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# Letters to the Editor

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## Correct Name

October 10, 1989

Dear Editor:

As you will note, my company, Texas Medical Products, has been renamed in (the previous) edition to Texas Midland Products. After 17 years of contributions to the perfusion community and as a long-time supporter of AmSECT, I find this particularly irritating. Please make whatever adjustments necessary to correct this faux faux.

In the future, I request that Texas Medical Products be shown as TMP, The Woodlands, Tx.

Respectfully,  
Sam P. Danna  
President  
Texas Medical Products, Inc.

## Establish Louis Toth Award

October 15, 1989

Dear Editor:

We read with interest Louis S. Toth's presentation at the James P. Dearing Memorial Lecture. We would like to thank Mr. Toth for the kind words honoring Mr. Dearing and as we are just beginning a program of perfusion training, we appreciate his ideas on setting up a program.

We thought that we would follow his ideas of creating someone who would be more than just a perfusionist. Individuals are needed to lead perfusion departments. After examining Mr. Toth's Circulation Technology curriculum and seeing some of the valuable subjects being offered, such as Introduction to Byzantine Art, Quantum Physics, and Tennis 101, we have decided to offer Obstacle Course Running and Vegetarian Lifestyles in our curriculum. Although we did not have anyone with a master's degree in electrical engineering to set up our program, we did have Horace Brown, an auto front-end mechanic, come over and talk about wheel alignments on the pump. He pointed out the importance of maintaining the proper amount of tread on the pump wheels.

We were unable to have Dr. Pannagouras Karayannacos come over from Greece as Mr. Toth did, but we were able to have Dr. Dalwe Nhlama from Tibet look at our program and he was duly impressed. The naming of our personnel required some thought and it was difficult to come up with something as catchy as others have, but we did manage to come up with the title, Pumperteers in Perfusion (P.P. for short). To enhance our prestige, we will have red-coated trumpeters announcing our entrance into the O.R. lounge each morning as we stride through the door. The P.P. will be able to supervise not

only perfusionists and circulation technologists, but also be fully capable of managing dental hygienists, medical records clerks, and snack bar employees.

We envision the P.P. as someone who does not necessarily do the tasks of perfusion himself, but as one who is able to offer inspiring supervision while stressful tasks are being performed. Considering all of his education in important related subjects such as Art and Shakespearean Literature, think of the calming effect of the P.P. delivering his soliloquy of "Hark, hark thou must changeth thou oxygenator outeth."

We would also like to call your attention to the magnificent thoughts mentioned by Mr. Toth in his presentation. Ideas such as, you should work eight hours a day to maintain your morality, deserve to be contemplated while sitting by a glowing fireplace for several hours to comprehend their true meaning.

In closing, we would like to suggest the establishment of the Louis S. Toth Annual Award in order to honor this great pioneer. Presenters should be limited to close friends of James Dearing and Charlie Reed after the kind remarks made by Mr. Toth concerning the two.

John E. Brodie, MS, CCP, PAC  
Ronald B. Johnson, CCP, PA, Chief Perfusionist

## Louis Toth Article Inaccurate

October 31, 1989

Dear Editor:

The article by Mr. Louis S. Toth (JECT, Vol. 21, No. 2, Summer, 1989) did not undergo review for historical accuracy. The article was the text of an address and we live in a society of free speech.

There are numerous inaccuracies related to the process of recognition of an allied health profession. Unfortunately, Mr. Toth has a continuing problem with the difference between recognition and accreditation. To refute each error is too lengthy an ordeal for this letter and serves no useful purpose.

Instead, please publish the original 1977 letter of recognition from the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education\* along with the information that James P. Dearing did wholeheartedly support AmSECT's application. He was a major contributor to the subsequent ESSENTIALS or Minimum Standards for Training Programs adopted in 1980. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Historical Consultant  
Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology

*Ed Note: See page 82 for AMA letter.*

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March 28, 1977

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of Extracorporeal Technology  
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Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Mr. Ferries:

I am pleased to inform you that the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association at its March 11-13, 1977 meeting approved the application for recognition of Extracorporeal Technologist, that was submitted by the American Society of Extracorporeal Technology and co-sponsored by the American Association for Thoracic Surgery and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

All three organizations are now invited to work with the Council on Medical Education to develop Essentials and accreditation procedures for educational programs for the Extracorporeal Technologist. Staff in the AMA's Department of Allied Medical Evaluation will assist you in this effort. Ralph C. Kuhli, the director of the department, or a member of his staff will establish contact with you soon to offer assistance.

The Council extends its best wishes and looks forward to collaborating effectively in the work of accreditation in the days ahead.

Sincerely,  
Richard L. Egan, M.S.  
Secretary