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From the president . . .

Happy Anniversary!!!

As we kick off our 75th year of existence, positive changes and attitudes are all around us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people involved in helping make this last annual conference a huge success. We only had a few minor glitches during this past conference thanks to the ever-increasing experience provided by Dr. Anne Rutz and Mr. David Frazier. Many thanks to Donita Shipman for making all financial transactions quickly and making it look seemingly effortless. The MSRT would not function as a well-oiled machine without her. The new student bowl process went extremely well and very smooth thanks to Kelley McDonald and her entourage of help including the moderators, Ben Morris and Dan Cantrell.



Thanks to Ben Morris for all of his efforts he invested towards District 7.

Some of us had a great time attending the ASRT/ISRRT conference in Denver, Colorado, and watching one of our own, Cindy Daniels, be installed as President of the ASRT. Congratulations Cindy!!! Congratulations also goes out to Donita Shipman for making National Chapter Delegate for Mammography!

I am looking forward to having a wonderful year serving you all as president.

Sincerely,

*Chris Harmon, BSRT (R)
President, Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists*



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2006 Murray Lecturer: Martin G. Henson

Martin began his career in radiography after high school graduation from the St. Louis Preparatory Seminary—North when he joined the United States Navy in 1970. It was while in the Navy that Martin received his radiography education.

While on active duty in the Navy, Martin was stationed in Portsmouth, VA (1971-1972); Chelsea, MA (1972-1974); Sasebo, Japan (1974-1976); and Yuma, AZ (1976-1978). Upon his return to the United States from Japan, Martin sat for and passed the ARRT exam in 1977. As a Navy Reservist, Martin served in Bahrain during the Persian Gulf War (1991).

Since his "seafaring" days, Martin has worked as an agency radiographer

at various hospitals and clinics in the St. Louis area.

Martin has been an active member of the MSRT and ASRT for more than 20 years. Martin has served as the MSRT conference photographer since 1987, and the MSRT Historian since 1988.

His conference photo albums are enjoyed every year. Martin's work received acknowledgement in the publication, "General Sonography: A Clinical Guide" by Beth Anderhub in 1995.

In 2001, the MSRT recognized Martin's many

contributions to the organization by presenting him with the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence and electing him to Life Membership in the organization.



Martin G. Henson, RT (R)



Award of Excellence

David Frazier, BS RT(R)(QM), receives the 2006 Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence at the annual conference. Frazier will serve this year as Conference Coordinator and ASRT Junior Delegate. 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.

In Memoriam: Stephanie Whisler, MSRT Life Member

At the January MSRT Board of Directors meeting it was discovered that Stephanie Whisler was eligible for life membership in 2006.

The Board was aware that Stephanie's health was declining and decided to award life membership to Stephanie at that meeting. Stephanie was presented with her MSRT life membership less than three weeks before she passed away. She was thrilled and honored, and we are glad she knew what she meant to us all. The membership of the MSRT ratified the elevation of Stephanie Whisler to life member at the 2006 annual conference. A brief bio of Stephanie follows:

Stephanie Whisler was diagnosed in May 2000 with inflammatory breast cancer. At that time her mother had already been battling breast cancer for three years and was doing very well. Stephanie drew inspiration and strength from her mother and jumped into the battle with faith.

She began a radiation therapy and chemotherapy regimen, followed by a radical mastectomy. More chemotherapy

followed, and within a year she was undergoing stem cell replacement therapy.

Stephanie had always been very active (she jumped hurdles in high school and would have gone to the Olympics but they were boycotted that year). It was difficult for her to lose her energy, but she never wavered in her belief that she would win this battle.

When a spot appeared on her sternum three years after diagnosis she immediately plunged into more radiation and chemo. She began receiving a bone-hardening medication that made her feel achy, like she had the flu. She still managed to walk everyday, and continued working full-time.

Stephanie remained absolutely positive that the cancer would not defeat



Stephanie Whisler

her. She has been an inspiration to so many, including women who were diagnosed after her. She would meet with them and show them that being positive and full of faith would help them as it had her. Her spirit will live on in everyone who was touched by her grace, energy, and positive attitude about everything in life.

Stephanie was devoted to her profession. She graduated

from CMSU with an education degree, and went to the North Kansas City Hospital Radiology Program. She worked in the field until 1989, when she became the clinical instructor at Independence Regional Health Center for the Avila Radiologic Science Program. She returned to K-State to earn a master's degree, and became full-time faculty at Avila in 1995.

Students were always affected by her enthusiasm and positive outlook, and she served as a role model for hundreds of them. She was the reason many students decided to pursue radiology; they would hear her talk at a career day event and become excited about the field. Stephanie continued to teach during her cancer battle until the end.

She was very active in MSRT, fulfilling the office of president twice, and constantly recruiting support and participation from techs all over the state. In fact, Stephanie was a sitting board member at the time of her passing.

Stephanie was a sports fan—car racing, baseball, basketball, and football. She was the biggest Chiefs fan in the area and never missed a game. Stephanie won the Royal's contest and gave Sluggerrr his name. She was also very active in her children's sports and activities.

Stephanie leaves her husband, Les, and children, Colin (13) and Madison (10), her parents, and many, many friends who loved her and miss her every day.





From left, Eric Rogers, 2005-2006 Henry Cashion Student Intern; Henry Cashion; and Missy Best, 2006-2007 Henry Cashion Student Intern

CoxHealth student Missy Best named 2006 Henry Cashion Student Intern

Congratulations to CoxHealth student Missy Best, who was named the 2006 Henry Cashion Student Intern at the annual conference.

Here is a brief bio she provided:

My name is Missy Best. I am a student at CoxHealth in Springfield. I lived in Hannibal, Mo., my whole life until I graduated from Hannibal High School in 2001. I moved to Springfield, Mo., that year and began attending Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC).

My husband and I were married in Sept. 2002. I became store manager at a local Subway in the spring of 2003. I had worked at Subway since high school and was a shift supervisor. The next spring I began working at the Greater Ozarks Association of Retarded Citizens as a developmental program assistant.

I graduated OTC in 2004 as a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. I transferred to Southwest Missouri State University to work on my bachelor's degree in Radiography, applied to Cox that same semester, and was accepted for the class of 2007.

I love the program and I am so glad that I was given the opportunity to be a part of this profession. I plan to go into a specialty modality, but since we haven't done those rotations I'm not sure which one I would be best suited for yet. Right now I think it is Nuclear Medicine, but I need to get some experience in all of them before I decide.

I am so excited to be given the opportunity to work with the MSRT, and I can't wait to get started.

2006 MSRT Scientific Display Winners

Student Category

1ST Place

Jared Lungren
Who's Taking Your Xrays
Rolla Technical Center

2ND Place

Kara Rowden
The Wide World of PET
Rolla Technical Center

3RD Place

Tanya Willoughby
Fibrocystic Breast Disease
Hillyard Technical Center

Honorable Mention

Pamela Burgdorf
Ye Ole Ticker
Rolla Technical Center

Honorable Mention

Brandy Ogden
ERCP
Rolla Technical Center

Technologist Category

1ST Place

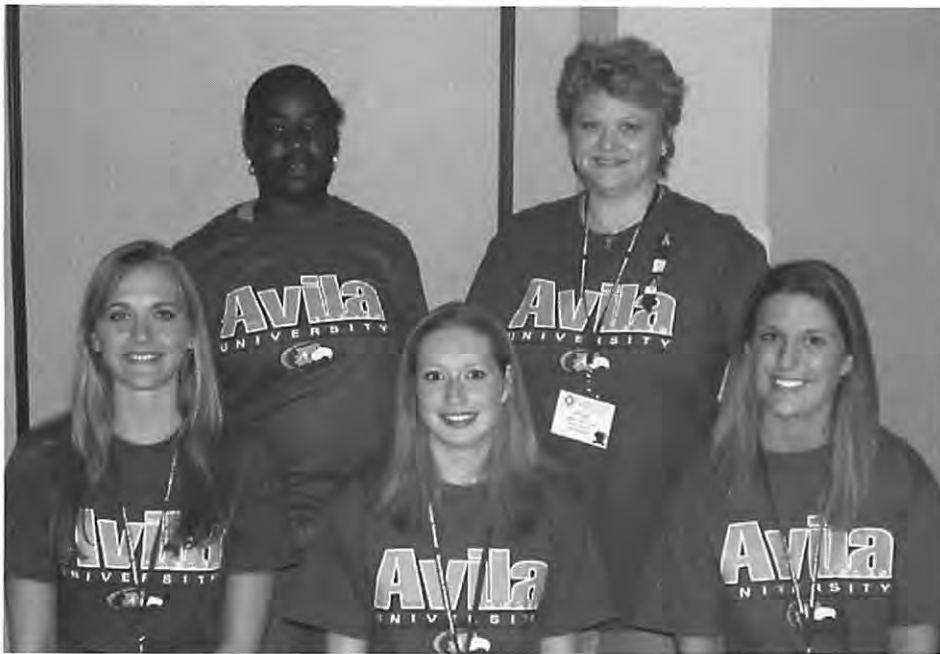
Anne Brittain
Phantoms
Rolla Technical Center

2ND Place

Ben Morris
Betatron
Cox Health

3RD Place

Maggie Ogden
Avascular Necrosis
Rolla Technical Center



2006 MSRT Student Bowl Winners

1st Place

Avila University

Sarah Davis
Dawn Roberts
Dana Sullivan
Lindsey Gibb

2nd Place

University of Missouri

Amy Longsdon
Kim Kiesling
Anna Snoddy
Michelle Eckenfels

3rd Place

Nichols Career Center

Marvin Aggeler
Angie Brooks
Kara Deppe
Mike McCurdy

4th Place

CoxHealth Schools of Diagnostic Imaging

Pauline Rogers
Kimberly Van Leer
Chris Chaffin
Carie Kimbrell

2006 MSRT Essay Winners

Technologist Category

1st place

Kathy Kane
Childrens Mercy Hospital KC

2nd place

Ben Morris
CoxHealth

Student Category

1st place

Jill Briscoe
Avila University

2nd place

Dawn Roberts
Avila University

3rd place

Kimberly Van Leer
CoxHealth

Honorable Mention

Joy Irwin
Avila University

2006 MSRT Scholarship Winners

Receiving \$700 scholarships were:

MSRT Scholarship

Kimberly Van Leer, CoxHealth

Feldhaus Scholarship

Eric Rogers, CoxHealth

Stephanie Whisler

Memorial Scholarship

Brandy Ogden, Rolla Technical Center

Technologist Scholarship

Lisa Snodgrass, CoxHealth

Retirement wishes to Anita Helms

GLWACH, Rolla Technical Center, and the MSRT congratulate Anita Helms on her retirement July 31 after 20 years at GLWACH as Administrative Supervisor and clinical instructor to countless students.

Well wishes may be sent to:
anita.helms@us.army.mil



74th MSRT Conference Silent Auction Raises \$890

The **First Place** basket competition winner is:
State Fair Community College

SFCC turned in two baskets—the Harley Davidson Basket and the Cooler/Outdoor Set for combined winnings of \$110!!

Congratulations!!!!

2nd Place Tie between St. John's Radiology School with its "Scrapbook Basket" and Avila University with its "Breast Cancer Awareness Basket." Both had winning bids of \$80.

3rd Place goes to St. Francis Medical Center with its "Entertainment Basket." The winning bid for this item was \$37.

Honorable Mention goes to CoxHealth Schools of Radiologic Technology with their "Fun in the Sun Cooler Basket" which was auctioned in Saturday's Silent Auction for \$32.

All will receive certificates for their participation and respective awards. Overall, \$890 was raised from the Silent Auction!

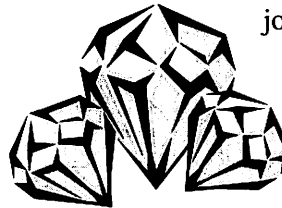
Thank you to all who participated!!!

'MSRT Diamond Jubilee Reflecting the Past ...'

MSRT's 74th Annual Conference was a huge success.

Held April 19-22, 2006, at the Resort at Port Arrowhead at the Lake of the Ozarks, it was a celebration of MSRT's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary.

Hats off to David Frazier and Anne Brittain, Conference Coordinator and Program Chair, for a tremendous



job. All their hard work created a wonderful, informative conference for everyone. Thanks to everyone who planned, participated, and attended.

Mark your calendars for next year!

Cindy Daniels Installed as ASRT President

Congratulations to MSRT's very own **Cindy Daniels**, who was installed as president of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists at the close of the annual conference in June in Denver.

There was much business to attend to at the conference, with a total of 38 resolutions debated and voted. Topics ranged from safety and profes-

sional practice to contrast media, and more. Two issues of special interest were related to advanced practice (ie. R.A.s / R.P.A.s) and Limited X-ray Machine Operators (LXMOs).

If you would like to know how the House of Delegates voted, check out the ASRT Web site at www.asrt.org.

How Much of a Good Time is Too Much?

I have noticed in the last several years that the amount of student alcohol related poor behavior seems to be escalating. I have heard comments that someone needs to be held accountable. Who should it be? The MSRT Board of Directors? The Program Directors? The schools? The hotel? I have heard all these tossed around. I think the only group to be held responsible is the students themselves.

However, we all should be concerned about the choices being made by these future technologists. I think the following points, as well as probably several others, should be addressed prior to students attending the MSRT Annual Conference.

Number 1: The goal of the MSRT Annual Conference is to provide an educational and networking opportunity for Radiologic Science professionals in Missouri. The MSRT does not support or condone the kind of alcohol abuse that has been commonplace the last several years.

Number 2: Students need to know that future employers are at this meeting. Even if the employer is not at the meeting, word spreads fast in the relatively small radiology world. Everyone knows someone who knows what happened, especially if it is bad or inappropriate. Poor or inappropriate behavior due to alcohol can and does adversely affect future job opportunities.

Number 3: Students need to realize that while this is a bit of a vacation away from the structure, stress, and rules of school for them, it is not for the administrators, physicians, educators, and technologists in attendance. A little bit of common courtesy should be considered for hotel room neighbors and possible future employers/co-workers.

Number 4: Safety and health concerns cannot be ignored. Binge drinking can lead to alcohol poisoning and accidents. I am not aware of any harm that has befallen a student at the MSRT



The MSRT banner was hanging on the balcony above where students were drinking.

meeting, but the way things are going it is only a matter of time. I dread that day.

Number 5: The last thing we all need to consider. **The picture above** was taken directly under the MSRT banner (which was later stolen) in the front of the resort. There was another group of students, in their school shirts, sitting at the entrance to the resort drinking. I personally saw both of these things before 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon—not to mention all the beer cans and bottles that litter the resort grounds each day. What kind of impression do we want the public to have of our organization and profession?

I want us all to have a good time at the MSRT Annual Conference, but at the same time I hope it is a safer and more responsible time than we have been having recently.

Anne C. Brittain, PhD RT(R)(M)

Stolen banner returned

When packing up to leave the annual conference April 22, Donita Shipman and David Frazier went to retrieve the official MSRT banner that had been displayed on the balcony of the hotel building. It was missing, removed by an unauthorized person.

Donita sent a letter to Radiography Program Directors explaining the situation, and said the Board of Directors would not press charges if the banner was returned in a timely manner. The banner was delivered May 11 to the Bothwell Radiology Department in Sedalia; legal action was not taken.

Thanks, Donita, for your persistence.

The Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists

Application for Membership

January 1, 2006 — December 31, 2006

Please complete ALL sections and return to MSRT with your payment

New Applicant _____ Renewal _____ (other name membership under) _____

ARRT Number _____

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

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City/State/Zip _____

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Business Address _____

Certified in: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammography | <input type="checkbox"/> MSRT member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> MRI | <input type="checkbox"/> District member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sonography | <input type="checkbox"/> CT | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |

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

SUPPORTING MEMBER: Those persons interested in Radiologic Technology but not having qualifications for other categories. \$40

STUDENT MEMBERS: Non-registered students enrolled in an ARRT-recognized Radiation Science Education Program. This is a 2-year membership which expires Dec. 31 the year of graduation. \$20

Name of School _____ Graduation Date _____

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