

'THE O'BRIEN' 'TALKS'

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Dear Alumnae:

'Tis spring again and time to make plans to attend the annual Medical Technology banquet. The students and faculty cordially invite you to round up a few snapshots of your offspring and come to the dinner to be held Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the main ballroom of Coffman Memorial Union.

In addition to good food, entertainment and an opportunity to reminisce with classmates and staff members, you will be supporting the William A. O'Brien scholarship fund. The second scholarship from this fund will be awarded at the banquet to a deserving senior student in Medical Technology.

The main speaker will be Dean Errett W. McDiarmid, Dean of the College of Science, Literature and the Arts who will speak on "Sherlock Holmes, Today and Tomorrow".

Tickets are \$2.25 per person and may be purchased at the Medical Technology office or at the Union before the dinner. Please return the enclosed card promptly so that your reservations can be made and so that your address can be verified for our files.

May we again urge you to attend the dinner and give your support to the scholarship fund. If you can not attend and still wish to contribute to the fund, please make checks payable to Jean Jorgenson, Treasurer, Medical Technology Office, C205 Mayo.

Sincerely,

Barbara Cohen

(Mrs) Barbara Cohen
General Chairman

Silver Anniversary - Class '32

A special greeting and salute to the class of '32 who twenty five years ago were graduated from the course in Medical Technology. We sincerely hope that many of you will be able to renew acquaintances at your reunion on April 25th. Helen McNulty will be representing your class on the program.

Beatrice Currier Siemon	Goldie Sherberg
Bessie Hawk Dewell	Alma Skerick Sowers
Sister Marie Theodosia Laufer	Margaret Skogland Polga
Maxine Leininger	Gladys Smith Phares
Miriam Lipser Friedell	Janet Smith Hoeft
Helen Luick McNulty	Natalie Tankenoff
Ruth Morgan	Alice Thomas Griffith
Libbie Sagel Gilbert	Margaret Tufty Refsdal
Bernice Shalett Cohen	Marjorie K. Hanstad
Lucretia Wilder (deceased)	

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Present Clinical Training Program

Many of you will undoubtedly be interested in the changes that have been made this past year in the credits and assignments for the senior year of clinical training.

Hematology (Med T 75)	8 credits	8 weeks
Includes assignments in Dispensary, Student Health Service and Heart Hospital Laboratories.		
Special Hematology (Med T 96)	2 credits	3 weeks
Chemistry A (Med T 70)	10 credits	10 weeks
Includes urinalysis and techniques in the "routine" chemistries.		
Chemistry B (Med T 71)	5 credits	6 weeks
Includes experience in special chemical determinations.		
Bacteriology (Med T 80)	8 credits	9 weeks
Includes in addition to bacteriologic techniques also technical training in parasitology and serology.		
BMR - ECG (Med T 73)	2 credits	2 weeks
Tissues (Med T 85)	4 credits	4 weeks
Blood Bank (Med T 82)	4 credits	4 weeks
Senior class and night duty (Med T 90)	2 credits	5 weeks

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Laboratory Assistant Program

The fourth class of laboratory aide (assistant) students are now in the hospital phase of the training program. To date 42 students have completed the course. Of these, 21 or 50% are employed in hospitals under the supervision of medical technologists, 10 or 24% are employed in physicians' offices, 3 or 7% are employed in a hospital without supervision and 8 or 19% are no longer active in laboratory work or employment is unknown. Satisfaction with this program which is designed to train qualified high school graduates in a limited number of laboratory procedures has been expressed by the graduates and their employers.

O'Brien Scholarship Fund

At the banquet this spring the name of the second recipient of the William A. O'Brien Scholarship award will be announced. The award is made to a student in the senior year in Medical Technology with selection made on the basis of scholarship character, vocational promise, and financial need.

At present the scholarship amounts to \$60.00 derived solely from the interest earned by the fund leaving the principal intact. It is hoped that the fund will continue to grow so that larger or more scholarships may be given. You can help by attending the banquet and by individual donations. Please send any contributions to Jean Jorgenson, treasurer, c/o Medical Technology Office, C 205 Mayo, University of Minnesota.

Just a reminder that any contributions you may make to the Greater University Fund may be designated for a specific purpose such as the William A. O'Brien scholarship fund.

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ASMT

There will be a reunion breakfast of Minnesota Medical Technology graduates at the National convention of the American Society of Medical Technologists in Chicago during the week of June 23. Watch for the announcement in the ASMT News Release.

If you haven't joined your local, state and national professional organizations and you are still working as a Medical Technologist your support is urgently requested. Write Miss Rose Matthaesi, Executive Secretary, American Society of Medical Technologists, Suite 25, Hermann Professional Building, Houston, Texas for complete information.

Or if you prefer, just indicate on the enclosed postcard, which you are requested to return to C 205 Mayo, that you want information about ASMT and we will be glad to see that you receive it.

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Refresher Training

Because of the shortage of graduate Medical Technologists many hospitals and communities would welcome the return of many who have retired from the field. There are many job opportunities available either for full time or part time and either for permanent or temporary work.

You needn't hesitate because its been a long time and you feel "rusty".

Any graduate from the University of Minnesota in Medical Technology is eligible to return to University Hospital for refresher training and to learn the latest lab techniques.

Please contact Ruth Hovde, Medical Technology Office, C 205 Mayo, telephone FE. 9-7311, extension 2601.

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