

This annual publication, which we distribute to all graduates whose names and addresses we have, has a threefold purpose this year.

1. The annual Medical Technology banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, at 6:15 p.m. in the Coffman Union Ballroom. The guest speaker will be Dr. Donald K. Smith, Professor and Chairman, Department of Speech and Theater Arts, speaking on "Ghost Writing."

The price of the tickets is \$2.75. We hope you will reserve the date and attend to renew old friendships, to enjoy a stimulating program, and to see what the campus and West Bank look like today.

PLEASE NOTE THE UPPER SECTION ON THE ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN.

2. At the banquet, the announcements of the winners of the William A. O'Brien and faculty scholarship awards, and the new members of Orbs will be made. The William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund is supported by contributions from friends and alumni of the Division of Medical Technology. If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, please make checks payable to the University of Minnesota, and send to Division of Medical Technology, Box 198 - Mayo, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

3. The cold, austere Ivory Tower of the University isn't that way really, friends. We are interested in what happens to students during their tenure here and after they have left. It is difficult, however, to monitor the activities of graduates. We are asking, therefore, for a few minutes of your time to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope. The information will be kept confidential on an individual basis but the total information will be helpful to those of us who have to answer the questions of where do your graduates work, how long, etc.? We modestly and not-so-privately feel that the University of Minnesota has one of the better programs in Medical Technology in the country (the above-mentioned modesty prevents our saying "best"). It follows that graduates of our program are more apt to be in positions of responsibility. If this is not true, maybe we've missed the boat, the plane, and the train. This information really will help us so please answer as completely as you can. The results of the questionnaire will be reported to you in the 1963 Tech's Talk.

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The class of 1952 plans a tenth anniversary party on June 30 at Jax Cafe in Minneapolis. If you've mislaid your notice, contact Pat Hanauer at the University.

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True to our word of last year's publication, we here report the results of the experiment of the revised refresher program. Four graduates began refresher work by entering the basic technique classes of the junior year. Three of these persons are now employed as Medical Technologists and the fourth is completing another of the junior year courses. It would appear that the system has merit and is being continued for this year.

June 1962, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the class of 1937. Now there was a class! Surely you remember

Beulah Agre Hebbel
Doris Baker Gilmer
Ruth Brimhall Heatley
Catherine D. Carlson
Louise Casel Graves
Yvonne Chenoweth Cooke
Margaret Cowperthwaite Rutherford
Vallera Davis Turpin
Zora Iragich
Elizabeth Erb Higgs
Ethel Erickson Hofer
Beulah Feldner Gray
Frances Forslund Jilk
Karen Fredrickson
Beryl Gray Planer
Dorothy Hansen
Nell Heino Givens
Virginia Henneman Dorn
Elizabeth Higgs McLaughlin
Frances Hill Frommer

Marjorie Hill Ketelle
Priscilla Hobbs Medler
Veda Huston Birkenshaw
Ruth Jensen Anderson
Delores Kaely Peterson
Dean Little Steele
Helen McNair
Dallas Mick
Audrey Olson Kuehn
Harriet Peterson Howard
Helmie Rimpila
Ruth Sault Drapiewski
Elsie Stampe
Beatrice Stevens Hagen
R. Dorothy Sundberg
Charlotte Teschan Merrick
Muriel Vanderbilt
Ruth Welton Agnich
Harriet Wilson Hall
Margaret Zalesky

If we've missed any, sorry; this is the best our files provide. We will reserve a table for this honored group provided we know the approximate number.

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Question and Answer Section

1. Q. Are salaries for Medical Technologists improving?
A. Improvement, of course, must be referred to a baseline. A simple answer is "yes, salaries are improving." Locally, starting salaries are in the \$400-433 per month range.
2. Q. What is the status of the Medical Laboratory Assistant program?
A. The enrollment for this program is filled to capacity with many more applicants than can be accepted. The question of a nation-wide program for assistant training is under consideration by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the American Society of Medical Technologists. Persons completing this program are serving a useful function in physicians' offices and hospital and clinic laboratories. The most recent figures indicate about 2/3 of these are working in laboratories and about 1/3 in physicians' offices.
3. Q. Do students enter the MLA program who might otherwise enter the degree program?
A. If the MLA program were not available, these students would enroll at a trade school in laboratory technique or some other short term training program. We know of nine MLA graduates who have continued their education; of these seven are in programs in medical technology.

4. Q. Is the supply of Medical Technologists improving?

A. In the fall of 1961, there were 98 freshmen enrolled at the University in pre-medical technology. This is the largest class since adequate records of the freshman year have been kept. The general trend is illustrated by the following chart:

Year*	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduates	Total Graduates (yr)
1954-55	48	12 24**	6 14 19	6 12 13	6 12 13	31(58)
1955-56	60	23 16	10 7 11	11 6 8 1	11 5 6 1	23(59)
1956-57	67	28 18	16 6 11	15 6 6 1(return)	15 6 6 1	28(60)
1957-58	48	14 17	9 13 12	8 13 9	8 13 9	30(61)
1958-59	60	23 28	22 12 10	21 8 6		
1959-60	70	30 15	21 9 12			
1960-61	85	31 16				
1961-62	98					

KEY:

Year* year of entrance to U as freshman
T** transfer student

As the chart shows, the largest attrition rate is between the freshman and sophomore years. Now don't get alarmed and start agitating for a decrease in scientific requirements. All colleges as the University experience similar attrition. It is estimated that about 1/4 of the students ultimately graduate from the college or major in which they originally enrolled as freshmen.

This chart may look like a gobbledy-gook maze but we understand it! It follows a system we learned from gas mileage charts.

5. Q. What is the status of the graduate program in Medical Technology?

A. To date, there are or have been 15 candidates in this program. A summary of their activities follows:

- One student is presently enrolled in classwork;
- Seven are working on their thesis problem at the University or at their original hospital;
- Two are at the thesis-writing stage;
- One has transferred to another major;
- Four have discontinued graduate studies.

PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED STAMPED ENVELOPE BY MAY 10

QUESTIONNAIRE

Section 1. Annual Banquet

Name _____
First Name Maiden Name Married Name

Address _____

Class _____

I _____ attend the annual banquet. Price: \$2.75 per ticket. Please
(will, will not)
reserve _____ tickets for me, or, I am buying _____ tickets from _____.

Section 2. Employment and Education

A. No. yrs. employed full-time _____; Dates of last full-time empl. _____.
No. yrs. employed part-time _____; Dates of last part-time empl. _____.
Reason for leaving either full-time or part-time employment: _____

Do you have _____ plans for returning to employment as
(definite, indefinite, no)
a Medical Technologist?

B. Type of work during major time of employment:
Teaching _____ Service: _____
Research _____ Hospital _____
Other (please specify) _____ Clinic _____
Physician's office _____

Highest position attained during employment, such as chief technologist,
instructor, etc.:

C. Highest salary per annum obtained (optional):
\$4,500 - 6,000 _____ \$8,000 - 10,000 _____
\$6,000 - 8,000 _____ Over \$10,000 _____

D. Academic degrees:
B.S. _____
M.S. or M.A. _____ Field of specialty _____
Ph.D. _____ Field of specialty _____
M.D. _____ Field of specialty _____
Other _____

E. Are you currently certified by the Registry of ASCP? _____
If not, have you ever been certified by the Registry of ASCP? _____