

TECHS TALK

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Dear Alumnae:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Medical Technology Dinner on Thursday, April 24th, at 6:15 pm in the main ballroom of the Coffman Memorial Union on the campus.

This year the program committee is emphasizing the theme of Minnesota's Centennial year with Dr. Julius Nolte, Dean of the General Extension Division speaking on Minnesota's History. We know you will find the program interesting and enjoyable.

By your attendance you will be helping to support the William A. O'Brien scholarship fund for students in Medical Technology. Tickets are \$2.50 per person and may be purchased at the Medical Technology office or at the Union before the dinner. Please return the enclosed card immediately so that reservations can be made and your address can be verified for the files.

If you are unable to attend the dinner and still want to contribute to the scholarship fund make checks payable to Marilyn Ekberg, Treasurer and send to the Medical Technology Office, C205 Mayo, University of Minnesota. Your help will be appreciated.

Make plans now to attend the dinner to renew old acquaintances and to catch up on the latest news.

Sincerely,

Sue Jacob
Jean Jorgenson
Co-chairman

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Silver Anniversary--Class of '33

Our tradition of special mention of the silver anniversary class this year goes to the members of the class of '33.

Evelyn Bannister Sholts
Catherine Barrett Mulvehill
Gleva Blain Erskine
Evelyn Bolstad Ertl
Marian Diehl Templeton
Carolyn Hammond
Bernice Hansen Leiden
Helen Hoff Hansen
Ann Insweiler
Margaret Jackson
Mildred King Rohwer
Vivian Larson Grace

Minnie Mark Bregman
Genevieve McCabe Fisher
Eileen Michalik Chaput
Agatha Mueller Stanton
Jeannette Olson Mullendore
Twylah Plummer La Cour
Thelma Smith Schadewald
Portia Swain
Charlotte Thompson Jameson
Marian Voight Andrews
Constance Weld Jarvis

Mrs. Evelyn Ertl will be representing your class on the program and we hope you all will make a special effort to attend. You all will be interested to know that Mrs. Gleva Erskine is in Arizona for the winter but hopes to be back in Minnesota in time for the Medical Technology dinner on the 24th of April.

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Refresher Training

Do you want to get out of "retirement" and back into laboratory work? There are many opportunities available for work and you are needed to help fill a critical need for professional laboratory personnel. If you feel hesitant about techniques after being out of the field it is possible for any U of M graduate in Medical Technology to return here for refresher training. Arrangements for such training are made on an individual basis to suit the specific needs of the person and to fit in with our regular student program.

If you are interested in working or in the refresher course please write Miss Ruth Hovde, C205 Mayo, or call Fe 9-7311 ext. 2601 for further information.

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Medical Laboratory Assistant Program

The Medical Laboratory Assistant program now in its fifth year appears to be fulfilling its objectives to provide well trained laboratory assistants for limited areas of work and thereby to free the professional Medical Technologist to do those procedures requiring the knowledge and skill provided in the degree program. To date 62 students have completed the course and approximately 80% of them are actively working in clinical laboratories.

The need to continue such a program was believed to be so important that the Minnesota Medical Association, the State Board of Health, and other interested medical and hospital groups supported a request to the state legislature for special funds to carry on this program. The funds were appropriated for the two year period from July '57 to July '59. With these funds Miss Margaret Ohlen has been hired as a full time coordinator for the program and arrangements for an additional class to start in July have been made.

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Recruitment

Are you a working technologist who is personally affected by the shortage of qualified M.Ts? Are you a housewife-former Med Tech-who remembers the good working days and enjoys the security of professional training in a demand field? Are you concerned about the too few members entering good medical technology training programs? Want to do something about it? Join the recruitment program!

Recently we loaned our copy of the film, "Career: Medical Technologist", to a graduate Medical Technologist in a southeast Minnesota community. In the space of two weeks she accomplished the following:

1. Obtained newspaper and radio publicity for the movie
2. Showed the film to a senior Girl Scout service group and their families
3. Invited the guidance counselor at the high school to attend; subsequently she showed it to all guidance classes
4. Offered the use of the film to the science teacher; the film was used daily for class showings
5. Contacted other high schools and nearby colleges for film bookings

Because this Medical Technologist was interested and managed to find the time, a great deal of interest in Medical Technology was stimulated. High school groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, YWCA and WYCA groups, church fellowship organizations---all are potential contacts for information about medical Technology. Personal contact by someone in the field is the best recruitment mechanism.

The copy of the film, "Career: Medical Technologist" (color, sound, 16mm) owned by the medical Technology department at the University is available for use for the cost of return postage. Other copies of the film are available through:

1. Audio-Visual Extension Service
T S Ma 115, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
2. Donald Gleason, M.D.
Department of Pathology, Veterans Administration Hospital
54th Street and 48th Avenue South, Minneapolis

We will be happy to supply bulletins about our four year program. If we know far enough in advance we can also supply in limited quantities some general M.T. information brochures. Also we can arrange tours of our laboratories for groups of 10-to 15 by appointment.

Orbs

The present members of Orbs, the honorary scholastic organization for seniors in Medical Technology, have decided on a program of assisting with recruitment as a project for this year. The group has planned a demonstration of hematology procedures that can be shown to high school science clubs. It is hoped that by using such demonstrations that the meetings will not only be scientifically informative but also will provide a way to reach scientifically minded students with correct information about the education, training, and opportunities in Medical Technology as a career for both men and women.

Orbs members this year include:

Sandra Benson	Joycelyn Johnson
Joseph Gacusana	Gail Mackey
Joan Kosluchar Golob	Carol Marquard Schwoboda
Anita Hagen	Carol McLimans
Roam Kisczynskyj	Lila Wicklund
Susan Jacob	Joan Zittleman

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ASMT

We medical Technologists are gradually making headway in gaining professional recognition. Many of you have played a tremendous role in making this progress. All of you who have joined your professional societies have, by your membership and payment of dues, helped to make the profession of Medical Technology stronger.

This year has been "history making" for our profession. Federal Civil Service reviewed the Technician Series Classification only to issue the classification much as it had been previously. A united protest was initiated from The American Society of Medical Technologists through its State affiliates and reconsideration is now being given to the classification with the assurance that there will be a professional MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST Classification created in addition to the existing Technician Series.

Ten years ago we could not have accomplished this; "our voice" was weak for our numbers were fewer. There will be other issues affecting each of us in some way that can be improved upon or prevented by our joint efforts. We need numbers to be successful. Minnesota is noted for being a leading state in medical Technology. Let's really WOW the country by adding you, who perhaps haven't previously realized the importance of membership, to our ASMT membership list. Just write "MEMBERSHIP BLANK PLEASE" on your reservation card and we will be glad to welcome you in our societies.

Grace Mary Ederer
President Minnesota Society of
Medical Technologists

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