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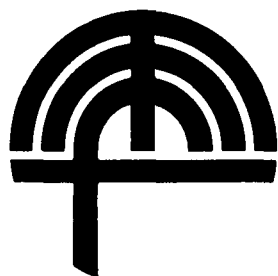
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PARENTS' DAY AT MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Dr. Morris Smithberg, professor and acting head of anatomy, describes the human brain to parents of first-year medical students.





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FIRST PARENTS' DAY GETS RAVE REVIEWS

By Tom Patterson

Your local PTA should get such a turnout!

There are 239 students in the first year class of the University of Minnesota Medical School. When the Minnesota Medical Foundation invited their parents to come to the University on a Saturday for a look at the Medical School and to hear some of the faculty talk, 260 parents came. And, since we asked them to fill out written evaluations and have the results, it's fair to say they loved it.

The Foundation enlisted the help of the Medical Student Council to invite the parents and to arrange details of the program. The first-year class had to be asked for their parents' addresses. The Medical School has no reason to keep such a list. Besides, there is the "Buckley Amendment" which says the student who is a legal adult has the right to determine what the school tells his parents. It provides the answer to one question asked by many parents who attended the first Medical Student Parents' Day on Nov. 3, "Will the Medical School please keep me posted on my child's progress in Medical School?" The answer is no. (I was a mar-

ried college student, living away from home, but I had to go to my parents' house to pick up my grade slips. That seems a little strange to me now, but I didn't question it much at the time).

So, 260 parents, estranged from their sons and daughters by law and the rigors of medical education, came to the University to find out what we were doing to their children.

They liked the fact that they found concerned and talented faculty. They liked hearing that the school has no interest in turning out human medical machines. They liked hearing that the Student Affairs Office of the Medical School includes a psychiatrist and a psychologist to help deal with emotional traumas of medical students, whether related to their studies or their personal lives.

They were impressed with the lecture hall and laboratory facilities in the brand new health sciences building called "Unit A." They were impressed with

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A little older class of people. Dr. N. L. Gault, dean of the University of Minnesota Medical School, addresses parents of first-year medical students.



the special study aids available in the Learning Center (even if they weren't equally impressed with the length of the walk it took to get to the Learning Center).

It was a long day, from 8:30 in the morning until about 3:15 in the afternoon, but a few of the parents suggested we should have taken even longer and showed them more.

They heard from Steve Groth, president of the Medical Student Council; Dr. N. L. Gault, dean of the Medical School; Eivind Hoff, executive director of the Minnesota Medical Foundation; Dr. W. Albert Sullivan, associate dean; Dr. Jack Miller, professor of pharmacology and coordinator of the first-year curriculum; Dr. Don Robertson, professor of anatomy; Dr. Pearl Rosenberg, assistant dean; Hildy McCarthy, a last-year student, and Ed Ryan, a member of the first-year class. The parents were taken on tours of the Health Sciences Center which were led by members of the second-year class. Dr. Morris Smithberg, professor and acting head of anatomy, and Dr. Stanley Er-

landsen, associate professor of anatomy, showed them some of their teaching aids. Dr. James Prince, associate professor of microbiology, showed them through his new laboratories in Health Sciences Building A. They were fed courtesy of the Minnesota Medical Foundation.

MMF has already received requests from married students to offer a similar program for their wives. There have also been requests to hold a day for parents of medical students in the other three classes. Both ideas are being considered, but the numbers are great and it isn't likely that the program will be expanded at this time. Parents' Day for first-year students will be an annual event though, so, eventually, we'll reach all the interested parents of an entire student body, when this year's freshmen are seniors.

This glowing report of the Medical School comes to you from a non-student. If we hear any serious rebuttals, we'll give some students a voice in a later issue of the **Medical Bulletin**.



FRESHMEN ORIENTATION DAY . . .

THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS GET THEIR INTRODUCTION

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following article was written by Karen Fuss, who was at the time a writing intern for the Minnesota Medical Foundation. Arrangements were made with the Medical School to include her in the Orientation Day program for freshmen (Phase A) medical students. She joined them just as if she were a member of the class. This is her report on the events of September, 1976.

7 a.m. I awoke, excited about the day ahead. This was the day I would join the 239 medical students beginning their studies at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Today was Orientation Day for the first-year class.

8 a.m. I found myself standing in a line winding down the stairs of Mayo Memorial Auditorium. This room forms the link between the Medical School and University Hospital. What better place for a medical student to begin?

The scene was like many registration days in which I had taken part during my college career. One difference here was that we were offered coffee and doughnuts to make the process a little more bearable.

The queue of students moved on and I was presented with a thick packet of information essential to the day ahead.

I could have moved on to pay tuition and fees, but decided to bow out of that line. The \$608.50 they were asking for the quarter was a bit steep for my budget, and, since I was here as a ringer, I could skip it.

Instead, I wandered over to observe the I.D. photo line. A camera quickly captured an image of each student. They had been told it would represent them for the next four years. Keeping that in mind, most of them were dressed to meet the demands of their new role of medical student. One student volunteered that he bought his suit especially to wear today.

After going through the initial processing phase, we were able to relax a bit, and begin meeting classmates, while munching doughnuts provided by the Minnesota Medical Foundation.

One student I asked how he felt on his first day as a medical student, said, "The same as I did yesterday."

His wife told me how he felt the day before, "He was nervous all night."

We entered Mayo Auditorium to listen to a series of welcoming addresses. The first speaker was Dr. N. L. Gault Jr., the Dean. He began by saying, "Since I'm here before all of you today, none of you can ever honestly say you've been through the Medical School without seeing the dean." The students chuckled, but the faces around me registered a combination of expressions. Some serious, some intent, a few bored, some unsure.

Following Dr. Gault, Dr. W. Albert Sullivan Jr., associate dean, addressed the class. He explained part of the process which put us (oops, "them") here and not someone else. There had been 1,743 applicants to the Medical School for this year. There were four other "extras" besides me. But they were "high alternates" who were hoping that someone would choose not to continue, so they could take their place.

Dr. Sullivan talked about the factors that had led to their admission. He talked about their intelligence and excellence as compared with other students throughout the state and country. He mentioned their ability to withstand the demands that had been placed upon them. I looked around the room, feeling honored to be in the presence of such a distinguished group. I wondered if they all felt the pressure of being classed the best and brightest. Sullivan continued, "You were not selected on grades and scores alone, you had that 'something else' that counts." The "something else" was a strong desire to help others.

He outlined part of the experience they were begin-

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First-year medical students at Orientation Day pizza party.

ning. He said, "seven to eight hours a day will be spent in the classroom, four to six hours a day in studying." I wondered if there would be time to eat dinner. We were told there would be no grades in our exams. This, Sullivan said, "would throw the more competitive people into conniptions."

Steve Groth, president of the Medical Student Council, spoke next. He wore clinical clothes, an example of an almost real doctor. He was nearing the end of the road my group had just begun.

He addressed common questions and concerns such as the gnawing, "Will I be able to handle the course load; the pressures?" "Will my spouse divorce me before I make it through this?" He spoke seriously and confidently. "Yes, it will be tough but if you work at maintaining a balance between coursework and your personal life, you can make it." I believed him.

Dr. Robert ten Bensel completed the morning series of speakers, talking to us about the growth and development of a physician.

He spoke about the emotional and educational growth process which (we) would be undergoing, and how it would affect our lives. (I'm getting in to this now). He said perhaps the most difficult change we

might go through in our ascent to becoming a doctor would be the economic change in lifestyle, "from 10 years of subsistence living and indebtedness, to 30 plus years of high income."

When the morning program concluded, we were divided into groups to tour the hospital and Medical School area.

The doors swung open into the main hospital and the group was greeted by the PA summoning a dozen doctors. I was with some of the people they would be calling in later years.

The tour group went on a circuit encompassing the student lounge, Diehl Hall's Bio-Med Library, the Learning Center, the laboratories, and ending in Unit A at the Auditorium, Classroom A2-650, where we were told the majority of the Phase A classes would be held. After the tour, we were released for lunch and a chance to digest the events of the morning.

2 p.m. We began an hour and a half session in which students met in small groups. These support groups meet weekly throughout the year. Each group consists of 10 Phase A students. In these meetings, students are encouraged to discuss problems, fears, or just the daily life of a medical student. (Just when I

was feeling as though I really was one of them, I found myself rightfully excluded from these personal encounter groups).

The large group reconvened for an evening program. Having been there since 8 a.m., most of us were beginning to feel a bit worn. The evening program, though, was informative and brief. It included, in an hour and a half, everything from insight into the coming four years, and problems a medical student might encounter, to introduction of instructors.

It also included Alston Lundgren, chairman of the Student Ethics Committee, who spoke about the need for ethical behavior among physicians. He posed the question, "When will you be considered a doctor?" This stumped most of us. Lundgren suggested that we would very soon be considered doctors in the eyes of friends and family, who would probably seek medical advice. He added that the minute an opinion on any of these queries was ventured we would be assuming the responsibility of a doctor. For this reason, he felt that it was necessary for us to begin at once to think of how we should act as doctors.

The evening program was ended with some general information about financial assistance available through the Minnesota Medical Foundation, and other sources.

After the evening program the students relaxed and got to know one another over pizza and beer, courtesy of the Minnesota Medical Foundation.

I left a bit overwhelmed by all of the things involved in the making of a doctor, and wondering if all of those present tonight would succeed.

By 10 p.m., we were all on our way home. The exhausting hours — 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. — would later prove to be a relatively short day for most of the members of this class.

And from here on, the free pizza parties would be harder to find.

PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE PROGRAM IS WORKING

The Rural Physician Associate Program of the University of Minnesota Medical School is providing benefits other than a paid educational experience for a group of medical students. The major goal of the program has been to foster the interest in family practice in rural Minnesota for current medical students. The hope is that they will practice in rural Minnesota when they complete their training. It seems to be working.

The program is now in its sixth year. About 40 students each year are assigned to a Minnesota community physician or group of physicians for "on-the-job" medical training. The teaching preceptors are all appointed clinical professors of the University of Minnesota Medical School. The preceptors themselves pay the student \$5,000, the presumption being that the presence of the student will be of some advantage to the preceptor's practice. The state of Minnesota pays the student another \$5,000. The stipend is for 12 months. Students can take the program for nine months for a total stipend of \$7,500.

Throughout the term of training under the preceptor, each student receives monthly visits from specialty faculty from the Medical School and from RPAP program personnel.

Of the 31 past RPAP participants who have graduated from Medical School and completed post-graduate training, 21 are now practicing in rural Minnesota and 6 are in rural practice in other states. About 65% of the 87 students still in residency training are in family practice and another 16% are in other primary care fields, such as internal medicine, ob-gyn and pediatrics.

Program Director is Dr. Jack Verby, a 1947 graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School.

AN OLD GENERAL RETIRES

In its 89 years it has gone by many names, including City Hospital, Hennepin County General Hospital, and to many, just plain General. Its lifespan was from 1887 to 1976. Although it still stands in 1977, its medical staff and patients have moved to brand new quarters called Hennepin County Medical Center.

The fate of the old building is still undecided. Part of it might become a nursing home. It might be torn down.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1976, hundreds of its former interns and residents paid a final visit, just for old times sake. Interior walls have been shifted around so many times that descriptions of what used to be in a certain spot depended on the age of the visitor.

One thing the very large turnout brought about was the establishment of a Physician Alumni Association for Hennepin County Medical Center. Dr. Tom Stillman, a 1964 graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, is the first president. Dr. Eldon Berglund, Medical School class of '46, is the first secretary-treasurer.

The hundreds of visitors are, of course, too many to list. Some of them are included in the accompanying pictures. One especially is responsible for many of the



John and Joan Gronvall with Dr. Millie Hanson in the old Men's Medicine ward. Dr. Hanson was a resident in obstetrics at General and Dr. Gronvall was one of her interns.



Dr. John Gronvall and his wife, Joan, outside "City Hospital."



In the last days of Old General, graffiti appeared everywhere.



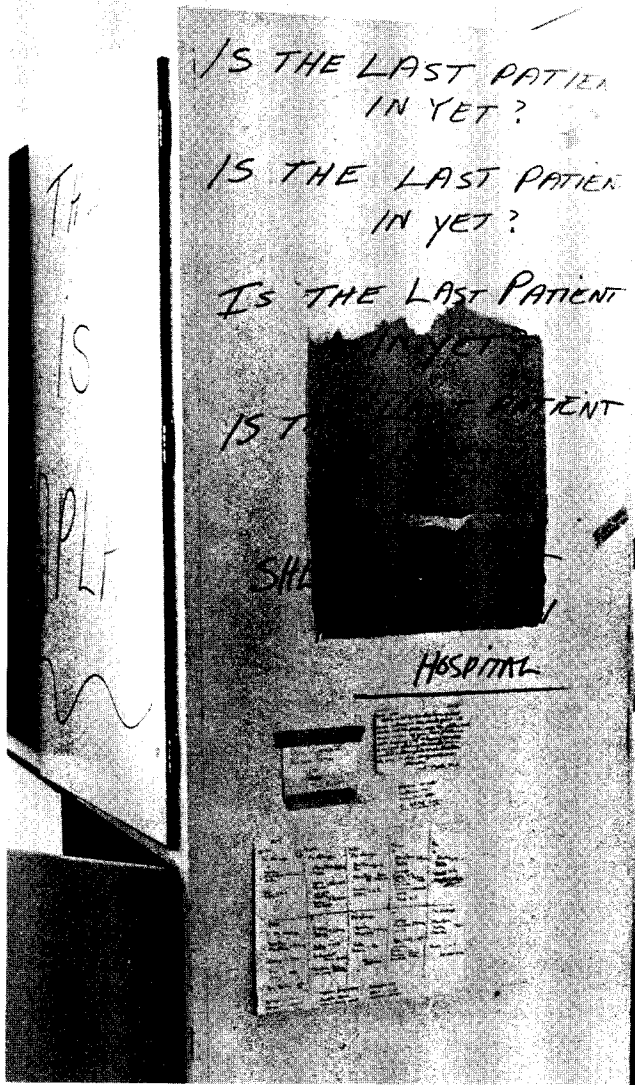
Dr. Clifford Stadem, Crookston, Minn., and his wife, Gladys, on the tour of general hospital. He is a 1950 graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School. She worked as an X-ray technician at General and he served his internship there.



A souvenir hunter broke off a corner of a pillar and then decided to leave it behind.



Dr. Mildred Hanson (Med. '51).



Someone left behind a record of the most often repeated statement in the days just prior to the move from Old General to the new Hennepin County Medical Center.



Doctors' mailboxes are now filled with empty pop cans.



The Gronvalls led the photographer on a private tour of their favorite spots around Old General.



Dr. John Gronvall looks at the mural in the pediatrics section of the old hospital. He was an intern at General in 1956-57 and had never seen the mural before.



Our photo tour of old general wouldn't be complete without a picture of a tunnel.

pictures. Dr. John Gronvall, University of Minnesota medical class of '56, and now dean of the University of Michigan Medical School, took our photographer on a city bus and taxi ride to search for more film when the photographer ran out and Dr. Gronvall thought there should be more pictures.

The new Hennepin County Medical Center is connected to the private Metropolitan Medical Center by a third unit called Center Hospital, the latter owned by a corporation set up by the county and Metropolitan Medical Center and leased back to them in an arrangement which some people believe was subterfuge to enlarge hospital plans and spending beyond what the voters approved at the polls. Despite some controversy over costs, the new facilities have been warmly received by staff and patients. There is space to work, and bright colors. There are 11 operating rooms, up from seven in the old hospital. Wards have been replaced with one, two and four-bed rooms.

In 1975, there were 74,950 visits to Hennepin County General's emergency room, in the old facility. There are 25 treatment units in the emergency room of the new facility, compared with 17 in the old.

The new center spans a two-block area between 6th and 8th Streets and Chicago and Park Avenues in downtown Minneapolis. Seventh Street carries traffic under the facility, as you can see in one of the accompanying photos.

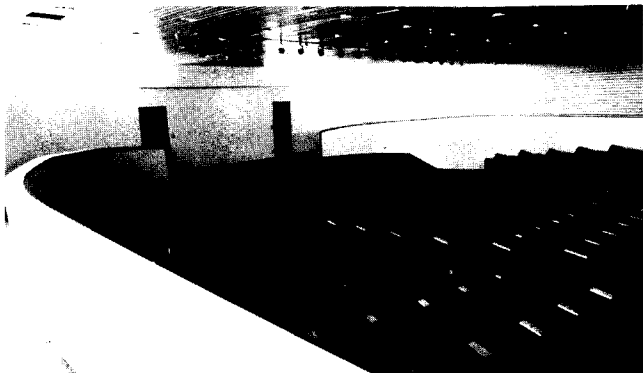
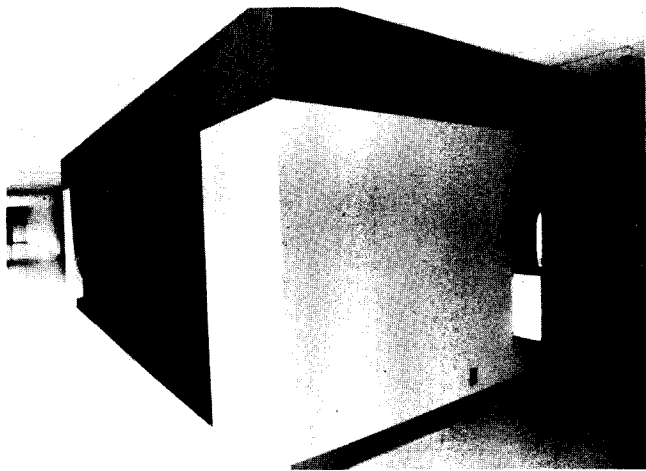
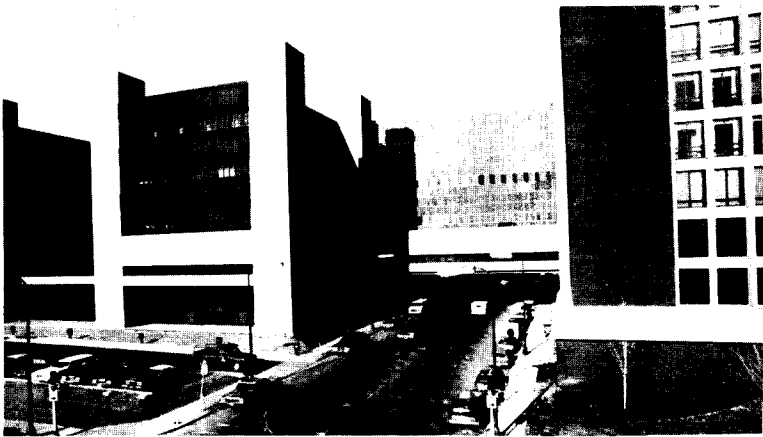
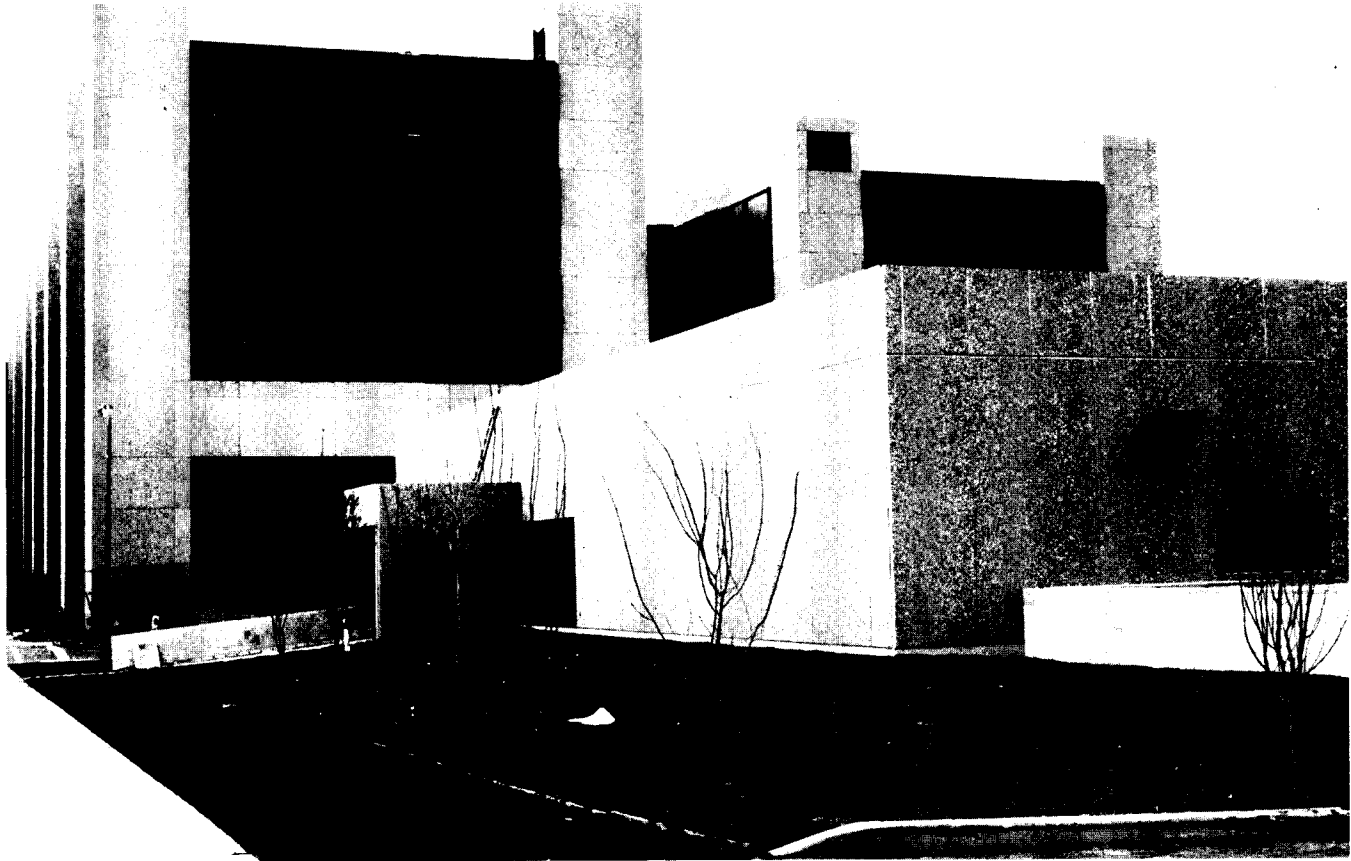
Alumni visitors were obviously impressed with the change. Incidentally, for insiders, we can assure you that the General Hospital alumni reunion program included a few sessions of fluid rounds.



Dr. Miland Knapp, Minneapolis, was pleased to find the room he had lived in when he was an intern in 1929-30. The 1929 graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School is a well-known expert in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

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THE NEW HENNEPIN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER



MMF ELECTS OFFICERS, TRUSTEES; DR. DONN MOSSER IS PRESIDENT

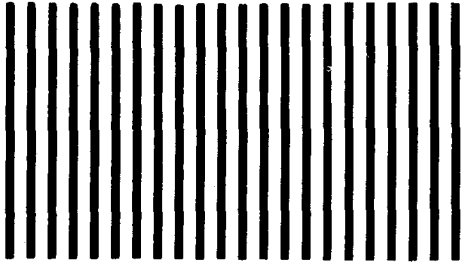
Dr. Donn Mosser, Minneapolis, a specialist in therapeutic radiology, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Minnesota Medical Foundation, succeeding Lewis W. Lehr, president of domes-

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Dr. Donn Mosser

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Dr. Donald W. Robertson, winner of the 1976 Distinguished Teaching Award of the Minnesota Medical Foundation, waits while Dr. H. Mead Cavert, associate dean, reads the award citation. The award was presented Nov. 3 at MMF's 39th Annual Meeting. The Kaplan Award for Research was presented to Dr. Paul H. Lange.

and a member of the American Cancer Society's committee on public information. He was Minnesota State Crusade Chairman for the American Cancer Society in 1967-68. He has been a member of the Min-

nesota Inter-agency Council on Smoking and Health since 1963.

Dr. Mosser was first elected to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Medical Foundation in 1968.

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PATIENT RAISES RESEARCH FUNDS WITH A 'POLKA SPECTACULAR'



Tom Mrozinski is so grateful for the life that his kidney transplant gave him that he called together 900 friends and danced all day.

The St. Paul man has his own polka band. He also has a recycled kidney which he received at the University of Minnesota in 1973. He decided to use his "polka connections" to raise more money than he alone could afford to give, and to put the money to work in kidney research at the University. His Nov. 21 "Polka Spectacular" featured five other bands besides his own and solid music and dancing for more than nine hours. Nine hundred polka lovers and several other kidney transplant recipients showed up for the event.

The proceeds of more than \$2,200 have been given to the Minnesota Medical Foundation for kidney research. Next year, he'll do it again.



MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNION

The University of Minnesota Medical Alumni Association held its 39th Annual Meeting Oct. 8, 1976, at the Radisson South Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

The class of 1951 presented the scientific seminars for the reunion, with Richard Lillehei and Byron Roberts of that class acting as co-chairmen.

C. Peter Magrath, president of the University of Minnesota, was main speaker for the evening program.

Harold S. Diehl Awards for 1976 were presented to Drs. Milton Hurwitz, class of 1940, Leonard Lang, '29 and Russell Sather, '33.

Dr. Hurwitz, an internist and cardiologist, is an active member of the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiologists and is a past president of the Minnesota Heart Association. He is associate editor of **Geriatrics** magazine. He has devoted much of his life to causes within the Jewish community.

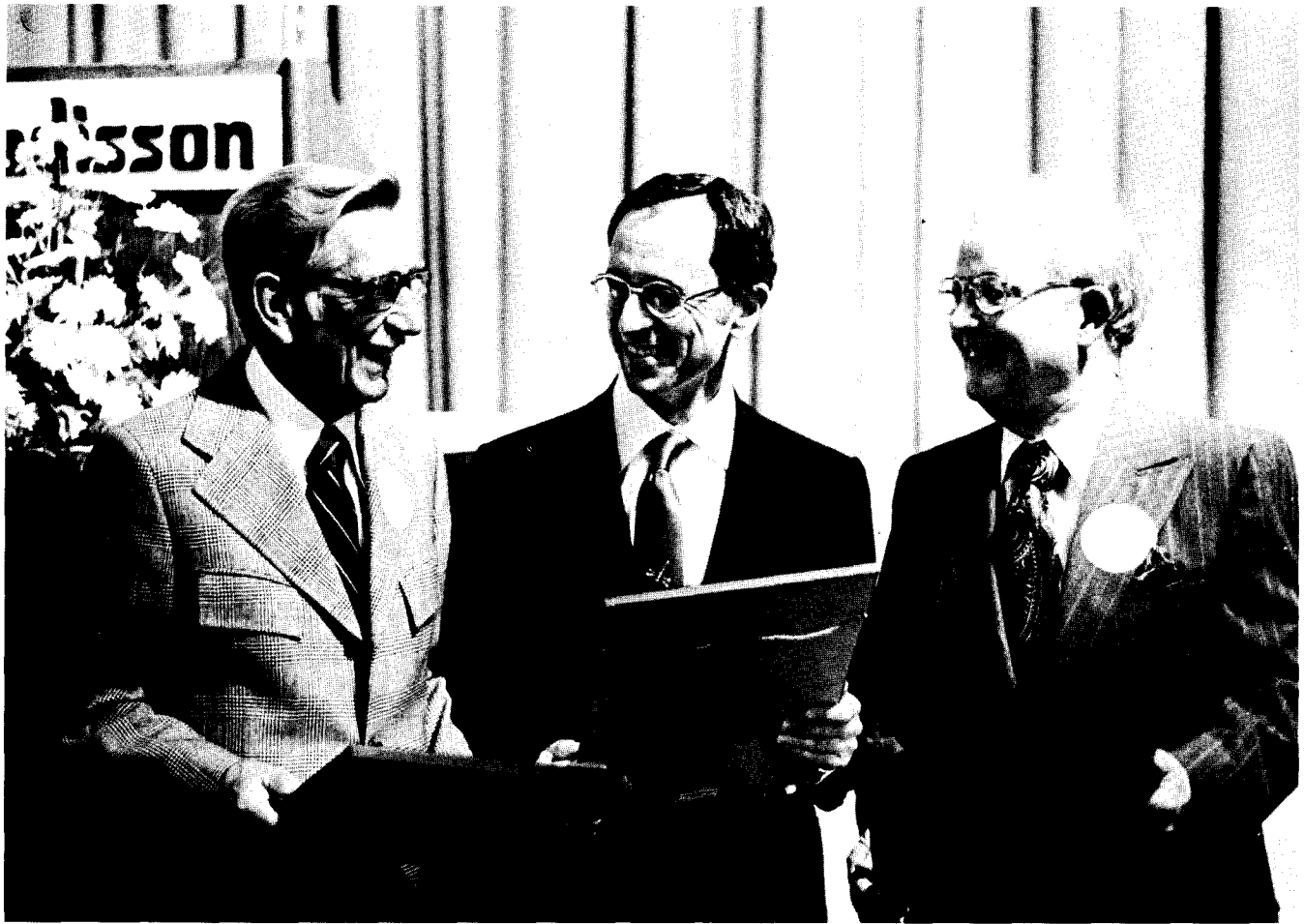
Dr. Lang, a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, is retired chief of staff of St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis and former chief of ob-gyn at Minneapolis (Hennepin County) General Hospital. He is a past president of the Minnesota Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. He is a trustee of both St. Thomas and St. Mary's colleges.

Dr. Sather has served the community of Crookston, Minn., as a physician for more than 40 years. He is serving his third eight-year term as a member of the Minnesota State Board of Medical Examiners and his third one-year term as president. He is also an active member of his local medical society and a member of the school board.

DATES SET FOR NEXT REUNION

The 1977 Medical Alumni Reunion has been scheduled for Oct. 14-15 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. The 25-year class will again be asked to provide the seminar papers. Members of the class of 1952 are invited to contact the alumni association about presenting original papers at the meeting. John Mulvahill, medical class of 1957, has been named program chairman for the two-day medical alumni reunion.

The Minnesota Medical Foundation will hold its annual meeting on Oct. 13, at the Minneapolis Club, to enable interested alumni to attend both events more easily. Program details for both meetings will be reported in later issues of the **Medical Bulletin**, as well as in special mailings to alumni.



1976 winners of the Harold S. Diehl Award of the University of Minnesota Medical Alumni Association: (left to right) Drs. Leonard Lang, '29, Milton Hurwitz, '40, and Russell Sather, '33.



Dr. Donald H. (Tony) Peterson (Med. '39) and his wife, Betty.



Dr. John Cich (Med. '61) and his wife, Cathe.

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ALUMNI REUNION continued



Joe Jung musical group plays for Mrs. Hurwitz, wife of one of the 1976 Diehl Award winners; Dr. N. L. Gault, dean of the University of Minnesota Medical School, and Dr. Sarah Gault. Both of the Gaults are 1950 graduates of the University of Minnesota Medical School.

(Left to right) Vince Bilotta, director of alumni relations for the University of Minnesota; C. Peter Magrath, president of the University and main speaker at the medical alumni reunion; Dr. Lyle French (Med. '39), vice president of health sciences for the University, and Dr. George N. Aagaard (Med. '36), Seattle.



3RD SPINK LECTURE AVAILABLE AS BOOK

Volume 3 in the printed series of Wesley W. Spink lectures in comparative medicine is available from University of Minnesota Press.

The 147-page book contains the lecture, "Non-Human Primates in Biomedical Research," by William Montagna, director of the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center, Beaverton, and professor and head of the division of experimental biology and professor of dermatology at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland.

Montagna's introduction to nonhuman primates, their biology and behavior, has its focus on the utility and importance of these animals in biomedical research, with detail on the evolution, distribution, diversification and biological properties of different subgroups.

Dr. Spink, retired Regents' professor of medicine and comparative medicine, was honored with establishment of the lecture series in his name in 1971. The first lecture in the Spink series was entitled, "Frontiers in Comparative Medicine," and was presented by W. I. B. Beveridge, professor of animal pathology, University of Cambridge, England. The second Spink lecture was, "Concepts in Ethology, Animal and Human Behavior," by M. W. Fox, associate professor of psychology, Washington University, St. Louis.

The book of the third lecture is available from University Press for \$9.50 prepaid. (Postage will be paid by University Press only if payment accompanies the order). The two earlier volumes are still available from University Press, Volume 2 for \$8.50 and Volume 1 for \$4.75.

Dr. Spink recently completed his first draft of a monumental work on infectious diseases, tentatively titled, **The History of Infectious Disease: Evolution of Control**

and Treatment. The final book, with more than 2,000 references, will be published by University Press in 1978.

CONTINUING/ MEDICAL EDUCATION

Continuing medical education courses offered by the University of Minnesota Medical School through April, 1977:

PRACTICAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Feb. 21-22

Sponsored by the department of otolaryngology, this annual review course provides a variety of educational experiences designed to assist office-based physicians. Credit — 14 hours, estimated. Registry Hotel, Bloomington, Minn., \$100.

ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

March 17-19

Sponsored by the department of medicine, this annual review designed for office-based physicians. Includes the annual Blumenthal Memorial Lecture, Credit, 17 hours. Mayo Memorial Auditorium, \$110.

PSYCHIATRY UPDATE

March 24-25

Co-sponsored by the Departments of Psychiatry and Family Practice and Community Health, this course helps physicians update their skills and procedures in the management of emotional aspects of ambulatory care. Credit, 14 hours. Nolte Center, University of Minnesota.

THORACIC DISEASE

March 24-25

Sponsored by the department of medicine, section of chest disease. Credit, 14 hours. Coffman Union Auditorium, University of Minnesota.

MAXILLOFACIAL TRAUMA

April 15-17

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Hospital,

St. Paul Ramsey Hospital, U of M department of otolaryngology, and the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Inc. Credit, 22 hours. St. Paul Ramsey Hospital, \$300.

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

April 20-23

Sponsored by the University's department of laboratory medicine and pathology. Physicians and medical technologists interested in updating their knowledge of tests, procedures and equipment will find this course of value. Credit, 18 hours. Mayo Memorial Auditorium.

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

April 28-29

Sponsored by the department of family practice. Nolte Center, University of Minnesota.

The continuing medical education programs have been accredited by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and are acceptable for credit toward the American Medical Association Physician Recognition Award as well as the new Minnesota State Medical Association's requirements. Approval has also been requested for prescribed hours from the Minnesota Academy of Family Practice.

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ROOM DEDICATED TO DR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN

Thirty years after his death, Dr. William A. O'Brien is still fondly remembered by many as "Mr. Public Health" for the state of Minnesota.

A study room on the 13th floor of the Mayo Memorial Building at the University of Minnesota was recently refurbished and named for Dr. O'Brien. Guests who attended the ceremony included some of his colleagues in the development of public health programs in the state and at the University, such as Drs. J. Arthur Myers and Gaylord Anderson, other friends and members of his family.

Dr. O'Brien joined the Medical School faculty in 1923 as an instructor in pathology. He had a great interest in communicating sound health information to the general public, and, in 1925, an appointment in preventive medicine and public health was added to his pathology appointment. He became practically synonymous with the undergraduate teaching courses in personal health at the University. He developed a statewide public following through his weekly radio programs over two stations.



Dr. O'Brien's widow and a great-grandchild.



At the O'Brien Room dedication: (left to right) Mrs. Ray Amberg, Dr. Sarah Gault, and Mrs. Robert Larkin, widow of Dr. O'Brien.



Lee Stauffer, dean of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, right, and Emeritus Professor Gaylord Anderson spoke at the O'Brien room dedication.

WESTERMAN NAMED TO ACCREDITING UNIT

John H. Westerman, general director of University of Minnesota Hospitals, has been appointed to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH).

The JCAH, formed by the American College of Surgeons, American College of Physicians, American Medical Association and American Hospital Association, is an independent non-profit organization for voluntary accreditation.

Each year the JCAH surveys more than 2,500 hospitals, applying its standards to improve the quality of care. About 70% of the 7,000 hospitals in the country are JCAH accredited.

Westerman received a master's degree in hospital administration in 1960 from the University of Minnesota and joined the administrative staff of University Hospitals. In 1966 he was named hospitals director.

Since 1971 he has been on the board of trustees of Minnesota Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and for the past four years he has been on the Minnesota State Board of Health.

READER'S DIGEST INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

University of Minnesota medical students David Bjork and Mark Jensen have received fellowships from the MAP-Reader's Digest program for foreign mission medical assignments.

Bjork, a third-year medical student, will spend the coming summer in Ambo, Ethiopia. Jensen, a fourth-year student, will spend five months in Bihar, India.

Since Reader's Digest began the program five years ago, 285 students have served in 34 countries.

ALUMNI DEATHS



Dr. Drips

Della Drips — 1921

Died Sept. 14, 1976, at age 91. In 1917, she was one of the first four Mayo graduate students to receive a master of science degree. She was appointed to the staff of the Mayo Clinic in obstetrics and gynecology in 1924, and retired as associate professor of ob-gyn in 1949. She established a laboratory at the Institute for Experimental Medicine for studies in endocrinology and maintained a strong interest in that area of research throughout her career. She was a past president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Medical Women's Association. In 1955 she was named Minnesota's woman doctor of the year.

Carl Lambert Eckhardt — 1935

Died Jan. 3, 1976, of injuries received in a car accident two months earlier. He was 68. He practiced for many years out of his California home and joined with four other doctors to found Parkview Community Hospital in Arlington in 1958. He had recently established an allergy clinic in Anaheim.

Eugene M. Kasper — 1926

Died Oct. 24, 1976, at age 73. He was an obstetrician-gynecologist in St. Paul for 38 years.

Harold L. Goss — 1917

Died March 15, 1976, in Mercer Island, Wash.

Gustave Ledfors — 1926

Died Dec. 26, 1975, at age 72, in Riverside, Calif. His death was not learned of at the University of Minnesota until recently.

Michael D. Okada — 1973

Killed in a plane crash in Guatemala on Nov. 20, 1976. He was enroute to an agricultural and health resource project in Belen in northern Guatemala when the plane crashed. He had been working in Hospital de California in San Juan Comalapa, Chimaltenango, in the Central Highlands of Guatemala. The hospital was set up by the San Francisco Committee for the Relief of Guatemala after the earthquake last February. The town of San Juan Comalapa was nearly destroyed by the quake. A memorial fund in his honor has been established at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., his undergraduate college.

Marc J. Wallace — 1934

Died Dec. 29, 1975, at age 67. His home was in Clifton, N.J., where he had practiced for 40 years. He was on the senior surgical staff of St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, N.J.

Richard A. Whitney — 1936

Died Oct. 18, 1976, at age 65. He practiced in Forsyth, Mont., until his retirement in 1975.

OTHER DEATHS

Carl S. Alexander, professor of medicine and specialist in cardiology at VA Hospital, Minneapolis, died Nov. 14, 1976, in Miami, while attending a meeting of the American Heart Association. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Carl S. Alexander Memorial Fund of the Minnesota Medical Foundation, Box 193 University Hospitals, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.

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DEATHS continued

Edward Allen Boyden, professor of anatomy at the University of Minnesota for 23 years, and former head of the department, died Oct. 27, 1976. He was 90.

Dr. Boyden was widely known for his research on the gall bladder and the lungs, studies which he continued until his death.

He joined the University of Minnesota anatomy department in 1931. He was acting chairman in 1940-41 and became permanent chairman in 1949. When he retired at age 68, in 1954, he joined the faculty of the University of Washington, Seattle, as a professor of biological structure. He was born March 20, 1886, in Bridgewater, Mass., and received all of his degrees, a bachelor's, a master's, and a Ph.D. in medical science, from Harvard.



Dr. Boyden

MAYO DEAN

Dr. John T. Shepherd, a native of Northern Ireland, has been named dean of the Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minn., succeeding Dr. Raymond Pruitt, who is retiring from his medical school and Mayo Foundation posts.

Dr. Shepherd received his medical training at Queens University, Belfast, and first came to Mayo as a Fulbright Scholar in 1953-54.

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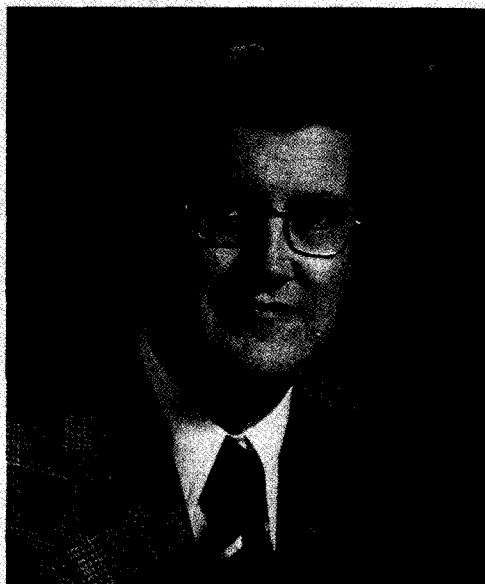
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Eivind O. Hoff

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