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1825 The State of Pennsylvania granted an extension of the charter of Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania to include the granting of medical degrees. The newly created medical school was known as the Medical Department of Jefferson College of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

1838 On April 12, the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania approved an Act of the Legislature by which the Medical Department of the Jefferson College at Canonsburg was created a separate and independent body corporate under the name of "The Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia" with the same powers and restrictions as the University of Pennsylvania.

1891 The Training School for Nurses was established in connection with the Hospital. There were three nurse executives to supervise the thirteen students who were enrolled. The course of instruction covered two years. The Directress of Nurses, Ella Benson, was assisted in the teaching of the students by members of the attending staff who gave a prescribed course of lectures.

1893 In March, the School consisted of three nurse executives and thirteen students. The course of instruction was lengthened to three years. On May 22, the first Nurses' Home was formally opened at 518 Spruce Street.

On November 24, the first Graduation Exercises were held in the clinical amphitheatre of the Hospital when five nurses were awarded the diploma of the Training School. Miss Benson remained but a short time and was succeeded by Effie Darling.

1894 On November 10, Miss Susan C. Hearle assumed charge of the Jefferson Medical College Hospital Train-

1898 During the Spanish and American War, the mortality rate of the American troops was high, due to the epidemic of typhoid fever and inadequately trained nursing personnel. Two of our graduates, Misses Adelaide O'Laughlin, '99, and Katherine Baker, '98, were detailed to "train service" and were sent on a service train to Camp Fernandina, Florida. They returned with 50 very ill soldiers, with one death in transit. A number of our graduates volunteered their services at this time without remuneration.

1900 During the Galveston Flood, a leading Philadelphia newspaper sent a group of Jefferson graduates to render aid and assistance to the sick and injured.

1903- In answer to the call for nurses sent out from Butler, Pennsylvania, to care for the victims of the severe epidemic of typhoid fever then at its height, four of the pupil nurses, Margaret Hicks, '05, Jessie Mitchell, '05, Katharine Shaw, '05, and Elizabeth Supplee, '05, were detailed for this emergency duty. Charlotte Lane,
then assistant to the Directress of Nurses, Miss Hearle, was in charge of the group.

1907 On June 8, the new Hospital on 10th Street (now Main Building), adjoining the old Hospital on the east, was formally opened.

The Nursing School increased as the Hospital was enlarged. There were now 15 nurse executives, a Directress of Nurses, an Assistant Directress of Nurses, and 13 Supervisors; 93 pupil nurses were enrolled. Additional living quarters were needed to properly house the nursing staff. To meet this need, the old Hospital was renovated and refurnished as the Nurses' Home. The first classroom at 1020 Sansom Street provided for the introduction of the first audiovisual aids—the Chase doll and a skeleton.

1908 Anna E. Laughlin, '06, a graduate of the School and the Chief Nurse of the Hospital's operating room, succeeded Miss Hearle as Director of the School, serving until February 1915. She made only a few changes and continued with the policies upon which the School was founded.

1915 Miss Clara Melville, '10, who had been assistant to the former Directress, succeeded Miss Laughlin and acted in that capacity until her death in 1937.

1918 Miss Nora E. Shoemaker acted as Directress of Nurses in the absence of Miss Melville, who was on active duty as Chief Nurse of Base Hospital #38 stationed in Nantes, France.

1922 The Nurses' Home at 1020 Sansom Street was demolished to make way for the Samuel Gustine Thompson Annex to which the first patients were admitted on November 1, 1924. The building is 16 stories in height, fireproof throughout, based on the most recently approved plan for modern hospital construction. On the first floor were the staff rooms, the Social Service and Occupational Therapy Departments; class and demonstration rooms for the School of Nursing. Several Spruce Street homes were renovated and furnished as nurses' residences.

1924 Nora E. Shoemaker was appointed the first full-time instructor of nurses in the School. Prior to this time, nursing education was one of the many duties of the Director of Nursing.

1925 A six-story section of the new Nurses' Home in back of 1012 Spruce Street, about two blocks from the Hospital, was completed and occupied.

1931 Curtis Clinic Building was completed, having School of Nursing classrooms and offices on the 10th, 11th and 12th floors.

1933 Nosokomos first used as the title of the Year Book. The title comes from two Greek words: "noso", the study of the sick and "komos", a female who attends.

1936 A nursing library consisting of 1,200 volumes was presented to the School by Ross V. Patterson, M.D.

Choral Club initiated.

Dramatic Club initiated.

1940 Major curriculum changes were initiated to bring curriculum in line with "Curriculum Guide for Schools of Nursing," published in 1937 by the National League for Nursing Education (later National League for Nursing).

1942 Newspaper, White Caps, initiated—a two-page mimeographed paper containing news, social events, and current happenings of interest to students and alumni groups.

U.S. Army Base Hospital No. 38 was reactivated with 90 Jefferson nurses serving with 30 non-Jefferson nurses and 60 Jefferson physicians near Cairo.


Fundamentals laboratory refurnished.

On March 8, the 38th General Hospital was awarded the Meritorius.
Service Unit Plaque.

1947 Basketball team (Southeastern Basketball League for Schools of Nursing) began under supervision of Margaret Cossman, '47, with Helen Baxter, coach, and Elinor Duke, '48, captain.

1948 Classes were divided into sections—one section on clinical practice while the other section was in class; clinical practice was four days, class two days, and one day off per week. Application submitted to the National League for Nursing (NLN) for full accreditation; denied because the Board of Review felt that the school was not yet ready for a survey for this purpose.

1949 Interim Classification of Schools of Nursing offering basic programs based on data voluntarily submitted by 1,156 schools and supplementary data on hospital facilities published by AHA and AMA. Basketball championship — Anne Granger, '49, captain; Jean Beard, '49, co-captain; Helen Baxter, coach; Elinor Duke, '48, sponsor.

1950 Full-time counselor appointed, responsibilities included counseling and curriculum planning. Forty-four hour week initiated for students and staff.

1951 National Nursing Accrediting Service established a program for temporary accreditation. Schools (Jefferson included) listed in the Interim Classification not meeting criteria for full accreditation were to remain on the list for five years.

1953 Mabel C. Prevost, '29, became Director of Nursing. Student-Faculty Committee originated to discuss common problems.

1955 Whitter Hotel at 15th and Cherry Streets was leased as temporary residence. Home visits and nursery school observation were initiated in pediatrics. Block system tried.

1956 Students appeared on T.V. as recruitment effort. Classroom and office space was secured in the hospital.

100% graduates passed State Boards, the first class in at least ten years to have no failures. Concurrent theory and clinical practice were provided in the operating rooms, maternity and pediatrics. Basketball team won second place. Cheerleaders won championship.

1957 In May, application for full accreditation was submitted to NLN.

1958 School surveyed for full accreditation by NLN. Program placed on provisional accreditation list. Ground was broken in October for a new residence for student nurses on the corner of 11th and Walnut Streets. Card Club was initiated. Dramatic Club revised. Organization of the Nursing Department of the Hospital was changed, creating two departments of nursing — the School of Nursing and Nursing Service. Doris E. Bowman, '42, became Director of the School of Nursing; Mabel C. Prevost, '29, moved forward to a position in Hospital Administration as Assistant Hospital Director.

1959 The James R. Martin Student Nurses' Residence was dedicated by Mrs. Martin as a memorial to her late husband, who served as the associate dean of the Medical College. Caps 'N' Capes published for the first time. One-piece uniform adopted (striped pink pinfeather material).

1960 School of Nursing Program approved for full accreditation by the National League for Nursing. (Through a series of routine re-survey visits and progress reports, accreditation has been maintained to the present time.)

1961 Basketball team won second place; cheerleaders, championship. February 1961 class was the last February class to graduate. Margaret C. McClean, R.D., became the first non-nurse on the full-time faculty at Jefferson. Faculty development (in-service) program initiated. This program con-
continued for 20 years, providing faculty with an opportunity for professional growth.

Rating Scale for Nursing Education Teachers initiated.

1962 -1965—Graduate Follow-up Study conducted.
Jean Little, '63, elected president of Area #1 SNAP.
SHOWBOAT: Minstrel show written by students.
Miss Jefferson Contest was initiated.
Participated in NLN Cost Analysis study. (Study of costs incurred by and for student program.)

1963 Eileen Cancelli, '64, elected president of Area #1 SNAP; Judith Snyder, '65, elected second vice-president.
Eunice Kisner, '65, selected as Miss Christmas Seal.
Return of SHOWBOAT: Minstrel show written by students.
Presented a 17-week series entitled, "Healthful Living in the Community," via Channel 6, University of the Air.
Hobby room on top floor of the Residence provided through a gift from anonymous donor.
Scholler Foundation gift of $5,000 for T.V. equipment.

1963- A Follow-Up Study of Graduates of the Jefferson Medical College Hospital School of Nursing.
1964 Seniors participated in City Health Department immunization program against polio.
A FAIR TO REMEMBER: Student show.
Basic nursing techniques first taught via closed circuit T.V.

1964- An Analysis of an Availability Sampling of Results in the College Entrance Examination Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test Taken by Students in the Classes of 1964 to 1970 in the School of Nursing
Data Focus on 1967 Graduates: From Pre-Entrance Through State Board Examinations
1965 Ruth Kessler, '65, represented Jefferson in SNAP Area #1 Outstanding Student Nurse Contest.

A MUSICAL MISTAKE: Student show.
Correlation Study—A Psychometric Evaluation of Pre-Entrance Test, State Board Examination, and Achievement Test Scores for Jefferson Medical College Hospital Nursing School
"Pit" demolished to make way for new Emergency Department.
Block rotation in maternity and pediatrics provided concurrent theory and practice.

1966 75th Anniversary of the School of Nursing. The Class of 1966 brought the total of graduates to nearly 4,000.
Seven members of the Class of 1966 were commissioned in the Armed Forces.
Initiated plans, under Nurse Training Act of 1964, to expand facilities to include an educational building for the School.
Revised curriculum in terms of anticipated behavioral outcomes.
FANTASTIC FURLOUGH: Student Show.

1967 Marie Seebauer, '69, represented Jefferson in Area #1 SNAP Outstanding Student Nurse Contest.
Kosalyn Feller, '68, and Shirley Dubis, '68, won Area #1 SNAP Nursing Bowl, competing against teams from Einstein and Temple.
Basketball championship—Ann Rutledge, coach.
Conference on Nursing Education (4/10/67) to explore the future of nursing at Jefferson. Speakers:
Alameda Martin, Assistant to the Dean, St. Petersburg Junior College, St. Petersburg, Florida
Ruth Sleeper, formerly Director of Nursing, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts
Lulu W. Hassenplug, Director of the School of Nursing, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
Margaret J. Mackenzie, '63, Assistant Instructor in Pediatrics, became full-time counselor. Responsibilities included counselling and recruitment.
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Dr. Richard T. Weagley, West Chester State College, presented an inservice program on audio-visuals. Student Council Officers served as guides for tours through the Ship Hope.

1968
Administratively, the School became part of the newly organized College of Allied Health Sciences.
Program shortened from 36 to 35 months.
Complete block rotation initiated for the Class of 1970.
Home school provided instructors for students assigned to Philadelphia State Hospital.
Psychiatric experience changed to include two weeks at Eastern State School.
Studies initiated:
Student Evaluation of Courses in Nursing Education
An Analytical and Comparative Study of the Performance by Jefferson Graduates on State Board Examinations
Relation of Psychological Type to Nursing School Success at Jefferson (Class of 1968)

Student Council initiated "Welcome Packets" (student handbook, guide to center city, etc.) for incoming students.
First student-faculty picnic in Fairmont Park.
CEEB became an admission requirement.

1969
Psychiatric experience changed to include six weeks at Philadelphia State Hospital and six weeks at Philadelphia Psychiatric Center.
Dr. Dennis Hauver, Temple University, presented an in-service program on test construction.
Communicable disease affiliation (Henry R. Landis) eliminated.
Program shortened from 35 to 33 months.
College credits (3 per course) granted for psychology and sociology.
The Jefferson Medical College and Medical Center became Thomas Jefferson University on July 1, 1969.

1970
Remedial program given for disad-
vantaged, beginning June 1970, for six weeks.
Philadelphia State contract was terminated and Philadelphia Psychiatric Center was used for a psychiatric nursing experience.
Initiated graduate follow-up study to be conducted for five years.
Chemistry lab was eliminated.
Developed a plan to include an experience for team leadership.
All-out effort to avoid disease oriented teaching; teaching related to patient problems and nursing needs.
To 1972—In-Service Program, "Objectives in Education." Mr. Robert B. Sharps, Penn State University.

1971
Five college credits granted for microbiology.
Night duty was eliminated.
Capitation grant awarded for graduate follow-up study, recruitment and leadership course development.
Basketball league championship; Jefferson tournament championship, Sol Binik, coach.
Annual Capitation Grant Proposals

1972
Male students accepted.
Basketball championship, Jefferson tournament championship and cheerleading championship.
Bonnie Zais, '73, received special award from the American Hospital Association Centennial Club for outstanding ability in meeting the needs of hospital patients.
Capitation Grant Projects:
The Model Unit for the Practice of Team Nursing
A Program for Recruitment Development for the Diploma Program
A Five Year Graduate Follow-Up Study

1973
Community Health became an eleven-week (one quarter) course of the senior year curriculum.
O.R. became part of the junior surgical rotation.
Classrooms, administrative and faculty offices moved to the Health Sciences Center.
Strong Vocational Interest Blank administered to incoming freshman students as part of a three-year study. Responsibility for the Martin Residence was transferred from the Director of the School of Nursing to the Director of Auxiliary Services.

Development of a full third trimester for freshman students.


Donna Till, '76, and Carol Morrow, '76, served on the St. George's Cancer Nursing Society Council.

Participated in Philadelphia Fire Department Office of Emergency Preparedness disaster drill, "EPEX-75", at Veterans Stadium.

Therapeutic nutrition integrated throughout curriculum rather than taught as a course.

Patty Jones, '74, and Donna Ranieri, '75, won the local free-throw competition, sponsored by Timex and the National Basketball Association, winning trips to San Diego, California for national competition.

Luisa Ficca, '77, spoke on Students' Rights and Responsibilities at the meeting of the National League for Nursing Council of Diploma Schools Workshop on Student Rights, Philadelphia.

Annual Thomas Jefferson Invitational Basketball Tournament Title; cheerleading championship.

"Capping" approved as a student project.

1976 David J. Snyder first male nursing student graduated.

English added to curriculum and college credits (three per course) granted for English 101 and English 205. (English 205 has since been renumbered English 102.)

Name of Alumnae Association changed to Alumni Association.

Barbara Winnemore, '77, represented Jefferson in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Heart Association Queen of Hearts Contest.

Capitation grant received for Continuing Education and Geriatric Patient Education.

Participated in the University's Middle States accreditation activities.

Faculty in-service program on "Affective Teaching" by Dr. Edward Betof, Temple University.

1977 Lori McCullough, '78, crowned Queen of Hearts by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Heart Association and elected Chairman of the Youth in Heart Committee of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Students no longer required to live on campus.

Student Admissions transferred to College Office of Admissions in September.

Faculty certified in CPR and began certification program for all senior students.


Director of the School appointed to the College of Allied Health Sciences Ad Hoc Committee on Nursing Education.

Conceptual framework developed in terms of health-illness continuum.

Basketball championship; cheerleading championship.

Lori McCullough, '78, attended the first annual Youth in Heart Conference, Dallas, Texas.

1979 Task Force appointed with Linda Kofroth and Joan Kane as representatives of the School of Nursing. Charge of committee was to plan a baccalaureate program with clinical excellence.

Continuing Education Program in Geriatric Nursing.

In-Service program on Test Construction.

Faculty recommendation that the class entering the School in 1979 (Class of 1982) be the last class was submitted to the Dean and subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees.

TJUH disaster drill.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Fair—screening at the Gallery East.
Albert Einstein, Daroff Division, used for psychiatric nursing experience.

1980 Barbara Kominsky, '82, served as President of the Common's Board for 1980-81.

1982 June 10—Final commencement; Linda Yarnall became the 5,087th graduate. History of the School, A Commitment to Excellence, by Andrew Shearer, presented to Dean Lawrence Abrams by Miss Bowman as part of the closing ceremony.

Alumna Kathleen Carlson, R.N., Assistant Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association, was the speaker for commencement.

Doris E. Bowman named Emeritus Professor of Nursing, the first member of the College of Allied Health Sciences faculty and the first woman in Thomas Jefferson University history so honored.

Spring 1982 Allied Health Review carried a feature article on the history of the School, "A Special Time, A Special Place," which announced that "With the closing of the program, the designation School of Nursing will be permanently retired."
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a basketball team, to share a cold splash in the Otter Pond, and to join in the kisses, hugs, and tears at commencement, when that coveted diploma is at last in hand. Through vignettes and vivid memories of the graduates themselves, the joys, the sorrows, the trials and triumphs of life as it was at “Jeff” take on a fresh animation.

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