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HE SAYS HE'LL BE A 'STUDENT', HIS STAFF OUTFITS HIM TO A 'T'

A surprise farewell party was given on September 10 for Dr. Alan Margolis, Associate Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. This year he will take a sabbatical leave to become a Visiting Scholar at Princeton University—"but that's just a fancy title for a student," he says with a grin.

Dr. Margolis will spend the year studying demography—including the influences of such factors as abortion, contraception, and sterilization on world population.

"For many years I have been concerned with these factors as they affect individual patients. Now I want to look at the population situation as a whole—from the viewpoint of an observer instead of that of a physician."

Dr. Margolis is well known for his part in establishing the San Francisco Center for Legal Abortion. Recently he has been conducting tests on a new procedure for performing abortions in cooperation with Dr. Sadjia Goldsmith, UCSF Lecturer in International Health, Director of Planned Parenthood's Teenage Clinic, and a staff clinician at the Center for Legal Abortion. Dr. Goldsmith was a special guest at the party as was Dr. Harvey Karman, Director of Psychosomatic Research at San Vicente Hospital, Los Angeles, who developed the new procedure.

There were surprises in store for the guest of honor and his associates. Dr. Margolis and Dr. Goldsmith were presented with an award of appreciation for their service to women in the field of abortion reform. Each received a commemorative tray from Miss Merle Goldberg of the Consumer Medicine Association, a national organization of women working for improved health care. She also presented Dr. Karman with a grant from the Project for Reproductive Health (New York) in recognition of his work in improving abortion techniques.

Two of Dr. Margolis' staff members, Anne Buchanan and Bonni Bunder, organized the party and presented him with a study lamp for use at Princeton. He also received a gift of two photographs, taken by Donna Chaban of the UCSF Public Information Office, showing him with three healthy youngsters whose lives he had saved by intra-uterine blood trans-

fusions before birth.

As a final tribute, the staff presented Dr. Margolis with a little extra something

for his student days. Opening the package, he displayed its contents shyly: a red, white and blue American flag T-shirt!

l-r: Dr. Alan J. Margolis, Dr. Sadjia Goldsmith, Merle Goldberg who wears a multitude of hats including NOW (National Organization for Women) and Medicine Consumer Association. She presented awards to both doctors for role in abortion reform.

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"Oh, NO!" – a going away gift from his staff was the red, white and blue American flag T-shirt.

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