

# BRYAN



# NOTES

APRIL, 1974

## *We Are Not Dead!!*

Dear Alumni members:

As your new president, I feel it is necessary to inform you that your executive board is alive and kicking. We are working for the organization and are continuing to have regular monthly meetings.

Our main concern since I took office has been financial (just like everyone's these past months). I feel that because we are not holding regular scheduled meetings for all alumni that some of you have forgotten us! We still have a usable organization but we desperately need your financial support to continue as an active organization. We still have a function as Bryan alumni. Bryan is continuing to accept students — We are not dead!! Please help us with your financial contributions and if you have questions or suggestions for the executive board let us hear from your. We are servicing your organization, we welcome your suggestions and criticisms.

— Thank You —

## **Election Time**

It is election time again, this year the offices of Vice President and Secretary will change hands. The nominating committee feels the candidates are extremely capable and we appreciate their willingness to serve on the executive board. Please vote for one candidate for each office.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT:**

Jeanne (Dobson) Nelson — graduate of 1968.

Jean worked from 1968-70 at Bryan as a staff nurse on the Orthopedics and Rehabilitation floors. From 1970-73, she was surgical assistant nurse for Dr. Moessner. In July of 1973, she became the office nurse of Dr. Holsclaw, in the Lincoln Clinic.

Jean and her husband Duane, have two children — Kristina and Kenneth.

Diantha (Pangborn) Johnson — graduate of 1965.

Diantha married soon after graduation, traveled and worked where ever her husband was stationed while in the army. She was 3-11 supervisor for 6 months in Weatherford, Texas; assistant head nurse for one year in GlenBurnie, Maryland; and medical consultant for Mutual of Omaha in Omaha. In September of 1971, the Johnsons returned to Lincoln with their three children.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY:**

Bette (Bauer) Butts — graduate of 1966.

Bette worked in a Boston, Maryland, hospital in


surgery while her husband was in the Navy. They returned to Lincoln and she worked general duty for one year at Bryan before joining the Staff Development Department in January 1971, where she still teaches.

Bette and her husband Tim have one daughter.

Nancy (Strehlo) Peirce — graduate of 1968.

Nancy worked in Pediatrics for three months after graduation, then she worked at Tipton Co. Hospital in Tipton, Tennessee, for six months and at Milling Naval Hospital in Milling, Tennessee, for one year while her husband was in the Navy.

Nancy and Gerald have one daughter also.



## *Mandatory Education — Nurse Practice*

Much has been written recently about nurse practice and continuing education. The last NNA House of Delegates meeting advocated the mandatory continuing education clause in the Nurse Practice Act. The Nurse Practice Act has been opened but due to public pressure, the state legislators have declined to attach mandatory continuing education to licensure.

The bill currently before the legislators is .LB 963 and does set maximum requirements that employers must meet when hiring nurses who have not worked for 5 years. It does not set minimums.

The bill also expands the State Board of Nursing from 5 to 9 members. It defines the educational requirements for those members so that a board whose primary job is to regulate schools of nursing is composed of nurse educators and staff.

The Nurses bill provides for the mandatory licensure of practical nurses; establishes a Nurses' Licensing Cash Fund from which expenses of the board will be met; and it eliminates the citizenship requirement for licensure.

The bill defines the practice of nursing but does not provide for expansion of the role of nursing into fields where nurses currently practice. Unfortunately, the bill as proposed today does not up-date nursing practice to its current level.

LB 963 is on general file now. It may or may not be acted on during the remaining 11 legislative days of this session. We hope that you have been following this legislation so that you know its present status and are prepared to write or call your senator to express our view.



**Congratulations  
Mrs. Margaret Pavelka**

Mrs. Margaret Pavelka has been named executive director of the Nebraska State Board of Nursing. She succeeds Helen Marsh, who retired Jan. 31.

Mrs. Pavelka was graduated from Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing where she more recently served as director of nursing education and service; received her bachelor of science degree from Nebraska Wesleyan, her masters degree in psychiatry from University of Nebraska. She currently is a candidate for a doctor of philosophy degree in adult and continuing education from NU. She has a wide background of experience in nursing service and education in Nebraska.

Mrs. Pavelka sees the "State board of Nursing primary responsibility being the protection of the public."

"Having been active in Nursing in Nebraska for many years, I consider Nebraska nurses my friends and I hope to support and promote the profession of nursing while serving this post."

**Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account: \$369.74 as of 3-4-74  
Savings Account: \$524.88 as of 2-18-74  
Ruth Kimmel Fund: \$544.03 as of 12-31-73

**Student Loan Fund**

We would like to pass on a bit of information concerning the Bryan Student Loan Fund. Did you, as alumni members, know such a fund existed?

At the present time, this fund, which is made up of money from donations by private families, organizations, and businesses, is available at any time during the three year program, to Bryan nursing students. Students may borrow any amount of money and are required to repay the loan at approximately \$75.00 per month after graduation. At this time, there is \$26,993.54 loaned to students through the class of 1975.

Applications for loans are submitted and reviewed by Miss Bovee, Miss Rasmussen, and Mr. Gary Yanks, Accountant at Bryan Hospital.

It has been brought to the attention of the executive board that in addition to money in use by students at this time, there is over \$33,500.00 invested in U.S. Treasury Bills at the First National Bank and over \$12,600.00 cash on hand.

The question has been raised as to how to put this money into active use. It is the hope of the executive board that by banquet time some decisions will be made and that the information can be passed on to you. The executive board welcomes any comments or questions concerning this money.

**A.N.A. Convention**

The by-laws of our alumni association makes it possible for the president to go to the bi-annual convention with her registration and transportation paid by the association. This year none of the board members are able to attend the convention which will be held in San Francisco, June 9 - 14.

If you are an A.N.A. member and an alumni member and would like to attend the convention and bring a report back to the group, it is possible that the association could help with some of your expenses this year. If you are interested please write us giving your position and reasons, as we would like to make this money available to one of our alumni.



**Theater Production A Success**

Dec. 6, was the date for the Community Playhouse production of *Butterflies Are Free* for Lincoln General, St. Elizabeth, and Bryan alumni. The groups combined to buy the playhouse for that evening as a money making project. Each group had 102 seats to sell and Bryan was successful in selling 96 of theirs.

The success of the project would make it seem like a good one to try again. The profit was greater than a bake sale and the effort expended by us was much less, with the added bonus of an evenings entertainment. The playhouse group put on their usual good performance.



**ATTENTION 1973 GRADUATES!**

Your \$2.50 dues were due Jan. 1. Join!!! Your organization needs your support.

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All dues are cheerfully being accepted. Our fiscal year begins July 1, 1974 and ends June 30, 1975. We would love to have your name on our membership list this year. For only \$5.00 this can be accomplished. **Help** your organization.

The fate of Bryan School of Nursing is still undetermined. It depends on what the University of Nebraska at Lincoln decides to do about their nursing program. As of today, Bryan is accepting and guaranteeing graduation of this year's girls. They have over 200 applications. They will graduate June 1977.

**Banquet Honorees**

Is your class an honor class for this year's banquet? The class of '54 marks its 20 year reunion this year and the first class to graduate, the class of 1929, marks its 45th year. That first class was small, but the class celebrating its 25th year was a large wartime class. Nurses were in big demand during WWII and Bryan did its part by stepping up the

program and graduating classes in the spring and fall of '48 and '49.

Considering the classes of 29, 34, 39, 44, 49, 54, 59, 64, 69, and 74 will be honor classes, we should have a large crowd at this banquet, so plan now to attend. Come and see old friends. Don't delay make your reservations now!

*Banquet time!* We always enjoy getting together with our friends! This year's banquet is going to be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn. The address is Northwest 12th and West Bond. This is out by the airport and Interstate 80. We are having a buffet this year and the price is \$5.50 per person. June 8th is the date. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner 7:00 p.m.

Please have your reservations in by **June 1st**. The address is:

Bryan Alumni Assoc.  
4848 Sumner  
Lincoln, Nebr. 68506

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Banquet Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet fee of \$5.50 each enclosed? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues of \$5.00 enclosed for July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975 \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballot: circle 1 for each office**

*Vice President:*

Diantha (Pangborn) Johnson '65

Jeanne (Dobson) Nelson '68

*Secretary:*

Betty (Bauer) Butts

Nancy (Strehlo) Peirce