

## TECH'S TALK

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Snoopy: "So here I am starting a new year. But am I any different? Nope!  
I'm the same ol' dog! Day after day and year after year ... Never a  
change! Sometimes I marvel at my consistency!"

Well, here we are - another marvel of consistency with our annual newsletter to our friends. We shall again rely on our friends from "Peanuts", Charles Schulz, and the United Features Syndicate, Inc. for helping us to introduce the items.

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Marcie: "How did you do on the test, sir?"

Patty: "I got two right out of twenty."

Marcie: "That wasn't very good, sir."

Patty: "From all I've heard, Marcie, it's lonely at the top!"

Obviously, Peppermint Patty has never been at the top - the top of the Phillips-Wangensteen Building, that is. If she had, she would have been able to visit our friendly new offices which we occupied on October 8, 1982. After 60 years of existence, the Division finally has an area to call its own. Each faculty member has a separate, comfortable, although not spacious, office. We even have a conference room! On a clear day, the views are spectacular; we can see the capitol in St. Paul to keep track of the legislature and the Metrodome and Minneapolis skyline. Of course, on a foggy day, we do well to see the Mississippi River! We had a gala open house in February with 400+ visitors who came to express their good wishes. Come to visit us at 15-170 Phillips-Wangensteen Building. For those of you who want to write or say nice things to us, our mailing address and phone number remained unchanged.

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Linus: "You say Miss Othmar is only human. Well, I say she's more! Like all good teachers, she has in her being a touch of the spirit fired by the dedication of her calling!

(Sniff)

Forgive me for crying, but that's one of the most moving speeches I've ever heard."

Ruth Hovde, Director of the Division of Medical Technology, will receive an honorary doctorate degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. in June. To the best of our knowledge, Ruth is the first medical technologist in the country to be so honored. She was nominated in recognition of her leadership in the field of Medical Technology.

Now if that isn't worth a sentimental tear or two, we don't know what is!

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Schroeder: "Educational costs are really going up. My dad says it can cost almost sixteen thousand dollars to go to college."

Charlie: "I'm hoping for a baseball scholarship."

Lucy: "HA, HA, HA, HA!"

Charlie: "I didn't even know she was listening."

We have yet to have a student in the program who is on an athletic scholarship but we are able to grant monies from the William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund to a few students. Last year, we awarded grants of \$600 - \$1200 to three students:

Brenda Baker

Bridget Cavanaugh

Micheal Pederson

Sixteen thousand dollars is an exaggeration but tuition costs considerably more than it did 25 and 50 years ago. Currently, resident fees in the professional program are \$567 per quarter. If you would like to contribute to the support of worthy and needy students, please make your tax-deductible contribution to the

William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund

and send to

Ruth Hovde  
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Book cover: "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night"  
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"It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a shot rang out. A door slammed. The maid screamed. Suddenly a pirate ship appeared on the horizon. While millions of people were starving, the king lived in luxury. Meanwhile, on a small farm in Kansas, a boy was growing up."

End of Part I

Part II

"A light snow was falling, and the little girl with the tattered shawl had not sold a violet all day. At that very moment, a young intern at City Hospital was making an important discovery."

Snoopy: "I may have written myself into a corner."

Karen Karni, a faculty member, has a corner on the market for books in laboratory management. Karen, with two other technologists has edited a book, Clinical Laboratory Management. A Guide for Clinical Laboratory Scientists, Little, Brown and Company. The book covers several aspects of management in practical terms, focusing on application in the clinical laboratory.

In exchange for this commercial, Karen has agreed to shine our shoes for a year.

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Lucy: "Do you think you'll love me when I'm old and gray?"

Schroeder: "I don't know. If I don't love you now, how can I love you when you're old and gray?"

Lucy: "WE'LL SEE!!!"

Although some of our honored graduates of 25 and 50 years ago may be gray and all have celebrated birthday anniversaries, they are certainly young in spirit and we love them all.

#### Class of 1933

Catherine Barrett Mulvehill  
Gleva Blain Erskine\*  
Evelyn Bolstad Ertl  
Carolyn Hammond\*  
Bernice Hansen Leiden  
Helen Hoff Hansen\*  
Ann Insweiler\*  
Margaret Jackson\*  
Mildred King Rohwer  
Vivian Larson Grace\*

Genevieve McCabe Fisher\*  
Minnie Mark Bregman\*  
Eileen Michalik Chaput\*  
Agatha Mueller Stanton  
Jeanette Olson Mullendore  
Twylah Plummer LaCour\*  
TheIma Smith Schadewald\*  
Portia Swain  
Charlotte Thompson Jameson  
Marion Voight Andrews\*

Constance Weld Jarvis

#### Class of 1958

Sandra Benson Carter  
Roberta Carlson Wolden  
Roberta Farnham Ostrom  
Carol Forsell Duoss  
Joseph Gacusana  
Anita Hagen Stoike  
Gordon Herbst  
Roman Hyszczynski  
Susan Jacob Sanchez  
Joycelyn Johnson Duncan  
Rosalyn Johnson Smith  
Jean Jorgenson Linné  
Eadie Kenigsberg Bear\*  
Nancy Lee Kivi

Margaret Lehtinen Breivik  
Caroline Lundberg Carlin  
Gail Mackey\*  
Carol Marquard Holcomb  
Kay McComb Warming  
Carol McLimans Mueske\*  
William Pikal  
Virginia Rollins Coxé  
Richard Seelye  
Elizabeth Stone  
Vivianne Swanson Younker  
Sandra Van Sant Fardal  
Carmen Warner Raffety  
Lila Wicklund Wengler

Karen Wrabek Kok

\* Indicates address unknown

We hope to be able to honor you in person at the annual Alumni Banquet.

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Charlie: (in the emergency room) "Yes, ma'am. That's my present address. My name is Charles Brown. I'm eight and a half. Yes. I've had all my shots. No, ma'am, no allergies. Insurance? I suppose so. No, I don't have a social security number. Speaking of money, how's your fund raising program coming along?"

Our fund raising program has come along very nicely, Charlie, thank you. And thank you to the fine alumni who have contributed! These monies are used to purchase and repair equipment for use by the students in the laboratories in the pre-hospital phase of their professional education. This past year we were able to

- refurbish - osmometers which are used to measure serum and urine osmolality by freezing point depression (remember those colligative properties) Chemistry
- purchase - inoculating loops and sensitivity disc dispensers for microbiology
  - stopwatches for coagulation
  - water baths for coagulation and immunology
  - microliter pipette droppers for immunology
  - a phase microscope for hematology and urinalysis

Tax deductible contributions can be made to

The University of Minnesota Foundation  
Medical Technology Fund  
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Linus: "I guess it's wrong always to be worrying about tomorrow. Maybe we should think only about today."

Charlie: "No, that's giving up. I'm still hoping that yesterday will get better."

We do not mean to belabor finances in this little communique but we feel compelled to confirm that the University has and is facing serious support problems. Budgetary cuts have become a chronic event. Thus far, the difficult choices made have affected services and preserved the quality of the educational programs. We are currently involved in discussions to effect further cuts in the 1983-85 biennium.

Yes, indeedly, the yesterday of 1958 was a lot better but today is better than 1933.

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Charlie: "We are pleased to announce that this supper comes with a two-year warranty."

Snoopy: "How nice."

Charlie: "Of course, certain restrictions apply."

Snoopy: "That figures."

There are very few restrictions for the annual banquet sponsored by the Medical Technology Alumni Association. This year the MTAA has scheduled the annual dinner and meeting to coincide with the all campus Alumni Association activities. Therefore, the annual meeting and banquet are later this year than has been the custom.

Date: Thursday, May 19, 1983

Place: East Wing, Campus Club  
4th floor Coffman Memorial Union

Time: Social Hour (cash bar): 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Please note your choice of entree  
on the form below.

Cost: \$16.50 (includes gratuity)

Program: Brief meeting and greetings; scads of chatting with friends.  
Special recognition will be given to the 25th anniversary  
class of 1958 and the 50th anniversary class of 1933.

Deadline for reservations: Monday, May 16, 1983

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Detach and mail

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.

Entree choice(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Filet mignon 7 oz., button mushroom  
\_\_\_\_\_ Barbecued chicken and ribs

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as payment (\$16.50 per reservation)

Make check payable to Medical Technology Alumni Association.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1933 table.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1958 table.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by May 16, 1983 to: Medical Technology Alumni Association  
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