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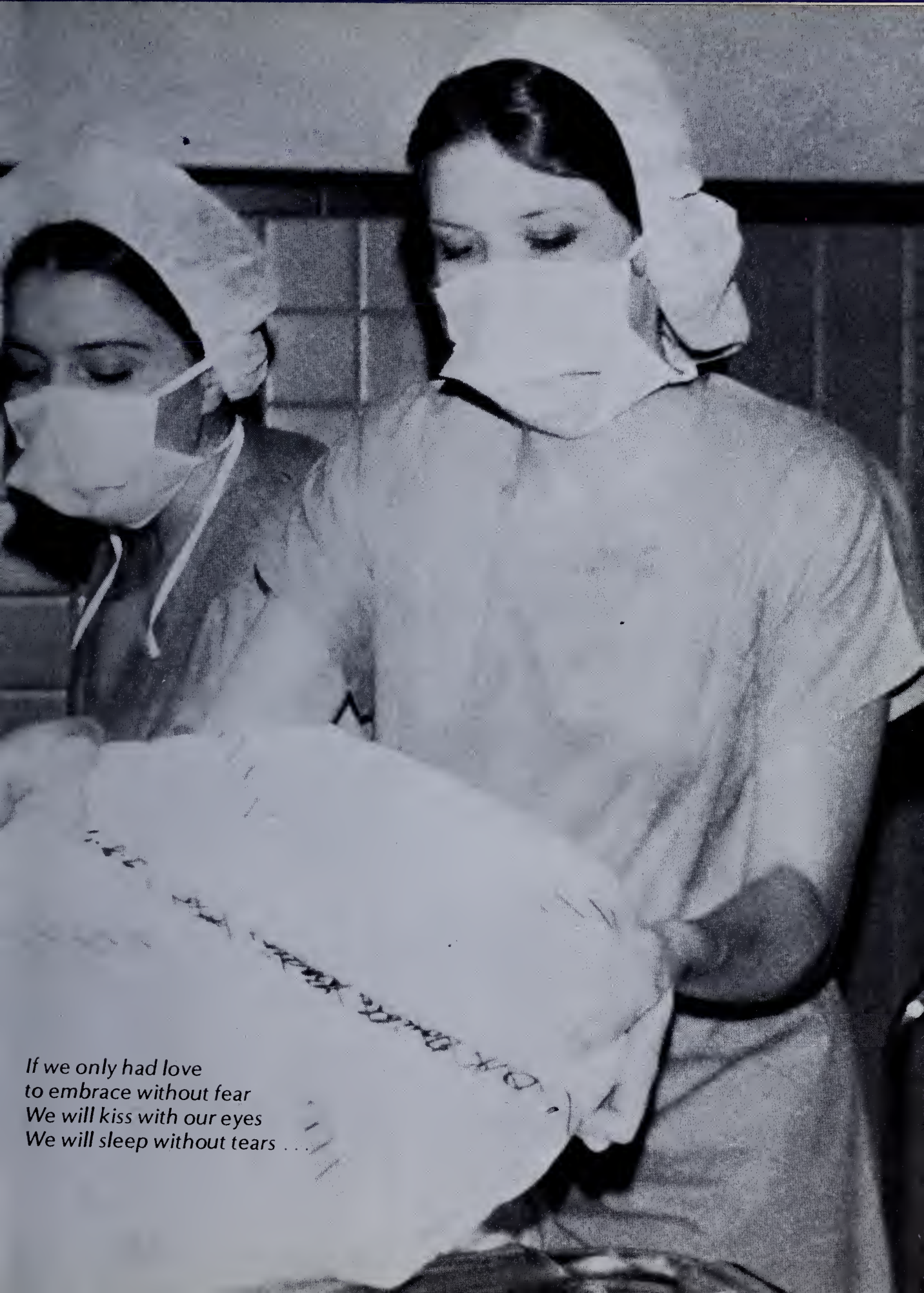
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*If we only had love
Then tomorrow would dawn
and the days of our years
Will rise on that morn . . .*



*If we only had love
to embrace without fear
We will kiss with our eyes
We will sleep without tears . . .*

*If we only had love
We can reach those in pain
We can heal all our wounds
We can use our own names*



*If we only had love
We can melt all the guns
and then give the new world
To our daughters and sons*





*If we only had love
With our arms open wide
Then the young and the old
Will stand at our side . . .*

*If we only had love
We will never bow down
We'll be tall as the pines
Neither heroes or clowns*

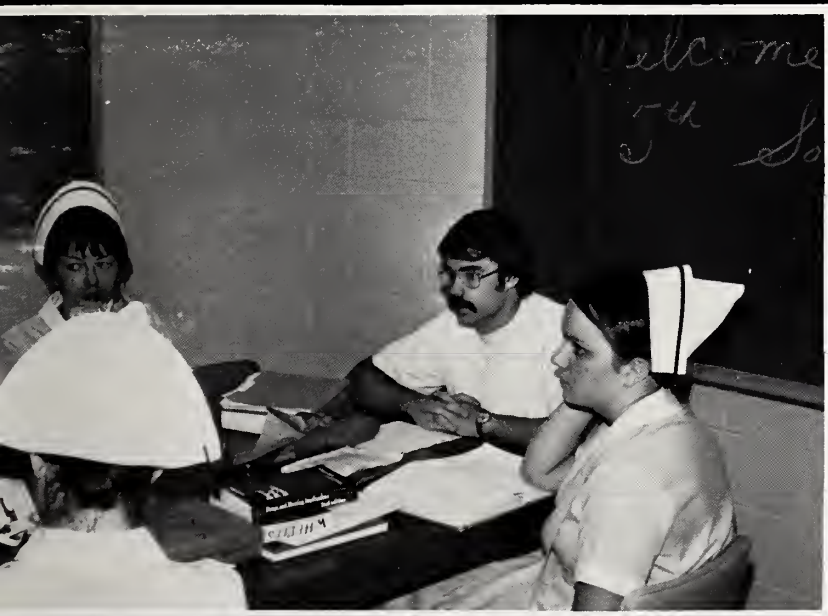


*If we only had love
To be shared by all men
and we'll drink from the graille
To be born once again.*





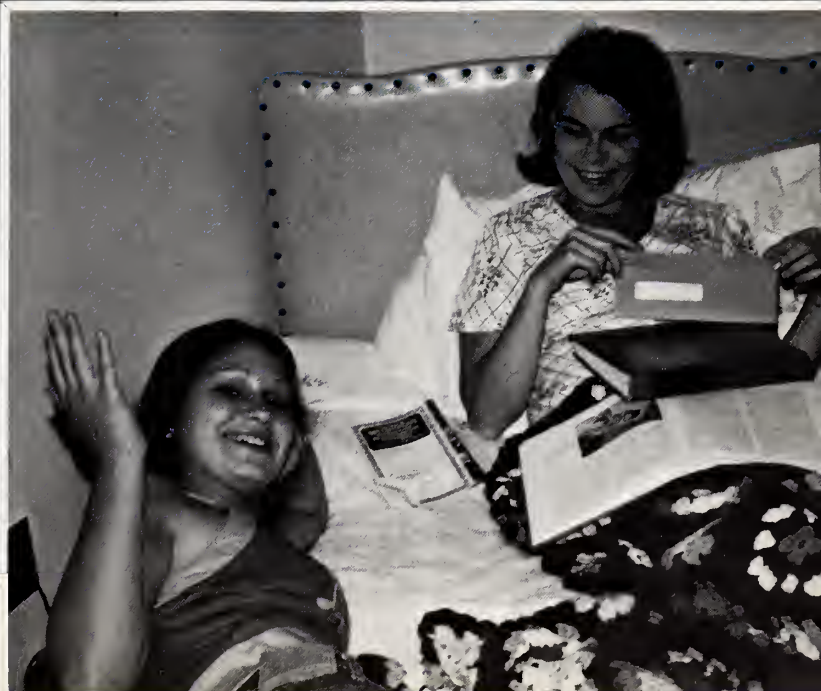












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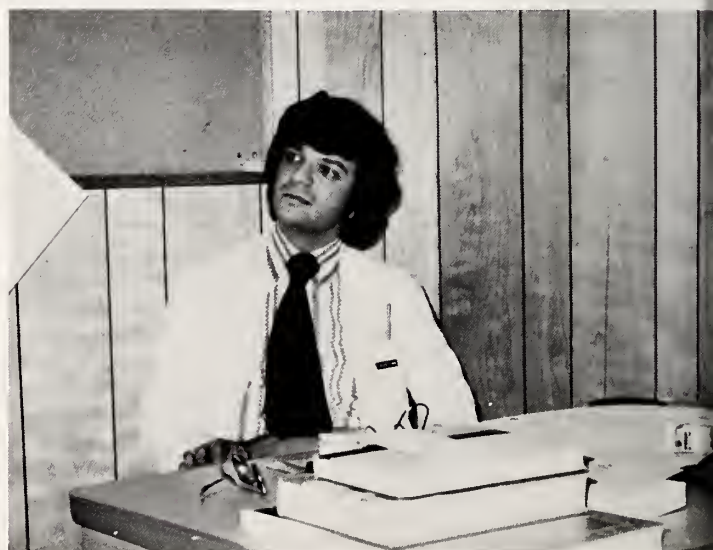
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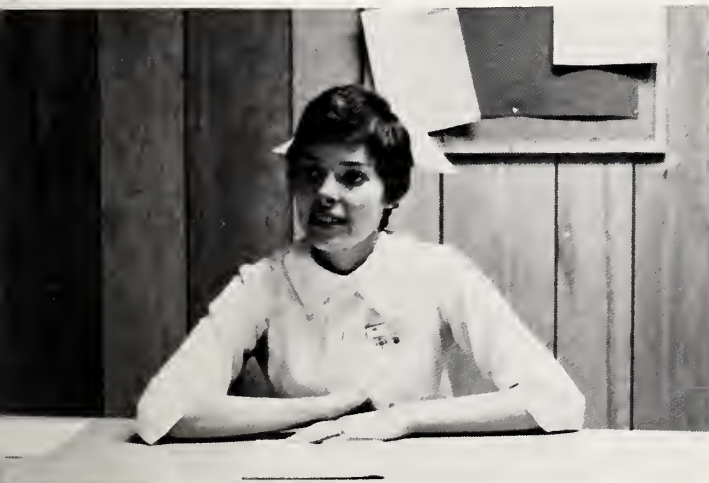
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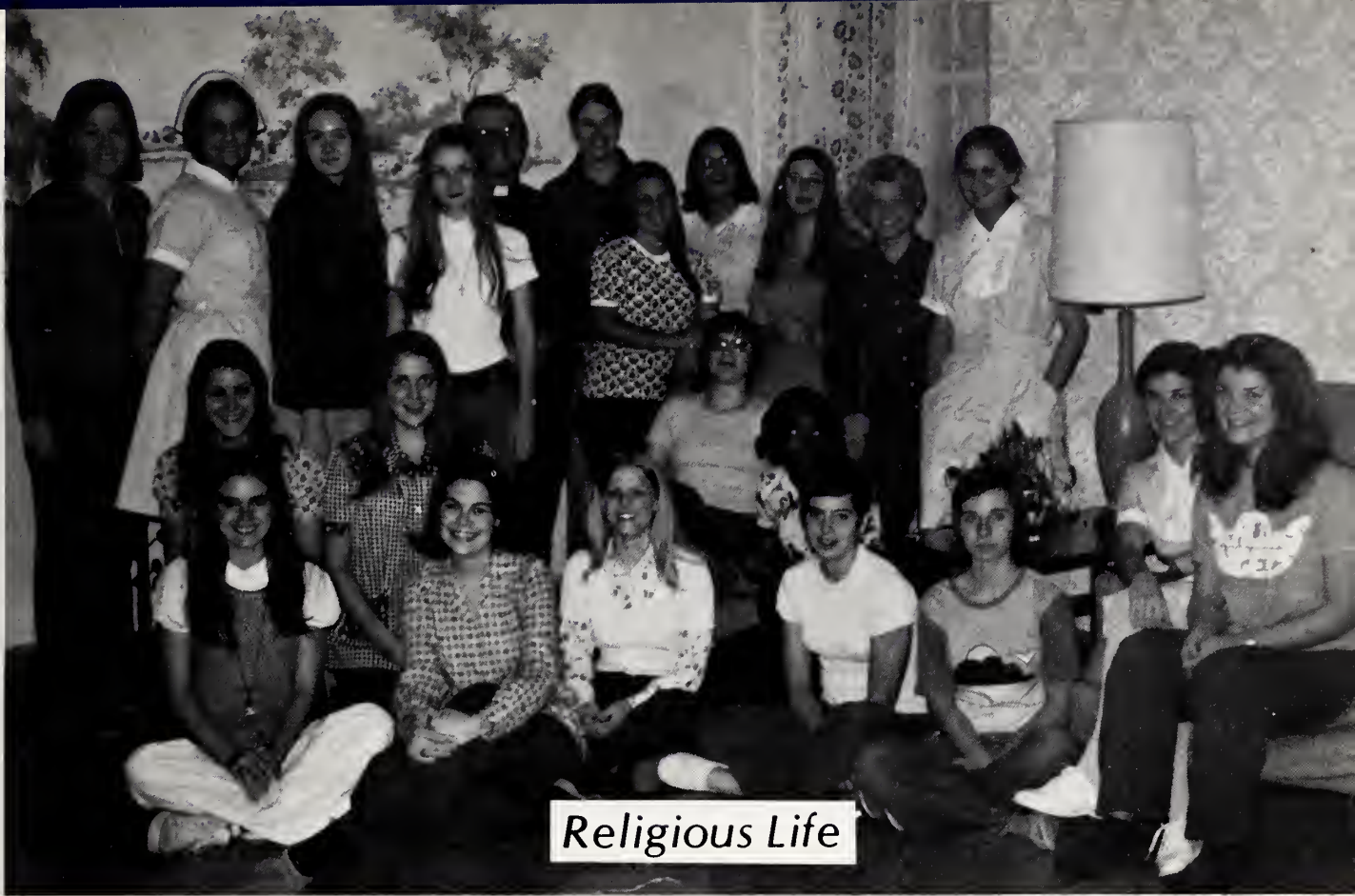


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What is a Student Nurse?

BETWEEN the innocence of an entrance exam and an R.N. comes a lovable creature called a Student Nurse.

They come in assorted sizes, heights and shapes, but they have the same creed; to enjoy every second of every day off duty.

Student Nurses are found everywhere: underneath, jumping from, swimming to, and running through.

Patients love them, the R.N.'s boss them, orderlies ignore them, doctors tolerate them, and Heaven protects them.

A Student Nurse is truth with blood on her uniform, beauty with gloves on her hands, wisdom with penicillin in her hair, and the future with a newborn baby in her hands.

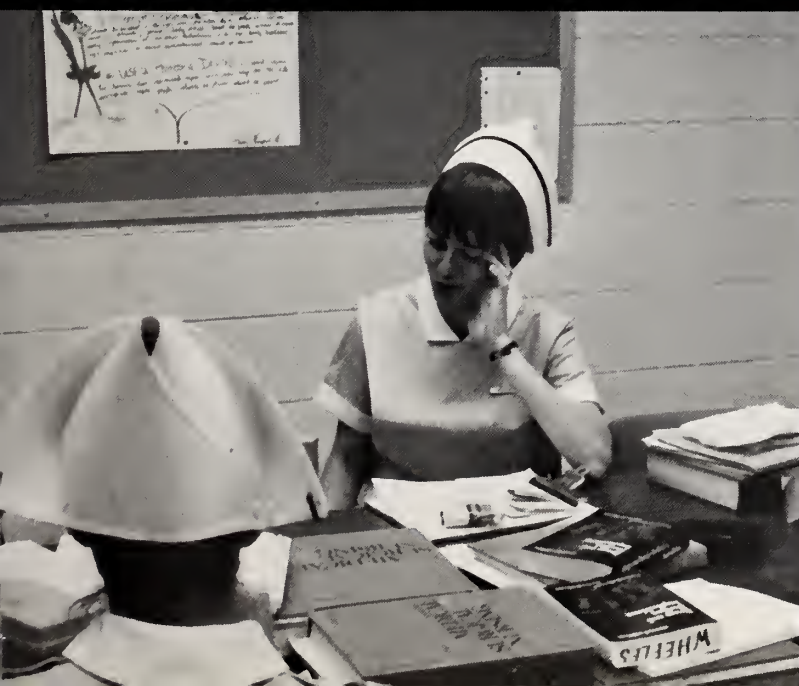
To doctors, a Student Nurse is an inconsiderate, questioning, and intruding bundle of noise. When you want her to make a good impression, she becomes a giggling creature, bent on wasting as much time as possible and sleeping through class.

A Student Nurse has an appetite of a horse, the digestion of a disposal unit, the energy of a soap suds enema, the lungs of a switchboard operator, the imagination of a Vanderbilt Graduate, the enthusiasm of Central Supply, the sharpness of a scalpel, the audacity of a Nurse's Aide, and when she gives pills she has five thumbs on each hand. She likes food, vacation, and Christmas. You can put her on study hours, but you cannot make her study. She is your aide, your maid, your porter, your friend.

She is a freckled face, pint-sized, fun loving bundle of noise. But when she gets off duty with her tired feet, and her aching back, she has a funny way of dropping off into bed and saying "Good Night" but not without those famous last words, "Check on me in the A.M.!"

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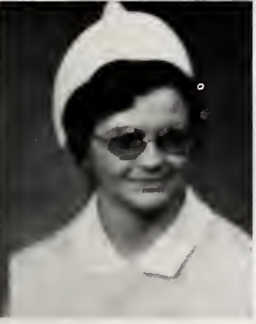




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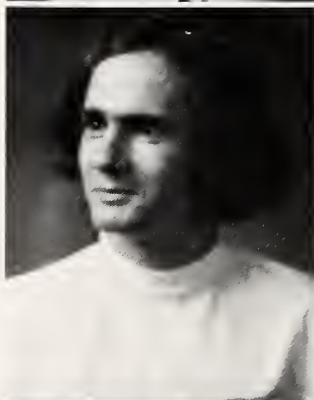
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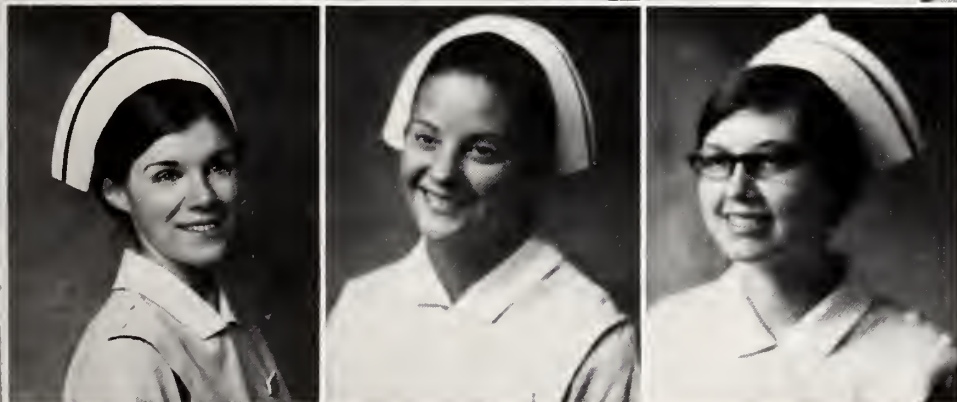
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*With each rising sun, Think of our life
as just beginning. Show kindness and
love today for tomorrow's chance may
be lost.*

Anonymous



Mary Ellen Freeman

Love and religion are the two most volcanic emotions to which the human organism is liable, and it is not surprising that, when there is a disturbance in one of these spheres, the vibrations should readily extend to the other.

Havelock Ellis



Joan Rhodes



June Celeste Laferte



"When I am with you, I grow or diminish according to how you make me feel. And, in my turn, I invite you to live or to die simply by existing in your presence, by walking with you or retreating, by holding my hand to you or not holding it, by opening my heart to you or keeping it closed."

Artis Whitman
"The Invitation to Live"

*Give. Sympathize. Control.
The peace which passeth under-
standing.*

T.S. Eliot



James Cleveland Hodges III



Man can live his truth, his deepest truth, but cannot speak it. It is for this reason that love becomes the ultimate human answer to the ultimate human question.

Archibald MacLeish

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*If I can help renew one faith
Restoring someone's smile
My life would be enriched
A little more worthwhile*

Dorothy Elfstrom



Karen Elizabeth Almond

Treasure life in yourself and you give it to others; give it to others and it will come back to you. For life, like love, cannot thrive inside its own threshold but is renewed as it offers itself.

Ardis Whitman

*What loves does is to arm. It arms the
worth of life in spite of life . . .*

A. MacLush



Lynda Marie Danner



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*The joy of understanding is both the
closest rival of the joy of service and its
most effective partner.*

Dana W. Acthley

Marian Louise Hines



*What do we live for if it is not to make
life less difficult to others?*

Anonymous

Sue Lynn Truman



Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.

Louisa May Alcott

Anna Katherine Harrison



"Yesterday's make believe is today's promise."

Elizabeth Anne Coleman



*Oh, dear Lord,
three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day . . .*

Godspell

Martha Jean Arden

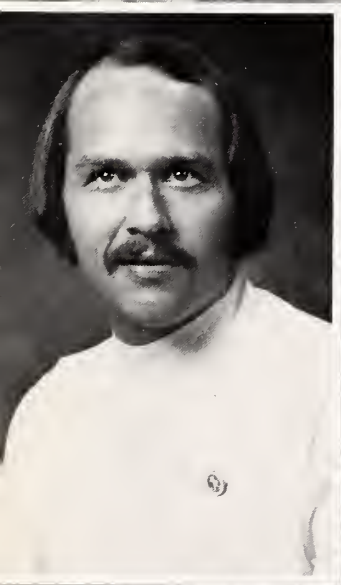


*Merely by being the very kind of
person you are, you are exerting a
greater influence upon others than you
know.*

Paul S. McElroy

*I had rather live with the woman I love
in a world full of trouble, than to live in
heaven with nobody but men.*

Robert G. Ingersoll



Dan Sarratt



"Lord, I will be very busy this day. I may forget thee — but do not thou forget me."

Anonymous



Sharon Rene Lindsey

Eileen Grace McGee



*"Commitment to love
Is a sentence to live."*

Lois Wyse

Keep ascending the mountain of cheerfulness by daily scattering seeds of kindness along the way as best you can, and, should mists hide the mountain top, continue undaunted and you will reach the sun-tipped heights in your own life-experience.



Laurah Sue Stewart



Susan Prophet Buff

*Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules,
And each must make —
Ere life is flown —
A stumbling block
Or a steppingstone.*

R.L. Sharpe

Rosemary Jones



*On the dew of little things the heart
finds its morning and is refreshed.*

K. Gibran



Marcia Leigh Hellebrand

"Listen, I do not apologize for being hard to know. I am . . . what I am."

Rod McKuen


*Nothing in life is more wonderful than
faith — the one great moving force
which we can neither weigh in the
balance nor test in the crucible.*

Sir William Osler



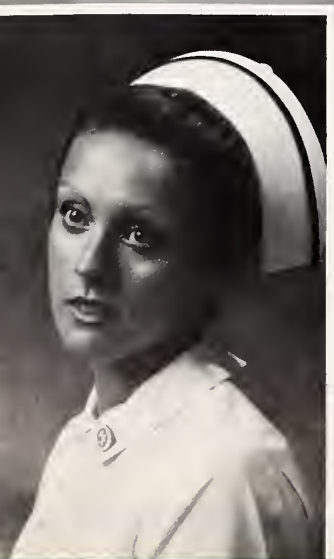
Virginia Ann McCormick





"One never knows what chance treasures the rollers of life may toss up, on the white sands of the conscious mind. Life doesn't reward those who are too anxious, too greedy or too impatient. Patience, Patience, Patience, is what the sea teaches. One should lie empty, open, choiceless as a beach — waiting for its gift from the sea."

Anne Morrow Lindbergh



Michele Rene Bantle

Perhaps our great great grandson will ask his father: "Can you tell me the meaning of the word 'Hate'? I came across it, by chance, in a very old book!"



Lana Elaine Martin

*The man who trims himself to suit
everybody will soon whittle himself
away.*



Patricia Josephine Vigoletti

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there
is despair, hope; where there
is darkness, light; and where there is
sadness, joy.*

Prayer of St. Francis



Melinda Susan Burch



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Jacques Brel

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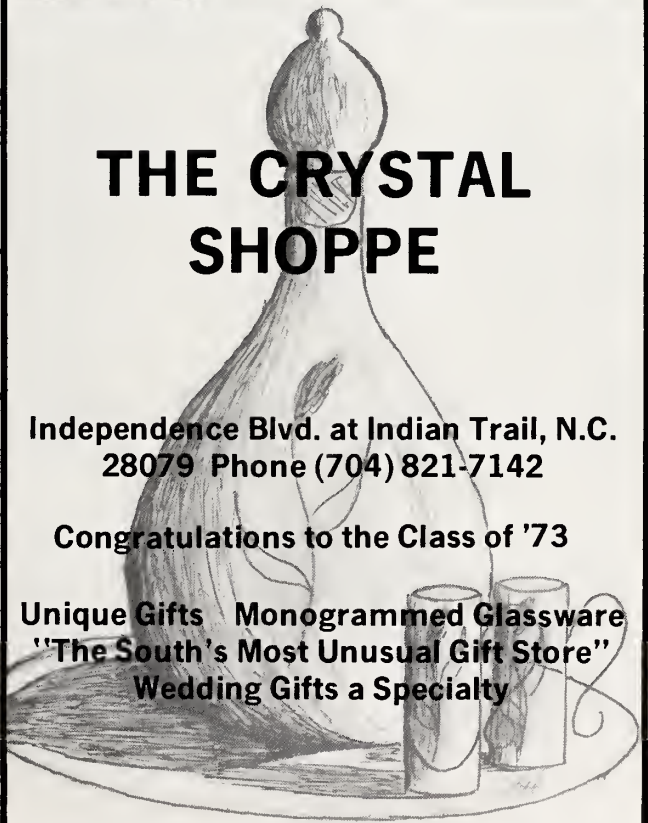
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