

# TECH'S TALK

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Snoopy: "So this is the last day of the year. Another complete year gone by, and what have I accomplished this year that I haven't accomplished every other year? Nothing!! How consistent can you get?"

You must admit, friends, that we are consistent; every March we manage to communicate with you a few items about the program in Medical Technology and the University of Minnesota. Again, we thank our friends from "Peanuts", Charles Schulz, and the United Features Syndicate, Inc. for assisting us in bringing this news to you.

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Linus: "Wow! Look, Charley Brown! Look! I got some money from the tooth fairy! I put a tooth under my pillow last night, and when I woke up this morning, I found this money. See? I got a check for thirty-five cents!"

Charley: "A check? 'Pay to the order of Linus van Pelt, thirty-five cents. Do not fold, spindle, or mutilate. Know your endorser.'"

Linus: "Expanded business requires improved methods."

Charley: "I can't deny it!"

We didn't need to extract our precious dental work to entice the tooth fairy to give us donations. As we alerted you last year, the Division conducted a phonathon and all you lovely "tooth fairies" in our alum group responded generously.

The phonathon, held with the assistance of the University Foundation in October, 1980, netted, to date, \$9,022 to the Division. The Foundation staff had thought that we might raise \$3,000 and were overwhelmed at the response.

For your information, the phonathon was conducted from the office of the University Foundation which is located in Morrill Hall. You remember the main floor of Morrill Hall as a large room with a series of windows where registration was completed, fee statements generated, and fees paid at the bursar's window. The whole floor has been converted into an office complex for the Foundation and Alumni Association.

For the phonathon, 10 faculty members, 20 senior and 10 junior year students volunteered to participate over the three evenings that calls were placed. In addition, a group of University students from a variety of disciplines, who help in all phonathons as part-time employees, assisted with the contacts.

It was an interesting and unusual experience, but one which we would not like to continue as a full-time activity. In general, the persons called were receptive, but there were some interesting comments voiced also. It was fun to chat, however briefly, with old friends.

Originally, we had planned to solicit funds to help complete unfinished space in the Phillips-Wangensteen Building for offices for the Division. However, we recognized that we would not be able to generate enough money to make a substantial dent in the needed amount. Therefore, we switched to another item on our "needs" list - that of updating equipment for student use. What have we done with the money? Thus far, we have purchased the following for use in the student laboratories:

Beckman: centrifuge, rotator	\$2,968.80
Sgt. Welch: spectrophotometer	3,335.00
Centrifuge hematocrit	<u>444.64</u>
	\$6,748.44

Incidentally, some alums thought that we were soliciting funds for equipment in the University Hospitals laboratories. Not so -- the student laboratories and hospital laboratories are separate entities.

Many of the contacts were surprised that the University Administration and the State Legislature do not provide sufficient support for optimal educational experiences for the students. The Administration does provide the necessities but as with all of us personally, inflation and rising costs limit the ability to meet all requests for teaching aids. To give you some mundane examples of increased costs:

	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Gauze - case	\$27.50	\$75.34	174
NaCl - 5 lb	1.20	4.40	267
Nessler's solution - bottle	3.25	25.00	669

Therefore, it is necessary to seek outside contributions to assist us. Again, we express our sincere gratitude for the donations. We thank all of you who have contributed.

If any of you were missed or are now in a position to give a contribution, your donation may be sent to:

The University of Minnesota Foundation  
 Medical Technology Fund - 5VI  
 120 Morrill Hall  
 100 Church St. S.E.  
 Minneapolis, MN 55455

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Linus: "This 'New Math' is too much for me!"

Lucy: "You'll get on to it. It just takes time."

Linus: "Not me. I'll never get on to it! How can you do 'New Math' with an 'Old Math Mind'?"

Well, the class of 1956 and 1931 can handle old, new and future math. After all, they graduated only 25 and 50 years ago and are our honored classes this year.

Class of 1956

Jane Burley*	Carolyn McCall Gusinda
Carole Cristman Pehoushek	Shirley Nordgaarden Orth
Thomas Doherty	Phyllis Peterson Stitt*
JoEtta DuBois McClintock*	Marjorie Rea Krejci
Sharon Erickson Wheeler	Sandra Rutman Siegel
Marjorie Forsythe Bjoihus	Audrey Sutherland Martinson
Sally Iverson Ditto*	Marie Wujcik
Helen James*	Joan Winter Schmidt
Donna Johnson Gruett	

Class of 1931

Eleanor Bratholdt Peterson*	Lydia Lux Wetzel**
Doris Carlson*	Grace Roth*
Eileen Catlin	Teresa Peterson Werner
Donna Clefton Army	Valborg Ravn
Charlotte Davis Rasmussen**	Virginia Vanderhoof Van Koughnet
Phyllis Frederick Coombs*	Elinor Ringbloom Swanson
Rose Gillig Giefer	Ruth Wilson*
Frances Larson Hanson	

\*Address unknown

\*\*Deceased

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Charley: "There you are, Snoopy. Your new house is all finished. Well, what do you think?"

Snoopy: (with tears) "It's beautiful."

Everything comes to him who waits provided he waits long enough.

We reported last year that plans were (and still are) to raze Powell Hall, our present office location and that the Division had space allocated in the Phillips-Wangensteen Building but no funds were available to finish the space.

We are delighted to report that a benefactor of the University has contributed money to allow for finishing of the 15th floor of PWB. We are at the stage of architect drawings and hope to be moved in a year. In the meantime, between the loss of Powell Hall and the availability of PWB, we shall be housed in Jackson Hall (the anatomy building). Our phone number will remain the same: (612) 373-9670. The address which now should be used is

Division of Medical Technology  
Box 198 Mayo  
420 Delaware S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

We don't know what you would like to write to us about, but we do know that you would like to support the William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund.

c/o Ruth Hovde  
Box 198 Mayo  
420 Delaware S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

1980 Scholarship winners: Patricia Olson, Susan Rotzien, Catherine Zimmer, \$350.00 each.

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Patty: (on the phone) "That's right, Chuck. I graduated! No, I don't ever have to go to school again. I'm a certified graduate of the 'Ace Obediance School'. Thanks, Chuck. Well, you know how much I've always wanted a good education ... and you know what I've always said. A good education is the next best thing to a pushy mother!"

Remember when you graduated and were part of the mob somewhere in Memorial Stadium or in Northrop Auditorium? Things have changed, friends. Now each collegial unit has its own graduation exercises. Those for the Division of Medical Technology are planned by a student/faculty committee. The students select the speaker and vote on appropriate dress. For the past few years, the students have opted to wear caps and gowns. Now, get this, friends: the caps and gowns are purchased and are disposable!

We like the intimacy and significance of the individual exercise. Parents and friends can really see their special candidate and even take pictures of the event.

Speaking of graduates, the Graduate Program continues to flourish. After a laudatory review by an external committee, we have continued to enroll an outstanding group of students. Since its inception in 1960, 42 candidates have successfully completed the program and are employed in appropriate positions around the country.

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Charley: "Rats! Do you see this finger? I cut it opening a stupid can of dog food for your stupid supper! I hope you appreciate it!"

Snoopy: "How can I eat when I feel guilty?"

No dog food for you, friends, when you attend the annual party of the Medical Technology Alumni Association. Superb food and great company are guaranteed.

When: Wednesday, April 29, 1981

Social Hour, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Women's Club of Minneapolis  
410 Oak Grove  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Cost: \$15.00 - Tenderloins of beef

Program: Greetings and chit-chat with friends

Special recognition will be given to the 25th anniversary class of 1956 and the 50th anniversary class of 1931.

Deadline for reservations: April 22, 1981

If you would like to sit with the honored groups, please check the appropriate box below.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me for the Medical Technology Alumni Dinner.

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ as payment (\$15.00 per reservation). Make checks payable to Medical Technology Alumni Association.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1956 table.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1931 table.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by April 22, 1981 to: Medical Technology Alumni Association  
100 Morrill Hall  
University of Minnesota  
100 Church Street S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455