

Some years ago, we used the theme "Happiness is" to tie the items of TECH'S TALK together. We liked that issue and several of you commented that you did also. We thought that we would try for a repeat with a little variation this year.

So, for all you lucky people out there in Alumni Land, our theme for this edition is appropriate captions from the comic strip, "PEANUTS" by Charles Schultz, published by United Features Syndicate, Inc.

Snoopy: "IT'S GONE!!! The Daisy Hill Puppy Farm is gone! They've built a six-story parking garage! AAUGH! I can't stand it!! YOU STUPID PEOPLE!! You're parking on my memories!!!"

Well, it wasn't really a puppy farm; it was ye editor's apartment building. And it isn't exactly a six-story garage; it's a 19-story health sciences building, officially designated as Health Sciences A. 'Tis true. The Phi Bet and Phi Rho houses, the dental supply place, the stores on Washington Avenue (remember the Baltimore Lunch) and the Kensington and Riverview apartment buildings are gone and replaced with the science building. The new unit is connected to Millard Hall by two walkways and to the Mayo unit by tunnel into the garage. The building has several well designed, functional auditoria, small conference rooms, dental classrooms, teaching laboratories for biochemistry, laboratory medicine and pathology, physiology and microbiology plus space for some Public Health units. It is replete with escalators, lounges, gay-colored furniture and air-conditioning. Internal construction is still in progress but classes have been held in the new facility since fall quarter.

Lucy: "Hey, manager, how come our team never wins any awards?" We never get our names on the sports page. Why are we playing? What do we get out of all this?"

Charlie: "We get the wonderful satisfaction of a job well done."

Lucy: "I feel sick."

Does Medical Technology have any space in the new unit? Well, you see, it was like this. During the planning stages, everyone agreed that Med Tech desperately needed space for teaching. But something happened, somehow, and the Division was omitted from the final plans. Did we despair? Did we cry and moan? Did we cease our ceaseless efforts? Not us! Bravely, we carried on and Lady Luck and the Dean smiled benevolently. You will note in the paragraph above that mention was made of the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. The two departments were combined into one during the last year and we are all now just one big (and we do mean huge) happy congenial mixed-up family. (Editor's note: We are invoking the First Amendment). As a result of this merger, Med Tech was able to share the teaching space allotted to pathology. Although not designed by us nor specifically suited to our unique teaching activities, the laboratories are spacious and adequate. A big bonus is that with Med Tech added to the teaching activities, we were able to convince the Medical School to purchase binocular microscopes for student use. You can no longer identify the Med Tech students as the ones with the squinty eyes!

Lucy: "Each stage of life seems to have its own special meaning. You hear a lot of people talk about their 'Golden Years'. Do you think these are your 'Golden Years', Charlie Brown?"

Charlie: "No, I think they're more like copper."

Our Golden Anniversary was a huge success. The papers presented by distinguished graduates (aren't we all) were stimulating and demonstrated the maturity and stature of the profession. One hundred and thirty-five scientists officially registered for the

sessions. The banquet was attended by 250 alums and friends and we all had a fun time reminiscing about the good old days. Now we're looking forward to our Diamond Jubilee in 1998. The two graduates of the class of 1923 were not in attendance. However, our enterprising seniors invited Miss Marjorie Knowlton of the class of '23 as a surprise guest for their Recognition Day in June. Miss Knowlton charmed us all as she spoke extemporaneously of her career and appreciation for her education. The Senior Recognition Day, for the uninformed, replaces the Oath Ceremony and is the occasion when seniors are honored and scholarship awards are announced.

Charlie: "But fifty is more than twenty-five; you simply don't understand division. No wonder you've been getting such poor grades. You can't make fifty go into twenty-five."

Sally: "You can if you push it."

Following the pattern established last year on our 50th anniversary, we honor with special mention the graduates of 25 and 50 years ago.

Class of 1924: *Ruth Greenfield Loney and *Marjorie Sickler

Class of 1949:

*Frances Acko	Marion Handke Gaffey	*Colleen Rehder Solem
Phyllis Barke Gilbert	Betty Harvey Jackson	Lois Rennecke Agather
Joseph Bocchi	*Marlys Hawkinson Campbell	Marilynn Ring Martin
Harriette Broman Snoga	*Gail Janicke Kassis	Ruth Rosendahl
Betty Carlson Swenson	Clarice Jenkins Seim	Frances Simon Bernat
Marilyn Dahl Wing	Ann Kemp Ryan	Ruth Stenstrom Anderson
Mary Lou Enger Carlson	Muriel Koed Dolan	Mary Jean Suprenant
Alice Estes Pierce	Marjorie Liychik	Reiko Taguchi Sumada
Dorothy Faber (deceased)	*Marilyn McCurdy Ambjor	Dorothy Tan Leksen
Mary George	*Elizabeth Mutschler Jeriecka	Carol Vogel Dvorak
*Janice Glauner Hoversten	Betty Nelson Landrus	Arline Volkert Krave
Virginia Greenwell	Lenore Nelson Swanick	Arlis Wilson Coleman

The asterisk (*) indicates "address unknown". However, the class of '49 has done well in keeping in touch with us.

Charlie: "So here I am about to see the school nurse. She'll probably just take my temperature and look at my throat. Maybe she'll take a blood test. I hope she doesn't take a blood test. Maybe she'll just weigh me. If she mentions exploratory surgery, I'll scream."

The latest change in the educational program is an expansion of the affiliated hospital phase. In recent years, senior students were given the option of an extended exposure to laboratory practice in selected local hospitals. Starting with the spring of 1973, students could elect to have the initial clinical experience in chemistry, hematology and microbiology at private hospitals or at the University Hospitals. The clinical facilities which are presently participating in this basic education are:

Fairview	Methodist	North Memorial
Fairview-Southdale	Mount Sinai	St. John's
Lufkin Laboratories		Veteran's Administration

The St. Paul Red Cross Blood Center will also be a part of a cooperative experience for the students in immunohematology. (That's educationese for blood bank, dummy). The experience with the affiliations has been beneficial for both the students and the staffs of the cooperating units and we are grateful for this community support and interest.

Linus: "I'm taking up a collection to send Snoopy to the Olympics."
Schroeder: "How much do you have so far?"
Linus: "Eighteen cents."
Schroeder: "Eighteen cents?! How in the world is he going to get to France on eighteen cents?"
Linus: "Does he have to go first-class?"

Our students, of course, are all first-class and receive a first-class education. (It helps if we keep telling ourselves that.) However, their existence is anything but first-class, and they do need financial assistance to complete their education. You can help by contributing to the scholarship fund. A dollar per alum would total a tidy sum and be most appreciated. Please do your part and mail a generous check for the

William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund
to

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Minneapolis, MN 55455

Charlie: "If I have a birthday party, will you girls come?"
Sally: "Well, frankly Charlie Brown, we'd rather not, but if we can't find anything else to do, and if there's nothing good on TV that day, we might consider coming."
Charlie: "It's fun to give a party when everyone's so enthusiastic".

Now, we know that you will be enthusiastic about the dinner sponsored by the Medical Technology Alumni Association.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 1974
Place: Alumni Club -- 50th Floor of the IDS Tower (80 S. 8th St., Mpls.)
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Social Hour - cash bar
7:30 Dinner Cost \$8.50 per reservation
Speaker: Mr. John Lewanoski, jeweler, J.B. Hudson Co.
Topic: You and Your Diamonds

Deadline for reservation: May 1, 1974

Complete the form below and mail as directed with payment for the dinner.

Please reserve _____ places for me for the Medical Technology Alumni Dinner.

I enclose \$_____ as payment (\$8.50 per reservation. Make check payable to
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Signature _____

Mail by May 1, 1974 to

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