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### A Fond Farewell

It seems like such a long time and yet a short time ago that I wrote my first Letter from the Editor for the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*. It's been mostly fun, at times a little stressful, and most importantly a tremendous learning experience. If I had it to do over again, I would still choose to do it, especially since I now know what it's all about.

However, I'm glad that it's time to pass along the editor's red pen because I'm just a little tired and it's time for new and different ideas. My editorial staff and I have made some changes and presented our ideas to you. From the feedback that we have received, it seems that most of the things that we did were good. The role of the *JNMT* as a vehicle for the publication of scientific and educational data has expanded significantly. All members of the nuclear medicine team see the *JNMT* as the place to publish articles concerning the application of the technical factors unique to nuclear medicine. We have encouraged the publication of articles written by nuclear medicine technology students for the first time. These student papers were of such high quality that it was not necessary to identify the authors as students. This bodes well for the future of both the *JNMT* and the field of nuclear medicine technology.

Health care reform will bring about significant changes in the practice of nuclear medicine and nuclear medicine technology. In years to come, the contents of this journal may bear little similarity to the editorial content today. The rapidity and manner of change will depend largely upon your feedback to the editor regarding your needs and the needs of the nuclear medicine community. *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology* belongs to you; we need your input and suggestions. Constructive criticism is essential to the continued success of this important voice of nuclear medicine technology.

During the years of my editorship, I have received assistance and support from many people. I couldn't have done the job nearly as well without them. The Associate and Consulting editors have each reviewed hundreds of articles, giving unselfishly of their time. They have mentored young writers and cajoled some old-timers into writing articles for the *JNMT*. John Reilley served as liaison for continuing education and managed to produce articles seemingly overnight and refused to have his contributions acknowledged. Please thank the editorial staff when you see them; they did their work for you and they deserve your recognition. The publications staff at the Society office has been incredibly supportive, particularly Ms. Eleanore Tapscott, who has remained a constant through many changes and continues to keep her eye on the *JNMT*. Mark Newman has been a delight to work with. The *Journal* will miss him and we wish him well in his new endeavors. I personally owe debts of gratitude to my institution, The Children's Memorial Hospital, for providing the time and resources to maintain my editorial office, and most particularly to Dr. James Conway, my boss, friend and mentor for his unconditional encouragement and support. Finally I thank you the readers of the *Journal*, for your continued interest and support of the *JNMT* and its staff.



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