The Society for Computer Applications in Radiology

WELL, it is already spring 1995 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The weather is marvelous, the dogwoods have just finished blooming, and students are done for the term. Life is great. I have been in Chapel Hill for over 10 years now, mainly doing medical imaging research. And while the weather in the spring and fall are great around here, the heat and humidity in the summer can be intense, and I miss being able to teach and cross-country ski. For these reasons, I have taken an associate professor position in the Business school at Idaho State University in Pocatello where I will be starting a medical informatics program. Medical imaging is an important part of rural health care, so I will remain tightly associated with the Society for Computer Applications in Radiology (SCAR).

I am not the only one undergoing change; SCAR is in the process of changing management groups. In the future, the American College of Radiology will provide management functions under contract for membership and dues. SCAR will continue to be an independent organization with the *Journal of Digital Imaging* as its official publication. We expect this change will allow us to provide superior services to our members. As with any management change, there are bound to be some rough spots. If you have any difficulties with memberships, dues, or the like, please feel free to contact me at (919) 966-5467 or beard@cs.unc.edu.

I would like to again mention the SCAR World-Wide-Web (WWW) server, built by Thurman Gillespy's group at University of Washington. There always seems to be new and useful information that has been added. You can

access the SCAR WWW server over the Internet as www.scar.washington.edu.

A number of SCAR publications are also available. Your group's library or a colleague might be interested in the proceedings from a past SCAR conference or one of our handbooks on Understanding PACS or on Teleradiology. These items can be obtained by calling (717) 561-5235.

SCAR '96 will meet in Denver, Colorado June 7-10, 1996, right after the annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. The call for papers should be out shortly with 200- to 300-word abstracts due October 15, 1995. SCAR '94 in Winston Salem, North Carolina was a great success, and we expect SCAR '96 to be even better.

There are a number of other important dates to keep in mind. The American Medical Informatics Association summer conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts at the end of June 1995. The 1995 meeting of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA '95), with its InfoRad, will be held again November 26-December 1 in Chicago, Illinois, and SCAR's annual meeting will be held at the same time. The International Society for Optical Engineers (SPIE) medical imaging conference will be held in February 1996, again at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel. Contact SPIE at (206) 676-3290 or spie@mon.spie.org.

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