

TECH'S TALK

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This publication is a little later this year because some decisions were pending about the annual banquet. Enthusiasm for that event on the part of the students, alums, parents, faculty and staff has diminished over the last few years. After many meetings and discussions, it was decided that THERE WILL NOT BE A MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY BANQUET THIS SPRING. One of the constant features of this minor classic of publication has been to give the information about the banquet and to extend an invitation to the alums to join us. However, there are many other items worth note to send to you and, besides, it bothers us to see grown women and men (note that order - women's lib strikes again!) cry. Therefore, so that your year may be complete, we shall continue the yearly publication of TECH'S TALK.

Unless you begin to think that all that is precious and traditional in this world is disappearing, let us hasten to assure you that other functions are scheduled to replace some of the events of the annual banquet. A RECOGNITION DAY to honor the students is scheduled for Sunday, May 16. This DAY will incorporate the Oath Ceremony, scholastic honors, scholarship awards, and election to Orbs. Parents, students, faculty and staff will receive more information about this important event anon.

Another aspect of the defunct banquet, the gathering of the alums, will be assumed by the Medical Technology Alumni Association. Mrs. Barbara Cohen, president of the group for 1971, sends the following invitation:

Dear Alum:

Here's a chance to stay "in touch" with the University and your former classmates. You can receive the ten monthly issues of the Alumni News with its timely articles, pictures, and news of the University. You can renew friendships with your fellow medical technology alumni at an annual fall banquet.

All of this can be accomplished by joining our young and growing Medical Technology Alumni Association. Membership in the Minnesota Alumni Association automatically makes you a member of the Medical Technology group.

Why don't you join us? We look forward to seeing you.

Just check the appropriate item on the form on the last page and we'll send you a membership blank for the Minnesota Alumni Association.

As long as we are on the subject of joining, did you know that you can belong to the American Society of Medical Technologists as an inactive member if you are not employed fulltime? You do now --- know, that is. This category of membership was instituted last year; in the opinion of the Society, there are many medical technologists who are interested in the profession but who are not actively employed in the field. The cost of this classification of membership is \$10.00 national and \$5.00 for the state organization. As a member you receive the monthly journal, news and the bimonthly non-scientific publication, Cadence. Your membership will help increase the numbers of those united to promote the profession. By having a larger number in the ranks, we can make our voice heard in Government and professional circles. Don't leave us standing here alone; join us. Fill in the blank on the form on the last page and we shall have a membership application forwarded to you.

Last year we gave you some information about the disagreements between ASMT and ASCP. (See how cleverly we tie these items together?) Quick, run to the strong box where you keep important papers and review that material. What is the status today? The suit is still in the court; the Judge ruled against the amended complaint of ASMT but the appeal mechanism has just been filed. Negotiations are continuing between the two organizations and we shall report developments next year.

The current publicity in various news media and the flurry of student activities on the campus last spring may have caused some of you to wonder about what is really going on at the University. Yes, there are changes occurring. We may be biased but these changes all appear to be healthy manifestations of concern and a departure from apathy. We have with us on the Minneapolis-St. Paul campuses some 40,000 fine young people who are not afraid to express their opinions and to become involved in working for changes in the system that seem necessary if our world is to become better for all of us. Several of the students and staff work at neighborhood health centers to provide care for people who would otherwise be denied such care. Sure, some of them look and act quite differently - but then we have some adult friends who seem a little strange too.

One of the major changes occurred within the organization of the university administrative structure and the health sciences. Following the recommendations of an external committee which visited the campus and interviewed many people, the College of Medical Sciences was dissolved and a unit, called the Health Sciences, was created. There is a Vice-President for Health Sciences, Dr. Lyle French, whom many of you will remember from the neurosurgery staff, and five units, each with a Dean or Director: a dentistry unit (Dean Schaffer); a hospital unit (Director John Westerman); a nursing unit (Dean Isabel Harris) a pharmacy unit (Dean Larry Weaver); a public health unit (Dean Lee Stauffer); a medical unit (Acting Dean Mead Cavert). Veterinary medicine shares a cooperative position with the Health Sciences and College of Agriculture. Medical technology and the other established allied health professions remain with the nominal physician specialty in the medical unit.

It has been recommended that a coordinator for allied health professions be appointed to serve in the vice-president's office. No action has been taken on this recommendation. Since Dr. French was appointed only recently, there have been no changes from previous administrative operations; as the new organization is developed, there will undoubtedly be some.

One class of students has completed the medical technology program under the new curriculum. Just to remind you, the new curriculum has more structured laboratory courses and a shortened time in the clinical laboratories. We are in the process of soliciting reviews from the employers of these graduates to assist us in evaluating the curriculum. We have noted some deficiencies in the program and have taken steps to correct these. For example, students will now receive some experience in performing venipunctures and a new course in coagulation has been developed. Two of the more exciting innovations in the new program are the option for experience at another hospital in the Twin Cities area and an auto-tutorial course in diagnostic microbiology. The former has proved to be worthwhile and the latter is in its shakedown trial but appears promising. The new program seems to be accomplishing its objectives although a complete evaluation will need to wait until more students have finished.

Just because we have changed the banquet and student recognition affairs, did you think that we would cease honoring the graduates of 25 years ago? For shame! We know that they have been waiting for this eagerly. Besides, why should they be spared this reminder that they, too, are getting older. Here they are -- the class of 1946!

Virginia Aluni	Avis Haga*	Margaret Meriwether Gay*
Jane Ames Bailey*	Mary Halverson Berg	Helen Michaelson Ude
Marion Anderson	Melicent Hane Schmidt	Dorothy Misjuk
Winifred Anderson Banksten*	Betty Jane Hawkins Ramsey*	Ruth Muir Hartman
Marjorie Baughan*	Melva Jean Hegland	Phyllis Ogburn Fall
Lois Belanger	Ruth Hodgson Cadwell	Constance Olson Bakken
Mary Ellen Bielefeldt Maedke	Edna Hoverson Finch*	Betty Ordahl*
Virginia Bray Patterson*	Jean Hugos Mulvahill	Peggy Pearce Pongratz
Sonia Braun	Clara Hurwitz Savitt	Verneil Priebe
Virginia Brimhall Theurer	Muriel Johnson Frech	Maxine Sanberg
LeNora Burnell*	Martha Jolin*	Virginia Scolljegerges Carlson*
Ruth Cardinal	Dorothy Jorgenson*	Lois Schwarz*
Joyce Clark Wian*	Marjorie Kent Haugdahl	Vilaty Scriver Patnode
Ruth Cotton*	Ethel Koster Rodriquez*	Barbara Smith*
Mary Jane Cunnien	Theresa Kruse*	Kathryn Smith
Anne Dimunation Bas	Alice Larson*	Annette Sorenson
Harriet Drasin Gull*	Betty Larson Schwie*	Mary Louise Souther Janda
Arlene Edwall Marcotte	Etta Lazar Rikess*	Grace Spees*
Aletha Eilers	Olga Leschisin Beck	Audrey Swenson Gutterson
Vivian Foss*	Bethel Lindeman*	Elaine Topka Schuman
Esther Freier	Joyce Lounberg	Marilyn Tucker Budge
Toby Gitis Titman	Alice Lund Riddell	Joan Vallentyne Smith*
Barbara Gleason Jarl	Rosaline Mantel Butorac	Margaret Wilkins*

The asterisk indicates that we have no address for these distinguished alums. We shall appreciate any information that others may have so that we can correct our files and add them to the mailing list. Just think what they have been missing all these years!

In the 1970 issue we printed a story about an alum, Lois Boyce, who died while serving on the ship, HOPE. The story must have touched many of you because the contributions to support the William A. O'Brien scholarship Fund were the largest that we have ever received. We are confident that Lois, her family and many friends would be pleased to know that her brave story elicited a generous response. They would be equally pleased to know that the generosity continued and that an even larger total was received in 1971. Won't you please send a contribution together with the form below? Remember, the O'Brien fund is the only fund administered by the University which is exclusively for the students in medical technology,

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_____ Please send me an application form for the Minnesota Alumni Association.

_____ Please send me an application form for membership in the American Society of Medical Technologists.

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

Make check for the Scholarship payable to:

The William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund

Name (Please include maiden name) _____

Address (please include zipcode) _____

Year of graduation _____

Please return this form to:

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