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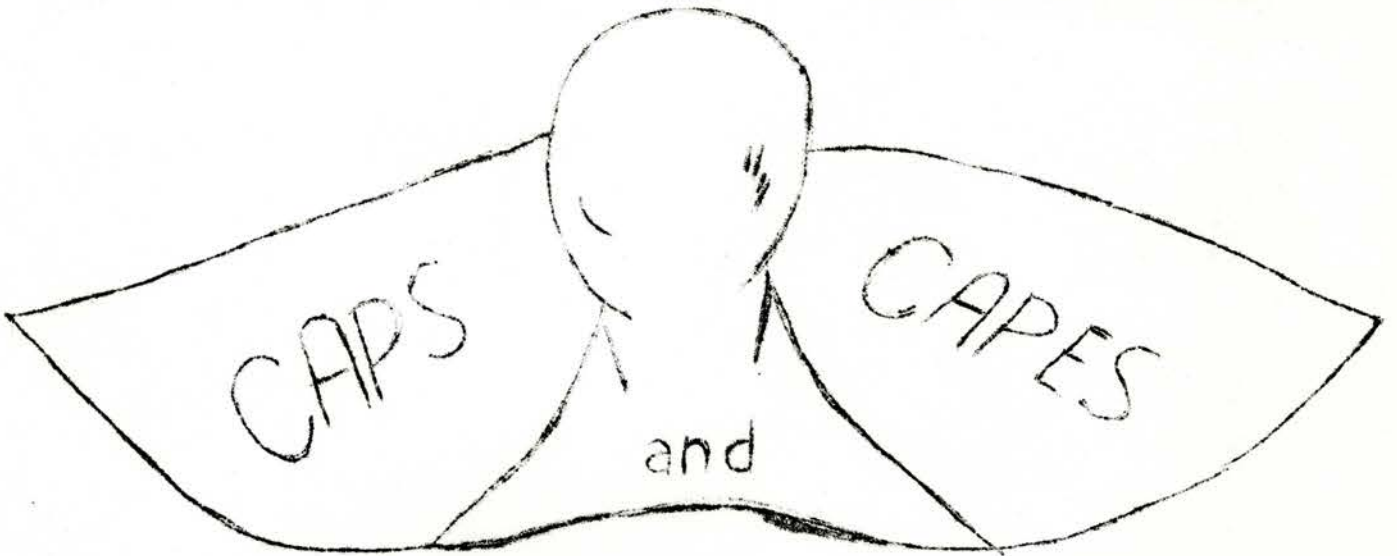
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As you know we have all been striving for a chance to prove that we can be responsible for our own behavior. We have all complained at one time or another that we are not treated as mature adults. Up until now we have been able to assume the responsibility for the lives of our patients, but not for our own actions. As you were all informed at the last Student Council meeting, we, the student body, decided to adopt the Honor System. This system is to begin when the new class enters in September.

Under this new system each student will be responsible for:

- A. reporting to the Judicial Council any infringement she, herself, might make concerning the regulations now in effect.
- B. reminding any student who breaks any of the existing regulations to report herself to the Judicial Council.
- C. reporting any student who breaks a regulation and refuses to accept the responsibility of reporting herself to the Council.

This system cannot work effectively without the full cooperation of each member of the student body.

We expect every student to remember and to follow the three points listed above. In this we will have an effective Honor System and consequently a better school of which we can be proud.

#### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Can anyone among us count the blessings of a kindly personality? It is like sunshine at the beach; it radiates. Now, all this "ecetry stuff" does not appeal to Pat Heisey, the subject of our discussion, so perhaps she will turn the page or read the next article, while we continue this one.

To be Pat's friend--and who isn't?--is like enjoying Christmas all year long. Whatever the diagnosis, Pat's never-failing treatment consists of a one-to-one solution of a little moral support and a vigorous back rub.

And for the solvent she always uses sincerity. Still another admirable trait is Pat's great interest in sports here at Jelf, in spite of her classmates' sometimes unenthusiastic response. She is really an individualist--refusing to be influenced by any depressing environment. Deservedly, she has held the position of basketball captain during this past season; a genuine asset for the team. It was Pat who initiated and organized the present Ping-Pong tournament.

Discovering a literary side, Pat has put in the time and effort required of her as Sports Editor for "Cases and Cares." And Pat is probably the most cheerful spot typist in her class.

If you haven't yet turned the page, Pat, we want to salute you; good nurse, good friend!

#### NOTICE

We are proud to congratulate Betty Boehlmer on her recent election as editor of the Newspaper Club. Keep up the good work.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The first mass Student Council meeting was held April 1 with good response and interest.

The new uniform was introduced by Miss Bowman and modeled by Sandra Davis. It is a pink one-piece, cotton and dacron fabric. The Jefferson seal will be placed on the sleeve. A pin with the student's name and class will be worn on the front of the uniform.

May 1 will be a big night for Jefferson student nurses. It is the date of the Senior Farewell Dance to be held at the John Bartram Hotel from 9 P.M. until 1 A.M. Two o'clock lates are being given. Overnights will be granted by Miss Bowman with permission from home.

Suggestions for increasing the Student Council treasury will be gratefully accepted.

Student Council has agreed to send two student representatives to the National Student Nurses' Association Convention



in May. Each class was given approval to send a representative if they have the funds to do so. The representatives being sent by Student Council are Anne Runyan and Carol Riegel. Student Council also agreed to pay for tickets for five girls to attend the general luncheon of the convention. These girls worked on that committee with Arlene Boyer. They are Kay Berry, Bernie Janicek, Betty Hughes, Colleen Mooney, and Peggy Hunter. The convention is to be held here in Philadelphia May 8-11.

The choral group has been invited to sing at the 50th Anniversary of the Red Cross Convention June 3 in Atlantic City. All students are invited to practice each Monday at 5:30 at the Whittier.

Nominations have been held for next year's Student Council officers. These names have been submitted to the faculty for approval.

**JEFF STUDENT RECEIVES AWARD**

The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Red Cross sponsored an essay contest. The subject of which was to be a phase of Red Cross Nursing or the life of a Red Cross Nurse. Entries were to be submitted to the local chapter by February 12. Two Jefferson student nurses, Miss Riegel and Miss Parrish, entered the competition with other student nurses from hospitals in south-eastern Pennsylvania.

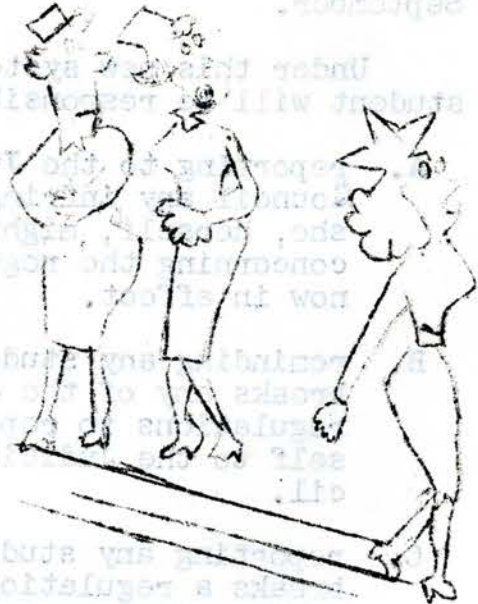
A nouncement of the winning essays was made March 12, at a tea commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Red Cross Nursing Service. Two awards were presented: first prize, a wood shield-shaped plaque on which are superimposed a Red Cross emblem and an engraved brass plate, went to Miss Parrish (Feb. '61) for her theme, "When the Hurricane Roared". A similar plaque was presented to Miss Prevost for the Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing.

**SPRING FORMAL**

May 1st marks the date of the annual spring formal which is sponsored by the hospital for the student nurses at Jeff. The dance will be held at the John Bartrom Hotel. Two rooms have

been secured; one for the purpose of dancing to the music of Ed Bingham's band, the other will be filled with tables and chairs for lounging during intermissions and refreshments.

The affair sponsored by the hospital, was planned by the Sept. 60 and the Feb. 61 classes. Two o'clock permissions are available for the evening and it is sure to be a pleasant one for one and all. See you there!



"I wonder where she got her R.N." (COPYRIGHT "NELLIE THE NURSE")

**CARTON CAPERS**

- Little Iodine - Polly Shea
- Ally Oop - Beverly Skidmore
- Brenda Starr - Betty Boehlner
- Ponny Pringle - Dolores Carrozino
- The Phantom - Nellie Ackerman
- Peanuts - Millie Frank
- Long Sam - Barbara Smith
- Sparkle Plenty - Barbara Fullerton
- Mary Worth - Mrs. Bard
- Orphan Annie - Pat Sankey
- Mary Perkins - Betty Ann Conly
- Toodles - Dee Tarapchak
- Dondie - Joan Salter
- Juliet Jones - Carolina Jones



Mutt & Jeff - Bonnie & Frank

Lou Lou - Claire Corson

ALUMNAE NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson Nurses' Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, April 7th. The program included two representatives from the Revlon Cosmetic Company. Samples were given to everyone.

A dinner is being given to the graduating class of 1959 at the John Bartram Hotel on Thursday, April 23rd.

The highlight of the year is the Annual Alumni Luncheon which will be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. It is hoped that at least 400 nurses will be attending the luncheon this year.

Newborns:

A girl to 'Jackie' Gibbs Callis, March '59"

Recent Graduate:

Connie Staley, working in the O.R. in Nappcreek, N.J.

They Sing to the Young at Heart

On Thursday, April 2, 1959, the Jefferson Student Nurses' Chorus entertained the guests at the Methodist Home for the Aged, located at Belmont and Egely Avenues. The weather may have been slightly conducive to some sore throats and soaked feet, but the hearts of all who participated in the program were uplifted at seeing the response their choral selections produced.

A trio composed of Joyce Shaffer, Barbara Borrell, and Beatrice Shaffer presented "Picnic", "If You Believe", "Mocking Bird Hill", and "He" with a harmonious arrangement that was most delightful and refreshing to all.

Arlethia Lewis lulled everyone into a dreamy mood when she sang two solos: "Summertime" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

Gifted with a clear lyric speaking voice, Diane Shaffer presented two monologues that roused a warm chuckle from both the young and old. The Chorus, as a whole, was wonderful. Mrs. Riehle and Mrs. Bartels felt every minute of hard work resulted in a tremendous success.

CHORUS SINGS FOR OFFERTORY

The Church of the Holy Trinity, at Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, Sunday, April 12, 1959, was the site of the student nurses' most recent program. During the Offertory they sang "Prayer Perfect", "To a Voice from Heaven Sounding", and "Lift Thine Eyes". An informal refreshment hour was held afterwards by the gracious ladies of the church.

WHITTIER NEWS

Could the girl who had the measles have acquired them from the contaminated gumbrop?

Kathryn Young has the spring spirit. Congragulations on your engagement.

The girls studied for their anatomy final amid food, the smoke of the midnight oil and books!

Two of the Whittier girls have been mistaken for angels. Who can they be?

The Whittier girls agree that eating the candy they were selling was worth the calories.

The Marines have landed. How about it, Cindy?

DID YOU EVER

--- Ask a patient with a hare lip who has had surgery to try to keep his mouth closed so you could get the thermometer to register? Preoccupied?

--- Set up a Wangensteen suction for the first time, come back a minute later and find the water going through like a sieve? Silly thing; you didn't connect the tube.



---Ask a hemorrhoidectomy patient 1st day post-op if he had had a bowel movement?

--- Set up an unit for an aspirator and run for the emesis instead of asepto basin to place the catheter in? Pay attention there girl!

--- Take a patient's blood pressure while in the bathroom? Things are getting confused if that's the only time we can find our patients.

--- Wonder why the thermometer didn't register after you gave it to the patient with the wrong end in!

--- Wish you had taken French, Spanish etc. when trying to communicate with some of your patients? By the time you finish gestulating you're worn to a frazzle!

--- Send someone to the O.R. without giving him his pre-op medication? Too busy?

--- Forget to make out the 24 hr. report among the many other problems of relief?

--- Give castor oil to a colostomy patient by mistake?

--- Try to take a B/P without putting the stethoscope in your ears?

--- Grab the wrong bottle from the medicine cabinet and start furiously trying to remove adhesive tape only to find you had air sweetner?

--- Try to put a noodle down a gastrostomy tube?

--- Walk your patient to the O.R.?

--- Start filling a sitz bath with a large basin of water only to discover that it was draining right out the bottom hole which you had forgotten to plug?

RESPECT & STUDENT NURSES

"Oh my gosh, look who it is!", followed by something similar to "What a dreamboat!", or "Not that old bag of wind again!" has been the outburst of greeting for more than one lecturer or staff member upon entering the classroom. Whether it be a sigh of relief or dis-

pleasure, most staff members are in accordance that this is a somewhat discomforting and embarrassing welcome by a group of girls who are supposed to be intelligent young women on the road to becoming part of a professional world. It would appear more to be a group of silly, giggling, starry-eyed high school girls awaiting the arrival of a new beau at school.

As though this were not enough, they continue this persistent jabber throughout the lecture or else find themselves suddenly uncontrollably fatigued and fall asleep. Of course there are a few who don't resort to this, but that is only because they are too busy studying for the test coming next period or daydreaming about the wonderful weekend ahead or what Jimmie said on the phone last night.

All in all only a little is absorbed and only by a very few. This lack of attention is very disheartening to the speaker who at the end of his fifty minutes is rushed out the door in a state of utter confusion and disillusionment so that the girls will have their full ten minute break.

Pity the doctor if he has the slightest thing wrong with his appearance or he possesses any visible idiosyncrasies because these hawk-eyed girls don't miss a thing--at least not when he first comes in.

This lack of proper respect to superiors does not seem to be confined to the classroom; it has also been noticed in the halls, on the wards, in the elevators, and the cafeteria. Come on kids! Let's get on the right track. We don't want the hospital to think we're just one big fan club; we want them to look on us as dependable mature young women willing and above all capable of doing a first class job and being of real service. It's going to take plenty of classroom and book knowledge for us to understand our purpose and achieve our aims. So, let's sit up and really listen.



QUESTIONNAIRE: "What would you do with a 'HELOMA'?"

Elizabeth McQuillen: I'd cut it off and send it to the lab for a biopsy.

Joan Nutter: I'd put it in a letter and mail it to Mike.

Lou Simonson: I'd bury it.

Ruth Brown: I'd say it to my mother.

Anne Runyon: Have it biopsied.

Nellie Ackerman: Send it to Oregon.

Carolyn Doorly: Have it dissected to see what it was made out of.

Nancy Washburn: Hang it around my neck.

Madeline Henly: I'd eat it.

Miss Bell: I don't give out information publicly.

Yvonne Ferris: I'd give it to my roommate.

Carolyn Cottringer: Wear it on special occasions.

Mazakas: Throw it in the trash can.

Anonymous: Boil it rapidly for 30 minutes, garnish with parsley and serve as an entree.

**A HELOMA is a callus or a corn.**

SNAP NEWS

In preparation for the NSNA Convention to be held in Phila. in May the members of SNAP Area #1 staged a Mock Convention on Saturday, April 11.

This program, which was held at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, was patterned after the state and national conventions and it is hoped that the experience of the mock convention will prepare student nurses of Area #1 to take an active part in the activities of the national convention.

The convention began at 9 A.M. with registration. At 9:30 A.M. Joan Hipzer, President

of the Student Nurse's Association of Pennsylvania, spoke on the subject of SNAP. Her talk was followed by another by Joanne Davidson, President of SNAP Area #1, on student government.

From 10 til 11 A.M. there was a social hour during which refreshments were served. Then followed a panel discussion on "Trends of Nursing", after which there was a recess for lunch.

In the afternoon there was a talk on the Heart-Lung Machine.

The final event was a talent show. The convention was completed with the singing of state songs prepared for the national convention.

Dear Sairy,

Dear Sairy,  
Just as a matter of interest, what did they operate on the president of the bank for?  
Interested

Dear Interested,  
Five hundred dollars!

Dear Sairy,  
How come that new motor they are using in the dental school requires so many people to prepare it?  
Cavity

Dear Cavity,  
The motor the merrier!

Dear Sairy,  
What do you do when some med student gets blood all over your clean bed, a doctor leaves dirty dressings at the bedside, and another leaves all his dirty needles and syringes on the bedside table?  
Furious

Dear Furious,  
Try smiling.

Dear Sairy,  
I read that some dog bit Winston Churchill. How could this happen?  
Newsy

Dear Newsy,  
Maybe the dog thought Winston taste good like a prime minister should.



ODDS & ENDS

This is an article to wind up, clean up and turn up all the news items which seem to hang around unnoticed.

There are many activities within the school requiring help (human) to get them rolling. These are:

Student Council - meets every-time the poster says so, (you can't avoid it, it's hidden on the easel).

Newspaper Club - meets every Wed. at 5:30 P.M. - bring your pencil - Dick Tracy type with typewriter hands especially welcomed.

Card Club - meets every Tuesday evening - never can tell when baby needs a new pair of shoes.

Ping Pong Tournament (2nd) - posted on bulletin board on 1016. Usually played in 'Rec Room, since that's where the ping pong table is.

Dramatic Club - mood meetings, passed along by work of mouth, truly artistic.

Judicial Council - membership acquired by misdemeanors and felonies.

Choral Club - Mon. night at 5:30. It needs flat voices to even out the present proportion.

Graduation - in June at the Sheraton Hotel - looking for weatherbeaten seniors - white seems to be the color for the affair.

Committees - all shapes and sizes scattered throughout the residence to begin packing for the September migration to 11th & Walnut Sts.

Spring dance - May 1st requiring off-duty semi-formal wall-flowers to sit at the tables so one room won't look bare while everyone else is dancing.

Last, but not least - Grippe Sessions held in 'Rec Room almost anytime. Bring sharp scissors.

NEW STUDENT RESIDENCE

The new student residence on the Southeast corner of 11th and Walnut Streets is expected to be completed by September 1959.

The residence will be an eight story air-conditioned structure. There will be two student nurses in each room and the rooms will be attractively furnished. Alternating combinations of the basic colors of green, blue, and beige will be used for the interior of the rooms. Drapes and spreads will be provided.

Each floor will have a student lounge and kitchenette. The lounge will be equipped with a television set and attractive, comfortable furniture. The kitchenette will have facilities for the preparation of small snacks.

The recreation room is in the basement and will be the area used for informal entertaining. There is an area here for a snack bar, juice machines, tables, chairs, etc. Bright, attractive colors have been used in this area. A shuffle board will be laid in the floor covering. The ping pong table will be placed in a small area off the recreation room. This room will be equipped for piped music.

The main lounge on the first floor will be used for more formal entertaining and will be attractively furnished. The color scheme to be used in this area has not been decided.

Every effort has been made to make this new residence as attractive and comfortable as possible. We believe that the students living in the residence will be as thrilled with it as those of us who have been looking forward to it for many years.

The convention began at 9 A.M. with registration. 9:30 A.M. John Ripper, President