With an abrupt change to a Saturday schedule to accommodate more out-of-town technologists, the Northern Midwest Chapter held their June meeting at Hennepin County General Hospital. Featuring a talk on the irradiation of blood in an extra-corporeal circuit for the treatment of leukemia and a tour of the hyperbaric and research facilities, the remainder of the session was spent in giving the guests an introduction to AmSECT. A word of praise for Jim Fonduex, Chapter Secretary, whose busy typewriter is responsible for much renewed interest in the Society within this region.

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At the May meeting of Central Midwest Region in Milwaukee, the group in attendance resolved to present their talks in the form of papers at future meetings so that they might be submitted for consideration and use in the Journal, thereby sharing their experiences with the entire Technology. In addition, they decided to concentrate on the formation of local chapters in the urban areas to allow for a more frequent interchange of ideas. This concept typifies the feelings of the national organization.

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The Greater Kansas City Area Chapter meets monthly. Their May meeting featured a speaker, Dr. Donald Cross, who talked about tissue typing for transplantation. In June, Dr. Thomas spoke on recent advances in the surgical treatment of acute heart disease, including the place of transplantation and mechanical devices. Mr. Shannon Lucas is to be commended for spearheading the activity in this chapter.

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Several AmSECT members, for their outstanding participation in the programs during the past year and their unselfish devotion of time and effort, received presentations at the First Annual Awards Banquet at the 1969 Annual Conference in Detroit. The Eastern Central Region was lauded for their efforts as the local arrangements committee and for acting as the hosts for the Conference. Mrs. Ruth Stetson received the award for the group.

For their extreme efforts in organizing and stimulating interest in their respective areas, Rena Bess, of the Northern Pacific Region, and Shannon Lucas, of the Central Midwest Region, were given certificates.

In appreciation for his labor on the regional level and his outstanding cooperation with the national office, Calvin Scott received the award as the most active member of the Southern Pacific Region. In the northern climes, James Fonduex, of the Northern Midwest Region, was presented with an award for his labors and enthusiasm as Regional Secretary and Chairman of the Regional Membership Committee. Heading down the Mississippi, in the Southern Region, James Burke was praised for his work in organizing and stimulating regional activity while his Co-Chairman, Kathryn Hargesheimer, received recognition for her regional activity and efforts in laying the groundwork for the 1970 Conference in New Orleans.

The Journal award for 1969, given to that member of the Associate Board of Editors who has contributed the most to the quality and success of that publication, was a tie. Certificates were presented to Henry Pringle and to Kathryn Hargesheimer, first, for their support during the early critical days in the life of the Journal and, second, for their contributions of editorial content.

Our erstwhile Editor, who acted as Master of Ceremonies during the presentations, then made a special award, given by him personally, to two individuals who had served the Society during difficult days and whose efforts have not been fully appreciated by the membership. Gift packages, strangely resembling that of bottled spirits, were given to Jim Wade and Dennis Mills.

In closing, the entire membership was thanked for their support, were told that the Society can only progress to the extent to which it is supported, and the simplest way to give this support is to become a dues-paying member.

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If you have used equipment about, Dr. Paul Gannon may be interested. He is searching particularly for a "previously owned" Kimray Triple Temperature Tank and a Sarns/Travenol battery-operated Modular Pump. If you have either of these items and would like to do a little "horse trading", contact Dr. Gannon at 351 Southdale Medical Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55435.

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During the latter part of January, Joe Guzman, Morris Johnston, and J. S. Fennig attended the Thoracic Meeting in San Diego. In Tijuana, they organized a new chapter whose membership consists of a taxi driver, a fellow with a trumpet, and a seven-foot white rabbit. The front office isn't complaining, though, They've already paid their dues! It was reported that the rabbit's institution advertises their extra-corporeal equipment as untouched by human hands!