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dedication

When something NEW comes into existence there are certain privileges afforded to those on the scene of the event. So it has been with the staff of this first edition of our University of Nebraska School of Nursing annual. It has been our honor to choose the name "Starch and Stripes" from those "respectfully" submitted, and to "work" on the actual make-up of our first book. It is now our honor to be able to have you read and enjoy this collection from reality which will become in time a pleasant memory. Oh, please keep on with this "Starch and Stripes" for then we will know that our efforts were worth the while!

Our greatest privilege, though, is to be able to pick that person, place, or thing to which this book may be dedicated. It is truly an honor, because we need take no second choices, but may dedicate to everyone's natural first thought—Our Miss Kyle! If there be any other dedications in the future "Starch and Stripes," she will know that they are dedicated to her in spirit, if not in word.

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Senior Class—Rhinehart-Marsden Group Pictures—Kiewit Studio



Miss Irma Kyle, Director, School of Nursing and Nursing Service

administration and faculty

The University of Nebraska School of Nursing was organized as a department of education in the University of Nebraska in 1917, under the guidance and direction of Miss Charlotte Burgess. University Hospital, where bedside clinical instruction is obtained, was completed in 1917, and opened when the School of Nursing was established. The hospital is a 212-bed, charity institution, under the direct control of the College of Medicine.

The present dean of the College of Medicine and superintendent of University Hospital is Dr. Harold C. Leuth. Miss Irma M. Kyle has been Director of the School of Nursing since 1946.

Two courses are open to students of the School of Nursing. The three-year program leads to the diploma of Graduate Nurse; the five-year program is a combined curriculum in arts and sciences and in nursing, and leads to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Graduate Nurse.

Faculty—
Top Row, L. to R., Wolanin, M.; Scholder, A; Danielson, H.; Warner, V.; Erickson, H.; Vuylstek, M.; Williams, L.

Bottom Row, L. to R., Koons, K.; Bornemeier, C.; Schaefer, M.; Kyle, I.; Mason, V.; Breen, M.; Brock, M.



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Instruction in the subjects contained in the curriculum is given by members of the faculty of the College of Medicine and members of the School of Nursing faculty. Practice in nursing and instruction are obtained on the wards of University Hospital, the clinics of the University Dispensary, classrooms and laboratories of the School of Nursing, and College of Medicine, library of the College of Medicine, Douglas County Hospital for communicable disease nursing, and Nebraska Psychiatric Unit for psychiatric nursing experience.



Dr. Harold C. Leuth, Dean of the College of Medicine and Superintendent of University Hospital

The faculty of the School of Nursing for the year 1950-1951 included: Carol Bornemeier, supervisor and instructor, pediatrics; Mercedes Breen, instructor, medical nursing; Matilda Brock, relief supervisor; Helen Danielson, supervisor and instructor, operating room; Helen Erikson, superintendent of dispensary; K. Grace Koons, supervisor and instructor, obstetric and gynecological nursing; Irma Kyle, director of School of Nursing; Velma Mason, supervisor, medical and surgical floors; Minnie Schaefer, director of student health and instructor, public health nursing; Avis Scholder, supervisor and instructor, psychiatric nursing; Marian Vuylstek, night supervisor; Vera Warner, instructor, surgical nursing; Lola Williams, supervisor, admitting room, and instructor; Mary Wolanin, nursing arts instructor. The staff also includes 14 head nurses and 15 graduate nurses.

It has been the aim of the School from its beginning to prepare its graduates to meet community needs, to give efficient care to the sick in the community as well as in the hospital, and to furnish a good foundation upon which to build additional experience for the many responsible positions in the fields of administration, teaching, and Public Health. The curriculum of the school has been organized with this aim in mind. The growth and ideals of the School have been increasingly encouraged and fostered by the active and sympathetic interest of the faculty of the College of Medicine and of the faculties of the other Colleges of the University.















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*Receiving degree

class of 1951

President—Leah Neilsen Vice-President—Barbara Tangdall Secretary—Malvina Brunn Treasurer—Frances Bohner

Sponsor-Miss Mercedes Breen

"We walked in expecting a lot, but not as much as we got." However, it was worth it. Our first few days were filled with registration. Many of us have vivid memories of our first visit to Student Health when we received our immunizations. We started classes almost immediately and began our routines as probies. We really put our hearts into our studies and tried to impress our professors. No luck!

But it was not all work and no play. We had hour dances every month, a few picnics, class parties, and teas given by the different classes and organizations on the campus. After three months of preparation, we had our first taste of nursing. We had such duties as making beds, ordering the ward, giving bed baths, and a little charting. Oh yes, we watered the artificial flowers—didn't we?

We had our first finals as a Christmas present, and somehow or other we all managed to pass. Christmas morning all of the student nurses dressed in uniform and carrying candles went caroling through the hospital. This is the tradition of University Student Nurses every Christmas which we have faithfully upheld.

February 6 our probation period was over and we received our caps and bibs from our big sisters. We were proud to be wearing the University cap and felt like we were finally becoming part of the hospital team. We began working longer hours on the wards, gained more responsibilities, and became more skillful besides learning new procedures. Before we knew it we had the responsibility of the entire ward on evenings and nights.

The summer passed rapidly and so did our months vacation. Most of us were afraid to return because of the new services we were to enter. But yet it was nice to come

back to act as big sisters to the new class.

Our junior year was a busy one with classes and working on the wards. It was highlighted by our Junior-Senior Banquet in May. We might add that our winter tea in January was a big success. It was also during our Junior year that our late privileges increased, and we were allowed to take 12 o'clocks and overnights interchangeably. This was a welcome change.

At last our senior year arrived. We had finally reached that which seemed impossible. Our responsibilities became greater, and we began to realize what our duties as graduates would be. Each of us was beginning to think about what field of nursing we would like to enter. Now our eight hours were spent on the wards, with the exception of our three months in psych and six weeks in contagion when we had classes. The year passed rapidly and we were soon busy with graduation activities. Uniforms, pictures, announcements, parties, banquets, teas all contributed to our busy life as seniors.

May 26 our big day arrived. This was our first opportunity to wear our white uniforms. Our graduation exercises were held at Joslyn Memorial. There we proudly received our diplomas. However, this was not the end. In June we were all able to take our State Boards in Lincoln. From then on it was simply a matter of waiting.

Most of us finished the first week in August. Another University tradition was carried out our last day when our student uniforms were ripped off. Don't forget to wear a slip girls! Now we were finally graduate nurses. We would miss our classmates and the true friends we had made during these three years. We left realizing that "we gave a lot, but not as much as we got."



Top Row: L. to R.: Brown, M.; Reiners, V.; Winter, B.; Smith, J; Grillet, G.; Shaffer, B.; Scheitel, M.; Morgan, P.; DeHart, M.; Petr, B.; Tuma, S.; Shellington, J.

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Bottom Row: Johnson, T.; Weber, M.; Hanna, P.; Fear, A.; Macklem, G.; Dill, J.; Kell, S.; Baack, L.; Marshall, M.; Carver, A.; Harding, G.

junior class

President—Jean Schropfer Vice-President—Verna Reiners

Treasurer—Josephine Pinkley Secretary—Joanne Dill

Class Sponsor—Maxine Cook

As all good things do, we had a beginning. So we began in the year 1949 on a hot August twelfth. There were 34 of us, all anticipating the worst. And guess what, we got it. But for the most part, I think we've come out from down under quite well. The first year was a haze of classes—Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Pharmacology and much more. We spent hours learning the correct terms for what we thought was the correct term. (Hazy, didn't I say?) Anatomy was made clearer by little verses such as: "get your phalanges off my femur" and "McBurneys point was the site of a hot appendix, not an island off the coast of Maine where they sell hot

dogs." Ah yes, we learned a lot!

Our junior year became a hospital haze. There had been much speculation about the so-called "Junior-Slump". We're still speculating—but all in all it's been a great year. The hospital has literally been our oyster—without the pearl. But we've picked up a few gems and nuggets, also deposited a few, we hope. We've become very attached to the place since there are still only twenty-four hours in the day.

To the Seniors we say—Good luck and we're proud and happy to take your place. To the Freshmen—It'll be a relief and more relief—but there's another night coming!



Top Row: L. to R.: Hanneman, M.; Ady, M.; Stoesz, E.; Vacek, B.; Wilson, C.; Martin, G.; Wollmer, M.A.; Flynn, R.; Coon, B.; Liakos, A.; Brauer, E.; Imig, E.

Middle Row: Anderson, L.; Clausen, V.; Lee, B.; Totusek, N.; Hiatt, J.; Carnaby, B.; Bond, S.; Range, N.; Pollman, M.; Simmerman, C.; Foster, M.; Smith, M.; Fisher, M.

Bottom Row: Swartwood, F.; Maca, M.; Andersen, B.; Mainquist, J.; Donaly, C.; Black, Y.; Goodwin, E.; Nilsson, J.; Loseke, S.; Fuesler, J.; Hendrickson, B.; Gollehon, L.

freshman class 1951

President—Angeline Liakos Vice-President—Joan Nilsson

Secretary—Betty Anderson Treasurer—Norma Totusek

Class Sponsor—Helen Danielson

Thirty-eight freshmen have completed studies for the year, and on June first started their clinical experience on a full time schedule. After courses in the basic sciences, Nursing arts, and specialties, they are ready to apply what they've learned.

"Probies," as they are called, became official freshmen after receiving their caps in January.

The class has been active in doings about the campus and their first event on the social calendar year was skits and a concession booth in November's Campus Capers. Liz Stoesz was chairman of the booth committee and her Probie Peep show drew many interested spectators and a little cash into the Student Council Treasury. Joanie Nilsson headed the skit group and managed to

keep disguised as the ringmaster until the dancing started.

Valentine's Day provided a nice theme for the All-Campus tea in February at which the first year students were hostesses to nearly two hundred nurses, doctors, medical students, laboratory technicians, faculty members and employees.

Medical students were guests of the nurses at the "Sox Hop" held at the residence in March. The party sponsored by the freshmen was strictly an informal affair with everyone instructed to wear their loudest socks and to check their shoes at the door. Crazy prizes for foot apparel went to Junior Student Nurse Lou McConnell and to Medical Students Max Karrer and Jim Dinsmore.

organizations

student council

The most important group in the School is the democratic Student Council composed of the officers of the three classes and faculty sponsors. The policies and privileges of the students are decided by this group, the main all-school functions are sponsored by it and suggestions for general over-all improvements for the School and student life are considered by it. The officers and chairmen included—President, Leah Neilson; Vice-President and Publicity Chairman, Jo Dill; Secretary and Librarian, Verna Reiners; Treasurer and Finance Chairman, Frances Bohner; Activities Chairman, Ardee Schwab; and Big Sister Committee Chairman, Barbara Tangdall.

Three big events sponsored by this group were—the preclinical student picnic, the very successful Campus Capers and the annual Spring Formal.

nightingale choir

Everyone was always welcomed to joined the weekly singing with the newly-formed Nightingale choir directed by former student Sue Leininger. A group of 24 voices directed by Marilyn Maca participated in the Ivy Day Sing on the Lincoln campus. They made a standout appearance in their uniforms and received many constructive criticisms and complimentary remarks from the judging team. This event is a challenge to our School. Let's place this year and Win after that.

bowling

Bowling is a favorite pastime with many of the girls on the campus and each class has its team in the league with the five Medical Frats. Topflight bowlers; Lou Kopecky, Lou McConnell, and Lucy Gollehon helped keep those balls rolling each week during the season. The PRN's, seniors; the White Caps, Juniors; and the White Sox, Freshmen, all tried to keep the trophy which had been won by the dorm last year but since the handicaps had been lowered a trifle the team averages dropped. The AKK Fraternity set the pace for the girls and the rest of the fellows and took home the trophy. Well at least it still has our name on it from *last* year.

basketball

The basketball team was late in getting started and therefore played only five competitive games. The teams which they played were the Students of Methodist and Immanuel Hospitals and the Soiltone team which is a business girls team. Our sponsor was Miss Uren from O.R. and team captain was Joan Nilsson. Angie Liakos, Marilyn Weber, and Liz Stoesz were high point players.

Refreshments were sold at each game and proceeds will go to the purchasing of basketball suits for the players next year.

nurses christian fellowship

The Christian Nurses Fellowship is a branch of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, an international, interdenominational fellowship of college students. The Fellowship meets for the express purpose of stressing a vital faith in Christ as the only successful way of life.

The group's activities include weekly Bible studies, prayer groups, bi-weekly meetings with the Inter-Varsity Medical students. Parties and picnics with the medical students afford enjoyable times for social activities for both groups.

The officers for the past year were President, Frances Swartwood; Vice-President, Angeline Liakos; and Secretary-Treasurer, Yleen Black. Some of the outstanding were Elizabeth Pollock, R.N., who is a return missionary from Shanghai, China and Jane Hollingsworth, writer and Bible teacher, and also staff member of "IVCF".

n. s. s. n. a.

The University students are proud to have 100% membership in the Nebraska State Student Nurses Association. They are prouder to have one of their own students, Phil Morgan, as state president of this organization. One of the president's main jobs is to plan the convention for the year in conjunction with Student Day at the Nebraska State Nurses Convention. Of course with Phil in there pitching it is bound to be some day for students next year. Approximately 80% of the University students attended the last meeting and were pleased to anticipate what an interest was being taken in the promotion of better student education and interschool relationships. University was also represented by Miss Morgan at the National Planning Committee Meeting for Student Nurses held in Boston in May, '51, who took a flying trip out and back accompanied by Miss Kyle. As Phil says "Organizations are essential for promotion of a profession and just as with anything else you get back exactly what you put into that organization-so let's all support the N.S.S.N.A., it is supporting us."

activities of 1950-1951

It was a busy but happy day on August eleventh, when the upperclassmen welcomed the forty-one pre-clinicals into our school of nursing. An informal party was held that weekend for everyone to become acquainted.

One September evening, all the students who weren't working relief feasted on hot dogs, potato salad, pickles, apples, etc. in Elmwood Park. Excess energy was spent by playing softball and riding bicycles.

Autumn colors added zest to the upper lounge when the first tea of the school year was given by the Faculty Wives on October twelfth. Conversation included bits about the Nebraska State Nurses Convention to be held October seventeenth at Fremont, Nebraska.

By chartered buses and cars, a number of students went to the Fremont Auditorium to partake in the Nebraska State Nurses Convention. Recruitment was the main topic for the day. A book review of "The Lamp is Heavy" was presented. The climax of the convention came when one of our Junior students, Phyllis Morgan, was elected president of the Nebraska State Nurses Association.

Jack-o'-lanterns and witches decorated the dorm for the annual halloween party. While games were going on in the dorm, two bunny rabbits, Harding and Weber, went incognito to the Phi Rho house and caused a small riot.

The circus came to town when the "Campus Capers" was held on November seventeenth. Jo Nilsson was chief clown in the "Barnum and Bailey Show" presented by the freshmen. A TV show was given by the Junior class. The senior skit "The Thing" brought much laughter.

Christmas spirit was felt about the dorm as December 25th drew near. The large tree in the upper lounge was decorated by many and even presents such as sporting goods were found beneath it. The traditional Christmas carolling woke the patients as Christmas day dawned. A most unexpected but welcome Christmas gift was the television set presented to the girls of Conkling Hall by Mr. H. Marshall.

On March 13th student nurses entertained at the Alumni Association meeting. Dramatic readings, piano and vocal solos were given.

In spite of the rainy weather the annual spring formal was held on April 20 at the Chieftain Hotel in Council Bluffs. Music was furnished by Al Marsh's orchestra.







junior senior banquet



SKIT PRESENTED BY JUNIORS

You all know what bedpans are, so let's consider that matter covered! This is a 24 hour specimen and u're in on it. It starts at am 7 through am 7. There's no sediment in it, and it may not be clear, in fact, slightly tinged. But, remember, it's the quantity, not the quality.

Mrs. Bricklayer: "Speaking of this patient, Miss Dixie Cup, what was the creatinine content of this patient before he drank the alcohol as compared with that of 1927, in the year of our Lord?"

Miss Dixie Cup: "I know what alcohol is, but what is creatinine?"

Miss Bricklayer: "Great Scott, Miss Dixie Cup, if you don't know that, how do you expect to give your patients good nursing care!"

Miss Warhorse: "And remember, if you girls get nothing else pacific out of this course, that once an osteo, always an osteo!"

Bedpan song:

"We're forever carrying bedpans, For this is known as bedpan row. They fill them full, to overflow. Just how often must they go!"

Miss IM. A. Kill: "Girls, you all know why I am here. (Pause) It seems there are a few of you, just a few of you, (Pause) who are the gossip of the campus. There is talk among the interns, kitchen-help, the nursing staff, the interns, the janitors, the medical students, and their wives, the interns, the staff—and even, yes, even Tony Simmerman. I don't mind you girls having a party but there's one thing, just one thing, I'd like to know. WHY WASN'T I INVITED?"

Skit's over
Food's gone
Senior year
Won't be here long.
Worked hard
Some play
Taught us much
We can't repay.

Like you all
Each a friend
Hope with graduation
It won't end.
Thank you all
For what you've done
We won't forget
The class of '51!

capping 1951

Sunday afternoon, January 14, 1951 and Joslyn Memorial Lecture Hall was filled to capacity with friends and relatives of the University preclinicals who were about to receive their "caps". Above the murmur of voices the first strains of the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" were heard as the "probies" and their "big sisters" marched down the aisle.

Leah Neilson, president of the senior class, presided over the event. The invocation was by the Rev. Walter Traub, pastor of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Two selections were sung by the senior trio and then Dr. Harold Leuth, dean of the college of Medicine gave the address. Jackie Smith presented a violin solo.

The traditional history of the nurse's cap was read by Lou McConnell. One by one the preclinicals were capped by Miss Kyle and handed their lighted Florence Nightingale Lamp. When all were capped, the Florence Nightingale Pledge was given.

The Freshmen, their families and friends met at Conkling Hall for the reception given by the Alumni of the school. The question of the day was "How could we have ever worn those uniforms without bibs and caps?"



graduation 1951

Graduation—a climax to studying, learning, and practicing in our School of Nursing. A climax with white uniforms, white gowns, mortarboards and green and white tassels. This is all a part of graduation. There was too, the music, the address long to be remembered, "Training For Citizenship in Today's World," given by Representative to Congress Walter H. Judd, M.D., and the conferring of degrees from the College of Medicine and to the graduating nurses the diplomas in Nursing. The awards given included the Charlotte Burgess Scholarship to Vera Anderson.

In all, a day to remember with happiness and the promise of a wonderful future in Nursing.



FEATURING ---





Long hours of concentrated

DEAR MOM-

Nurses training is really the deal and I'm glad you and dad finally consented to my deepest desires and allowed me to come here.

The studies are easy and we spend all our free time sunbathing, playing tennis and going to the various campus parties. Also, the hospital schedule we follow is very light and we are advised to never let work interfere with play.

and mom, don't worry about hours as everything here is on the honor system. Our theme song "If I had the wings of an angel, over these prison gates I'd fly "has no bearing whatsoever on the situation!



The supervisor made a Big



Pediatrics was a cinch - we had the children well trained!

In your last letter you asked when I'd be home. Cast away your worries here, too, because the course only lasts three years so you can count on me august, 1953!

I nearly forgot to mention the food. It couldn't be better. Just imagine sinking your teeth into a juicy two inch steak whenever desired.

as you see, mom, life is beautiful here. To give you a more true idea of things, I've enclosed some pictures. Write often and I'll be waiting for those cookies and cakes.

Your ever-loving daughter







Of course, we learn all about balanced diets in D.K.







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