

# TECH'S TALK

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These little communiques seem to be getting shorter and arriving earlier every year. The shortness and early arrival this year are due to the tremendous occasion that is described on the enclosed announcement.

Yes! Blow the trumpets, wave the banners, shout the great news--we're 50 years old! We're proud of our growth and survival and know that you are, too. We want you to share in the Golden Anniversary. If you have deferred a return to campus, this is the year to finally do what you've been promising yourself all these years.

The system for reservations for the annual banquet is different this year. The enclosed announcement contains a reservation form for your use. You will note that a continuing education course is planned to commemorate the Golden Anniversary. Although we hope that many of you will attend these educational sessions, it is not necessary to attend the course in order to attend the banquet. A separate reservation for the banquet is, however, necessary for you, your spouse or friends. Please note the special spot on the form.

Pertinent information for the banquet:

Day and Date: Thursday, April 26, 1973

Place: Ballroom, Radisson Hotel, Downtown Minneapolis

Time: Social Hour--6:30 p.m.--Cash Bar; Dinner--7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

There will be a guest speaker plus a generally joyous time.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ON THE ENCLOSED FORM (dinner only, or course and dinner). SEND WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, PAYABLE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA to Director, Postgraduate Medical Education, Nolte Center for Continuing Education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55455.

For those of you who cannot attend, why not send the \$10.00 to the William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund, Box 198 Mayo, University of Minnesota, Mpls., MN, 55455. Your contribution will show that your heart and money are in the right place.

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Two groups of alumni deserve special mention; the 25 and 50 year classes. Class of 1923: Kathryn Frances Stahmann and Marjorie Knowlton. Every effort is being made to contact these two distinguished guests.

## Class of 1948

Elizabeth Andrews Bradburn	Verna Gartland Rundle	Jean Oleson Mickle
Artemis Bougas*	Jean Grantman Peterson	Mary Peterson Haywood
Evelyn Bricker*	Marie Harrigan Frensko	Jean Rath Beck*
Barbara Bruner Berg*	Joyce Huffman McCormick*	Charlotte Rohr Treanor
Marian Brunsdale Thiele	Leone King Chapman	Marlys St. Cyr
Joan Champion	Gloria Kinney Schwarz	Sally Schervan Economan
Barbara Cunningham*	Jacqueline Lewis diGiambittista	Joan Schlosser Spanjers
Marion Dallman Kohlmeyer*	Elizabeth Lienna England*	Blanche Schneider Scribner*
Sister Roland (Joanne Davey)	Phyllis Lund Kelsch	Joyce Shellbach*
Betty Dreesman Koppes	Tena Manolis Nelson	Jean Skonseng Ahnmark
Ruth Edelson Boyd	Beverly McCord Shaw	Jean Smaltz Hulbert
Juel Eide Byfield	Florence Misjuk	Ella Spanjers
Mary Fassbender*	Ruth Mlekoday Downing	Mary Stuhlfauth Hoyer*
Mirley Fink Hill	Mary Munekata Sakamoto	Florence Swanson Grandchamp
Ruth French Ingersoll	Marjorie Nelson*	Joyce Tanem Bredemeier
	Leonette Neslund*	

As usual, the asterisk (\*) indicates that we do not have a current name or mailing address for these individuals. Let's get the whole group back for a rousing reunion!

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Last year, we asked your cooperation in obtaining information on the employment status of our graduates. We promised to give you the results so here they are:

General information: Total graduates, 1923-1971 = 1,690  
 Those with known addresses = 1,248 (73.8%)  
 Responded to request = 796 (63.8% of 1,248)  
 No. married (at least with different last name) = 641 (80.5% of 796)  
 No. single (no change in last name) = 155 (19.5% of 796)

Current Employment Status

Based on 796 responses to item "are you currently employed as a Medical Technologist, full time (FT), part time (PT), or not at all?"

Married Group; N = 641					Single Group; N = 155				
Years	No.	Percent of No.			Years	No.	Percent of No.		
		FT	PT	Not as MT			FT	PT	Not as MT
1923-27					1923-27	2			100
1928-32	13	23	15	62	1928-32	5	40	20	40
1933-37	49	18	18	63	1933-37	13	54	0	46
1938-42	69	23	14	62	1938-42	16	50	0	50
1943-47	139	22	19	60	1943-47	19	79	0	21
1948-52	78	21	21	59	1948-52	13	85	0	15
1953-57	57	14	35	51	1953-57	8	75	25	0
1958-62	76	26	34	39	1958-62	12	83	8	8
1963-67	85	47	22	31	1963-67	20	100	0	0
1968-71*	75	77	9	13	1968-71*	47	98	0	2
Totals	641	31	21	48	Totals	155	81	3	17

\*Numbers include four years rather than five.

These figures indicate that medical technologists do tend to stay employed for relatively long periods of time, regardless of marital status. The percent of married technologists who are employed full time is fairly stable up to 1963. Total employment (full time + part time) shows an increase, starting with the 1958 group. Within this later group, children would probably all be in school with the parents planning for increasing and continuing educational costs in future years. Economists would probably have several theories to explain these trends.

The chart below compares the U of M figures with the same national figures given in last year's publication. The U of M figures are based on the assumption that those who did not respond to the request are not currently employed as a medical technologist.

U of M data					National Data	
Years of graduation	Age Range*	Total No. (With Addresses)	No. Em-ployed	%	Age Range	% of Working Medical Technologists
1923-27	66-70	6	0	0		
1928-32	61-65	35	8	23		
1933-37	56-60	111	25	23		
1938-42	51-55	154	34	22		
1943-47	46-50	234	71	30	45-54	11
1948-52	41-45	141	43	30		
1953-57	36-40	100	36	36	35-44	20
1958-62	31-35	121	57	47		
1963-67	26-30	160	79	49	30-34	17
1968-71	22-25	186	111	60	25-29	28

\* Assuming age of 21 at graduation

Although the U of M figures are undoubtedly high (those whose addresses we have lost are probably also not employed), it would seem to be true that medical technologists do tend to stay employed in the profession longer than has been held. We've always advertised that it was a good insurance profession but perhaps some of the longer term employees will need to terminate to give the younger grads a chance. Now you all know more about the employment status of U of M grads in Med. Tech. than you really cared to know but think how impressive you'll be when you toss these little gems around at the next neighborhood social gathering.

SEE YOU IN APRIL!