

# The Techs Talk

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## ANNUAL MED TECH BANQUET

This year the annual Medical Technology banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:00 p. m. in the main ballroom of Coffman Memorial Union. Preceding the banquet there will be an open house of all the laboratories in University Hospital from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.

The main speaker for the evening is Dr. Richard Varco who is going to tell us about Congenital Heart Disease in children, and what they have been doing lately at University Hospital. Dr. William A. O'Brien will be with us again this year, and of course the seniors will furnish the entertainment. The tickets go on sale April first and are \$1.35 per plate. You may make reservations by filling in the enclosed card and sending it in before April 25. Tickets will be available in the Medical Technology Office or at the door.

## U HOSPITAL HAS NEW LAB ROTATION

University Hospitals has a new laboratory rotation system. There are three rotations, and each senior begins her training in either Hematology or Chemistry Lab. The first rotation begins with six weeks in Hematology, followed by two weeks in Urinalysis and four weeks in tissues. Then she spends four weeks in BMR-ECG and two weeks in Parasitology Lab. (Dr. Wallace's laboratory in the Zoology Building). Every senior gets one week of vacation at the end of the first rotation. The second rotation starts in Chemistry Lab where ten weeks is spent, followed by three weeks in Bacteriology, three weeks in Blood Bank, and three weeks in Serology. The third rotation consists of four weeks of night duty, four weeks in Dispensary Lab, and six weeks as a review period in different laboratories.

## NEW WILLIAM A. O'BRIEN FUND

Did you know that Dr. William A. O'Brien was the originator of Medical Technology at the University? To honor him Orbs established a loan fund many years ago for needy Med Techs, and every year have contributed a small sum to it. Lately, however, it was found that this fund was not being used; so Orbs decided to change the loan fund into a scholarship fund.

A scholarship will be granted annually as soon as the interest on the principal is large enough to make a worthwhile gift. Until this time a recognition award will be given on Cap and Gown Day to the student in Medical Technology with the highest scholarship.

We are therefore very anxious to supply the fund with more money, and are taking the liberty of asking any of you alumni who feel able to contribute a small amount for this purpose. Please send your contribution to Medical Technology Office, M-519, University Hospital. Checks should be made payable to Orbs. The money will be much appreciated.

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## ANCKER HOSPITAL NEWS

Ancker is going modern; last year they purchased two new Evelyn Photoelectric colorimeters; one for hematology, and one for Chemistries. The present instructors at Ancker are: Elizabeth Schneider '45, head of BMR-ECG Lab, Doris Hanson '45, head of Bacteriology, and Mary Louise Souther '46, of Chemistries. Mary Lou took Susan Tricker's '45 place as head of Chemistries. Sue is now working in Minneapolis as manager of a branch office of a real estate firm.

NEW PERSONNEL AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

GENERAL HOSPITAL NEWS

The instructors at University have been changing so we will attempt to give you alums some up to date information. Dr. G. T. Evans is the head of the course in Medical Technology; and Dr. Evrel Larson is his assistant. Ruth Hovde '38 is head instructor. Her predecessor Jane Rietz '42 recently left to go to New York. Lucille Hoiland '36 who preceded Jane is now a junior clerk in the medical school. Allie Smith '42 and Jane Weber '41, both just out of the WAVES, are back with us as Supervisor of Student Techs and Administrative Laboratory Technologist respectively. Elaine Daughenbaugh '45, Instructor, and Rosalind Mantel '46, Stud. Tech. Supervisor, are in charge of Hematology; Ruth Muir '45 of Urinalysis; and Delores Harvey '45 of Clerks Lab. Hematology and Urinalysis are no longer in Main Lab; they have been moved down the hall to Clerks Lab. Dr. Dorothy Sundberg, hospital Hematologist, has an office in Clerks Lab where she is assisted by Norma Benham Lick '42. Tissue Lab is run by Marge Sturley Patchet '43 and BMR-ECG by Angela diGiambattista (Angie) '45. Verna Rausch '45, Instructor, has charge of Chemistry Lab, assisted by Lorraine Gonyea '44 and Olga Leschisin '46 as Student Technologist Supervisors. Esther Freier '46 and Mary Lou Premer Smersch '45 are Junior Scientists in Special Chemistryes doing research and perfecting new methods. Dr. Elizabeth Frame is the new hospital Chemist. Evelyn Bolstad Ertl '35 is head of Bacteriology; Betty Weisel '42 and Helen Michelson '46 are in charge of the Blood Bank. Dr. Gerald Needham left last year to work at the Mayo Clinic; and Dr. Richard Marvin has taken his place as hospital Bacteriologist. Christeen Lewis is head of Serology Lab in Millard Hall. Phyllis Johnson Krigebaum '42 and Vera Armstrong '42 run the Dispensary Lab with Jane Ames Helgeson '46 helping out part time.

The newest student worry at General Hospital is studying for comprehensives after each laboratory. To help the technologists correlate laboratory work with clinical medicine, Dr. Hertzeg and staff are now sponsoring pathology conferences every Thursday morning. Each Monday evening Dr. E. Schleicher gives hematology lectures to the techs.

The instructors in the various departments are: Fern Wagner and Margaret Strickland of Hematology; Marge Ellison of Urines and S & S; Eleanor Eggleston, and Sigrid Serum of Chemistry; Dorothy Misjuk of Blood Bank; Grace Johnson and Dorothy Wood of Bacteriology; Emma Munns of Serology; Pearl Miller and Dorothy Jorgenson of Tissues; Phyllis Holmgren of ECG; Margaret Refsdal of the Annex Lab; and Geraldine Dickerson of Dispensary Lab. Lillian Hoffman, who for the past fifteen years has been instructor in Bacteriology is leaving to be married in May.

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Have you heard? the Med Techs at University Hospital now have laundry privileges. Thanks to all you alums who worked so hard for us.

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ATTENTION!!

Your cooperation is asked to make a survey of the Alumni in Medical Technology and to complete our files. We would greatly appreciate your answering the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to:

Medical Technology Office  
M-519 University Hospital  
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Member of ADT \_\_\_\_\_ Orbs \_\_\_\_\_

Positions held since graduation:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

If you have taken any additional University or graduate courses please indicate:

Where \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ No of children \_\_\_\_\_

Married name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you working at the present time? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like, mention any comment on the strong points or the deficiencies of your training here that would help us in the future teaching program in Medical Technology.