

TECH'S TALK

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Charlie: "I think most of us take newspapers too much for granted. We don't really appreciate the miracle that is the modern daily newspaper. It's difficult to put into words just why one likes a newspaper."

Linus: "I like a newspaper because you don't have to dial it!"

This really isn't a newspaper nor a daily but we try to be modern. With the aid of our friends from Peanuts," Charles Schultz and the United Feature Syndicate, Inc. we again bring you the latest from your alma mater. No need to dial--just read on.

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Violet: "My dad has a dental appointment today. Yesterday he went to see an ophthalmologist. The day before he went to see an orthopedist. He considers it all part of his complete physical breakdown since turning forty!"

This is our not-so-subtle way of introducing the honor class of 1952. Please see the special item on the banquet reservation form.

Delores Anderson Erickson	Charlotte Mohlke Page**
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Jeanne Jensen Cagle	Patricia Tender Rygg
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Loretta Mackey Hanson	Leatrice Williams
Ardelle Mead Mills	Elizabeth Ziaskas Haugen
Syrile Meyers Ellison	

* Address Unknown

** Deceased

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Lucy: "I'm a great believer in education. I intend to be the most educated person in this part of the city. I intend to be the most educated person in the whole world. I'll never be satisfied until I'm too smart for my own good!"

Each year the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology offers a continuing education course through the Office of Continuing Medical Education. This year the sponsorship and organization of the course is the responsibility of the Division of Medical Technology in cooperation with the Minnesota Society for Medical Technology. The course, entitled Current Topics in Clinical Laboratory Science, is scheduled for April 20-22, 1977. Topics to be covered are radio-immunoassay, newer instrumentation and drug interaction. For further information and reservation forms, contact

Director
Continuing Medical Education
Nolte Center for Continuing Education
315 Pillsbury Drive S.E.
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN 55455

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Linus: "When I get big, I'm going to be a very famous doctor. I'll save everybody! I'll perform miracles of surgery! I'll diagnose swiftly and accurately! I'll work wonders! I'll be a regular M. Deity!!"

Recently, the American Society for Medical Technology announced its withdrawal from the activities of the Board of Registry of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. In order to free the certification process from the influence of vested interest and to be more responsive to the public needs, ASMT has repeatedly requested that the Board of Registry be removed from the corporate structure of ASCP to an autonomous, multidisciplinary, independent status. Energetic negotiations to effect this change have been unsuccessful. At the time of the withdrawal, ASMT endorsed the formation of a new certifying agency. The withdrawal and endorsement are major affirmative steps for the profession. We urge you to keep informed on this issue and to lend your support as you deem appropriate.

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Lucy: "I have a dental appointment so I won't be walking to school with you today. I'll see you when you get home."

Linus: "Okay."

Lucy: "Have a good day at school. Learn things!"

There always seems to be something else for our students to learn. This spring junior year students have the opportunity to enroll in a course in Laboratory Instrumentation. In cooperation with the clinical chemistry faculty, the Division of Health Computer Sciences has devised a lecture-laboratory course to encompass the major instruments in common use in the clinical laboratory. We look forward to a positive evaluation and the opportunity to offer this course to a wider audience in future years.

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Snoopy: "When I was a puppy every day was a happy day. The sun used to shine in the morning and all of the evenings were cool and pleasant. Suddenly....BANG! And I'm in my declining years!"

In preparation for this yearly creative effort, ye editor reviewed the previous issues of this publication. Issue No. 1 was published in April 1947. Apparently for the first few years the editorship was shared until a selected volunteer was lassoed in 1953. (Warning: always read the fine print in a job description.) Some items that struck us during our perusal are as follows:

- 1947 - Banquet ticket \$1.35; a week of vacation scheduled for seniors; Ancker Hospital modernized with the purchase of two new Evelyn colorimeters; lab staff at U Hospitals were granted laundry privileges.
- 1949 - Graduate pin became available.
- 1951 - New Student Health Service and Variety Club Heart Hospital opened; blood bank rotation increased from two to three weeks; Twin Cities Society of Medical Technologists produced a recruitment film.
- 1952 - Experimental regional refresher course offered in Little Falls; orientation class for freshmen offered.
- 1954 - Course for Laboratory Aides started.
- 1955 - Mayo Memorial building completed.
- 1956 - First O'Brien Scholarship awarded; refresher work for graduates made available.
- 1957 - Banquet ticket \$2.25; blood bank rotation four weeks in length.
- 1958 - Federal Civil Service recognized classification of Medical Technologist.
- 1959 - Graduate program in Medical Technology announced; courses in chemistry and bloodbanking introduced in junior year curriculum to join those in hematology and urinalysis.
- 1960 - Formation of Department of Laboratory Medicine announced.
- 1961 - Second hospital laboratory shift instigated; three levels of technologist staff identified.
- 1962 - Starting salaries for technologists in the area reported at \$400-433/month.
- 1963 - First graduates from graduate program; survey showed most graduates earning \$4500-6000/year.
- 1964 - Honors option for selected senior students introduced.
- 1965 - Twenty-fifth anniversary of association with University for Dr. and Mrs. Evans.
- 1966 - Dr. Evans resigned as chairman of the Department.
- 1967 - Banquet ticket \$3.25; hospital laboratories expanded into court area; federal funding of Allied Health Professions enacted; MLA program phased out.

- 1968 - Starting salaries locally at \$570/month; shortened clinical experience introduced.
- 1970 - Annual reregistration with ASCP no longer required to maintain certification.
- 1971 - No banquet sponsored by students; Alumni group assumed responsibility; Health Sciences reorganized into Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Public Health and Hospital with a Vice-president of Health Sciences.
- 1973 - Fiftieth anniversary of Medical Technology program.
- 1974 - Health Sciences Unit A opened; affiliate hospitals join in clinical phase of program; Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology combine.
- 1975 - Course in administration for senior students introduced.

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Lucy: "I put my tooth under my pillow last night, but all I got for it was a dime."
 Violet: "That's not very much, is it?"
 Lucy: "I'll say it isn't. Not these days...still, I suppose I shouldn't complain. After all, they don't bring a thing on the open market!"

If teeth did bring a reasonable profit on the open market, we'd have a bunch of toothless students. Believe us! We have a fine group of hardworking students who merit financial assistance. Please send your contribution today to the

William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund
 c/o Ruth Hovde
 Box 70 Powell Hall
 500 Essex Street S.E.
 University of Minnesota
 Minneapolis, MN 55455

Recipients of the award for 1976 are

Michelle Martin Debra Notto Larry Davidson

Sent a check today and save a bicuspid!

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Linus: "You gonna make some toast? How about putting in a slice for me?"
Lucy: "Here you are."
Linus: "Thank you very much. Hey! This is too light! It's hardly singed!
Surely you don't expect me to eat RAW TOAST?!"

Raw toast for the annual alumni banquet? For shame! Surely you jest! Not at the Alumni Club! Come and join us for this yearly affair.

Date: Thursday, April 21, 1977

Place: Minnesota Alumni Club
50th floor of the IDS Tower (80 S. 8th St., Mpls.)

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour - Cash bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Cost: \$10.00 per reservation

Speaker: Professor Thomas Buckley
Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Minnesota

Topic: Life in Minnesota: Early Forts and River Towns

Deadline for reservations: Monday, April 18, 1977

Pat Hanauer Bordewich is the hostess for the class of 1952. If you would like to sit with the honored group, please check the box below.

Please reserve _____ places for me for the Medical Technology Alumni Dinner

I enclose \$ _____ as payment (\$10.00 per reservation). Make check payable to
Medical Technology Alumni Association.

Please reserve _____ seats for met at the 1952 table.

Signature _____

Mail by April 18, 1977 to

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St. Paul, MN 55114