

Charlie: "You know how to train a puppy? Use a rolled up newspaper. That's the best way."

Snoopy: "Perhaps....It does tend, however, to give one a rather distorted view of the press."

With the aid of Charles Schultz, the United Feature Syndicate, Inc., and the "Peanuts" cartoons, we again bring you our distorted view of the news about the program in Medical Technology at the University of Minnesota. Before you roll this up to train the puppy or cut it for the bottom of the birdcage, read on, please.

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Charlie: "Everything seems hopeless. I'm completely depressed."

Lucy (as a psychiatrist): "Go home and eat a jelly bread sandwich folded over. Five cents, please. There are some cures you don't learn in medical school."

Those of you who have not been on campus for a while will have a hard time recognizing landmarks and finding your way from the river flats (or Coronary Gulch as it is fondly known) to Millard Hall. There have been some changes made. Jackson Hall houses anatomy and pathology; Owre Hall is partly occupied by medical school administration and Millard Hall has physiology, biochemistry and pharmacology. All three of these buildings are scheduled for extensive remodeling in the areas vacated by dentistry and some basic science student laboratories. Dentistry is now in the new Health Sciences Unit A building as are the student laboratories for basic medical sciences (biochemistry, microbiology, pathology and physiology). Medical Technology also uses student laboratories and classrooms in Unit A. Since most of our offices are located in Powell Hall, we have several overland and underground routes for the numerous trips that we make.

A new building, Unit B/C, is under construction. It occupies the space north of Diehl Library, where the Riverview apartments stood. This building is intended for the outpatient clinics and supportive service units. The present outpatient area in the hospital will then be occupied by other units. Such wheeling and dealing, you wouldn't believe! Who knows, maybe even Medical Technology will find a permanent home in the Mayo unit!

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Lucy: "You dogs never contribute! You never do anything! Just ask yourself.... what have I done for mankind?"

Snoopy: "Well, I haven't bitten anyone on the leg lately. It's kind of negative but it's something!"

What have you done for the Medical Technology Scholarship Fund, lately? If your answer is negative, here's your chance to get positive. We ask you, again please, to dig into the sugar bowl, under the mattress or into the old sock and send your contribution to the

William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund
c/o Ruth Hovde
Box 70 Powell Hall
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN 55455

We sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Recent recipients of the award are:

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| 1975 | Lucille Butzke | Anoka, Mn. | Mary Helen Rung | Hermann, Mn. |
| 1974 | Lynn Carlberg | Eden Prairie, Mn. | | |
| 1973 | Kathleen Quast | Owatonna, Mn. | | |

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Sally: "I worry about getting old."

Linus: "That's nothing to worry about."

Sally: "Of course it's something to worry about. Who wants to be nine?!!!"

Hey, Class of 1951 - remember when you were nine? You thought 45 was really old then, didn't you? Old? Heck, no...It's the prime of life!! We honor and salute you!

Margaret Angle Leavitt*
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Jean Setterberg Reid
Joan Thorson
Bonita Warner Coolidge

*Address Unknown

Seems to me that the editor remembers some of this group as the perpetrators of a painted-over clockface in the chemistry laboratory--but then, they wouldn't have done that, would they? Must have been some interns!

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Charlie: "This letter is from the 'Daisy Hill Puppy Farm'. It's addressed to you Snoopy, and it begins, 'Dear Sir'."

Snoopy: " 'Dear Sir? THEY CALLED ME, 'SIR'! THEY CALLED ME, 'SIR'! THEY CALLED ME, 'SIR'! THEY CALLED ME, 'SIR'! "

Charlie: "We'll never get this letter read."

(Next panel)

Charlie: "And one brother lives in Washington, and the other in Texas. One sister lives in St. Louis, one in Hollywood and one in Kansas. How about that? Why don't we write to them and arrange a family reunion?"

Snoopy: "I think I'm going to cry."

(Next panel)

Charlie: "So you're going to a family reunion. I'm very happy for you, Snoopy. It'll be fun seeing all your brothers and sisters again. Oh, don't forget your supper dish! Everyone was supposed to bring his own supper dish! So long! Have a good time!"

(Next panel)

Charlie: "Well, I see you're back. How was the family reunion? Did you see all your brothers and sisters? Did you have a good time? What happened?"

Snoopy: (Sigh) "The anticipation far exceeded the actual event!"

(Next panel)

Snoopy: "I had really looked forward to that family reunion. What a disappointment! None of us spoke the same language! We were all strangers. I never should have started the whole business. It was a big mistake. I should have known 'You can't go home again'."

We realize that it is difficult for some of you to come home to Minnesota. Therefore, we are coming part way to you! At the annual meeting of ASMT (American Society for Medical Technology), June 20-25, 1976 in Chicago, Illinois, we are arranging a luncheon for all technologists who have been or are now associated with the University of Minnesota as a student, faculty member, or employee. The luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22. More information will be in the February issue of the ASMT NEWS and in the program at the convention. Make reservations at the Chicago meeting by Sunday, June 20. We know that you won't be disappointed and that the actual event will exceed the anticipation.

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Charlie: "Ask you mother if she wants her sidewalk shoveled. Tell her I'll do it for only eighty-five dollars!"
Violet: "She says she'll give you fifty cents."
Charlie: "It's a deal! I'm not much for haggling."

The above caption is somewhat of an exaggeration but graduates today cannot haggle about hours or kinds of employment. In years past, there were always several opportunities for each graduate. Today, the graduates need to be alert and aggressive in finding employment. They still find jobs as the following data show; the figures are drawn from our information on first employment.

Class of	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Minneapolis-St. Paul			
University of Minnesota	19	14	19
Other	19	23	17
Outstate Minnesota	1	3	4
Other states			
Florida	1	California 2	Canada 1
California	1	Indiana 1	Colorado 2
Massachusetts	2	Wisconsin 1	Iowa 1
New Mexico	1		Massachusetts 1
New York	1		New York 1
Oregon	1		Tennessee 1
Washington	1		
Other			
Graduate School	1	Medical School	1
Unknown	8	10	10
Total	56	54	58

The Division of Medical Technology will soon be joining the Health Sciences Placement Service. This service serves as a centralized clearing house for both applicants and employees. By registering a need, health professionals and prospective employees initiate periodic computer searches which result in current listings which correspond to particular needs. We hope that this free service will expand the utilization of medical technologists throughout the state.

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Sally: "I'll never get to first grade. I'm almost sure they're going to make me go through kindergarten again."
Linus: "Why?"
Sally: "I failed flower-bringing!!"

There has been a modest amount in the public media regarding lower scores on college entrance examinations. We know that you have been losing sleep, wondering if this same situation prevails at the U of M. Yes, scores for entering freshmen are lower than in previous years. Some explanations that have been offered are:

1. achieving well in tests is not as important to students as previously;
2. with the availability of alternate post-high school educational opportunities in "open-door" institutions, such as junior colleges and technical institutes, high scores in tests are no longer necessary for admission;
3. the examinations as constructed do not test the true ability of the students.

For whatever reason, the average scores are lower but the students are still just as bright and eager as before.

As long as we're writing about test scores....

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Sally: "What kind of report card do you call this? I didn't even get any grades. All it says is 'Good Hustle'!"

Along with a concern for lower entrance scores, there is discussion about the possibility of inflation of grades. There seem to be more students graduating with honors which means that students are achieving higher grades in college. Naturally, many possible explanations are available.

1. Students now may take a certain number and kind of course on the S-N (Satisfactory-No Credit) basis. An S grade earns credits but does not earn grade points.
2. Negative grades, such as N, I (Incomplete) or W (Withdrawal), do not appear on the official transcript of grades and, therefore, are not calculated in a grade point average, either as credits or grade points.
3. In some cases, the credit value for courses has been increased without increasing the hours for which the class meets nor, presumably, the amount of effort required by the student. The net result is that the student earns more credit of a given grade without additional effort; with 45 four credit courses, the student achieves the same end as previously gained with 60 three credit courses.
4. Upper division and professional programs, such as Medical Technology, have become more selective in admission practices. These junior and senior year students, therefore, tend to be of higher academic ability.

There is an all University concern and interest in this matter. Studies to accumulate and study data and to make recommendations are under way. Of course, we know that the real reason for the improved grade performance is better teaching, based on objectives and achievement of mastery. They just haven't asked us yet for our opinion.

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Charlie: "Dogs are really kind of peculiar. All they ever think about is eating. I call it a lack of depth."
Snoopy: "I prefer to think of it as singleness of purpose!"

Be deep! Have a purpose! Come to the annual Medical Technology dinner, sponsored by the Medical Technology Alumni Association.

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 1976

Place: Veranda Room
Radisson South Hotel
7800 Normandale Blvd.

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Cost: \$10.00 per reservation

Speaker: Jim Klobuchar

Topic: "Evening with Klobuchar"

Deadline for reservations: May 10, 1976

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 (\$10.00 per reservation). Make check payable to Medical Technology Alumni Association.

Signature _____

Mail by May 10, 1976 to

Medical Technology Alumni Association
2610 University Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55114