

# TECHS TALK

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## BARQUET APRIL 14

The annual Medical Technology banquet, sponsored by Orbs, will be Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main ballroom of Coffman Memorial Union. New Orbs members will be presented at this traditional dinner.

Dr. Robert Wise of the Hospital Bacteriology laboratory will speak in behalf of the faculty. Dr. Mark Graubard of the department of Natural Sciences will be the guest speaker. Entertainment will include a piano solo and a skit presented by members of the Senior class.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for Minnesota graduates in Medical Technology to renew old friendships since we are expecting to have many members from every class present. We hope you will be there, too.

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### ATTENTION CLASS OF 1945

Start saving now to pay the babysitter or begin twisting your husband's arm so that you can attend the big tenth year reunion of our class. Let's meet at the Orbs banquet, April 14th, and make big plans. All those who cannot attend but want their name added to the roll call can drop a line to me, Verna Rausch, 6205 Mayo Building, University of Minnesota. I promise on a stack of Watson's Outlines to send a round robin letter containing family histories, children anecdotes, husbands' heroics, and mere job descriptions in full detail to all who contact me. See you in the Union Ballroom.

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### NOTICE

Many hospitals in the Twin Cities are in need of Medical Technologists. If any graduates are interested in working - even on a part time or temporary basis please contact Ruth Hovde, 6205 Mayo, University. Filmore 7311, ext. 2601.

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## WE'RE IN THE MOVIES

The National Committee on Careers in Medical Technology, a committee jointly sponsored by the American Society of Medical Technologists, American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and College of American Pathologists recently released a new film "Career: Medical Technologist" for use in informing prospective students about the field of Medical Technology.

An article, written by Vera Falconer in the February 2nd edition of Scholastic Magazine, gives information about the film. She states that the challenge and opportunities of such careers are dramatically portrayed through a story of the training of a technologist. Many phases of the work are shown, with continual emphasis on its importance and professional satisfactions. Tremendously convincing, the film emphasizes qualifications and training, and pulls no punches in stating emphatically that technologists are badly needed, but only those who can become good ones. Two points are brought out by the story: the dangers of plunging in with inadequate training, ending in routine, low paying work with no personal satisfaction; and the highly successful return to the laboratories by a wife and mother. Packed with information, this 24 minute, color film shows students what to expect from medical technology as a career as well as what they must bring to it.

In Minnesota, the film may be obtained through the Audio-Visual Education Service of the University of Minnesota. It may be obtained for use in other states by contacting the president of the state society of Medical Technologists.

This film was shown to the senior students at the University Hospital last summer and of special interest was the fact that Miss Hovde, assistant professor of medical technology, played the role of instructor and patient in the story as well as acting as technical advisor for the filming of it.



MAYO MEMORIAL IS COMPLETED

On October twenty-first and twenty-second the formal dedication of the Mayo Memorial Building was held. This dedication was the fulfillment of an idea that began in 1939 when Governor Harold E. Stassen appointed a committee to propose a memorial for Doctors Charles and William Mayo of the Rochester Clinic.

The fourteen floor Mayo with all its modern equipment of course was a costly project. Funds were raised by legislature appropriations, public gifts, and grants from various agencies. Although excavation was begun in 1950, the actual building was not started until 1951 because of the rise in costs due to the Korean War. Construction was completed in the autumn of 1954 - when the actual dedication was held.

A fourteen-story tower section and three six-story wings make up the Mayo Memorial. The three wings connect with the old University Hospital and the Medical school buildings. Departments in the Mayo include:

- Fourteenth floor - Department of Pediatrics.
- Thirteenth floor - Medical School Administration, Department of Continuation Medical Education, School of Public Health.
- Twelfth and Eleventh floors - School of Public Health.
- Tenth and ninth floors - Department of Bacteriology and Immunology.
- Eighth and Seventh floors - Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- Sixth floor - Department of Psychiatry and Neurology, Department of Otolaryngology and Ophthalmology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Fifth and Fourth floors - Department of Surgery.
- Third floor - Department of Medicine, Hospital Administration, Lobby.

- Second floor - Hospital Laboratories, Department of Radiology, Department of Bacteriology and Immunology, Out-Patient Service.
- First floor - Housekeeping, Maintenance, Central Supply, Pharmacy, Record Room, Animal Hospital and Associated Research, Laboratories, Radiation Therapy, Cobalt Unit.
- Auditorium section - Mayo Memorial Auditorium and classrooms.

We in Medical Technology are especially pleased that now all our laboratories with the exception of Bacteriology and Pathology are located together on the second floor of the new building. The Medical Technology offices are located here too, making a convenient center for the laboratories. Bacteriology is on the ninth floor; Pathology is on the fourth. In order that all those interested in the new laboratories may see them tours will be conducted after the Medical Technology Banquet on April fourteenth. These will not be as extensive as the dedication tours but rather will be concentrated on seeing the laboratories.

Dr. Harold S. Diehl, Dean of the College of Medical Sciences said of the Mayo Memorial, "In its uses, present and prospective, it represents a pledge and a living token of the determination of Minnesota doctors and laymen alike to continue the lifelong effort of the Doctors Mayo to provide better medical service for all people". Those of us in Medical Technology feel that this best expresses our attitude toward the Mayo building which is our "new home" too.

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Looking over the list of last year's Seniors, it seems that California must have some hidden charm for Med Techs from Minnesota. Among the first to head out that way were Gerry Olafson, Donna Newstrand, Gloria Welk, and Nancy Melchior. Nancy returned after a few weeks and married Don Dingman in December. She is now working at the St. Paul Red Cross Blood Bank and Don has just completed his basic training in the army. But Donna and Gloria are still out in San Francisco. Donna has a job in research at Stanford University and Gloria is working in an Army Hospital. Gerry Olafson is further down along the coast in Fallbrook. She hasn't had a chance to go skiing yet, but she has a horse and spends much of her time riding the many trails around the country. Norma Hammer and Willis Johnson (now married) are in the Los Angeles area. Rene St. Germain recently left for the San Diego area and it is rumored that Nancy Nepp plans on heading West too.

But there are still some loyal Minnesotans in last year's class. Here at the University Hospitals, we have Marilyn O'Brien working in the Chemistry Laboratory, Janice Annis in the Student Health Service, Betty Ruspino and Diane Schmidt in Blood Bank, Karla Kaplan Vevle in Urinalysis and Parasitology, Regina Vijums in research and Pat Scott Keairnes in the Anatomy Department.

In the twin city area there are; Ann Alar at Veteran's Hospital, Ray Holz at the St. Paul Blood Bank, Francis Griffith at Mt. Sinai Hospital, and Betty Swyrrd at Ancker Hospital.

There are a few others who have spread out around the country. Jane Eyster when last heard from was home in Illinois, Ardyce Johnson is down in Chicago, Lynn Lotnes is at Grand Forks, No Dak working in tissues lab, Ruth Knox is in Canada (she married a Canadian), Helen da Cruz is in New York and Kay Adams may go to South America with her husband.

Did you know that Dr. Evans has been on a leave of absence from the University since November 1953? He has been on a special assignment in Cairo, Egypt for the United States government. Mrs. Evans and the whole family are there with him. His letters indicate that the experience has been stimulating and interesting but that he is looking forward to his return in October. Dr. Ellis Benson has been Acting Director of the Laboratories during this period.

We know you will want to join with us in saying bon voyage and best wishes for a successful year to Miss Lorraine Gonyea, class of 1944, who will be leaving in June for a year's study in Oslo Norway on a Fulbright scholarship. Lorraine at present is an Instructor in Hematology at the University Hospitals. She completed work for a Master of Science degree in Hematology last year.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The silver anniversary salute this year goes to the members of the class of 1929-30. Although the years have brought many changes into the programs in Medical Technology here we know your loyalty and enthusiasm for our profession have not changed. So we hope you all will be with us in enjoying the activities of the annual banquet on April 14th.

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| Esther Burton     | Isabell Jeffrey   |
| Velma Corwin      | Mary Kierstad     |
| Merle Brckenbrach | Mary Niemos       |
| Thelma Evends     | Madeline Rice     |
| Vivian Gunstad    | Margaret Sorenson |
| Mazie Hoff        | Grace Williams    |

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