

TECH'S TALK

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Several of you have been kind enough to tell us that you look forward to and enjoy reading this annual publication. Thank you for your comments and we trust that this issue will be as welcome. We are indebted to Mrs. Jean Rushay, president of the Medical Technology Alumni group, for the stories on Lois Boyce and the Minnesota Alumni Association.

The annual banquet has been scheduled and planned. The important facts are:

DAY and DATE: Wednesday, May 6, 1970

TIME: 6:15 P.M.

PLACE: Main Ballroom, Coffman Memorial Union

PRICE: Alumni, parents, faculty, staff, friends -- \$4.25 - - - - - Students - \$3.50

SPEAKER: Dr. James Reeves, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

TOPIC: "Changing Attitudes of University Students"

You will note that there is a differential in cost for students and non-students. This change was made in an attempt to make it possible for more students to attend the banquet. As you parents know, higher education is expensive and the student group are not members of the affluent society. We trust that non-members will be willing to subsidize the students to this small extent.

NOTE: There is also a change in the reservation policy for the banquet. Frankly, we have had serious financial problems in recent years with unpaid reservations for which we were billed. No one, but no one, will be permitted to purchase tickets at the door. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance.

There Ain't Nothing Like a Dame!

Those of you who attended the annual banquet in 1950 will remember the delightful dance that one of the members of the class of '50 did to the above tune from "South Pacific". Since it is the 20th anniversary of the class of 1950, we thought it appropriate that the annual solicitation of contributions to the William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund be dedicated to that good-natured, hula-dancing friend. The young lady's name was Lois Boyce who died in 1961 while serving on the ship, HOPE. The following is taken, without permission, from the book, "A Ship Called Hope" by William B. Walsh, M.D.

"Hope brings human beings to human beings. Your heart not only goes out to people, the separate people, who are helped by a cause, but also to those who serve it. I will always feel that Lois Boyce gave her life for HOPE, though she might indeed have died if she had never come with us. Lois's story belongs in the story of HOPE. And in her memory, I will tell it.

"Lois Boyce lay gravely ill. Lois, a willowy, fair-haired girl from Minnesota, had gentle ways, ready humor, and an endearingly sweet smile. She was one of the most popular girls aboard."

There follows complicated procedures by ambassadors, the navy, the countries of Indonesia, Phillipines, and Japan which took hours instead of days to transport her to Japan. Lois never awoke after brain surgery in Japan.

"But in her death, as in her life, Lois Boyce proclaimed around the world how precious is a single life to all Americans."

Perhaps by contributing to the Scholarship Fund, we can provide more technologists like Lois Boyce to serve the world.

Hey you! Yes, I mean you just sitting there in the corner. Do you belong to the Minnesota Alumni Association? If not, why not?

In 1967 the Medical Technologists became a constituent group in the Association. Some of the benefits of being a member are membership in the Alumni Club, housed in the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in Minneapolis; group insurance plans; discounts on official jewelry, and participation in tours at reduced rates -- this year Majorca! The Medical Technologists group has a special luncheon in the fall; there you'll get to see old what's-her-name, find out what happened to that classmate who dated that kooky intern and catch up on the rest of your class. Non-active technologists can establish contact with those who are

working and keep informed about current trends in the profession. We invite you to join or to obtain more information by calling the Alumni Office, 373-2466. Officers for 1970 of the Division of Medical Technology Alumni Association are:

Mrs. Jean Sampson Rushay, '50, president
Mrs. Barbara Cohen, '57, vice-president
Mr. Gordon Herbst, '58, secretary-treasurer

Board members

Mrs. Patricia Bordewich '52
Mrs. Frances Hanson, '31, past president
Mrs. Jean Rushay, '50
Mr. Gordon Herbst, '58
Mrs. Babette Rosen, '42
Mrs. Sandra Carter, '58
Mrs. Ardis Lott, '38
Mrs. Barbara Cohen, '57
Mrs. Rose Giefer, '31

This year the alumni group assisted the Student Council in sponsoring the annual banquet. Join and you too can be part of the Involvement.

At last, at last, the great day is here! What GREAT DAY? The 25th anniversary of the finest group of technologists that ever passed through the portals of the U of M. Naturally, that is the class of 1945.

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dorothy bennett trach	doris hansen nelson	*lavonne nelson
peggy bergford ross	grace hegman cross	shirley peterson kenning
esther bjorneson	lorna henderson canfield	mary lou premer wright
teena bruich fletcher	*rosemary hope dickson	ardell proctor
mary anne carey johnson	*dorothy jensen	VERNA RAUSCH
etta christenson reubendale	*martha jerrell basenfelder	beverly robinson peterson
*elaine connors	carol johnson jett (deceased)	elizabeth schneider ferrin
*virginia counter hansen	*betty johnson	lorraine semanko koza
jeanne crosley mielcarek	eileen jorgenson nienaber	dona simpson clark
elaine daughenbaugh tenney	kazuko kitagawa onomiya	marilyn stromgren palmer
carolyn deboer stephens	*annette knox	*lucille snyder
*dorothy denk wood	betty kramer mcconnell	betty stuber waldoch
angela digiambattista manning	jeanne laughlin shields	phyllis sunder jenson
lorene ellefson silcher	*martha lippincott	ina tausta roholt
pearl engelstad mcdonald	vivian lundquist clark	hilda theobold koryus
eunice feldman joronsky	winfred marlink storeim	*sybil urness brislain
doris fredson groten	*gertrude marsh	betty topel yeager
*mabel fujisaki yamada	mavis martin smith	shirley winnick gitis
muriel griffith hall	carley mccauley	wanda worth beardsley
dolores gullickson harvey		*jean zierke johnson

The asterisk (*) indicates that we have no addresses for these individuals in our files. If any of you have current information, we shall appreciate receiving it. We are only missing about 25% of the class but we like to have our files complete. We shall reserve the necessary places for those who indicate attendance at the banquet. Come and renew acquaintances and laugh again at that hilarious evening of entertainment that we put on for ourselves.

Hey there! You with the confused look on your face! Been getting a lot of mail from the American Society of Medical Technologist (ASMT) and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) lately? Are you confused as to what this is all about? You are not alone!

As our yearly communique to the alums, we thought it would be helpful to you to have this brief explanation.

We are sure that you all know that ASMT is the organization for professional medical technologists and ASCP is the organization for physicians, certified in at least one of the specialties of pathology. For years the two groups have worked together in the areas of minimal standards for educational programs, accreditation of programs in medical technology and certification by examination. As the profession of medical technology grew in numbers, educational background and responsibility in health care, the representatives from ASMT began to request a greater voice in the decisions which affected these above areas. In essence, ASMT was asking that medical technologists be independent equal partners in matters which concerned education, accreditation and certification of medical technologists. The boards which made these kinds of decisions had representatives from pathology. In addition, the chairmanship was reserved for pathology and actions of the boards were subject to approval by the ASCP governing body. After years of unsuccessfully presenting petitions and evidence to support equal partnership, ASMT resorted to the courts for relief and filed a suit against ASCP in the federal court last spring. Much of the mail that you have received has been generated by that legal action; the suit is still pending in the courts.

In 1966 the College of American Pathologists, a second professional organization for pathologists, had a civil antitrust action filed against it by the U.S. Department of Justice. The suit was resolved by a consent decree in June 1969. In the course of the discussions with the Justice Department, some decisions were reached concerning certification by the Board of Registry; this is the certification which you know as leading to the initials, M.T. (ASCP). As a result of these decisions

1. The Code of Ethics no longer appears on the application form for the examination.
2. Yearly renewal of certification is no longer required. Once you have passed the examination and received your certificate, you are forever a certified medical technologist. You may continue to use the initials, M.T. (ASCP), without further payment of an annual fee.

To maintain your name on a current list of registrants and to receive a monthly publication, Laboratory Medicine, (formerly the Technical Bulletin) you may pay ASCP a yearly fee of \$4.00; this is

called a "re-registration" fee. Please understand that it is not necessary to re-register to remain certified. For an additional \$4.00 per year ASCP offers those who have re-registered the opportunity to apply for affiliate membership in ASCP. Under the present Bylaws of ASCP, affiliate membership does not carry voting privileges nor any mechanism for a voice in the affairs of ASCP. As an affiliate member one may subscribe to the American Journal of Clinical Pathology at member rates and one will receive priority for enrollment in educational courses sponsored by ASCP.

The creation of the affiliate membership category is one of the points of dispute in the suit between ASMT and ASCP. ASMT contends that it is the recognized professional organization for medical technology and that it has the responsibility to provide services and to promote the welfare of the members of the profession. By creation of an affiliate membership category, ASCP continues to attempt to exert control over another group of health professionals.

In contrast to the privileges of affiliate membership in ASCP, ASMT offers active membership with full privileges and benefits to any technologist who has received a baccalaureate degree in the area of laboratory science.

The decisions about re-registration and affiliate membership can only be made by the individual after carefully and completely reviewing the benefits, the purpose, and one's own obligation to one's profession.

We shall be happy to answer specific questions that any of you may have on this matter. Address - Box 198 Mayo, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455 --- Phone: 373-9670.

Please, complete the form below and return to:

Medical Technology Alumni Association

Box 198 Mayo

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Banquet reservation and file information form

(Please return whether or not you will attend the banquet.)

I plan to attend _____

I am unable to attend _____

Please reserve _____ student places and _____ non-student places for me.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for the banquet.

Make check for banquet payable to:

Medical Technology Alumni Association

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund.

Make check for Scholarship Fund payable to:

The William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund

Signature (please include maiden name) _____

Address (please include zipcode) _____

Year of graduation _____