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## Annual Medical Technology Dinner

Tuesday, April 25, 1961

Coffman Memorial Union

To all alumni:

"It's Spring Again" and that means annual banquet time. The Student Council has planned a program with the following highlights:

- Speaker: Professor John Turner, Department of Political Science speaking on his tour of Russia;
- Awards: Announcement of new Orbs members, the winner of the William A. O'Brien scholarship award, and the winner or the faculty award;
- Entertainment: The clever members of Alpha Delta Theta will present a skit.

All this plus food and stimulating conversation about the bright doings of offspring.

Although we know that all of you want to attend, we appreciate that circumstances may prevent a few. Those of you who wish to support the William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund by an independent contribution may do so by a check payable to:

Raymond Stanley, Treasurer  
Medical Technology Student Council  
Box 198 - C205 Mayo  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Tours through the laboratory service will be available after the banquet for those who indicate an interest on the enclosed card.

The dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. in the main ballroom of the Union. Cost is \$2.75 per person. Please return the enclosed card to confirm your reservation and to assist us in verifying addresses for our files.

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"The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be"

In the course of preparing material for the 1960-63 issue of the Bulletin for the Division of Medical Technology, the section on staff was corrected to date. We thought the following totals would be of interest. The numbers listed are persons exclusively in this Department and do not include persons who serve as members of other departments.

Administration	--	7
Faculty	+	10
Microbiology laboratory	--	8
BMR - EKG laboratory	--	2
Blood Bank laboratory	--	6
Chemistry laboratory	--	21
Hematology laboratory	--	12
Pathology laboratory	--	3
MLA program	--	2
Night technologists	--	10
Total		<hr/> 81

This, my friends, represents a lot of bodies! "I remember when" statements will be provoked by this total; I'll start the comments by, "I remember when the chemistry staff totaled 4!"

You may well wonder what all these people do. Our teaching programs include:

- 28 senior students in the clinical laboratory rotation;
- 36 junior students in the technique classes of the junior year;
- 60 Medical Laboratory Assistant students;
- 6 students in the graduate program in Medical Technology;
- 8 fellows in the clinical pathology training program;
- 4 refresher students.

In 1959-60 the clinical laboratories performed 770,000 determinations so that when we are not teaching, there is usually something to turn our hands to. We do really keep busy; write your legislator and tell him so!

"Night and Day"

To assist in increasing the service to the patient and hospital, the bacteriology, blood bank, chemistry, EKG, and hematology laboratories have increased the hours of full coverage to extend into the evening hours. This system has been in effect for several months. The "late shift" begins at noon and continues until 9:00 p.m. The gain in efficiency and quality is appreciated by the medical staff and the hospital administration, and the gain in space to move in is appreciated by the laboratory personnel. By far the best feature, however, has been the cooperative way in which the laboratory staff accepted the unattractive aspects of the shift system in the interest of better patient care.

"Auld Lang Syne"

To list all the graduates by name is a task beyond the scope of this little publication and the postage allowance for mailing same. The best thing we can do, and we think it will be of interest, is to list the numbers of graduates by classes in so far as our records give the correct data. Graduates are classified according to the year in which the diploma was awarded.

1923 - 2	1931 - 15	1941 - 52	1951 - 40
1924 - 2	1932 - 18	1942 - 65	1952 - 34
1925 - 3	1933 - 21	1943 - 63	1953 - 30
1926 - 6	1934 - 33	1944 - 57	1954 - 33
1927 - 5	1935 - 39	1945 - 62	1955 - 30
1928 - 10	1936 - 38	1946 - 68	1956 - 18
1929 - 10	1937 - 40	1947 - 68	1957 - 16
1930 - 12	1938 - 39	1948 - 54	1958 - 28
	1939 - 47	1949 - 42	1959 - 26
	1940 - 41	1950 - 34	1960 - 28

Total 1229

These figures will, perhaps, stimulate old arguments as to which class was the largest and will cause frantic searching of memories and yearbooks to identify all members of a class. No, we do not know where all these people are and yes, the demand is still greater than the supply. We are hopeful (with reason for the hope) that the trend of enrollment is upward. The entering freshman class was the largest in many a year. Throughout the lean years of enrollment, the percentage of students in Medical Technology has remained relatively constant; the actual numbers have reflected the change in the total number of University students. With the anticipated increased in University attendance, the number of students in Medical Technology is also expected to increase.

At the risk of getting into something more than we can handle, we make the following offer. If members from a class wish to sit together at the banquet, and if one member will let us know the number expected by Friday, April 21, we will reserve a table for the group.

The class of 1952 has requested that all members send news about themselves to Mrs. Ardell Mead Mills, 16811 Scenic Lane S., Hopkins, Minnesota, We 5-3749, to facilitate plans for a class reunion.

### "The Anniversary Waltz"

It's Silver Anniversary time for the class of 1936. Our records indicate that there were 38 members; we're sorry that we have lost contact with many of them. We do know, however, that one alumnus of this group has faithfully attended every banquet since graduation. What a tale she could tell of banquet food and speakers!

### "There've Been Some Changes Made"

In view of the increased number of staff people which bears a direct relationship to the increased number of hospital beds (777) and increased demands on the laboratory service, changes have been made in the internal organization of the laboratories. This year new civil service classifications have been instigated to confirm these changes. In addition to the academic staff people, most laboratories now have:

1. student technologist supervisors who are responsible for service and teaching of students;
2. senior medical technologists who are responsible for teaching, service, and investigative work;
3. principal medical technologists who are responsible for administration within the laboratory unit.

Through the strange way in which titles evolve, this is the first time that Medical Technologist has appeared on the civil service classification list!

We here at the University consider these changes as documentation to the recognition of the role of the medical technologist and a real professional advance.

### "The Best Things in Life Are Free"

This communique seems to be preoccupied with changes! At any rate, this year we are modifying the refresher program. In our experience graduates who have not been active in laboratory work find the advances in most areas difficult to assimilate. We, therefore, advise persons who graduated more than 20 years ago to begin the refresher work by entering the basic technique courses of the junior year. The introductory material to clinical work is covered over a period of a quarter and the adjustment to laboratory life is thus somewhat easier. Experience in the clinical laboratories will follow this period. Four brave graduates are following this plan this spring quarter. Next year this space will be occupied by testimonials to the system! Remember, there is no charge for this service.

"Annie Get Your Gun"

Those of you in contact with Twin Cities newspapers are aware of the recent legislation introduced to the Minnesota legislature which would place the trade schools of laboratory technique under the Trade School Bill. The effect of this statute is to prevent fraudulent advertising and claims. Through their professional organization, the Minnesota Society of Medical Technologists, the professional medical technologists of the state have been active in supporting the bill. We mention this item because those of you who are not active in the field may be contacted for advice by parents and students. If incidents of abuse of a student's right are brought to your attention, we will be happy to refer the complaint to the proper agency.