

'TECHS' TALK

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Dear Alumnae:

Once again it is time to make plans for the annual Medical Technology dinner. The students and faculty cordially invite you to attend the dinner to be held Thursday, April 12, at 6:30 P.M. in the main ballroom of Coffman Memorial Union.

Although good food, entertainment, and companionship are all a part of this occasion, our primary objective is to support the William A. O'Brien scholarship fund, as you know this fund was established to help deserving students complete their education in Medical Technology. We are particularly proud to tell you that the first scholarship to be awarded from this fund will be announced this year.

You will be especially interested in knowing that the main speaker will be Dr. Gerald T. Evans who will tell us about his work and experiences in Egypt. Dr. Evans has recently returned to the University after 20 months in Egypt.

Tickets are \$2.25 per person and may be purchased at the Medical Technology office or at the Union before the dinner. Please return the enclosed card promptly so that your reservations can be made and so that your address can be verified for our files.

May we again urge you to attend the dinner and give your support to the scholarship fund. If you can not attend and still wish to contribute to the fund, please make checks payable to Mrs. Sandra Siegel, treasurer, Medical Technology Office, C205 Mayo.

Sincerely,

Audrey Sutherland

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Chairman Arrangements

Silver Anniversary - Class '31

To the class of 1931 we offer our silver anniversary salute. We have lost contact with some of you and hope any of you knowing where any of your erstwhile classmates are will let us know. A post card will do. Hope to see you all on April 12th.

Doris Carlson
Eileen Catlin
Donna Cleifton Army
Charlotte Davis Rasmussen
Phyllis Frederick Coombs
Rose Gillig Giefer
Frances Larson Hanson

Lydia Lux Wetzel
Teresa Peterson Werner
Valborg Ravn
Elinor Ringbloom Swanson
Grace M. Roth
Virginia Vanderhoof Van Koughnet
Ruth Wilson

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First Scholarship Award

A milestone has been reached. At the annual banquet this spring the first recipient of the William A. O'Brien Scholarship award will be announced.

The award will be made to a student in the senior year in Medical Technology with selection made on the basis of scholarship, character, vocational promise, and financial need.

In order that the fund continue to grow so that many more students may be assisted in completing their education, please support the fund by attendance at the banquet and by individual donations. Please send any contributions to Mrs. Sandra Siegel, treasurer, c/o Medical Technology Office, C205 Mayo, University of Minnesota.

Just a reminder that any contributions you may give to the Greater University Fund may be designated for a specific purpose such as the William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund.

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Annual Banquet
April 12, 1956

The annual Medical Technology banquet will be held Thursday, April 12, at 6:30 P.M. in the main ballroom of Coffman Memorial Union on the campus.

Dr. Evans, who has recently returned from Egypt, will be featured in his talk about his experiences there. The program will include other traditional features of the faculty response, announcements of awards and new Orbs members, and some student entertainment.

Plan to attend the dinner to meet your classmates and to support the scholarship program.

See you on April 12th. Return the enclosed post card today.

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Laboratory Aide Course

The course for Laboratory Aides offered by the General Extension Division and the College of Medical Sciences at the University is now in its third year. To date twenty-two students have completed the course and are employed in doctors' offices, clinics, and hospital laboratories in Minnesota and neighboring states. The program appears to be successful in training qualified people to do limited procedures adequately. The training is limited to basic procedures in hematology, urinalysis, basal metabolism tests, electrocardiograms, and some chemistry techniques.

At present there are twenty-two students enrolled in the course. Students are selected on basis of high school rank, personal qualifications, and vocational objectives. The course consists of six months residence under the General Extension Division for courses in elementary anatomy, chemistry, bacteriology, and laboratory techniques. The last six months are spent in clinical laboratory experience in a hospital. The hospitals participating in this course are those not associated with training programs for medical technologists and are located in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Brainerd, Albert Lea, Hibbing, and Mankato.

The program is under the guidance of an Advisory Committee composed of representatives of the Minnesota Society of Medical Technologists, the Minnesota Society of Clinical Pathologists, the Minnesota State Board of Health, the General Extension Division and the College of Medical Sciences of the University of Minnesota.

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Recruitment

Hospitals and communities are facing a very serious shortage of well trained Medical Technologists for clinical laboratories. The present supply of graduates can not keep pace with the demand.

Even though you are unable to work yourself as a Medical Technologist, you can help by making known to prospective students in your community the facts about Medical Technology as a profession. Participate in Career Days or talk with young people in high school science clubs or church groups. Give them information about requirements, education, and opportunities in this field.

The movie, Career: Medical Technology, is an excellent tool for this purpose and can be obtained from:

Audio Visual Extension Service
TSMa 115, University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

or

Dr. Donald Gleason
Veterans Hospital
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Pamphlets and other printed materials are also available through this office.

Contact your local high school, hospital, civic service groups, or medical auxiliaries who may sponsor Career Days in your community to start the ball rolling

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Notices

If you know of any Minnesota graduate in Medical Technology who did not receive a Tech Talk this year, it was because we do not have the correct mailing address on file in the office. We will greatly appreciate your letting us know information about our "missing" members. Also help us to maintain correct files by returning the enclosed post card whether or not you are able to attend the dinner.

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Are you interested in getting back into active work as a Medical Technologist? There are many opportunities available for work either full time or part-time and either permanent or temporary.

If you feel "rusty" and want some refresher training in techniques let us know. Any graduate from the U of M in Medical Technology is eligible to return to the University Hospital for review of procedures.

Please contact Ruth Hovde, Medical Technology Office, C205 Mayo, telephone Fe 9 - 7311, extension 2601.

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Registry Examination in Medical Technology

Applications are due in the Registry Office, Muncie, Indiana, May 1, 1956. Examination for certification as M.T. (ASCP) will be held July 6, 1956.

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Graduate Pins

Graduate pins are available for graduates in Medical Technology from the University of Minnesota. The price of the gold-filled pin is \$4.40 tax included; the solid gold pin costs \$11.00 tax included. Write to Medical Technology office, C205 Mayo for an order blank.

ASMT

Have you joined your local, state, and national professional organization? If not and you are actively working as a Medical Technologist your support is urgently requested. Write to Miss Rose Matthaci, Executive Secretary, American Society of Medical Technologists, Suite 25 Hermann Professional Building, Houston, Texas for complete information.

Or just indicate on the enclosed postcard, which you are requested to return to this office, that you want information about ASMT and we will be glad to see that you receive it.