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CLASS REUNION
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Lincoln, Nebraska
June 26, 1982

CLASS MOTTO

Not the End, Just the Beginning

CLASS COLORS

Light Blue and Silver

CLASS FLOWER

American Beauty Rose

THE SCHOOL PIN

The pin was **designed** by Miss Myrtle Dean, the second superintendent of the hospital. It is yellow gold and small **in size**. Florence Nightingale's lamp represents the **light of learning**, and the three books signify the three years of learning. The name Bryan Memorial Hospital is written on the outer edge of the pin. This pin has remained unchanged during the history of the school.

HISTORY OF CLASS OF 1962

September 8, 1959--The first time all of us were together, 28 in number, entering as probies. March 6, 1960--capping at Christ Methodist Church--our inspiration for the next 30 months. As we started our pre-clinical period, our class was 21 in number. June 6, 1960--Freshman at last. We began working our first 40 hour week. September 12, 1960--as Juniors, five of us entered our first departments. It's a wonder we could stand, our knees shook so. December 12, 1960--we changed departments with new experiences for all. March 10, 1961--halfway party at "The Cave". This was a sad day for many of us, as it was the last time we would all be together at Bryan until we completed affiliations. March 13, 1961--Five of us ventured to Hastings and five to Omaha to begin our affiliations, leaving the safe folds of Bryan. June 12, 1961--still more of us on the move, with no place to call home. August 5, 1961--Junior-Senior Banquet at the University Club. This marked the closing of our second year, with 18 members in our class. September 11, 1961--still on the move, with the first group returning to a new and changed Bryan. Moving into the new dormitory was a vision we had long expected. And at long last we were seniors. October 26, 1961--we again caught a glimpse of each other when we all attended the NSSNA convention at Grand Island. March 12, 1962--the class of 1962 was back together again; the first time in a year. August 12, 1962--our graduation day at Christ Methodist Church, with a month's terminal vacation. This was the fulfillment of a long awaited dream. September 8, 1962--exactly three years ago, we entered a long and strange world which we now accept as a challenge. Dear old Bryan certainly holds many fond memories for all of us.

Past the Beginning, On Through the Future

CLASS NOTES

SHARON BLANKENFELD SIEVERS, (Don) Jennifer, 17; Andrea, 14; Jessica, 5.

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Cathie
After graduation, home #1 was on A Street with Di, Carm, Lois, Judy, Mary Lou and myself. Remember the messy kitchen when Judy was cooking? But what great meals. Suppose she has changed any? I worked 3-11 as an assistant to the supervisor at BMH and after five months I changed jobs to be a private surgical nurse for Dr. Hilton. Home #2 was on B St. after marrying off Di and Cathie. October 18, 1963, Don and I were married in Grand Island with several classmates attending. 1965 was a prolific year for the 1962 nursing class. What a great graduating class of seniors next year. Suppose any will attend BMH? Our Jennifer was born Jan. 11, 1965 and loves journalism, definitely not nursing. In 1967 I returned to the surgery department at Bryan. This was an exciting time because I was a member of the surgical heart team. January 21, 1968, our second daughter, Andrea, was born and she spent a lot of her toddler years in the Bryan dorm room and black room. I gained two neat years of experience workin in Bryan's heart lab before we moved to Omaha in 1972. Don acquired a job as a Vice President in the mortgage dept. at Omaha National Bank of which he is now department head. Our little "surprise" was born Nov. 18, 1976. Jessica is such a delight and keeps us feeling young but the gray hair came in faster. In 1979, I returned to nursing and worked as a 3-11 charge nurse at a nursing home. After a few months, I quit----it was not my field. I am currently contemplating the type of work I want to be involved in since Jessica will be in school soon. It may or may not be nursing as I have developed so many other interests over the years.

There were so many memories that seemed memorable at each time. First night at Bryan, sitting around the campfire with classmates and big sisters and feeling the apprehension. Capping ceremony -Johnny

driving the bus under the overhang for practice at Christ Methodist (crash)! Affiliations - Mary Lou and I continuously getting into trouble with the housemother at childrens until we discovered the tunnel from "U" Hospital. Ingleside - -we were so stranded out there, smelly tunnels, my wierd room-mate (not Mary Lou) and our new friendship with Judy Pitts. O.B. - - Dr. Thierstein showing a very pale father the drippy placenta. Surgery - - apprehension but excitment of assisting on my first appey for Dr.'s Cherry and Garlinghouse. Their teasing was unmerciful. New dorm - - whole senior class back together again and finally Carm's last safety pin and graduation day!

MAVIS CARLSON HILL, (Marlan) Michell Renee, 17;
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After training I worked at Osceola, Nøbr. Married Oct. 19, 1962 to Marlan. (He taught business in the Osceola High School.) Spent one year in Mo Valley, Iowa. Two summers in Greeley, Colo. where Marlan got his masters. From there have lived in Sioux City. Have three children - am not working now except I substituted a few days latelyfor the LPN students at the tech school here. Marlan is still a counselor - teaches drivers ed in the summer. This year he has tried doing some farming. We live in the country. The kids go to Sergeant Bluff-Luton Schools. (Much smaller than the Sioux City School.)

I think the most fun really had to be when we were at the old Bryan Home.

RUTH CHRISTOFFERSEN BELL, (Jim) Cynthia Ann, 18;
James Hawley, 15; Kristine Marie, 12; Raymond Charles, 21.
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For the last 12 years we have been at home in Powell
I have been working in a doctors clinic with three

doctors, family practice. Jim is working with Amoco Oil Company. Cindy is married, lives in Worland-90 miles from us. She graduates in May. The two at home are active in sports, church, etc. It has been a good 20 years.

Probably the most memorable occasion was capping. The neat things were dorm activities. I always remember Dixie throwing open the windows, signalling we needed to clean house. The long talks and Mother Stein. Di, remember Micky Mouse and the horse at Children's Hospital?

CAROL COOPER SHERMAN (Gary) Jerry Dale, 8.
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Received B.S. degree at N.W.U. in 1963. Worked in surgery at Bryan for 14 months. In Oct. 1963, I was one of the original med/surg clinical instructors in the P.N. program in Lincoln, where I still work after 18 1/2 years. (We are now under Southeast Community College and I am the only original faculty member left.) I enjoy verymuch working with the students in the hospital and in teaching them first aid at school. (The F.A. fulfills part of my prophecy.) I married Gary 7-27-69. Besides farming, Gary is an electronics technician in Ag. Engineering at the U. of Nebr. Jerry was born Dec. 5, 1973. We enjoy living on our 80 acre farm where we grow primarily cattle and hay.

My first day taking care of a patient - where the instructor had to go in the room first and I followed her. Without my little notebook in which I had detailed the procedures I would have been very lost. I'd go behind the curtain and look in my book to see what came next, which arm to wash first, etc.

MARYLOU CRADICK YEAGER (Kenneth) Alison, 17;
Joel, 14; Justin, 8.
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1435 A St., an address not forgotten. My first

year out of school I worked at BMH and lived with eight girls. Approximately two years most of us were married. I married Kenneth in '63. He continued school and graduated in '65. Alison was born in Jan. '65 and we moved to Great Falls, Mont. I worked in a clinic for seven internists. We lived there until Ken joined the army, which took him to Viet Nam and me back to BMH. Ken finished his army career at Ft. Lewis. Joel was born Feb. '68 at Madigan. In the fall of '68 we moved to Federal Way, WA. I have worked at Tacoma General Hospital on and off the last 14 years. Ken worked for several architects and has been self-employed for the last 11 years. He designs and builds custom homes. Justin was born Oct. '73. I have taken various classes at the hospital and community college. I enjoy sewing, reading and tennis. Our family enjoys traveling and entertaining foreign students.

DIANA CRAIG CHRISTENSEN (Dennis) Timothy, 16;
Shari, 14.
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Three words - Wife, Mother, Nurse. I have worked all these years (but one). In OR, RR, Med/Surg, Ob/Gyn, even 6 weeks as a middle school teacher - (I resigned.) The last ten years I've spent as an office nurse with an Ob/Gyn doctor. I have recently started to work one night a week as a staff nurse in a local hospital just to update my nursing skills (and to afford flying back for reunions). Don't believe I'd ever return to hospital nursing fulltime unless my doctor retires. It seems I'm also a perpetual student. Received a B.S. in psychology, in 1978. Generally I am taking a course or one kind or another - for no particular goal. Have a year and a half of college Spanish in. Den's teaching graphics at Coral Springs High School; Tim's a golfer; Shari a cheerleader, telephone talker. Our family hobby is camping and also observing whichever sport one of us (them) is part-

icipating in. I have always enjoyed my nursing profession, work by choice, and still find it challenging, rewarding, and exciting. I feel Bryan made great nurses out of all of us - and to my school I say THANK YOU.

So many memories. As probies, Ardie and I and one other (? name) had to give Mr. Hopp an SS enema. He was in a full leg cast, unable to walk. Ardie gave the enema and we tugged and pulled him into a wheel chair and then into the bathroom. In a hurry for obvious reasons. After maneuvering him onto the stool we realized Ardie was against the wall, INSIDE THE BATHROOM, and couldn't get out. The expression on her face as we closed the bathroom door leaving her inside with Mr. Hopp and the enema returns. The two of us on the outside had to run out of the room so the patient couldn't hear our hysterics. I still cry just thinking of it.

ARDITH GALBREATH SUDDUTH (Richard) John Richard, 13;
Joleen Louise, 8.
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The years have flown by. Some of the highlights as I reflect back include the following: Graduation from Nebr. Wesleyan with a B.S., 1964; Marriage to Richard Sudduth, 1965; Graduation from the Univ. of Michigan with a M.S. in nursing, 1968; Birth of children - John in 1968 and Joleen in 1973. Living in many different areas in the US - Ann Arbor, Cleveland, West Virginia, New Jersey, Ohio; Professional development and involvement over the years.

I remember capping and graduation vividly, as we marched down the aisle in uniforms, caps, candles, etc.

CAROL HEIBENTHAL VIGIL (Juan) Linda, 14; Jimmy, 11;
Juan, Jr., 8.
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Attended Westmar College 1 1/2 years, graduate 1964 with a B.A. Moved to Espanola, N.M. and worked at the Espanola Hospital (med/surg, peds) 1 1/2 years.

Got married Oct. 2, 1965. Worked at the Los Alamos Medical Center (surg/peds) 6 months. Returned to Espanola Hospital part time. Adopted Linda at 8 days of age and Jimmy at 6 days of age. Retired from nursing after Jimmy. Juan was born in the "post reunion baby boom." Since then I've been active in his headstart and kindergarten classes, a food co-op, and have taught Sunday school and been a 4H project leader. We live on a 20 acre ranch, so garden, can and freeze, butcher, milk, make butter and cheese, etc. We're building our home (4 bedroom, 2 story with basement) which I designed, so I'm also becoming a carpenter. I'm a weaver (have a 36" floor loom) and am considering weaving for El Chimayo in Chimayo, N.M. This spring I started working for Homemakers Upjohn.

BARBARA HOLZ SIEMS (Wally) Joel, 16; Dyan, 13.
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I started working at the Lutheran Hospital in Beatrice, NB right after graduation. Wally and I were married on November 4, 1962. We were blessed with two children, Joel and Dyan. We are living on Wally's home place, 2 1/2 miles east of DeWitt. Wally is a farmer and livestock feeder. I have continued working part-time since Joel and Dyan were born. Except for 2 1/2 years at the Wilber Nursing Home, I have worked at the Lutheran in Beatrice.

SONDRA TILLOTSON KYES (Kenneth) Lori Ann, 18;
Deanna Sue, 16; Susan Jean, 9.
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I did some private duty nursing in Sidney, Nebr. for a few months. Started in OR at Bryan, Dec. 1962. Worked both full and part time. Worked 2 years in an oral surgeons office. Returned to Bryan about 1967 to work in OR, teaching operating room techs. From there I became instructor in the operating room. Moved from Lincoln in 1973. Did not work while we were in Kentucky. Moved to Colo. in 1974. I worked as a staff nurse in the OR for two years then became

operating room supervisor, which I am still doing.

I remember the six of us living in the dorm room. I remember one time we put "beads of bleach" in Carol Hiebenthal's bed. She was really mad at us.

KATHY CEDERBURG LARSON (Richard) Morgan, 17; Cass, 9.
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DICK- March '81 joined Buffalo County Sheriffs depart. as an investigator. KATHY - working graveyard shift to Good Samaritan Hospital on a med/surg floor. Mainly medical - post MI's, strokes, diabetics. Prior to that worked at youth development center for 7 1/2 years, doing correction's school nursing. Hobbies; sewing, reading and crafts. MORGAN - junior at Kearney High, named editor of school newspaper for senior year. Works part time, helps buy gas for his car. He's taller than both of us. Ranks high scholastically in his class. Interested in communications, math, and law enforcement. CASS - third grader at Northeast involved in cub scouts, soccer, baseball. Enabled Mom to get her reading done while waiting during practices.

My memory isn't too good. Probably one of the most frustrating was anatomy with Dr. Su. Took me 1/2 semester to understand her and then had missed so much. Also the fact that she spent all that time on the skeletal system and then at the end having to do the rest of the systems so fast did not help me. Some other things I remember are; the toilet paper fights between the shower room and the black room, coming home from student nurses meeting and finding the beds hanging from the rafters in the dorm room, hiding alarm clocks in the safe room. One of my most memorable experiences I had was one Saturday in surgery. I was scrubbed and assisting Dr. Gogela with a laminectomy. I was scared of Dr. Gogela in the first place and then as I was holding some small rake retractors he mumbled, "You know if you pull too hard on them this man could be

paralyzed for life." Talk about shaking. The patient did not get paralyzed either, thank goodness.

MARLENE LENERS LESUER Larry, 18; Debbi, 16;
LeAnn, 14.
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I have worked at Annie Jeffrey Hospital, Osceola, since I graduated with the exception of two years following my divorce. I moved to Beatrice and worked there. I was divorced in 1975. Larry was born in 1964, Debbi in 1965, and LeAnn in 1968. They now are a senior, junior and eighth grader. Although I work as staff nurse, I serve several capacities. Among them are inservice director, infection control, orientation, CPR instructor. My current goal is to set up a cardiac rehabilitation program.

During the first year we went to a student nurse assoc. meeting at Lincoln General. We all went with the exception of one or two. When we returned we found our beds hanging from the pipes. Believe Carmen was one that didn't go. A real busy body while we were gone.

DIXIE NISSEN CLEGG (Duane) R. Daren, 14.
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Aug. 11, 1962 Bob and I were married at Chapel on base. In November we moved to Orlando Fla. for almost 2 years. I worked at Orange Memorial on a medical floor. In 1964 we moved to Boulder, Colo. Bob attended CU and DU. Daren was born June 1, 1967. I work in a small hospital (under 100 beds), initially on medicine then to ICU, where I helped set up the unit in 1965. It has expanded and moved twice since. Bob and I were divorced in '78. I started back to school in 1979 - one evening class a semester. I moon lighted and taught a cardiac arrhythmia class through adult ed. It was a good experience. July 27, 1981, Duane Clegg and I were married. I automatically became a grandmother. He has a son, daughter, and grandson in Washington State.

MARILYN POWERS MERTENS (Roger) Jon, 16; Melissa, 11;
Lee Ann, 8.
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The last 20 years! First came love, then came marriage, and then the proverbial baby carriage. 3 times in fact. Roger and I married a year after graduation and moved to Vale, Oregon. We lived there about 7 years where I worked in a nursing home, hospital, and surgeon's office. Jon was born there and at that time I retired from nursing to raise my family. Little did I know how long it would take and what a likely candidate I would be to become a ghost writer under the name of Erma Bombeck. Nothings happened to her that hasn't happened to me!!! Am sure there have been many times Rogers dreaded to come home. In 1970 we moved to Winnenucca, Nevada (you'll all live if you never get there). There Melissa joined us in 1971 and Lee Ann in 1973. Feeling we'd done our part to help populate that community, we moved to Cheyenne, Wyo. in 1975. While in Winnenucca, I was active in the hospital auxiliary. Must say it was fun having the time to do all the little extras for the patients. Since we've been in Cheyenne, life has centered around the kids and all their activities. They have grown up so fast. A few years ago I fell into a great opportunity - teaching music ot little children. With music being my second choice careerwise, I couldn't pass it up. I am thoroughly enjoying it. Maybe someday I'll get back to nursing but not right now.

My most memorable occasion was my first trip to the floor - my first patient. I was scared to death, pulse about 120. My assigned patient was going home and refused a bath. Since that was all we knew how to do, Miss Garrison said she'd find me another. She picked a man. Unforgivable! The only thing I saw on the kardex for him was "ice bag to the scrotum." I almost fainted!!! Good old Garrison came thru for me though - she said the aide would do that because we hadn't had ice bags yet. Thank God!

LOIS ROKER SACKETT (Jim) Ashlyn, 17; Cheryl, 14.
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Immediately upon graduation I returned to Westman College and completed work on a Bachelor of Science Degree. During the 4 years following graduation and being married I worked off and on at Bryan as 3-11 House Supervisor and 7-3 Area Director. Also during that time Jim was in the Marine Corps and we lived in a variety of places including, Virginia, North Carolina, California and Chicago, Illinois. We returned to Lincoln in 1970 and I worked at Bryan for 3 years as 7-3 Area Director. I then "retired" in 1973 after Jim completed his Master's Degree at the U. of Nebr. In Sept. of 1975 I was offered a job I could not refuse as Business Manager for Internal Medicine Specialties. I have seen the clinic grow from 5 to 10 physicians with a current staff of 27 employees and our own laboratory and X-ray department. The clinic is a subspecialty internal medicine group with 3 Board Certified Rheumatologists, 3 Board Certified Gastroenterologists, and 4 Board Certified Cardiologists. I do not do any nursing since the job is basically a "middle management" position which seems to agree with me (most of the time). Sometimes I do wonder which are worse, the 10 male physicians or the 27 female employees. Jim has worked at Bankers Life Nebraska in the finance department since 1973. Ashlyn will be a senior in high school and probably heading for a career in some type of medical field. Cheryl will be a 9th grader. Our major problem there are the "BOYS". All in all it has been an interesting 20 years and makes one wonder what the next 20 will bring.

Managing to carry out of the hospital one of those big terry cloth bath blankets that said "Bryan Memorial Hospital" down the middle. I still use it when I go to the pool.

CARMEN SANDELL

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I'm supposed to write the last 20 years of this women's life in 200 words or less - can't be done. Who'd be interested in my love life, bad investments and head nurse burn out? Now those would be the stories. I do find "life" to be likened to a foot journey up a mountain; it's not a fast journey, and there's times of falling down, slipping, fog, low clouds, and much sunshine and green meadows. There is really much I could share with you all so will try and recap by years. (Editors Note: Carm is trying to make up for lack of Christmas cards for 20 years.) August, 1962 - Graduation and starting work at Bryan. It's now April 1982 and I'm still there. 1435 A St. A year at that address with 5 others will never ever be forgotten. One of my "funniest" years of my life. Sept. 1966.- Became head nurse. Oct. 1969 - Became the first head nurse on 6th floor, a 51 medical unit which later came to be a 47 bed medical oncology unit. This small little world (a small hospital in itself) is where I eventually "burned out". It didn't happen over night but it did take its toll. The 1970's. These years must go down as my growing years. I started on that journey of trying to find out "who I am". Believe it or not I'm still slowly making that journey. I choose a high mountain and took some really bad falls so far, but haven't had more than mind and pride hurt. Did some traveling, lost a lot of adipose tissue and regained it, now trying to rid myself of it again. My little sister Joan produced 2 nieces, and brother Kendall 2 nephews. They have added much "joy" to my life. 1980 - Burn out taking its toll. 1981 - March 8 I became the new Supervisor of Central Service. This has made me do some studying. There's so much to learn about sterilization that I just never thought of. 1982 - The healing process continuing - time does so much. I've started oil painting and am on my second picture. Even taking a class at the community college. Renewing old friendships and making new friends, continuing interest in district 3, of NNA of ANA, am

a past president of just several years ago. In June, 1981, I found myself a roommate. We do like camping, gardening, keeping a clean house, etc. She's even trying to teach me to fish! Last but not least, (I'm sure I'm over 200 words), I'm waiting for June 26 & 27 and YOU ALL coming home again.

Mine would be graduation day. I'd make it. Next, passing boards. Hiding Gaila in the wine closet, toilet paper fights, cow eye balls as birthday presents, hiding from Mother Stein, Lois and baby magic, bath towels, early morning chapel in PJ's covered with ugly old blue trench coats.

CATHIE ZIER REGESTER (Mac) Valerie, 18; Jeff, 17; Mark, 14; Tim, 13.
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1962-1963 Lincoln-worked at Bryan in OR
1964-1971 Sacramento-worked in OR at 3 different hosp.
1971-1978 Modesto-worked in OR, regular part time. Husband called into the ministry during this time. Received training in Modesto.
1978-1981 First ministry - Mc Miornville, Oregon. within conservative Baptist Assoc. Mac's specialty is discipleship. Cathie worked part time in OR and 2 days per week in a doctor's office. (Loved it).
1981- ? Called to Mesa, Az. church as pastor of adult ministries in large church with 7 men on staff. Cathie working 3 days/week in OR.

Getting to live in the old mansion. Getting to move into the new dorm. The time I gave a deep Im PCN injection to a skinny male patient and I hit the BONE - just like a dart board. I was shook for a moment or two.