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“A Very Special Weekend”

Prologue

Months of preparation and planning provided a weekend to remember, October 1, 2, and 3, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology. It was a period that went back in time to 1931 but which also dwelt on MIR in 1981 and its plans for the future.

The relationship between the old and the new was particularly striking. Some alumni had never returned to the Institute. Others had not seen Scarpellino Auditorium, the linear accelerators, the PETT devices, or the new diagnostic outpatient, nuclear medicine, and cardiac catheterization facilities in the Barnes West Pavilion. There were constant reminders of how much is here as it was in the past, yet how much is different. The academic and medical vigor of staff members, the importance of research, and the charge to house staff members to develop their talents—all of these were reflected in the 50 years of MIR history, yet MIR, a composite much greater than the sum of its parts, revealed aspects of itself, new even to those familiar with the Institute through daily routine.

Scientific Program

Crisp, cool air and sunny skies provided a calendar perfect setting for the celebration. By eleven o’clock Thursday, October 1, many visitors had arrived. The opening scientific session was charged with dynamic and informative presentations as alumni, guests, and staff shared an update on the new frontiers in radiology.

Friday morning’s scientific session began on an intriguing note as Dr. Larry Elliott illustrated “An Analogy Between the Development of an Academic Cardiac Radiologist and a Winning Football Coach.” A bird’s eye view of the audience revealed a real spark of interest during all the presentations as did the mid-morning conversations over doughnuts and coffee.

Saturday morning’s scientific lectures on exciting newer imaging modalities by distinguished guest radiologists such as Drs. Alexander Margulis, William Seaman, Juan Taveras, and William Powers provided a dynamic conclusion to the MIR 50th Anniversary Celebration.
Dr. Alexander R. Margulis, "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance"

Dr. William B. Seaman, "Variations in Gastrointestinal Tract Radiology"

Dr. Juan M. Taveras, "Brain Tumor Histology and CT Scans"

Dr. William E. Powers, left, is greeted by Dr. Carlos A. Perez prior to his lecture on "Cost and Benefits of Cancer Care." Dr. Perez lectured on "Carcinoma of the Cervix, the MIR Experience."
Dr. Robert J. Stanley, moderator of the general scientific session, with Dr. Larry Elliott.

Scientific Sessions
Drs. Tom Staple, left, Ronald Evens, and Bruce Ellis visit in the MIR first floor lobby.

left,
Dr. M.M. Elkind, left, discusses his topic "Radiobiological Research in Diagnosis and Therapy" in Scarpellino Auditorium with Dr. Carlos Perez.

right,
Dr. William Powers shares a quick visit with Dr. Evens while preparing slides for his lecture on "Cost and Benefits of Cancer Care."
Dr. Juan Taveras, wearing his MIR 50th Anniversary tie, enjoys a hearty laugh with Dr. Edwards Ragsdale.

Scientific Sessions

Dr. Alexander Margulis, left, accepts his MIR tie, a gift to members of the scientific faculty from Dr. Evens.
Dr. David O. Davis enjoys a coffee break after his lecture on "Intravenous Angiography."

Drs. Gary Shackelford, left, and Ronald Evens select a favorite donut during coffee break.

Dr. Thomas Bates, left, queues up in coffee line.
Scientific Sessions
Tour of the Institute

Preceding Thursday evening's cocktail buffet, 250 guests were guided on informative and exciting tours of the Institute by MIR house staff members, Drs. Barker, Bauer, DiSantis, Junker, Mullenger, Nicol, Reinus, Scales, Stein, Thaler, Van Dyke, Vannier, Wahl and White. Coordinated by Chief Resident, Dr. James McDonald, the celebration tour guides provided interesting capsule information on major aspects of the Institute and its "63 rooms of equipment covering more than 150,000 square feet."

Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Evens with Ms. Dorothy Rinderer, Administrative Assistant to the Vice Chancellor.

below,
Greeting guests on Thursday evening with smiles and name tags were, from left, Mary Kimberlin, Harriet Fieweger, Bonnie Cotton, and Rose Marie Smith.
Dr. Mark Nicol assembles his group, including Dr. and Mrs. C. Allen Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes, in the Division of Radiation Oncology for introductory comments.

Tour guide Dr. Bill Reinus provides visitors with an update on the cardiac catheterization suite.
Three administrators, Mr. C. Alvin Tolin, left, President of St. Louis Children's Hospital, Dr. Ronald G. Evens, Director of Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, and Mr. Robert E. Frank, President of Barnes Hospital.

Ms. Joy Harvey, left, Robin Tharp and Chancellor and Mrs. William Danforth listen attentively to Dr. Michael Vannier's remarks on the CT scanner. Front left, Dr. Heber MacMahon.

Tour of the Institute

Dr. William Allen, left, and Dr. Michel Ter-Pogossian.
Dr. Michel Ter-Pogossian with Mrs. Wendell Scott, left. Mrs. Juan Taveras, and Mrs. Charles Wallace on their visit to the PETT facility.

Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Lester smile at the camera during a pause in their tour.
Tour of the Institute
Television Interview

Nearby, in one of the procedure rooms, Dr. Ronald Evens spoke to the St. Louis community via a live television interview with Al Wiman on the Channel 4 CBS-TV evening news. Dr. Evens' interview was inserted into a comprehensive history and overview of the Institute taped during earlier visits to different departments.

In a media highlight of the 50th Anniversary, Dr. Ronald Evens, is interviewed by Medical-Science Reporter, Al Wiman, left, on Channel 4 CBS-TV evening news. Handling the technical setup via microwave transmission is cameraman, Charlie Bohn.
During the reception, conversation reflected amazement on the part of alumni as well as those new to the Institute at the extent of equipment and resources available at Mallinckrodt. Guests circulated throughout the spacious MIR outpatient facility in Barnes Hospital West Pavilion developing and renewing acquaintances while enjoying a buffet.

At the cocktail reception, Dr. Evens greets Dr. William Allen. In background, Dr. and Mrs. Tony Deeths.
Cecile Newberry, left, (who retired in 1977 from a career which spanned the total history of radiation therapy at the Medical Center) and Virginia Trent reminisce over past events.

A happy reunion! Mrs. Whitney Harris, left, enjoys a visit with her good friends, Dr. Juan M. Taveras and Mrs. Taveras (below).
Lois Armstrong, left, Susan Logie, and Hanna Evens add smiles and animation to the gathering. In background is Mr. Terry Crebs.

William Trent, left, Kay Porter, Fran Rosen and Al Toroian find a quiet corner to sit and chat during the cocktail reception.

Drs. Kenton King, left, William Seaman, and Gladden Elliott.
Drs. Michael Welch, left, Marilyn Siegel, and Barry Siegel.

Cocktail Buffet

Mrs. Ronald Evens and Ms. Rose Marie Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Director.
Spouses’ Tour

As part of Friday’s agenda, Mrs. Ronald Evens arranged a scenic tour of St. Louis for spouses. Guests viewed the historical and interesting landmarks of the city with an excellent guide as they rode up the Gateway Arch, lunched at an ante-bellum mansion, and viewed one of the largest mosaic art collections in the world.

“Down on the Riverfront Levee”

Assembled in the Museum of Westward Expansion, the group hears interesting facts from their guide.
“Not much head room” agreed Robin Tharp, left, Diane Wadsworth, Karen Miller, and Elise Anthony on their ride in the passenger tram to the top of the Arch.

Lunch at DeMenil Carriage House, facing camera are Agnes Davis, center, tour guide Judy Luepke, Sally Stanley, and Brenda Melson.

Diane Wadsworth, left, Karen Miller, and Cathie Elliott admire the rare marbles, alabasters, and mosaics in the St. Louis Cathedral.
Five-Mile Run

On Friday afternoon, sweatshirts, shorts, and running shoes replaced conservative suits and white lab coats. Conversation turned from CT scanners to the price of running shoes as alumni, radiologists, scientists, technologists, students, secretaries, news reporters, medical students, Barnes physicians — a whole variety of people associated with the Institute — prepared for the 5 Mile Fun Run. The atmosphere intensified as the group waited poised at the starting line in Forest Park. Dr. Jim Junker fired the pistol and they were off and running! Commemorative MIR T-shirts mingled with plain and fancy running gear, Wings of Mercury head gear, and patriotic ensembles inspired 58 trim and healthy runners to finish the race. Included in the notable accomplishments were: First place winner, David Hockenbery, Washington University medical student, 26 min. 18 sec.; First Mallinckrodt Institute employee or staff member, Dr. Gary Shackelford, (organizer of the run), 30 min. 13 sec.; First woman, Susan Davidson, Washington University medical student, no time given; First newscaster, Al Wiman, 31 min. 12 sec.; First finishing Mallinckrodt Institute alumnus from outside St. Louis, Dr. Jim Blakely, 31 min. 41 sec.; First Chairman of a Radiology or Medical Department in the country, Dr. Ron Evens, 34 min. 22 sec. (his best time in a 5 mile run).

Dr. Steve Sapareto arrives at the 5 Mile Run wearing MIR tie and warm-up suit.

Dr. Gary Shackelford, organizer of the run.
“Off and running”

“Front-runners”
Dr. Ronald Evens, sprints with Dr. Thomas Bates.

Dr. Robert Stanley consults his stop watch as he crosses the finish line.
Dr. Siddhesh Gowda passes the halfway point with ease and grace.

Five Mile Run

Peter Ruger, Washington University legal counsel, determinedly crosses the finish line.
Time! Joe Schwarberg, R.T., pushes the stop watch as the first runner crosses the finish line.

Dr. John Armstrong sprints ahead of Dr. Patrick Lester who joined him in a spirit of good fun on the final lap of the race.
above,  
A relaxing moment for Dr. John Armstrong.

left,  
Winners, Dr. Ron Evens, left, first chairman of a radiology or medical department, and Al Wiman, first newscaster.

below,  
Mr. Armand Diaz congratulates Walter Schwarze, left, and Jerry Murphy.
Mutual congratulations for Drs. Ron Evens and William Miller and in the right background, technologists, Bob Knapp and David Ewing.

Virginia Trent congratulates Dr. James Blakely, the first finishing MIR alumnus from outside St. Louis.

Dr. Matt Powers, left, congratulates Dr. Ron Evens. At right, Dr. Larry Anderson.
MIR 50th Anniversary Banquet and Scott Lecture

Three hundred guests attended the gala Anniversary Banquet on Friday evening in the Starlight Room of the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel. Table decorations highlighting the golden anniversary included a single yellow rose surrounded by votive candles, and for each guest, a 50th Anniversary mug, commemorative book and program. Two latch-hooked rugs by Dr. Evens, the Washington University Seal and MIR 50th Anniversary Seal, provided a dramatic backdrop to the beautiful head table.

During the evening, guests dined on Beef Wellington, good fellowship prevailed, and members of the Anniversary committee and scientific program were introduced.

Dr. William Danforth, Chancellor of Washington University, said in the Wendell G. Scott Lecture that the Institute today is "literally the best there is," and that "those who are associated with the Institute feel they are part of something of very high quality." In a spirit of good humor, Dr. Danforth visualized the Wendell Scott Lecture being given on the 100th Anniversary of the Mallinckrodt Institute "by the still alert Ronald G. Evens, age 92," who admitted that the five-mile run tired him more than in the past.

The memorable evening ended on a happy, heartwarming note as Dr. Carlos Perez presented to Dr. Evens, on behalf of the Institute, a giant-sized replica of the 50th Anniversary Mug commemorating his tenth anniversary as Director of the Institute. Among parting comments were "Let's do this again next year" ... "The Celebration was well planned with a good mixture of scientific and social activities as well as free time" ... "Everything we observed, all the growth and change, promises a strong future to an Institution we cherish."

Mrs. Wendell Scott and Dr. Carlos Perez visit prior to the lecture honoring Dr. Scott.
Dr. William Danforth, Chancellor of Washington University, delivers the Tenth Annual Wendell G. Scott Lecture. Shown at head table are Mrs. Evens, Dr. Evens, Dr. Kenton King, Mrs. King, and Dr. Carlos Perez.
right,
Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Sagel arrive at the Starlight Roof.

below,
Alumnus, Dr. Joseph A. Norton of Little Rock, Arkansas with Mrs. Norton.
Dr. Tom Miller at left.

Banquet
and
Scott Lecture

Drs. Eugene Bricker, left, and Juan Taveras visit during cocktails at the Anniversary Banquet.
Enjoying a visit before dinner are Drs. Robert Stanley, left, Gladden Elliott and Mrs. Scott, left, and Mrs. Elliott.
A warm round of appreciation for Rose Marie Smith, center, seated with Kay Porter, left, and Bonnie and Roger Cotton.

Banquet and Scott Lecture

Ronna Pohlman, left, Glenda Rosenthal, and Al Wiman are seated for dinner.
A happy visit for all when Ms. Rose Marie Smith is joined by Drs. Ronald Evens, left, Fred Hodges and Alexander Margulis.

Mrs. John Armstrong shares a happy moment with Dr. and Mrs. Pat Lester.

Smiles, laughs, applause come forth from the audience enjoined by Dr. and Mrs. Danforth, left, Mrs. Evens, and Dr. King, right, as Dr. Perez (at lecturn) and Mr. Armand Diaz present Dr. Evens with a giant replica of the 50th Anniversary Mug.
MIR 50th Anniversary
Banquet
and Scott Lecture
With Mrs. Wendell Scott, second from right, are her daughters and their husbands, Dr. and Mrs. Michel Ter-Pogossian, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace.

Dr. Ronald Evens holds his Fiftieth Anniversary Mug for all to see.
Banquet and Scott Lecture
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THE FOURTH ANNUAL CURRENT CONCEPTS IN MUSCULOSKELETAL RADIOLOGY AND ORTHOPEDICS

presented by
THE MUSCULOSKELETAL SECTION of the MALLINCKRODT INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY
in conjunction with
THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

in ATHENS, GREECE
APRIL 25 — MAY 3, 1982

The object of this symposium is to review current diagnostic and treatment concepts of various musculoskeletal problems. The course is designed to help bridge the knowledge of radiologists and orthopedic surgeons through illustration of normal and abnormal anatomy, and meets the criteria for 24 hours in Category 1 of the PRA of the AMA; an optional Greek Isles cruise extension meets the criteria for 10 additional hours.

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Reservation Deadline
March 1, 1982

For any questions, concerning travel arrangements, call Sue Stinson at 1-800-255-6969. For information other than travel, please contact Dr. Louis Gilula at (314) 454-2191.

MIR Calendar of Events

January 11, 1982
CITY WIDE RADIOLOGY CONFERENCE
St. Louis University
5:30 P.M.

February 8, 1982
CITY WIDE RADIOLOGY CONFERENCE
Scarpellino Auditorium
Mallinckrodt Institute
5:30 P.M.

March 8, 1982
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Mallinckrodt Institute
5:30 P.M.

March 21-26, 1982
THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGISTS SCARD/A'CR^3 — Baltimore, Maryland

April 14, 1982
LEROY SANTE LECTURE
St. Louis University
5:30 P.M.

April 25 – May 3, 1982
4TH ANNUAL CURRENT CONCEPTS IN MUSCULOSKELETAL RADIOLOGY AND ORTHOPEDICS
Athens, Greece

May 9-14, 1982
AMERICAN ROENTGEN RAY SOCIETY
New Orleans, Louisiana

May 10, 1982
CITY WIDE RADIOLOGY CONFERENCE
Scarpellino Auditorium
Mallinckrodt Institute
5:30 P.M.
More than 17,000 persons attended the 67th annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago, Nov. 15-20. The five day assembly included 100 refresher courses, over 400 papers, and hundreds of technical exhibits. The newer modalities, digital subtraction angiography, interventional radiology, and nuclear magnetic resonance were major topics. Covering nearly every aspect of diagnostic and therapeutic radiology, the scientific presentations included the following from MIR staff members:

**ASSOCIATED SCIENCES IN RADIOLOGY WORKSHOP: RADIOLOGY PRODUCTIVITY AND COST CONTAINMENT IN INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AND HOSPITAL**

Keynote Address — Where’s the Action? Productivity! What’s the Problem? Quality!, Ronald G. Evens, M.D.

**PEDIATRIC FILM INTERPRETATION SESSION**

William H. McAlister, M.D., one of four panelists, interpreted pediatric diagnostic radiology films.

**REFRESHER COURSES**

“Structure and Function of the Residency Review Committee in Radiology,” Ronald G. Evens, M.D., one of nine panelists.

“Computed Tomography of the Pancreas and Retropertioneum,” Stuart S. Sagel, M.D., Robert J. Stanley, M.D.

**THE INFLUENCE OF GOVERNMENT ON RADIOLOGY**

“Health Care Technology and Its Evaluation,” Ronald G. Evens, M.D.

“Primary Gliomas of the Brain,” James E. Marks, M.D.

“Evaluation of Renal Structure and Function by Radionuclide Imaging,” Barry A. Siegel, M.D., Daniel R. Biello, M.D.

“Optimal Urography,” Bruce L. McClennan, M.D.

“Computed Tomography and Certificate of Need (CON): Economics, Utilization and an Approach to Planning Agencies,” Ronald G. Evens, M.D.

“Radiology of Hydrocephalus,” Mokhtar H. Gado, M.D.

**SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Nuclear Medicine, Barry A. Siegel, M.D., Chairman

Therapeutic Radiology and Radiobiology, John M. Bedwinek, M.D.

**PAPERS**

“Lumbar Facet Injection: Indication, Technique and Pathologic Correlation,” Judy M. Destouet, M.D., Louis A. Gilula, M.D., William A. Murphy, M.D., Barbara Monsees, M.D.

“An Integrated Approach to the Diagnosis of Lumbar Disc Disease by CT and Myelography,” Mokhtar Gado, M.D., Balasundarum Chandrasekar, M.D., Jashbhai Patel, M.D., Fred J. Hodges III, M.D., Ashwani Kapila, M.D.


“Role of CT Scanning in the Evaluation of Bronchogenic Carcinoma,” M. Jill White, M.D., Robert G. Levitt, M.D., Richard L. Baron, M.D., Stuart S. Sagel, M.D., Charles L. Roper, M.D., John P. Marbarger, M.D.


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“Local Intravascular Fibrinolytic Therapy,” William G. Totty, M.D., Louis A. Gilula, M.D., Bruce L. McClennan, M.D.

“Liver and Bone Scintigraphy and Alkaline Phosphatase Levels in Colorectal Carcinoma,” Bharath Kumar, M.D., Robert Lenobel, M.D., Marc Wallack, M.D., Robert Rosenberg, M.D., Barry Siegel, M.D.

“Enlargement of the Ventricles and Subarachnoid Spaces by CT in Senile Dementia,” Mokhtar H. Gado, M.D., Warren Danziger, M.D., Lawrence Cohen, M.D., Charles Hughes, M.D., Leonard Berg, M.D.

**EXHIBITS**

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Carlos A. Perez, M.D., Professor of Radiology and Director of the Division of Radiation Oncology at Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, was elected President of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiologists at its recent meeting in Miami, Florida.

ASTR, with a membership of over 1,000, is the foremost association of radiation therapists in the nation. Its efforts are directed to the highest possible standards of therapeutic radiology in patient care, medical education and training, and clinical and laboratory research. It gives particular emphasis to strengthening the interchange between allied disciplines.

Dr. Perez was appointed Director of Mallinckrodt's Division of Radiation Oncology, Washington University School of Medicine, in 1976. He is Radiotherapist-in-Chief at Barnes Hospital, a Radiotherapist at St. Luke's and Missouri Baptist Hospital, a member of the editorial board of five major medical journals, author of more than 100 scientific publications and papers dealing with cancer, and a member of several national cancer committees including the Government Relations Committee of the Society of Surgical Oncologists, the Board of Scientific Counselors, and the Radiation Oncology Coordination Subcommittee of the Division of Cancer Treatment, National Cancer Institute.

Active in cooperative groups which coordinate clinical trials of cancer treatment strategies, Dr. Perez has engaged in a number of laboratory studies on the role of the immune system in the host response to cancer.

Following his one-year term as President of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiologists, Dr. Perez will become Chairman of the Board of Directors for 1983.

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiologists, the largest society of radiation oncologists in the world, was held in Miami, Florida, on Oct. 12-16, 1981. Among the participants sharing clinical research data were many MIR Radiation Oncology staff members representing both the Clinical Oncology and Physics Sections. Their areas of presentation were:

PAPERS:

Hodgkin's Lymphoma
"Clinical State I and II Supradiaphragmatic Hodgkin's Disease: Impact of Elective Subdiaphragmatic Therapy and Staging Laprotomy," R.J. Baglan, M.D.

Physics
"A Single 'Hockey Stick' Portal for Treatment of Medulloblastoma," Glenn P. Glasgow, Ph.D.

"Performance Evaluation of the CMS Modulex Treatment Planning System for Electron Beam Dose Computations," James A. Purdy, Ph.D.

Central Nervous System
"Cerebellar Medulloblastoma," Craig L. Silverman, M.D.

Breast
"Stage III and Localized Stage IV Breast Cancer: Irradiation Alone VS Irradiation Plus Surgery," John M. Bedwinek, M.D.

Sensitizers
"Phase I Trial of Desmethylmisonidazole — A New Hypoxic Cell Sensitizer," Todd H. Wasserman, M.D.
Award to Bettye James

Hyperthermia
“Preliminary Experience with Irradiation and Local Microwave Hyperthermia in Cancer Therapy,” Carlos A. Perez, M.D.

Biology
“Dose Rate Effects on the Hematopoietic Stem Cells of BALB/c Mice,” Glenn P. Glasgow, Ph.D.

SCIENTIFIC SESSION MODERATOR
“Breast,” John M. Bedwinek, M.D.

REFRESHER COURSES
“Carcinoma of the Larynx,” James E. Marks, M.D.
“Carcinoma of the Lung, Carlos A. Perez, M.D.

PANEL PRESENTATION

EXHIBITS
“Techniques for Primary Radiation of Early Breast Cancer at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Division of Radiation Oncology,” John M. Bedwinek, M.D., Carlos A. Perez, M.D., James A Purdy, Ph.D., Glenn P. Glasgow, Ph.D.
“Immobilization of Radiotherapy Patients,” James A. Purdy, Ph.D., Russell L. Gerber, B.S., Glenn P. Glasgow, Ph.D., Todd H. Wasserman, Ph.D., James E. Marks, M.D.

MISCELLANEOUS
ASTR Council Presentation
Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Stanley E. Order — Carlos A. Perez, M.D.

Bettye James, R.T.T., right, explains MIR Radiation Oncology facilities to visitors from Eastern Virginia Medical School and Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia: Dr. Anus El-Mahdi.

Bettye Jo James, Chief Technologist and Technical Director of the School of Radiation Therapy Technology in Mallinckrodt's Division of Radiation Oncology, was one of 24 individuals honored for their special achievements during the St. Louis Sentinel's eighth annual “Yes, I Can” dinner on October 8. Bettye and the other recipients of this award were recognized for their determination, courage, hard work, and the standard of excellence that has made them outstanding role models for young blacks.

As Chief Technologist and Technical Director of the School of Radiation Therapy, Bettye, who considers her primary responsibility to be “giving the best quality patient care,” directs, conducts and supervises the technology training program and the activities of the areas of patient care and service. She began her career at Mallinckrodt in 1968, when she graduated from its first radiation therapy training program as one of only twenty trained radiation therapy technologists in the United States, six of whom were employed at MIR. In 1979, after serving as clinical coordinator of the training program and technical supervisor, she assumed her present positions.

Bettye graduated from Vashon High School and attended Jewish Hospital School of Radiologic Technology before coming to MIR. In addition to her accomplishments at the Institute she has achieved the distinction of becoming a top model in the St. Louis area.

This year's speaker, Tom Shropshire, reflected the spirit of inspiration that has marked the “Yes, I Can” awards since its beginning in 1974, when the late Sentinel publisher, Howard B. Woods, sought to provide an opportunity for young black people to meet black men and women who have risen above great obstacles to achieve success in their careers.
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