To the Editors:

Congratulations to JERI DOBBS, JUDY TWEEDIE, AND MIKE BURGESS on the success of the Tri-regional West Coast AmSECT conference. Not only was it well-attended by technologists (almost 100) but many surgeons found their way across the street from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons to take in the AmSECT sessions. For a time, seated in the front rows was almost a “Who’s Who” in cardiac surgery with surgeons from as far as Israel in attendance.

A two-day session, Monday, January 24th, featured a day-long series of lectures on membrane oxygenators highlighting such speakers as Dr. Robert H. Bartlett, Dr. Arnold Lande', Dr. E. Converse Peirce, Mr. M. L. Bramson, and Mr. Fred Cohen. A symposium on filtration marked the meetings of Tuesday morning with special emphasis placed on microemboli filtration. Presentations were given by Mr. Erwin Kirnbauer of the Pall Corporation as well as by Drs. Roy Swank and Sam Connell. These speakers were joined by David Rosenberg, Ph.D., of Pall and Dr. J. Donald Hill in a lively round-table discussion. Discussions were also the order of the afternoon with sessions on education with Mike Burgess, Dr. Raymond Stofer, Mike Dunaway, and Jeri Dobbs. Dr. Stofer then acted as moderator of a discussion on perfusion techniques.

Kansas City Area

SHANNON LUCAS writes that the Greater Kansas City Area Chapter presented a discussion by Dr. Kenneth Goetz for its February seminar. His topic concerned the physiology of kidney function in relation to the dialysis patient. SHIRLEY MELTON was the hostess at St. Luke’s Hospital.

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Technologist Wanted

Our long-time reader, Dr. A. HASSAN KHAZEI of Elgin, Illinois, and his colleagues have recently formed a team to do cardiac surgery. They are looking for a qualified, experienced pump-oxygenator technologist to join them. Elgin is a small city just northwest of Chicago. Anyone who is interested can call collect-A.C. 312-741-2423 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. or write to Dr. Khazei at 860 Summit, Elgin, Illinois 60120.

Grassroots Liaison

In response to phone calls from JUDY TWEEDIE and letters from the National Office, HOWARD PURCELL, Business Manager of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, saw to it that a request for AmSECT members to be permitted to attend the Thoracic sessions as guests was placed on the agenda for consideration by the Council. The point was argued well by a colleague of MIKE BURGESS and the Council voted to amend their Bylaws permitting our attendance. The next morning, with the intercession of DR. ROBERT BARTLETT, all AmSECT members were registered as guests of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.