of publicity and is our official spokesman, it would seem more important than ever that you join your organization and write your opinion to our senators and Nebraska Board of Nursing, expressing that you are in favor of updating our Nurse Practice Act but are opposed to the mandatory education requirement and feel that at this time it would be in the best interest of Nebraska patients to innovate a Voluntary Documented Continuing Education Act before passing mandatory re-

quirements.

For further information call or write me.

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Mary Owens Portrey Award

A new award was given this year at graduation in memory of Mary Owens Portrey who passed away last October. Mary received the "Best All Around Nurse Award" in 1970 and was very active in various school activities. The award is to be given to a senior who was not only a good student but also an outstanding participant in school activities. Receiving the first award presented was Diana Embree/73.



Attention: Theater Enthusiasts

Bryan Alumni Association is joining with the alumnaes of Lincoln General and Lincoln St. Elizabeth in a money making project at the Community Playhouse. The three organizations have purchased the playhouse with its cost and sets for the evening of Thurs. December 6. The play for that evening will be "Butterflies Are Free". Tickets may be purchased from any board member for \$4.00 each.

This will be a private showing for the nurse's association — all seats will be sold by a nurse. The play is a comedy for adults. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. in the new playhouse on south 56th. Buy your ticket now and come join the fun.



Banquet Notes and Plans

The annual alumni banquet was held on Saturday, June 9 at the Radisson Cornhusker. Attendance was about 150. The theme of yesterday and Today with slides depicting Bryan Hospital through the years was enjoyed by all.

The Theme for the 1974 banquet has not yet been announced, however, the date and place have been selected. The banquet will be on Saturday, June 8, 1974 at the Sheraton Inn. The room will be spacious and quieter than last year's banquet room. Make plans now to attend and reserve the date for the Bryan Alumni Banquet.