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From the president . . .

May, 2003

Greetings! I am torn regarding my feelings at this moment. While I am excited and energized to be serving the MSRT as President, as an American I am concerned for the welfare of our troops in this time of war. Our thoughts and prayers are with them every moment. However, we cannot dwell on what we cannot control, so the business of the MSRT must go on.

In the past couple of years I believe that the MSRT has made tremendous strides in improving the communication between the Board and the MSRT membership. I feel that the email grassroots network is one manifestation of this increased communication. Members are more involved and I hope this trend will continue and expand.



In particular, we need to really focus our efforts in the legislative arena. With term limits we have young state congressmen in office who are energetic and open-minded. We need to educate them to our issue to get licensure finally passed. On the federal level the CARE bill has been reintroduced and MSRT representatives have already met with all our legislators. We need to step up our communication with our legislators so our voice is heard in Washington D.C. We want education requirements for persons performing radiographic examinations; we want patients in Missouri to be assured of a safe, high-quality examination or treatment.

The MSRT Legislative Activities Committee and Board of Directors are planning a RT in JC event for next winter. We want RT's from across the state to come to Jefferson City to lobby and educate our legislators. We will provide information to be given to the legislators, and training on how to talk to your legislator. But we need you to pledge to be there. We need to knock Jefferson City on its heels. We need to make sure that the legislators know this is not a money issue. It is a safety and quality of care issue for all Missourians!

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to get involved. Volunteer to serve on a district or state committee. Run for office. Write a letter. Do anything, but make sure you do something.

*Sincerely,
Anne Rutz, PhD RT(R)(M)
MSRT President*



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2003 MSRT 71st annual conference: "Leaping to Higher Potential"

The 71st Annual MSRT Conference April 2-5 was a tremendous success! We had over 450 people in attendance, which well exceeds last year's attendance. The spotted frog social was THE place for evening eats, entertainment and fun. A "smashing" good time was had by all. (Just ask those who watched as Henry Cashion took a swing at the piñata.)

Some positive changes that occurred this year included box lunches on Thursday and presentation of student awards at lunch on Friday. The box lunches still contained the delicious food the hotel is known for and allowed conference participants to relax and put their feet up for a little while. Moving the student awards to lunch on Friday allowed the students to receive their awards in front of their fellow students and resulted in a much shorter Presidential Banquet.

The Presidential Banquet marked the culmination of a yearlong, online auction of an antique Coolidge tube that was

thought to be the first diagnostic x-ray tube west of the Mississippi. The tube, donated by Henry Cashion, was purchased for \$600 by a firm in Utah that plans to put it back into use for scientific research. When he donated the tube, Henry requested that the proceeds be used to promote greater student involvement in the MSRT. So, at the Presidential Banquet, the Henry Cashion Student Internship Program was established.

The funds from the Coolidge tube were matched by donations from a group of MSRT past-presidents. These funds will be used to enhance the educational and professional experience of the student intern. The first Henry Cashion Student Intern is Melissa Mace. She was selected



Carla Allen
Conference Coordinator

for her motivation for the position, potential for success, and dedication to the profession. Melissa is currently finishing her first year at Cox School of Radiologic Technology. She will provide student input at MSRT board meetings and in conference activity development.

Next year's conference coordinator, David Frazier, an-

nounced the theme for next year's conference is "Back to the Future." We will welcome back Ginger Griffin as the keynote speaker. I'm sure it is an event you won't want to miss!

Mark your calendars for April 21-24 and plan to join us as we journey...*Back to the Future!*



Dr. Anne Rutz receives Mallinckrodt Award

Congratulations to Dr. Anne Rutz, right, this year's recipient of the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence. Presenting the award is Nikki Thielemann, left, Tyco/Mallinckrodt, Inc., representative.

The award is presented each year to a registered technologist, physician, or non-RT who has made outstanding contributions to the radiologic sciences and MSRT above and beyond those normally required by the society.

Dr. Rutz has served on the MSRT Board of Directors for the past five years. She has chaired several MSRT committees, and created and maintains the MSRT Grassroots network. She also has served and is serving on ASRT and ARRT committees.

Dr. Rutz is 2003-2004 president of the MSRT.

Cantrell elevated to MSRT Life Member

The highest honor that can be given by the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists to any one single member is that of Life Membership. In order to be elevated to Life Membership status, the member must be an active member of the MSRT for at least 15 years. During that time he/she must have served the MSRT Board of Directors for at least five years, including service as an officer or other Board position.

This year the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists elevated one such member.

This member has recorded a long list of accomplishments in both his career as a radiologic technologist and as a member of the MSRT. He has been a registered technologist for nearly twenty years. During this time he has been a staff technologist, Associate Director of Radiology and everything in between. In

addition to his initial registration, this member became a registered nuclear medicine technologist in 1984.

He has served the MSRT in leadership positions for over ten years. He has held numerous positions including District Representative, Conference Coordinator, Conference Committee Chairman, Vice President, and MSRT President. He is a past Murray Lecturer and recipient of the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence. Besides all of this, he has regularly served the MSRT in many unofficial capacities.



Danny Cantrell

On a personal note, this year's recipient of Life Membership status encouraged me to become more involved with the MSRT, and, as a direct result, I am here. I am sure that dozens of other MSRT members can look to this individual and see where he has touched their professional lives in a similar way.

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the Missouri Society of

Radiologic Technologists Board of Directors, to bestow Life Membership on Mr. Danny Cantrell.

—Benjamin Morris RT(R)(T)(CT)

Ninth annual MSRT golf tourney features 13 teams

13 teams—52 players strong—participated in the shotgun start. Perfect 80-degree weather...slight wind...but who's counting?

Lunch following the tournament was provided by Ledford Medical: Authorized Manufacturer's Representative for Phillips Medical Systems.

A \$100 cash prize putting contest was sponsored and supervised by John Suess with A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc.

And the winners are:

\$100 A.G. Edwards Putting Contest—Randy Jones

A flight, 1st place—

Ken Wilson, Steve Foote, Jim Adams, Dave Hentze

B flight, 1st place—

Keith Scott, Mark Collins, Todd Danner, Todd Pitney

Ladies' Longest Drive: Nikki Thielmann

Men's Longest Drive: Keith Oser

Closest to the Pin: Ralph Buettner

Longest Putt: Justin Mayo

Make plans NOW to join us next year for the 10th Annual MSRT Golf Tournament, beginning at 8:30 a.m. April 21, 2004.



Debra Hurst and Nikki Thielmann show off their good-luck mascot as they zoom around the course.

2003 Ulysses D. Murray Memorial Lecturer: Dwayne Ter Maat, MS, RT(R)

This years Ulysses D. Murray Memorial Lecturer was Dwayne Ter Maat MS, RT(R).

Dwayne Ter Maat received his initial radiography education in the United States Air Force Specialist School. He has received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Radiologic Technology from St. Louis University and a Master of Education degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has also completed various courses in the Hospital and Health Care Administration program at St. Louis University.

Dwayne has been a staff radiographer at hospitals in Ohio, England, and in St. Louis. He is currently Clinical Coordinator and Professor in the Radiologic Technology program at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park where he has been employed since 1970. He is certified in radiography by the ARRT and is also a member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the Association of Educators in Radiological Sciences.

Dwayne has served MSRT's



**Dwayne Ter Maat,
MS, RT(R)**

District 4 as treasurer, Board of Directors member and as an Essay Committee judge. For the MSRT he has been chairman of the Nominating committee, chairman of the Registration committee, and also has served as co-editor of our state journal, *Missouri*

Radiographer. He also has served on the ASRT Education Committee and the ASRT Task Force on Competency Statements for Radiology.

Dwayne has been a speaker in Illinois and Missouri at the district and state levels. He is a site visit team chairman for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. He has published several film critique manuals for students. He was a contributing author for *Merrills Atlas of Radiographic Positions and Radiologic Procedures, 6th edition*, in which he was the first to formalize and write evaluation criteria for each projection, which is a common practice now in all positioning textbooks.

He was a visiting professor for a semester in the radiography program at Canterbury Christ Church College, Canterbury, England, and presented a proffered paper on his experiences at an AHRA/AERS annual meeting. Dwayne is a consultant/reviewer for Mosby's interactive online radiographic instructional series.

**Benjamin Morris,
2003 Technologist
Scholarship winner**



**Angela Green,
2003 Student
Scholarship winner**



Melissa Mace receives first Henry Y. Cashion Student Leadership Award

Mr. Cashion received his training at Saint Francis School of Radiologic Technology in Cape Girardeau and was certified in 1959 as a registered technologist by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

He joined the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists the same year. His membership, comprising three decades, brings him honor as the longest continuously active member of the Missouri Society.

Henry has served the Missouri Society in a variety of capacities including National Exhibit Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Sixth District Representative, and Education Committee.

He became a Registered Medical Technician at the University of Kansas in 1962, and received a certificate in the EEG program at Washington University in St. Louis in 1963. Henry received a certificate in Hospital Management from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1970. He received an Associate of Arts degree from Flat River Junior College in 1962.

With a varied career in health services, Mr. Cashion has been Supervisor of



Henry Y. Cashion confers the first Henry Y. Cashion Student Leadership Award on Melissa Mace. Melissa will serve a student internship on the MSRT Board of Directors for the next year.

Radiology at Farmington State Hospital; Chief of Medical Laboratory Services for Medical Arts Clinic in Farmington; Director of Laboratory Services for Farmington State Hospital; a technologist at Kirksville College of Osteopathy; and Supervisor and Director of Radiology Services at Farmington Community Hospital.

Henry has been Program Director of the School of Radiologic Technology, which he founded, at Mineral Area Regional Medical Center in Farmington since 1983.

It is through Henry's generous donation of a Coolidge Tube that the MSRT Board of Directors was able to establish the student internship program. Henry's only stipulation was that the money be used to help students. The donated tube was auctioned via the website to raise funds. The auction was won by Doug Decker in Utah for \$600. His company plans to reenergize the tube and use it for research purposes. In a spur of the moment decision, the MSRT Past Presidents matched the auction winner's bid and the final total for the student internship program is more than \$1,200.

It is with great pleasure that the MSRT Board of Directors announces that the name of the student internship program will be The Henry Y. Cashion Student Internship. **Melissa Mace**, a student at Cox Health Systems, has been selected as the first Henry Y. Cashion Student Intern. Congratulations, Melissa, and thank you, Henry!

■ **Remember . . .
Share your news
with friends!**

If you have news of your district, please share it with your district representative! We want to know what's going on in your area.

2003 MSRT Competition & Award Winners

■ 2003 MSRT Scientific Exhibit Winners • Joan Hedrick, Chair

Student Category

1st—Becky Adkins,
Rolla Technical Center

2nd—Jennifer Moody,
Rolla Technical Center

3rd—Karen Walker,
Rolla Technical Center



Becky Adkins



Jennifer Moody



Karen Walker

Technologist Category

1st —Anne Rutz,
PhD RT(R)(M)
Rolla Technical Center

2nd—Maggie Ogden,
MEd RT(R)(M)(CV)
Rolla Technical Center



Anne Rutz



Maggie Ogden



■ 2003 MSRT Scientific Essay Winners • Kristi Littleton, Chair

Student Category

1st place—Abigail Gaither,
Rolla Technical Center
Radiologic Ergonomics

2nd place—Stacy Brown,
Mineral Area School
Osteoporosis

3rd place—Angela Green,
Mineral Area School
*Visualizing Cervical Spine
Trauma is a Pain in the
Neck*



Abigail Gaither

Honorable Mention—

- Simona Hackney, Avila University
Teleradiology
- Melissa Atkinson, Avila University
Using Radiation to Treat Restenosis

Technologist Category

1st place—Alison Rethemeyer
*SAPPHIRE trial proves to be a gem: Carotid stenting with
embolic protection surpasses endarterectomy in high risk
surgical patients*

2nd place—Stephanie Lawson
Body Scan Imaging

2003 MSRT Student Bowl



First Place

Barnes Jewish Hospital

College of Nursing and Allied Health, St. Louis

Congratulations to these 2003 Student Bowl winners! Seated, from left, Amy Hoffman, Michelle Ash, and Rachel Livingston, captain. Standing, from left, Erin Difani, alternate, and Cindy Daniels, coach.



'School of Hard Knocks' Team . . . how'd we do?

Heather Brown, Benjamin Morris and Paul Laudicina

District 1 reactivation planned

Plans are being made to reactivate District 1.

A meeting is planned for mid-September, when Ed Passman and Shannon and Ray Finlan will discuss reorganization of the district. An election of officers is planned for October.

In the interim process, Passman will serve as the acting District 1 representative. Anyone interested in helping with the process may e-mail him at: empassman@healthmidwest.org.

A voice from the MSRT past...

This is an email received by David Frazier in response to an invitation for the Past Presidents' Breakfast:

Dear David,

Thank you for your kind invitation to the 2003 Past Presidents' Breakfast at the upcoming Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists' meeting at 7:30 am on Saturday, April 5, 2003. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend.

After practicing and teaching radiologic technology for 33 years, 1949-1982, in Missouri, my wife, to whom I have now been married 63 years, and I moved to Denver, CO, to be near our daughter and her 2 sons. I was associated with St. Mary's and Charles E. Still in Jefferson City and St. John's in Springfield. I was President of the MSRT in both 1952 and 1954. One of my greatest pleasures was my association with all my students over the years and one of my greatest honors was that all of these students passed their state boards at the first taking. Though I am no longer actively associated with radiologic technology, I have become acquainted with a fine young man who is in charge of a school here in Denver. We have had several meetings and I have donated my books and papers to the school.

At 93 years, I stay active helping my wife run our home (we still live independently), reading, especially history, (that which occurred before I was born) and participating in historical discussions with friends.

I wish you a fine meeting and, again, thank you for the invitation.

Sincerely,

Clair S. Vincent, R.T.

MSRT to receive national award

The MSRT is being honored with a national award!

More information will be available this summer, so stay tuned and watch for your MSRT newsletters.

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Have you joined the MSRT grassroots network yet? If not, please contact Dr. Anne Rutz today at:

arutz@rolla.k12.mo.us>arutz@rolla.k12.mo.us?

Director of Oregon cancer center elected to lead ASRT in 2004-2005

Members of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists have chosen Dawn M. Fearn, M.A., R.T.(R)(T)(QM), CMD, as their president-elect. She will take office in June.

A member of ASRT since 1994, Ms. Fearn currently is the organization's vice president and previously served as its secretary-treasurer.

Ms. Fearn is director of the Samaritan Regional Cancer Center in Corvallis, OR. She also manages the Mario Pastega House, a low-cost housing alternative being built in Corvallis for patients and family members of patients receiving treatment at Good Samaritan Hospital.

As president-elect, Ms. Fearn 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 2004 to June 2005.

Ms. Fearn said she plans to focus on work force recruitment and retention issues during her presidential year. She also hopes to expand ASRT's role as an advocate for radiologic science issues in the legislative arena.

"It is an honor to be entrusted with leadership of the ASRT," said Ms. Fearn. "I promise to continue to advocate for quality care for all our patients and for high professional standards for all who perform medical imaging and radiation therapy."

In other election results, ASRT members chose **Catherine L. Parsons, R.T.(R)(M)(QM)**, for the office of vice president and **Cynthia K. Daniels, M.S., R.T.(R)**, as secretary-treasurer.

Ms. Parsons is administrative director of the medical imaging

department at Cumberland Medical Center in Crossville, TN. She is currently secretary-treasurer of the ASRT and has been a member of the ASRT Committee on Bylaws, the Mammography Chapter Steering Committee and the Committee on Managers and Administrators.

Ms. Daniels is education coordinator at Jewish Hospital College of Nursing and Allied Health in St. Louis, MO. She has been a member of the ASRT Committee on Chapters and Task Force on Governance Restructuring. She also served in the ASRT House of Delegates as an affiliate delegate from Missouri.

Ms. Parsons and Ms. Daniels will begin their one-year terms of office at the ASRT Annual Conference this June in Las Vegas,

NV., where current ASRT President Donna

Newman, B.A., R.T.(R)(CNMT), will turn over the reins to Eileen Maloney, M.Ed., R.T.(R)(M), FASRT.

ASRT elections take place each February, with members asked to fill three Board positions as well as to choose R.T.s to represent them in the ASRT House of Delegates. All active members are eligible to vote. Of approximately 100,000 ballots mailed in this year's election, 4,081 were returned, for a 4.08 percent response rate.



The ASRT Annual Conference is set for June 14-18, 2003, in Las Vegas, NV.

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Sample letters to show you CARE!

Below is a sample letter you may send to a U.S. House of Representatives member. When you write your U.S. senators, please replace the first and last paragraphs with the two below the sample letter. WRITE TODAY!

DATE

Dear Representative _____:

I am writing to encourage you to cosponsor the Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence (CARE) bill in the US House, legislation (H.R. 1214) that was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Heather Wilson of New Mexico. Because of your record of supporting quality health care for Americans, I believe you would be an ideal advocate for this bill in the U.S. House.

The CARE bill would improve the quality of care that patients receive in America's radiology departments. It is designed to strengthen the Consumer-Patient Radiation Health and Safety Act of 1981, a law that established basic educational and credentialing standards for personnel who perform medical imaging and radiation therapy. Because compliance with the 1981 Act is voluntary, only 37 states (Missouri is NOT one of them) have enacted any sort of licensure standard for radiologic personnel, and many of those laws and regulations do not match the standards recommended by the federal government. As a result, tens of thousands of individuals with limited education and no credentials are performing radiologic procedures on patients. These inadequately trained personnel pose a risk to patients, because an improperly performed examination can lead to misdiagnosis or a delay in treatment.

I am a registered radiologic technologist as well as one of your constituents, and I want all patients in the United States to receive the best health care possible. I believe the way to ensure quality radiologic care is to require personnel to meet basic educational and credentialing standards.

Please voice your support for quality health care by contacting Rep. Wilson's office and signing on as a co-sponsor to the CARE bill (H.R. 1214). I look forward to hearing from you soon on this issue.

Sincerely,

Dear Senator _____:

In Senate letter...sub for first paragraph—I am writing to encourage you to support the Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence (CARE) bill in the US Senate. Companion legislation (H.R. 1214) was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Heather Wilson of New Mexico. Because of your record of supporting quality health care for Americans, I believe you would be an ideal advocate for this bill in the U.S. Senate.

In Senate letter...sub for last paragraph—Please contact Rep. Wilson's office for more information about the CARE bill (H.R. 1214), and also please consider supporting this bill in the Senate. I look forward to hearing from you soon on this issue.



RT in DC

These four MSRT board members attended the annual "RT in DC" event. Top to bottom on stairway: Heather Brown, Tammy Decker, Sandy Keeth, and Benjamin Morris.

MSRT members attend annual 'RT in DC' event

The CARE bill was reintroduced in the House of Representatives in March 2003, sponsored again by Rep. Heather Wilson, New Mexico. It is numbered HR 1214. It is still being worked on by Sen. Kennedy's office to be introduced in the Senate.

Missouri was represented at this year's RT in DC event March 29 to April 1 by MSRT board members Tammy Decker, Heather Brown, Sandy Keeth, and Benjamin Morris. They met with personnel from all nine of Missouri's representatives, and both Missouri senators' health legislative assistants.

Rep. Joanne Emerson agreed to sign on again as a co-sponsor of the CARE bill. Reps. Clay and Akin also showed significant interest in signing on as co-sponsors. On the Senate side, Sen. Talent's office showed positive interest.

It is now more important than ever to write to your representatives and senators to express your support for the CARE bill. If you don't contact them, they don't know it is an important issue to us all.



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- Ultrasound
- Cardiovascular-Interventional
- Mammography
- MRI
- CT
- Quality Management

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

Education Level:

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

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- District Member

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