

Did you think we'd forget this year? Of course not! How could you survive another year without these choice tidbits from your revered Alma Mater!

Item #1 The Annual Banquet

A bunch of us are going to meet in the Main Ballroom of the Coffman Memorial Union at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 1964. Why don't you join us and greet your old friends and hear Dr. Richard Varco, Professor of Surgery at the University, speak on "Transplantation: A Conquest of Dilemmas." Tickets are \$3.00. Senior students have promised to provide some entertainment and we'll be there to see the pictures of all your offspring.

Of course, if you feel terribly compelled to use your tax cut money for a good charitable cause, donations are cheerfully accepted for the William A. O'Brien Scholarship Fund. Do you know that if all of the grads since 1961 contributed \$1 each we would have \$1242? Any contribution will be welcome. Tuition and regular fees at the U for a resident is now \$110 per quarter so you see education even public, tax-supported, is not cheap. Last year we were able to give two scholarships of \$75 each. At any rate, please complete the enclosed card and mail it; next year we'll correspond again and ask for money!

Item #2

Two brave souls staggered through the rigorous requirements of this department and the University to complete the graduate program in Medical Technology.

Jennie Seaton, who received her baccalaureate degree from the University of Tennessee, received her Master's degree in Medical Technology from the University of Minnesota in August 1963. Her thesis work was in Chemistry and she is now employed at the U in the chemistry laboratory as a principal technologist (highest civil service rating).

Sister M. Francis Regis, who received her baccalaureate degree from DePaul University, received her Master's degree in Medical Technology from the University of Minnesota in March 1964. Her thesis work was in blood banking and she is now employed in Streeter, Illinois, as supervisor of the laboratory.

Item #3

As we announced last year in this publication, a program for Medical Laboratory Assistants started in Hibbing in July. Latest reports are that this program is making fine progress. A similar program will start next year in Alexandria. Any other takers?

Item #4

Live it up friends! We salute you.

The Silver Anniversary Group

Geraldin Adkins O'Connor*
Vivian Bengston Wooden
Avis Berge Schmidt*
Marie Bohland
Georgia Boswell Tyson*
Sylvia Brakke Vane*
Lois Bray
Doris Doeden
June Edson Robinson*
Mary Fagen Galloway*
Lois Fenton*
Elaine Fiegel Miltich*
Opal Fiske*
Jean Gerhardt Lembke*
Betty Gorham
Doris Grambow
June Johnson*
Miriam Kess*
Irma Koselka*
Rosemary Koskinen Hartung*
Frieda Kunze*
Anna Lacy*
Blanch Larson Kolstad

Hazel Lenhardt Dickson*
Mary Lohmann Wilson
Helen Mules
Dorothy Naegeli Posselt
Anna Nelson Jensen*
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Kathleen Nigon*
Mary O'Connell Wachter*
Valerie Olsen Kutzler
Zita Pieper Bretzmann
Elizabeth Prince Seery
Dorothy Ronning
Josephine Schulz Brown
M. Elizabeth Stemsrud Burns*
Beatrice Swanson
Patricia Taylor
Mary Theimer Knutson*
Clara Thuman*
Lillias Werner Opie
Lillian Williamson Sigford
Genevieve Wood*
Eleanor Work Anderson
Deceased: Marion Bell

'Tis a pity that of the 45 known living of this illustrious class, we have addresses for only 25 or 44.5% (the * indicates address unknown). Surely someone has a record of these nice people to give to us. Please forward to the Med Tech office pronto.

Item #5

Can you keep a big fat secret?? No spilling to the girls at the morning kaffee klatch, now!

Dr. Gerald T. Evans, who succeeded Dr. William A. O'Brien, as director of the course in Medical Technology, will celebrate his twenty-fifth year of service to the University in May 1964. Because we did not get that well organized, we are postponing a formal celebration until November 1964. Former staff associates of Dr. Evans have been contacted; due to the numbers involved, we have limited personal representation to those who worked with (not for) Dr. E. However, many students, we know, would like to remember him on his night. Therefore, those of you who would like to be remembered to Dr. E. on this happy occasion, please send a wire, card, or note to ye editor, Verna Rausch, on or before November 20, 1964, Box 198 Mayo, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55445, expressing appropriate sentiments. Dr. Evans does not know of this momentous occasion. We ask your cooperation in keeping this big secret from him. We shall prepare a collection of mementoes from all those who want to be remembered for presentation at his party.

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Item #6

Anyone who has graduated from the University of Minnesota course in Medical Technology knows that it is the greatest! Naturally, that includes all receiving this prize-winning publication! Do you think we'd sit back and rest on our laurels? If it's good enough for President Coffman is it good enough for President Wilson? (current U prexy for the uninformed) No, no- a thousand times no. Guess what? We're revising again! Now don't call out the petitions. Entering freshmen are still required to complete English (how about that!) inorganic chemistry, qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis (now called ANCH by those in the know), organic chemistry, general biology (zoology has temporarily retired from the scene), general bacteriology, physiology, anatomy, histology, math (that's new-we're up to College Algebra now) physics, hematology, medical microbiology (bacteriology), immunology, and medical biochemistry (physiological chemistry). In addition, all entering freshmen are required to attend weekly classes in Orientation in which we try to give them the info about the field (education, opportunities, advancement, etc). Sophomore students are required to attend a real fun class in which real live patients are presented and discussed in relatively lay terms. These two course sequences have been in existence for a fair number of years with success; students no longer feel lost amidst the 30,000 other day students at the U and learn some realistic practical facts about Med Tech. The changes in the junior-senior year sequence are the greatest. Even in ye editor's day, we were taught to do blood cell counts before entering the clinical year. This sequence has now been broadened in time, material, and philosophy to incorporate urinalysis, chemistry, clinical immunology (blood banking) and microbiology. The general purpose of these courses is to correlate previous course work with the clinical practice and to provide orientation to basic techniques. Correlating these courses with the senior clinical year is the second big change. The third change will be tried next year. Did you notice in those valuable statistics that we sent you last year that 36% of the reporting graduates had achieved positions of more than ordinary responsibility? We'd like to improve on that percentage. Therefore, selected students next year will be given the option of selecting a fourteen week period for special training in one area of laboratory work. All students will be given sufficient experience (we don't call it training anymore) in all areas to produce a competent technologist. Those who are not offered or do not select the special experience will be exposed (the best we can do is exposure) to additional experience in all areas. However, we believe we are charged with producing some products who are capable of supervision with minimal experience. Therefore, those who indicate an aptitude and interest in progressing beyond the average will be given the opportunity. We may be way out in left field but someone must accept the challenge of progress in the field of medical technology and, naturally, we think we're chosen! Next year we shall feel quite differently and we'll tell you so. Frankly, there are times when we long for the good old DuBosq colorimeter!

Item #7

The class of 1949 has decided to have a reunion after all these years! The date for said affair is June 19, 1964; the person to contact for the mundane details is:

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