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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Twenty-five years ago this June nine graduates in Medical Technology ventured forth into a not-yet-specialized field. Although we know little of you, we cannot help but wonder how our present training program compares with yours of 1928.

If you returned to the University of Minnesota Hospitals, no doubt you would find a multiplicity of changes. We have branched out from your "one-room" lab to an assembly of labs which individually carry out a specific function, yet work coordinately to give the University Hospitals an efficient system. You specialized in hematology, some chemistries, and urines from what we hear!! Indeed, you would be surprised with the many varied and eLABORate procedures we carry out now. Even today we are progressing into a new era of advancement; soon we shall be locking down at the present lab system from atop the new Mayo Memorial Building.

We hope you will join us in observance of your 25th anniversary as you find your name among these:

Ida May Burns
Faith Dravis
Catherine Hanitch
Alice Laskey
Helen Mercer
Aileen Nyland
Lydia Powell
Mary Turner
Mildred Whitaker

Congratulations from the Class of 1953!

MED TECH BANQUET MAY 14TH

The annual ORBS Banquet will be held this year on May 14, in the Union Main Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Wesley W. Spink of the University of Minnesota Hospitals will be the speaker.

The entertainment planned includes a Hungarian and a Scottish dance, a piano solo, and the Med Tech chorus. Announcement of the new members of ORBS will be made at this time.

As in previous years the proceeds of the banquet will go to the William O'Brien Scholarship fund. As yet, the principle is not large enough to earn enough interest for a scholarship grant; therefore, a token award is being given to the senior with the highest scholastic average.

A tour of the hospital labs is being planned for students and their parents and friends. The tours will be conducted from 4:00 -- 5:30 on May 14th, and will meet in Elliot lobby.

The ticket sales are being handled by ORBS members, the Med Tech Council, and the undergraduate classes. Enclosed with this paper you will find a card on which you are asked to check whether you wish reservations or not. Please return the card, as they are needed to determine the number of reservations necessary.

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ODE TO THE CLASS OF '52

Here's to the class of '52
'Sposin we have a rendezvous.

Who did San Francisco snare?
No one else but Norene Blair.

Shirley Nelson's in Tennessee-
The belle of Memphis, yes-sir-ee.

St. Barnabas made three strikes from the
U of M-
Foley, Jensen and Hayden are the lot of them.

Dorothy Nippoldt is in St. Paul,
She didn't have far to go at all.

Loretta Mackey got her degree
And now she's working in chemistry.

BWR lab is quiet and dark,
But Pat Field thinks it's quite a lark!

In the hospital where doctors examine the
heart,
Charlotte Page and Ben Hallaway got their start.

To Eloise Anderson and Lois Carlson at Vets
The soldiers are singing "Sweet Violets".

Bacteriology demands much work,
But Jackie Irons will never shirk.

Ethel Mae Rutherford is becoming adroit
As a Medical Technologist in Detroit.

At St. Cloud Hospital we find Pat Hanauer
And there she is putting in many a man hour.

Cambridge, Minnesota acquired a tech
And Ramona Rucker is receiving the check.

The work at Northwestern is done by no fakir,
But rather by Herrala, Sobtzak and Shumaker.

Liz Ziaskas is in Millard,
Where she is working very hard.

Lorlie Halverson has finished her training
What she'll be doing we can't be saying.

Buffalo is the home of our dear Andy,
Which she thinks is fine and dandy.

At Ancker Hospital they do heed
The advice given by Ardelle Mead.

The Stadium lab is Lois Heaney's delight,
She's working all day and half the night.

Lee Williams has found her lodge
In the state of Iowa, at Fort Dodge.

In New York State is Syrile Myers,
Can it be that she so soon retires?

Alice Hartman, where can you be?
We've looked everywhere but can't see thee.

Doris Nelson was Westward Ho!
To Greeley, Colorado she did go.

Doing cross matches by the score,
Marilyn Postier just asks for more.

Shirley Wicklund and Lillian Pierce,
Why did you leave and not stay near us?

To North Dakota, Vernetta Hidde went-
Upon what are her intentions bent?

Ginny Dunn is now in "chem"
When things are cookin', "cherchez la
femme".

To those who are married we apologize,
But rhyming was difficult as you can
surmise.

We dedicate this to you
Alums of 1952
May your achievements ever be
A credit to Medical Technology.

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Med. Tech. Council

The Medical Technology Council was established in 1951. There are five major purposes of the organization. These are:

1. To promote closer student-faculty relationships.
2. To serve as a clearing-house for prevalent problems.
3. To stimulate social and educational activities.
4. To unify the student body.
5. To foster a professional attitude among student Medical Technologists.

The members of the council are chosen by the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes and also each of the other Medical Technology organizations on campus.

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During the last two school years the Med Tech Council has sponsored two all Med Tech parties which were planned to acquaint students in all the four classes.

Each meeting of the Med Tech Council is an open meeting to which all students are invited. We hope that they will come and learn exactly how their council works for them.

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ADT News

Alpha Delta Theta has had another bust year highlighted by several major events.

A steak fry was held at Nokomis Park in October. ADT's are becoming expert at cooking with tinfoil.

In November, several actives and alums went to the national convention in Duluth. Three of our alums hold national offices. Lorraine Lopic was re-elected National Treasurer, Ardelle Mead was elected Scope Editor and Stella Sobtzak was elected Recording Secretary. Business meetings did not take up all our time, however; several Duluth doctors drove us around the city one night with nothing less than police escort for our skyline drive.

The Tropical Room at the Dyckman Hotel was the scene of the annual winter formal in December.

January saw ADT busily making ready for the carnival which was held in the commuters' lunchroom of the Union. Marge Ohlen and Peggy Hirt pulled the reins for the spectacle which included a play entitled "World Without Men", a musical featuring a salty sultan and his harem dancers, Sophie Tucker, the last of the redhot mamas, and dramatizations of "Water Can't Quench the Fire of Love" and "Frankie and Johnnie." A duo dance to "By the Sea" rounded out the roaring '20's theme. A bathing beauty was dunked in a tank of water every time someone made a basket and there were booths to test the skill of everyone at throwing rings, darts, or guessing what color the white mouse would choose. To complete the carnival atmosphere, a "gypsy" told fortunes in a dimly lit room complete with crystal ball.

February found members preparing for a candy sale, rummage sale, and Founders Day banquet.

Spring quarter began with installation of new officers. Rushing and a senior banquet will round out the active year.

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Refresher Courses

Clinical chemistry was the subject of the annual refresher course for Medical Technologists, given by the University of Minnesota Continuation Center on October 7--8, 1952. The course, presented each year on a different aspect of Medical Technology had an enrollment of 98, including techs from Montana, North Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Canada, as well as Minnesota.

Pauline M. Hald, assistant professor, Department of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, and Medical Chemistry Laboratory at Grace-New Haven Community Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, was guest speaker. She presented an analysis of methods for the determination of total base, sodium and potassium.

The refresher course consists of subjects of interest and practical value plus new methods and improvements developed since the last course given in that field. These are given in the form of lectures and demonstrations, followed by panel discussions.

Any graduate technologist may attend, but announcements and registration material from the continuation center are only routinely sent to members of the Minnesota Society of Medical Technologists. Others interested should contact the University of Minnesota Continuation Study, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota, for information and registration material. The registration fee is nominal and the Continuation Center can accommodate visiting techs on campus for a small additional fee.

Although the date and topic of next year's course have not yet been announced, it will probably be in October and will review Hematology.

Other refresher courses have been held in different parts of Minnesota this year. These courses, open to all who do laboratory work in hospitals, clinics, and physicians' offices, offered reviews in technique and training in new methods. They were held at Little Falls in April, and at Hibbing and Mankato in November.

On April 17-19 of this year another of these courses was given at Crookston. Those interested may write to the Medical Technology Office, University Hospitals for information.

Both courses have met with enthusiastic response, and it is hoped that they may be continued as worthwhile reviews and supplements of academic training.

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