

# TECH'S TALK

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Sally: "This is my reort on which I have worked very hard. Excuse me, ma'am. Before I begin perhaps you could tell me. Are there any plans for media coverage?"

Here it is, folks. Our annual report to the loyal alumni of the Medical Technology program. Our friends from "Peanuts", Charles Schultz and the United Features Syndicate, Inc. again assist us. We are sorry that the media do not seem to realize what an opportunity they are missing for a human interest story.

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Peppermint Patty: "I learned something in school today. I signed up for folk guitar, computer programming, stained glass art, shoemaking and a natural foods workshop. I got spelling, history, arithmetic and two study periods."

Roy: "So what did you learn?"

Patty: "I learned that what you sign up for and what you get are two different things."

As you know, quarterly registration at the U is a big pain to the students and to the Office of Admissions and Records. Having gone through the first-come, first-served system; the drawing of registration date and time by a color-coded lottery system (which some enterprising students broke by printing their own); and the current system of a rotating alphabetical control, the University plans to instigate computerized registration within the next two years. With such a large and diverse student body and with the many course offerings available, the mechanics and logistics of such a system are enormous. The details have not been finalized but it is planned that students will register via remotely situated terminals. Those long lines at 12 Johnston Hall will disappear and students will no longer have to play the closure sheet game.

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Linus: "I'm not going to school today. Mom said I could stay home. I have a headache. If any new advancements are made in primary education, let me know."

Lucy: "How pompous can you get?"

All of you loyal grads are aware that without pomposity (wow!), we continue to make advancements in our professional curriculum. Those of you who have graduated since Health Sciences Unit A was opened are well aware of the vast amounts of material that are crowded into one quarter courses. Through the cooperation of the Department of Biochemistry, we will be able to utilize the biochemistry laboratories for teaching both winter and spring quarters. With the availability of this space, we have rearranged the junior year schedule to permit clinical chemistry and hematology to be taught in two quarter sequences. Hopefully, material can be presented at a more absorbable rate and additional information and laboratory exercises can be added. The new arrangement will also permit a somewhat lighter credit and class load for fall quarter of the junior year when many transfer students are adjusting to a new campus and a concentrated curriculum.

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Lucy: "The years are going by fast. Will you love me when I'm old and gray?"

Schroeder: "If I don't love you now, why should I love you then?"

Lucy: "BECAUSE I'LL BE A SWEET OLD LADY!"

Here they are, folks. The "sweet old ladies" and the "~~handsome, virile~~ old men" of the silver anniversary class of 1955.

Elizabeth Anderson Ozmon	Mary Ann Wetherbee*	Joanne Tangen Nelson
Barbara Arndt Towner	Inez Krantz Schade	Marianne Novotny Hirscher
Joyce Carlson*	Nancy Lee Ohrn*	Mary Louise Olsen Sather
Robert Coyne*	Karna Lindquist Boyer	Rene St. Germain*
Marna Jean Cutts*	Aldora Loe*	Elizabeth Terhune Fagan
Mary Dahlstrom Piper*	Sally McCarron Muller*	Ann Unseth Peterson
Doris Ellingsen Blanz	Carolyn Miller Hakim	Mary Ann Walden Hove
Eleanor Harvey Duerr	Gerald Mulcahy	Janet Wold Cunningham
Maryann Henricksen Calvin	Diane Muir Patty	Delores Wynnemer
		Arlene Zaske Rohkohl

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If you think that the previous cartoon quote was disrespectful, how about this one?

Charlie: "Shovel your walk? Only two dollars."

Violet: "Just a minute. I'll ask my dad. My dad says he used to charge only fifty cents."

Charlie: "Did they have sidewalks in those days?"

For shame, Charlie! Of course they did! And streetcars and a depression -- so there! After all, the other honored class graduated only fifty years ago in 1930.

Velma Corwin Armstrong

Mary Alice Kierstad Addington\*

Merle Erckenbrack Rieke\*

Mary Niemes Bracher

Thelma Evends Payette\*

Madeline Rice Lynch\*

Vivian Gunstad Dahms\*

Esther Simmons Burton\*

Mazie Hoff Hove\*

Margaret Sorenson Cushman\*

Isabelle Jeffrey\*

Grace Williams Keefe\*

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Lucy: "Here ... sign your name on this line. When we get to school, I'll take this into the principal's office and you will then be officially entered in the race for school president! Good, we're on our way!"

Linus: "I hope I won't be expected to do something right away about teachers' salaries."

Those of you who are no longer employed in the laboratory field might be interested in knowing what has happened to salaries for medical technologists. As with nearly all other classifications of employees, salaries have risen but not kept pace with the crazy inflation and economy of the country. Recent figures from a survey of hospitals in the Twin Cities area indicate the following averages:

Starting salary (generalist without experience)	\$13,464 per year
Top of range (generalist)	\$17,640 per year

In addition to these gross salaries, employees also merit fringe benefits of hospitalization, etc. The figures do show some improvement from the less than \$2,400 per year that someone ye editor knows well started at some years ago.

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Charlie: "These are the plans for Snoopy's new home."

Lucy: "It's a bit much, isn't it? After all, he's only a stupid dog!"

Charlie: "Now, here is where we'll be using the ceramic tile, and this stairway is the one I was telling you about."

Snoopy: "I love looking at house plans!"

Building a new home is enough to drive you crazy! Bank loans, architect's plans, insurance, building permits, plumbing, heating and electrical contracts .. But it's worth it when you hear that big truck coming and you can stand here and watch them pour the concrete!"

Have you noticed that we have not made our annual plea for contributions to the Scholarship Fund? Now what, you say, has the caption above to do with money and scholarships? With scholarships - no; with money - yes. Let us explain. In the 57 years since the inception of the program, the administrative and faculty offices for the Division of Medical Technology have occupied space in a variety of locations in the health sciences complex. The current headquarters in Powell Hall, the former nurses dormitory, have been "home" for 11 years.

Those of you in touch with the Twin Cities community are aware of the plans to raze Powell Hall and to erect a new University Hospitals facility on the site. If these plans come to fruition, the present occupants of Powell Hall must be moved to other quarters. Where will Medical Technology go? We have been promised space on the 15th floor of the Phillips-Wagensteen building which is now simply a shell. However, at the present time, there is no money available to complete the necessary construction. (In the hierarchy of priorities in the Medical School, you gotta believe that Medical Technology is

way

down

here.)

Therefore, so that matching funds or other financing can be secured, the Division plans to have a building fund drive in cooperation with the University Foundation. You will be receiving information about the drive from the Foundation in the fall. We have confidence that you will respond positively to the campaign. Whereas the scholarship has benefited one or two students each year, support for construction will benefit all the students for years to come.

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Please understand that the O'Brien Fund will continue to be used for scholarship awards. Your tax deductible contributions are still welcome.

William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund  
c/o Ruth Hovde  
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500 Essex Street S.E.  
University of Minnesota  
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Patty: "The answer is 'twelve'! It is? How about that! Drinks are on me!"

Drinks are not free nor is the dinner but the camaraderie is. Where?  
At the annual celebration of the Medical Technology Alumni Association,  
that's where.

When: Wednesday, April 30, 1980  
Social Hour, 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Minnesota Alumni Club  
50th floor of the IDS Tower (80 S. 8th St. Minneapolis)

Cost: \$13.50 per person

Program: Greetings from Robert Sheran, National President,  
Minnesota Alumni Association and Ruth Hovde.  
The remainder of the evening will be spent  
renewing acquaintances and viewing the class  
pictures.

Special recognition will be given to the 25th anniversary class  
of 1955 and the 50th anniversary class of 1930.

Deadline for reservation: April 22, 1980

If you would like to sit with the honored groups, please check the appropriate  
box below.

(Detach and mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me for the Medical Technology Alumni Dinner.

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ as payment (\$13.50 per reservation). Make checks payable  
to Medical Technology Alumni Association.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1955 table.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1930 table.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by April 22, 1980 to: Medical Technology Alumni Association  
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