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From the president . . .

Spring is finally here, bringing with it all of the hope and possibilities of the new season. The grass is turning green and everywhere around us the trees and flowers are blooming again. The sunny days and warm weather are full of energy and promises of growth and opportunity. And just like nature, the MSRT is experiencing new energy and optimism as well.

We have reasons to be optimistic.

The CARE Act (HR 1011) is making headway in Congress. If it passes, it can create positive changes in the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. It will mean long-awaited guarantees that everyone that uses radiation to make medical images or treat cancer is properly trained. But just like a new planting, the CARE Act needs our attention and efforts, in the form of letters and other contacts with our legislators, to make it mature into a law.



Our state conference just keeps getting bigger and better every year. Deb Hurst and company put on another outstanding conference this year, and are already working on the program for next year. By the way, mark your calendars: the next MSRT Conference is April 17-20, 2002. You won't want to miss it!

Our member services are growing, too. We have improved the way our website is maintained and updated, so you should soon have access to better, more useful and more up-to-date online information from the Internet. As our new publications chair, Anne Rutz is ensuring that the quality and frequency of our state's publications is improving as well.

In addition, the board of directors is already making plans to work together on other issues that should help to grow the MSRT and our profession as well.

As you can see, there are a lot of things to be excited about. I hope you all enjoy this new season of optimism. Please take this opportunity to get involved with the MSRT and grow with us!

David L. Frazier BSRT(R)(QM)
MSRT President

2001 MSRT Competition and Award Winners



Martin Henson, right, is the 2001 winner of the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence. The award is presented each year to a registered technologist, physician, or non-RT who has made unusual or exceptional contributions to the radiologic sciences and/or the society above and beyond those normally required by the society. Nominations are presented to the Board of Directors, whose members make the final selection. Presenting the award, left, is Nikki Thielman.



Elevated to Life Membership

Showing off their new Life Membership cards are, from left, Cynthia Daniels, Martin Henson, and Nikki Thielman.

■ 2001 MSRT Scientific Essay Winners

Technologist Category

1st place—Benjamin Morris,
Cox Medical Center
Therac-25

2nd place—Shawn Snider,
Cox Medical Systems
*A Technical Clinical Ladder
for Radiographers:
More Than a Tool for
Retention*

3rd place—Kelley Morris,
St. Joseph Health Center
*The Efficiency of
Endoscopic Ultrasound in
Detecting Malignancies of
the GI Tract*



**Benjamin Morris
First Place
Technologist Category**

Student Category

1st place—Pam Vader,
Avila College
*Digital Radiography and Picture Archiving and
Communications Systems (PACS)*

2nd place—Sarah Curtis, Avila College
Percutaneous Vertebroplasty

3rd place—Beth Duffelmeyer, Avila College
*Internal Radiation for the Treatment of Breast, Lung,
and Prostate Cancer*

Honorable Mention—

- Mark Moreland, Avila College
Will Screening for Lung Cancer Become Reality?
and

- Jackie Hall, Rolla Technical Center
Virtual Endoscopy

■ 2001 Student Bowl Winners

First Place: Nichols Career Center

Second Place: Research Medical Center

Third Place: Mineral Area Regional Medical Center





**Liz Falkenrath,
First Place
Student Category**



**Rhonda Liley
Second Place
Student Category**



**Malinda Hagenhoff
Third Place
Student Category**



**Shelly Britt
Honorable Mention
Student Category**

■ **2001 MSRT Scientific Exhibit Winners**

Student Category

- 1st place—Liz Falkenrath, Rolla Technical Center
Forensic Science & the Use of Ionizing Radiation
- 2nd place—Rhonda Liley, Rolla Technical Center
Spinal Cord Injuries
- 3rd place—Malinda Hagenhoff, Rolla Technical Center
Fibrous Dysplasia Ossificans Progressiva
- Honorable Mention—Shelly Britt, Rolla Technical Center
Gamma Knife Radiosurgery

Technologist Category

- 1st place—Maggie Ogden, Rolla Technical Center
Intravascular Contrast Media
- 2nd place—Benjamin Morris, Cox Medical Center
Radiophodia: Post WWII Media



**Maggie Ogden
First Place
Technologist Category**



**Benjamin Morris
Second Place
Technologist Category**

Left: Michelle Cox, Research Medical Center, was the 2001 winner of the MSRT Scholarship.

Not pictured is Jana Crawford, University of Missouri-Columbia, the 2001 winner of the Robert A. Feldhaus Scholarship.

Right: Anne Rutz, Rolla Technical Center, was the 2001 winner of the Technologist Scholarship.



Congratulations to:

**Darrell McKay,
PhD, RT(R)(M)(QM)
FASRT**

**Ulysses D. Murray
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Attention, MSRT members: HELP WANTED!

Due to the approved bylaw change at the annual meeting in April, which eliminated the elected treasurer and replaced that office with an MSRT board-appointed Executive Treasurer, the MSRT board of directors is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Treasurer.

Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to: active membership in the MSRT and ASRT, fiscal responsibility, ability to handle funds in a timely and accurate manner, ability to accurately report to the BOD at meetings, ability to accurately report to the membership at the annual meeting,

ability to attend BOD and annual meeting(s).

Questions regarding this position may be directed to Anne Rutz at (573) 458-0160, ext. 16191. Interested qualified applicants should send a resume, letter of application, and three letters of reference to:

Anne Rutz
500 Forum
Rolla, MO 65401

Applications should be RECEIVED on or before July 20, 2001.

Highlights from the April 4-7, 2001, MSRT 69th annual conference: *2001: An MSRT Odyssey—Our FUTURE is NOW*

More than 300 people from across Missouri attended MSRT's 69th annual conference at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Lake Ozark, MO, and deemed it a *super* success.

Featured speaker was former ASRT president Ginger Griffin, from Florida. (It was the consensus of those who attended her lectures that she is awesome!)

Griffin and 10 MSRT past presidents attended the past presidents' breakfast on Saturday, April 7, the last day of the conference. Dr. Ward graciously invited all the MSRT past presidents to a future get-together at his home.

Fast facts:

- The conference offered more than 20 hours of CE credits.
- Representatives of the Cox School of Radiology were the big winners in the alien trivia competition Wednesday night.

• The golf tournament was great fun! A total of 32 persons played. Lunch was sponsored by Keith Oser with Diagnostic Imaging, and door prizes were provided by Bracco Diagnostics.

Prizes included:

- Lowest team score—Ken Wilson's team
- Longest drive for men—Dave Hentz
- Longest drive for women—Chris Block
- Longest putt—Chris Barber
- Closest to the pin—Dave Hentz

Make plans now to join the fun on April 17, 2002, for the 8th annual MSRT Golf Tournament at Sycamore Creek Golf Course, Lake Ozark. Anyone interested in helping organize next year's tournament, please contact Deb Hurst at dhurst3695@aol.com or leave a message at (573) 474-6573.

Thanks to these commercial '01 conference exhibitors!

Audrain Medical Center; Bracco Diagnostics; Capital Regional Medical Center; Clarkson College; Columbia Regional Hospital; Cook, INC.; E-Z-Em, INC.; GE-OEC Medical Systems, Inc.; Just 4 Techs Sportswear Company; Kodak; Konica Imaging; Mayo Clinic; MED-TEC Marketing Associates; N T and H Enterprises, INC.; Nycomed Amersham; Remote Technologies, INC.; Star Med Staffing Group; and University of Missouri Health System.



A radiographer's nightmare

Patient for a skull series:

"Please remove all jewelry and hair ornaments."

CARE bill reintroduced in House; on to the Senate!

Members of ASRT's Grass-roots Network celebrated March 13 when Congresswoman Heather Wilson, R-N.M., introduced the CARE bill in the House of Representatives.

Rep. Joanne Emerson also has signed on as a co-sponsor.

The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish educational and credentialing standards for personnel who plan and deliver radiation therapy and perform all types of diagnostic imaging procedures except medical ultrasound. States would be required to meet the federal minimum standards or risk losing Medicaid reimbursement for radiologic procedures.

The next hurdle in the bill's path is to identify a lawmaker to introduce companion legislation in the Senate.

The text of the CARE bill is available at the Library of Congress web site. Search for the bill by its number, H.R. 1011, at <http://thomas.loc.gov>. The bill also is on the ASRT web site at www.asrt.org.

NOTE: Everyone PLEASE write their senators and representatives!!!

Nuclear medicine technologist elected to lead ASRT in 2002-2003

In a close national election, members of the American Society Radiologic Technologists have chosen Donna Newman, B.A., R.T.(R), CNMT, as their president-elect. She will take office at the annual conference June 2-6 in Orlando, Fla.

Ms. Newman is a staff nuclear medicine technologist at Meritcare Medical Health Systems in Fargo, N.D. A member of ASRT since 1993, she previously served as the organization's vice president and secretary-treasurer. Ms. Newman also has been an active member of the North Dakota Society of Radiologic Technologists.

As president-elect, Ms. Newman will serve three years on the ASRT Board of Directors: one year as president-elect, one year as president and one year as chairman of the Board. Her presidential year will run from June 2002 to June 2003.

In other election results, ASRT members chose Eileen Maloney, M.Ed.,

R.T.(R)(M), FASRT, for the office of vice president and Dawn M. Fearn, M.A., R.T.(R)(T)(QM), CMD for the office of secretary-treasurer. Ms. Maloney is program director and a professor of radiography at Passaic County Community College in Paterson, N.J. Ms. Fearn is director of the radiation therapy program at the Medical Institute of Minnesota in Bloomington.

Both women will begin their one-year terms of office at the ASRT Annual Conference in June, where current ASRT President Michael DelVecchio, B.S., R.T.(R), will turn over the reins to incoming president Allen Terrell, M.S., R.T.(R)(MR).

The theme for this year's conference is "Connect to Your Profession." Intensive computer sessions featuring 12 application courses, a clinical instructors' certification workshop, plus an expanded exhibit hall have strengthened educational offerings.

More than 70 CE courses will be offered at conference headquarters, and one college credit toward a B.S. degree in health arts will be awarded to those completing 15 hours of CE courses during the conference.

Keynote speaker will be Bill Metcalf, Ph.D., president of TechnoShift Inc. and executive director of the Cooperative Opportunity for Online Learning.

The ASRT's web site is www.asrt.org or call 1-800-444-2778.



DONNA NEWMAN



ASRT Fellows

ASRT Fellows who attended the annual MSRT conference are, from left, Dr. Michael Ward, Dr. Darrell McKay, Ginger Griffin, Norman Hente, and Barbara Hente.

An update on Stephanie...

Stephanie Whisler, former MSRT president, has just completed the final step in her breast cancer treatment. Please keep her in your thoughts, and pray for her continued recovery.



THE MISSOURI SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

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Interventional
- Mammography
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- CT
- Quality Management

Position Title:

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- Special Procedures
- Supervisor
- Director/Education
- Instructor
- Administrator
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- CT Technologist
- MRI Technologist
- Mammographer
- Not employed
- Retired
- Other _____

Education Level:

- Certificate
- Associate
- Baccalaureate
Major _____
- Masters
Major _____
- Doctorate
Major _____

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Work in:

- Hospital
- Clinic
- School
- Commercial
- Other _____

MSRT District: Please circle all that apply

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ACTIVE MEMBER: Radiologic Technologist registered by and in good standing with a nationally recognized certifying body. **\$40** _____

STUDENT MEMBER: Students enrolled in a training program recognized by the A.R.R.T. This is a 2-year membership and expires Dec. 31 of the year following graduation. **\$20** _____
Name of school: _____ Graduation date: _____

SUPPORTING MEMBER: Persons interested in Radiologic Technology but not having qualifications for other categories. **\$35** _____

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what's going on in
your area.

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