

Days of Future Past

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Version 2

### The Treatment:

Mary Beth Schumacher, an Ursuline alumna, visits Ursuline Academy for the first time since 1967. As she walks through the halls, she reflects on her high school experience from 1963-1967.

INT. MAIN HALL – DAY

Wide shot of Main Hall. MARY BETH walks up to her class composite and points to her picture.

MARY BETH

I'm Mary Beth Schumacher and this is my senior class picture from 1967. This is my first time back to visit.

INT. RECEPTIONIST'S OFFICE - DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH in receptionist's office. As she speaks, MARY BETH shows us her office space.

MARY BETH

This is the office where I would come on Sundays to work. I was on a Work-Study Program, and my job was the receptionist. Over here was a call box, and we had a bell system to contact the nuns. If someone wanted to talk to Sister Isabel or Mother Emmanuel, I would come to this box and it would ring a certain number of bells. It might be two short and one long, three shorts and two longs. It just depended on what the nuns call was. They lived in the hallway by what is now the library, and we were not allowed to go back there. This was one way for us to contact them.

INT. ROTUNDA - DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH. As she speaks, she points to the library hall.

MARY BETH

As part of the Work-Study Program, we worked at school to earn part of our tuition. One of the things we had to do was clean the floors and sweep. One of the areas was right here, which allowed us to try to see into the convent where the nuns were. We were hoping to catch a glimpse of them outside of the classroom, but unfortunately, we never did.

INT. LIBRARY HALL - DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH, who is standing at the end of the hall. Camera is facing towards the FFC.

MARY BETH

All those years ago, sweeping the floors and wondering what was behind these closed doors. Now, I find that it has become a library. I get a chance to walk down and see what the halls look like.

Wide shot of MARY BETH walking down library hall. Camera is facing towards rotunda.

MARY BETH

This is what it is like to walk down these halls. I often wondered what the nuns got to see and do as they looked out into the gardens. It is very peaceful and very quiet. None of it was carpeted before, we always just had regular floors.

INT. MAIN HALL – DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH. As she speaks, close-up shot of a photo of her in her uniform from 1963.

MARY BETH

When I started as a freshman in 1963, we wore uniforms that are “salvation army type.” It was a straight skirt with a white blouse and a fitted jacket. We had a bowler hat. On the days we had special occasions, we would wear pearls with our buttoned-up jackets and white gloves. We also wore saddle shoes.

Medium shot of MARY BETH holding her gym uniform.

MARY BETH

This is my gym uniform. This is what we wore everyday when we went to P.E.

INT. MAIN HALL – DAY

Wide shot of MARY BETH speaking.

MARY BETH

Adjacent to the Ursuline property was a house. At one point, Ursuline bought it and it had a swimming pool. Some of us got to use it. I don’t remember going to swimming classes,

but I do remember swimming in it. One of my sisters and her  
classmates would sunbathe in between classes.

INT. MAIN HALL – DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH speaking.

MARY BETH

One of my favorite memories was a computer dance.

Computers were just coming in, and they were used with  
punch cards. We had a dance with Bishop Lynch and Jesuit.  
We filled out surveys and they would go into the computer.

They would match us with potential partners. We had a  
dance at Bishop Lynch. When we got there, they would give  
us our punch cards with numbers. We had to go around the  
room and find are matches. It turned out to be quite an  
interesting evening.

INT. ROTUNDA – DAY

Close up shot of MARY BETH speaking.

MARY BETH

One major historical event occurred on November 22, 1963  
when I was a freshman at Ursuline. John F. Kennedy, the  
35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, was assassinated in  
Dallas. An announcement came over the speakers at the time

that he had been shot. We were all in disbelief, crying, people were praying. Classes were not happening because it was such a horrible thing for everybody.

INT. LIBRARY HALL – DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH standing by statue of St. Angela.

MARY BETH

One of the highlights of my Ursuline experience was sophomore year receiving the Serviam pin. It is a big deal; it is something that has stayed with me throughout the years. As a sophomore, I was a volunteer at St. Paul Hospital. In my college career, I worked with mentally challenged individuals. Throughout my teaching career and volunteer opportunities, Serviam has always stayed with me.

INT. ROOM 200 STAIRS – DAY

Wide shot of MARY BETH on stairs.

MARY BETH

These are the steps that would lead to the senior lounge. We were so excited to be seniors and have a room away from everyone else where we could go up and sit on the couches, visit, and talk. Sometimes we would have classes up there.

Sometimes we would have meetings. It was just for the  
seniors.

INT. ROTUNDA – DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH. As she is speaking, close-up shot of a photo from her Snowball.

MARY BETH

Another highlight of senior year is the annual Snowball  
Dance, the Christmas Dance in December that is just for  
seniors at a hotel in Dallas. I remember I wore a long, black,  
velvet skirt with a silver top and big hair. That was all the  
rage back then. It was a lovely evening and we had a great  
time.

INT. ROTUNDA – DAY

Medium shot of MARY BETH holding a photo album. As she speaks, the camera zooms in on  
the photos she is holding.

MARY BETH

One of the best traditions at Ursuline is the graduation. There  
is no other school that does it quite like the girls at Ursuline  
with the long white dresses, the big floppy hats, and the  
dozen roses. It is simply amazing. These are photographs  
from my high school graduation.