

In Memoriam

The nuclear medicine technology community is saddened by the untimely loss of Paul David Cole, CNMT. His contributions to the field of nuclear medicine technology and his intuitive leadership qualities will be remembered.

Paul David Cole, 41, Assistant Chief Technologist in the Division of Nuclear Medicine Technology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and President of the Technologist Section—The Society of Nuclear Medicine, died of a stroke on July 6, 1988.

Paul was a 1967 graduate of the Nashville General Hospital's School of Radiologic Technology. After a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, he entered the Johns Hopkins Hospital's School of Nuclear Medicine Technology. Upon graduation in 1971, he joined the Johns Hopkins staff, and in 1976 was appointed Assistant Chief Technologist, the position he held at the time of his death. Solving problems both big and small, he was a cornerstone of the Johns Hopkins staff.

On June 16, 1988, Paul was installed as President of the Technologist Section. This was the culmination of many years of involvement in his profession at both the local and national levels. He was a former President of the Mideastern Chapter—Technologist Section and the Maryland Association of Nuclear Medicine Technology. Paul also served as Section Finance Committee chairman during the difficult time of transition when the Section was obtaining its financial independence. In this position, Paul guided the Section during the office move and new computerization plans, both projects having marked financial impact on the Section. Paul's dedi-



Paul David Cole, CNMT

cation to the Section is observed further in that he served, not for the usual one year, but for two consecutive years as Finance chairman.

As President-Elect of the Section, he demonstrated a remarkable ability to handle both the responsibilities of this office and his duties at Johns Hopkins. In addition, he was the author and co-author of numerous scientific papers and had recently written a chapter on pediatric nuclear medicine for a textbook. With great enthusiasm and caring, he was looking forward to leading the Section. Paul always wanted to be ahead of the game and wasted no time in selecting his

committee chairmen and providing them with goals for the coming year. Paul was independent and was not politically influenced. He would listen before advising and always considered the alternatives before making a well deliberated decision. When asked to serve, help, or do a favor, Paul Cole never said no to anyone.

It is unfortunate that Paul did not have the opportunity to serve as President of the Technologist Section. It would have been an outstanding year. It is easy to feel that both Paul and the field of nuclear

medicine were cheated this year. We will all miss his leadership and friendship, but never cease to be inspired by his example.

A scholarship fund has been established in his memory. Donations may be sent to: The Paul Cole Scholarship Fund, Technologist Section—The Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016-6760.

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Colleagues Marcia Boyd, Art Hall, and Jim Langan reflect upon his professional achievements and personal concerns for the field of nuclear medicine technology.

Observing Paul was a lesson in patience, perseverance, and a real loyal commitment to the Technologist Section. Paul cared about what the future had in store for the success of the Technologist Section.

Marcia Boyd, CNMT

Paul was a good friend and a remarkable individual who dealt with problems and hammered out solutions to improve the status of nuclear medicine. Many thousands of people admired and looked to Paul for leadership and direction.

Art Hall, CNMT

Paul's competence as a teacher and manager is surpassed only by the compassion and caring he showed to his colleagues, patients, and students. His bright personality and friendly demeanor made him a joy to work with.

Jim Langan, CNMT



Receiving the President's badge from immediate past president Marcia Boyd.