**Dr. John Connolly Presents September Grand Rounds**

Dr. John F. Connolly, voluntary professor emeritus of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at the Orlando Regional Medical Center, was the featured visiting speaker at orthopaedic grand rounds on Friday afternoon, September 29th. Dr. Connolly was chairman of UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation from 1974 – 1990 and is now featured on the department’s Wall of Honor, which permanently recognizes individuals who have given $100,000 or more in support of the department. Dr. Connolly’s contributions have established the Connolly Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Fund which supports vital research being done by orthopaedic faculty and residents. In addition, each year the department presents the John F. Connolly Award for Outstanding Research to a graduating resident.

The afternoon began with orthopaedic residents presenting their research projects, followed by Dr. Connolly’s presentation entitled, “Resident Contributions to our 20-year Experience in the Use of Marrow Stem Cells to Stimulate Osteogenesis.” A reception was held following the presentations.

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**Department Scores High in Clinical Assessment**

In March the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery opened its doors to the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) as part of a clinical assessment project. Orthopaedic Surgery was one of three UNMC Physicians clinics chosen to participate in the study, initiated by UNMC Physicians and The Nebraska Medical Center to evaluate the clinical operations and performance of their outpatient clinics compared to other academic medical centers.

“In short, a group of peers were invited to evaluate the daily functions of the clinic and our staff to assess our strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement,” said Sherri Burkle (formally Buchanan), orthopaedic clinic manager. “We fared very well compared to other clinics in academic institutions and are extremely proud of the job we are doing here.”

One of the primary reasons the orthopaedic clinic was chosen was because of its tremendous growth in recent years in terms of faculty and staff, as well as a significant increase in patient population, while gaining virtually no additional clinic space. Measuring the effectiveness of space utilization and how it affects areas such as patient flow and customer service were key issues evaluated by the UHC.

The four main categories of focus included staffing, space and room utilization, patient flow, and customer service to both patients and referring physicians. In 10 out of 11 categories based on patient access, productivity, and clinic volume, the orthopaedic clinic performed better than the UHC median data collected from other institutions. In 8 of 10 of those same categories, orthopaedics placed in the top UHC quartile.

Individual physician productivity data from UHC benchmark studies showed that orthopaedic department physicians are dedicating an appropriate amount of time exclusively to clinical service. RVU’s, which are a measurement of clinic productivity, were very high compared to the national median.

“This shows that with a team effort we can deliver high quality health care in an efficient manner. This data is a record of the dedication of everyone who works in this clinic. I am proud of our effort,” said Clinic Medical Director, Matthew Mormino, M.D.

Overall, patients were satisfied with the total length of time their appointment took, including the length of time they spent in the waiting room and the time they spent with their physician. Because the clinic currently utilizes between 82 – 100% of space available on a daily basis, and the number of visits scheduled per clinic are already maximized, physician time and clinic space are the two primary constraints the clinic faces in the future.

The department is already researching possibilities for acquiring additional clinical and academic space to allow for this growth. In addition, there is currently major reconstruction being done in the clinical area to accommodate recent additions to staff and provide a more functional working area.

“We are very proud of the care provided in our Orthopaedic area,” said Robin Stoupa, Director Ambulatory Services UNMC Physicians. “Exceeding these benchmarks would not be possible without the leadership of Dr. Mormino and Sherri Burkle. The high marks achieved in this study have proven the value of their approach to quality improvement and employee teamwork.”

Founded in 1984, the UHC is an alliance of the clinical enterprises of 93 academic health centers and 137 associate members. Their mission is to foster collaboration and promote change to help members succeed in their respective markets.
Welcome to the fall issue of *Breaking News*. In the following pages you will meet our newest faculty member, Dr. Miguel Daccarett, as well as the most recent crop of residents to join our program. In September we published our biennial departmental report for 2004-2005, highlighting the department’s recent achievements in research, resident education and patient care. Hopefully you enjoyed reading about the department’s activities and recent developments, many of which are possible only because of kind and generous donations from orthopaedic alumni and friends. In every fall issue of *Breaking News*, we publish an annual Honor Roll of Contributors to recognize all individuals and organizations that have supported our department during this fiscal year (see page 6). Thank you for your continual support!

As you know, the 2007 AAOS annual meeting will be held in sunny San Diego. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting, as well as the annual Nebraska Alumni Banquet. Watch for your invitation to arrive in the next few months. With winter fast approaching we wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

Dr. Kevin L. Garvin

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**Graduating Residents Honored at June Ceremonies**

In June of this year, faculty, residents and alumni gathered to celebrate the graduation of five chief residents as they moved on to the next phase of their orthopaedic careers. Drs. Mark Dietrich, Kathleen Grier (formally Hubley), Daniel Mulconrey, Charles Rosipal, and Steven Volin each gave their final presentations as orthopaedic residents at the Durham Research Center on Friday, June 16th. Each of the five graduates chose to continue their orthopaedic education through the following fellowship opportunities:

- **Mark Dietrich, M.D.:** Minnesota Sports Medicine Fellowship
- **Kathleen Grier, M.D.:** Florida Orthopaedic Institute Foot and Ankle Fellowship
- **Daniel Mulconrey, M.D.:** Washington University School of Medicine, Barnes-Jewish Hospital Spine Fellowship
- **Charles Rosipal, M.D.:** University of Texas-San Antonio Shoulder Surgery Fellowship
- **Steven Volin, M.D.:** University of Virginia Health System, Department of Orthopaedics Spine Fellowship

Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne of The Shelbourne Clinic at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, was the featured speaker during the graduation activities. Dr. Shelbourne is renowned in his field for pioneering the contralateral ACL reconstruction for torn anterior cruciate ligaments and developing the accelerated ACL reconstruction rehabilitation protocol. In addition to resident presentations on Friday, Dr. Shelbourne presented a talk entitled, “Proposed Mechanism for ACL Injury.” Alumnus Dr. Richard Davis (2004) gave a special presentation during the Friday session entitled, “Combat Orthopaedics – the Balad Experience,” sharing his personal experience as an orthopaedic surgeon during the ongoing war in Iraq. Attendees then enjoyed an afternoon of golf at The Players Club golf course.

Saturday began with a Knee and Sports Symposium which included a presentation by featured speaker Dr. Shelbourne entitled, “What I’ve Learned about the ACL,” as well as additional speakers Drs. Michael Walsh, Richard Davis (2004), Steven Goebel, Randy Johnson (HO IV), and Charles Burt (1998) as a moderator of case presentations.

Saturday evening featured a banquet at the Omaha Country Club. During the banquet, Dr. Steven Volin was awarded the John F. Connolly, M.D., Award for Outstanding Research, and Dr. Kathleen Grier was awarded the Frank P. Stone, M.D., Award for Academic Excellence. The Pfizer Scholars in Pain Management Award was given to Beau Konigsberg (HO V). Adjunct Instructor Dr. Eric Otterberg was honored with the Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching.

“Graduation is a time of celebration and recognition of our graduating residents and the accomplishments they have made,” said Dr. Kevin Garvin, professor and chair. “This is an important part of our program that would not be possible without the organizational support of faculty and staff, as well as the much appreciated financial support we receive from our alumni.” Contributions made by alumni to the department’s development fund help to sponsor various activities throughout the year, including graduation.
Welcome to our New Residents

Each year during the month of July we welcome a new set of faces to the department. Listed below are the 2006 incoming residents and a little history about each of them.

Class of 2011

Michael Carlson
B.S., Human Biology/Zoology
Brigham Young University, 2001
M.D., Medical College of Wisconsin, 2006

Although Michael Carlson was born in Logan, Utah, he grew up in Green River, Wyoming. In 2001, he graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in human biology/zoology from Brigham Young University (BYU) in Provo, Utah. While attending BYU, Michael was involved in various research projects in the Evolutionary Genetics Laboratory ranging from The Evolving Nature of HIV to The Phylogenetic Relationships of Crayfish. In 2006, Michael received his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee, WI. He has a long history of volunteer activities which include spending a week in Nicaragua during medical school with the Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery from the Medical College of Wisconsin, receiving hands-on experience in a third world country working with Nicaraguan surgeons. His ability to speak Spanish also allowed him to serve as an interpreter while in Nicaragua. In addition he has volunteered as a translator in various capacities, including at a free health care facility, and teaching English as a second language. Michael enjoys participating in various sports and outdoor activities, refereeing youth soccer, studying Spanish, spending time with family, and providing service to others.

Michael Dee
B.S., Chemistry/Microbiology
Weber State University, 2000
M.D., University of Utah School of Medicine, 2005

Michael graduated from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, with a bachelor of integrated studies degree in chemistry, microbiology, and Cambodian. He received his medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City in 2005. Following medical school, Michael completed a one-year general surgery residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. His research experience includes Analyzing the Outcomes of Children with Perthes Disease who are Two Years Status Post Rotational Osteotomy; Performing Evaluations of Lumbar Intervertebral Pressure Changes with Varying Axial Forces; and a one-year research project that involved Compiling Data Regarding the Number of Reported Malaria Cases in each Cambodian Province during 1999-2000. Michael also served as a missionary, completing a two-year Cambodian speaking mission, teaching English and translating, amongst other volunteer activities. During medical school, he volunteered at the Fourth Street Homeless Shelter, providing medical services for the underprivileged; and during his undergraduate years he tutored children for free who were unable to afford it. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Student Association, and the American Medical Association. Michael enjoys fly-fishing, skiing, carpentry, sports, developing products for a private company, and spending time with friends and family.

Jason Erpelding
B.S., Chemistry
University of North Dakota, 2002
M.D., University of North Dakota School of Medicine, 2006

Born in Atchison, Kansas, Jason Erpelding is no stranger to the Midwest. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota, in Grand Forks, graduating summa cum laude with a B.S. in Chemistry in 2002. He went on to receive his medical degree from the University of North Dakota Medical School, also in Grand Forks, in 2006. During medical school, Jason completed a four-week externship working with a rural family practice physician, as well as volunteering as a mentor to aid freshman medical students in developing and maintaining healthy academic and lifestyle behaviors throughout medical school. During his undergraduate years, he volunteered for the University of North Dakota Family Practice Center. Jason’s research experience includes Analyzing Weight Loss Trends in Patients following Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Surgery. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Medical Student Association. Jason enjoys fishing, hunting, traveling, cooking, and spending time with family.

Daniel Firestone
B.S., Biology
Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2002
M.D., University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 2006

A native Nebraskan, Daniel Firestone was born and raised in Lincoln. He received his B.S. in Biology from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 2002, before crossing the border to attend medical school in Iowa City. In 2006, he received his medical degree from the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine. Daniel worked as an ECG technician at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln from 2000-2002. His research activities included three projects under the supervision of Dr. John Callaghan that ran simultaneously regarding clinical follow-up of total hip arthroplasty (Total Hip Arthroplasty Performed with a Cemented, Polished, Collared Femoral Component and a Cementless Acetabular Component: A Minimum Ten Year Follow-up Study (future publication in JBJS); 19-20 Year Follow-up of the Matte Iowa stem; and Minimum 5-to 7-Year Follow-Up of a Contemporary Cementless Femoral Total Hip Arthroplasty Component (future publication in CORE). Completion of these projects awarded him a student research fellowship as well as two podium presentations at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Daniel’s volunteer activities include teaching English as a second language and doing charity cleanup at a local shelter house. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and was a recipient of the Mid-America (Continued on page 4)
Dr. Miguel Daccarett joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation as an Instructor in October of this year. Although his focus will be primarily Sports Medicine and Trauma, Dr. Daccarett has completed fellowships in three orthopaedic specialties including trauma, oncology and sports medicine.

Originally from Colombia, South America, Dr. Daccarett’s education has taken him around the world, before bringing him to Omaha, Nebraska. He completed his undergraduate studies at St. Peter College, IHS in Bucaramanga, Colombia, with a bachelor of science in 1985. In December of 1992 he received his medical degree from Pontificia Universitas Xaveriana, IHS in Bogota, Colombia. In coordination with his last year of medical school, Dr. Daccarett completed a general rotating internship at St. Ignatius University Hospital.

In 2000, Dr. Daccarett completed his orthopaedic residency program at El Bosque University Orthopedic Surgery Program in Bogota, Colombia. He then moved to the states and began what would culminate into a very impressive list of fellowships including an Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship (University of Louisville, KY, 2004); an Orthopaedic Oncology Fellowship (University of Florida in Gainesville, FL, 2005); and an Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellowship (Harvard University/Children’s Hospital in Boston, MA, 2006).

He is a candidate member of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society and American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, as well as a member of the Colombian Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology (SCCOT). His special interests include limb salvage surgery, the arthroscopic assessment of peri-articular fractures, and sports-related injuries, particularly in the pediatric and adolescent age groups.

Bellevue Medical Center to Offer Comprehensive Patient Services

A new hospital is coming to Bellevue, scheduled to break ground in the spring of 2007. In May of this year, The Nebraska Medical Center announced plans to launch the new facility, which will be located on the corner of Highway 370 and 25th street. The 200,000 square foot building will offer comprehensive patient services including emergency care, obstetrics, inpatient and outpatient surgery, intensive care, cardiac catheterization, pharmacy, radiology and lab testing. In addition, the current plans include 60 private inpatient and observation beds, with room to add 60 additional beds in the future. Adjacent to the hospital will be a medical office building, which will provide additional areas for patient clinics and offer state-of-the-art diagnostic services. Dr. Miguel Daccarett (see above), will be the first of our department faculty to practice at the new Bellevue location. The facility is scheduled for completion in October of 2008.

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Orthopaedics Association Edward D. Henderson Physician in Training Award. Daniel enjoys music, cooking, design, fitness, and God.

Class of 2008

Michael Hawks
B.S., Biology
Kennesaw State University, 1998

M.D., University of South Florida College of Medicine, 2003

Michael Hawks was born in Tampa, Florida. In 1998, Michael graduated with a B.S. in Biology summa cum laude, from Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. He received his medical degree from the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, Florida, in 2003, graduating in the top third of his class. Michael has been Co-investigator on several research projects including: Thermal Shrinkage of TFCC Tears: Incidence of DDH in Newborn Infants with Clubfeet; Transitional Cell Metastasis to the Hand: A Case Report; and Influence of Greater Trochanter Position of Proximal Femur Replacement on Hip Abductor Muscle Strength using a Three-Dimensional Biomechanical Model. During medical school Michael volunteered at Tar Wars, presenting to middle school students regarding the health risks of tobacco use. He was also a volunteer for the Emory House Staff Assistant Program, as well as the Northside Hospital operating room, during his undergraduate years. In his spare time Michael enjoys golf, basketball, running, weight training, fishing and traveling, and spending time with his wife.
Providing a well-rounded education for our residents means bringing in visiting speakers who can share their expertise and experience on a variety of topics.

**May**
1. **Michael Reis, M.D.**
   UCSF Medical Center
   San Francisco, CA
   “Knee Arthroplasty”

8. **David Inda, M.D.**
   Gross Iwersen Kratochvil & Klein
   Omaha, NE
   “Hallux Valgus”

**June**
5. **Jack Lemons, Ph.D.**
   University of Alabama at Birmingham
   Birmingham, Alabama
   “Device Retrieval and Analyses: 30 Years and Evidence Based Education”

**November**
16-17. **Graduation Ceremonies, Featured Speaker**
   K. Donald Shelbourne, M.D.
   The Shelbourne Clinic
   Indianapolis, Indiana
   “Proposed Mechanism for ACL Injury”
   “What I’ve Learned about the ACL”

**September**
29. **John Connolly, M.D**
   Professor Emeritus
   Orlando Regional Medical Center
   Orlando, FL
   “Resident Contributions to our 20-year Experience in the Use of Marrow Stem Cells to Stimulate Osteogenesis”

**UNMC Physicians Nationally Known for Treatment of OI**

In the eyes of patients who suffer from Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as “brittle bone disease,” the doctors who help them to live longer, healthier lives are heroes. Apparently, heroes sometimes work in teams.

Although they would never describe themselves as such, Drs. Paul Esposito and Horacio Plotkin are Omaha’s very own team of OI superheroes. Together, Dr. Esposito, professor of orthopaedic surgery and pediatrics at UNMC, and Dr. Horacio Plotkin, assistant professor of pediatrics at UNMC, clinic medical director of the Children’s Hospital Metabolic Bone Diseases Clinic, and courtesy professor of orthopaedic surgery, have put Omaha on the map as being a “center of excellence for OI treatment,” as described by Mary Beth Huber, information resource director of the OI Foundation.

OI is a genetic disorder characterized by bones that break easily, often from little or no apparent cause. A person with OI may break a rib while coughing or a leg by rolling over in their sleep.

While there are various treatments for OI, one form of specialized treatment is the use of the Fassier-Duval (F-D) Telescoping Intramedullary Rodding System, designed by Drs. François Fassier and Pierre Duval, and approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in February of 2003 for use in OI related rodding surgery. Initially there were very few centers in the United States using the F-D rods; however in the last few years surgeons nationwide have been educated on this procedure, each year increasing its use.

“Dr. Esposito was one of the first surgeons to receive specialized training in the use of Fassier-Duval rods. Dr. Fassier himself worked directly with Dr. Esposito,” said Ms. Huber. “Because of this Dr. Esposito has been a leader in its implementation.”

Although the procedure is more challenging for the surgeon than some past treatments have been, it is easier on the patient, less invasive, and requires shorter recovery time. The rod is designed to lengthen as the child grows, therefore requiring fewer surgical procedures, and also allows for surgical treatment of multiple bones at one time.

In combination with the F-D rodding, an important part of OI treatment is the use of bisphosphonate drugs, which are believed to prevent the normal breakdown of bone, therefore increasing bone density. Here is where Dr. Plotkin, who has spent years researching the use of these drugs to decrease fractures in children with OI, offers his expertise by treating patients in the OI clinic with low-doses of IV pamidronate, a bisphosphonate drug.

When Dr. Plotkin arrived at UNMC in 2002, he began developing a new research protocol using just half the dose of IV pamidronate that had previously been used. Using a higher dose had previously been found to cause rigidity in some patient’s bones, thus putting them at risk of breaking again. The low-dose regimen, dubbed the “Omaha Protocol”, is frequently requested by physicians worldwide who treat pediatric bone conditions. Recently, Dr. Plotkin received considerable media attention for an article published in the September issue of Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology entitled, “Low Doses of Pamidronate to Treat Osteopenia in Children with Severe Cerebral Palsy: A Pilot Study.”

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Gifts from orthopaedic alumni, friends, faculty, foundations and corporations support the department’s mission by providing vital resources for resident education, scientific research and equipment, and much more.

Some choose to support the department’s annual Development Fund that is used primarily for resident education. Others choose to put their contribution towards specific funds for scholarships, research, library resources, or laboratory equipment for example.

The following honor roll alphabetically lists the names of individuals and organizations that supported the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006.

### Honor Roll of Contributors 2005-2006

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- Esposito, Paul W.
- Garvin, Kevin L.
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- Sekundiak, Todd D.

#### 5000 - 9999
- Andersen, Harold W.
- Fehringer, Edward W.
- Ginsburg, Glen
- Nystrom, N. Ake
- Reed, Lori K.
- Scherl, Susan A.

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- Bridge, Julia A.

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- Bellamy, Raymond B.
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- Canale, S. Terrance
- Canedy, James T.
- Clark, Charles R.
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**Thank you** for your vital support! If you have questions or corrections to this honor roll, please contact the University of Nebraska Foundation’s office at 8712 West Dodge Street, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68114. Or you may contact them by phone at (402) 502-0300.

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**UNMC Physicians Nationally Known for Treatment of OI**

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He was also honored in December of 2005 as a ‘hometown hero’ by Mayor Mike Fahey for helping to bring the 2006 national conference of the OI Foundation to the Qwest Center Omaha.

Together, the dedication of Drs. Esposito and Plotkin to offer effective treatment to the patients who suffer from this unfortunate condition has made UNMC and Children’s Hospital nationally known for specialized treatment of OI.

“Children’s Hospital has an excellent OI clinic with a wide range of interdisciplinary treatment,” said Ms. Huber of the OI Foundation. “Having a large clinic at Children’s Hospital, in combination with a clinic for adults at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, makes Omaha unique. Not many places offer treatment into adulthood for those suffering from OI; there is a great need for continuation of care. In fact, its one of the reasons we decided to hold our national conference in Omaha this year.”

Omaha was host to the 15th Biennial National Conference on Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) July 20-22, 2006. With over 570 registrants, 240 of which were attending their first conference, both numbers set new attendance records. One of the main reasons the OI Foundation chose Omaha as the site for this year’s event is the support they receive from Children’s Hospital of Omaha and the OI clinic it sponsors.

If you want to learn more about OI or the treatment options available, visit the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation’s web page at www.oif.org, or Dr. Plotkin’s website called ‘The Bones Page’ at www.geocities.com/dr_plotkin.
Employee Honors and Awards

Several orthopaedic employees were honored this year for their outstanding service and support of the department’s mission. Exceptional Service and Performance Awards (ESP) are given to employees who consistently deliver outstanding service and performance.

Congratulations to the employees listed below and thank you for your outstanding efforts!

ESP Awards

**March 2006**
*Sherri Burkle, Manager Orthopaedic Clinic*
Sherri Burkle (formally Buchanan) was nominated because an employee in the department had a devastating personal situation and needed help. Unfortunately, the employee had no family in Omaha and could not get help from them. Sherri went out of her way, took time out of her personal life and stepped in where family could not to provide the support that the employee needed at that time, proving that she truly cares about her employees inside and outside of the work place.

**April 2006**
*Victrene Holloway, Medical Billing Clerk*
25 years of service at UNMC Physicians

**July 2006**
*Dawn Mastra, Lead Medical Assistant*
5 years of service at UNMC Physicians

**July 2006**
*Jennifer Schaewe, Clerical Associate*
5 years of service at UNMC Physicians

Years of Service Awards

**April 2006**
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25 years of service at UNMC Physicians

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*Dawn Mastra, Lead Medical Assistant*
5 years of service at UNMC Physicians

Silver U, July 2006

**Surprises for Dana Meyer**

by Claudia Reinhardt, Just Write!

surprise is this newsletter article.

“Dana has worked for the Orthopaedic Department for more than five years,” says Office Manager Susan Siebler. “With her background in journalism and marketing, and her eye for detail, Dana had just what the doctor ordered when we were looking for a person to coordinate our newsletter, department report, and website.” Dana works with 13 full-time faculty members, 20 residents, and more than 45 support staff while keeping communications projects on schedule. Susan says, “Dana monitors the busy Orthopaedic Department beat very well. We are fortunate to have her on our team.”

Before joining the department staff in 2001, Dana lived in Tampa, Florida, and worked for Aetna US Health Care, doing marketing activities and employer services. Earlier, she was marketing director and communications coordinator for Dermatology Across Nebraska. Dana earned her B.J. degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1997. She is also an active volunteer in fundraising events for organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands.

“Dana’s involvement with the department newsletter and biennial report has progressed from coordinating and proofreading to creating story lists, writing articles, and overseeing design, production, and distribution,” says David Staiert, administrative director. “Dana works with UNMC Public Affairs staff and local media to publicize departmental achievements. She also organizes special departmental events and helps faculty with grant proposals and manuscripts. Dana does an outstanding job and greatly deserves the Silver U Award.”

Dana Meyer with UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., during the July Silver U presentation.
Department faculty, residents, alumni and staff gather during the graduating celebration of 2006.

Of special note this year is the 125th Anniversary of the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s College of Medicine. We are proud to participate in the celebration of this significant milestone and to be part of an organization with such a rich history and exciting future.
Faculty Presentations, Seminars, and Publications

Department faculty members present many lectures, seminars, and courses locally, regionally and nationally. They also serve in leadership positions and offices for local, state, national and international organizations. Here are some of our faculty and staff’s presentations and publications, awards and achievements, offices held, and other professional activities from June – October 2006.

Publications:


Awards & Achievements:

Congratulations to Dr. Edward Fehringer who has been invited to be a Delegate for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, September 17, 2006 - present.

In August, Dr. Edward Fehringer was awarded the opportunity to attend the National Institute on Aging (NIA)’s Grant Writing Technical Assistance Workshop in Dallas, TX, November 16-17, 2006 (based upon a proposal submitted to the NIA arm of the NIH).

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Esposito, who was promoted to Professor in the Departments of Orthopaedic Surgery and Pediatrics (courtesy) in July of this year. He was also granted tenure in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Drs. N. Åke Nyström and Glen Ginsburg were recognized in 2006 for having been with the University of Nebraska Medical Center for 5 and 10 years, respectively.

Offices Held:

Dr. Matthew Mormino will serve as the Mid-America Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting Program Committee Chairman – Elect for 2007-2008. In addition, Dr. Kevin Garvin is serving on the Mid-America Orthopaedic Society Finance Committee for 2006-2007.

Dr. Glen Ginsburg has been elected to serve as Membership Chairman of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine in 2007. In October, Dr. Susan Scherl was appointed as a member of the University of Nebraska Ad Hoc CME Task Force.

In August, Dr. Edward Fehringer accepted position as Associate Editor of “The Shoulder” by Rockwood, and Matsen, (to be printed in 2009).

Currently, Dr. Kevin Garvin is serving as Chair of the Hip Society Membership Committee for 2006. In addition, he is a Faculty Member for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board Maintenance of Certification for 2006, and an Oral Examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery for 2006.

Dr. Han Haider is serving as the 2006 Chairman of American Society of Testing and Materials sub-committee to develop standards for specifications and testing of Total Ankle Replacement systems. This year he was also invited to join as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of Technology in Arthroplasty.

Dr. Matthew Mormino is currently serving as a Board Member for the Mid America Orthopaedic Society for 2006.

Presentations, International and National:


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Conference Presentations, Seminars and Publications
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International and National (Continued):


Presentations, Regional and Local:


Fehringer, E.: Shoulder/Elbow Surgery 2006. The Omaha VA Medical Center Peri-operative Services Continuing Nursing Education, Omaha, NE, August 14, 2006.

Fehringer, E.: Faculty. AO North America Nursing Continuing Education: An Advanced Course of Fracture Management for Operating Room Personnel, a Team Approach, Omaha, NE, August 3-4, 2006.

Mormino, M.: Course Chairman: O-ASIF OR Personnel Advanced and Basic Course, Omaha, NE, August 2006.

Scherl, S.: Pediatric Orthopaedic Problems Related to Childhood Obesity. Tipping the Scales on Childhood Obesity Meeting, Omaha Children’s Hospital Professional Practice Council Fall Meeting, Omaha, NE, 2006.

What’s new with you?
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Continuing Education and Grand Rounds
All UNMC orthopaedic alumni are welcome to attend the following continuing education seminars and Grand Rounds presented by department faculty, current residents, and guest speakers. Please call the department at (402) 559-4533 to check on possible updates to this schedule.

November 2006

6 Adult Cavovarus Foot (Dr. Reed)
13 Spinal Motion Preserving Technologies (Dr. Kibuule)
20 Shoulder Stability (Dr. Fehringer)
27 Knee Dislocations (Dr. Daccarett)

December 2006

4 Thromboembolic disease (Dr. Konigsberg)
11 Substance Abuse in Athletes (Dr. Hartman)
18 TBA
25 No Conference: Holiday

January 2007

1 No Conference: Holiday
8 Morbidity & Mortality
15 Spinal Cord Injury and Rehab (Dr. Franco)
22 Metabolic Bone Diseases (Dr. Recker)
29 Crystalline Arthropathy (Dr. Mikuls)

February 2007

5 Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle (Dr. Swanson)
12 TBA (Dr. Johnson)
14-18 AAOS Annual Meeting: San Diego, CA
19 No Conference
26 Soft Tissue Management and Reconstruction in Lower Extremity Trauma (Dr. Hawks)

March 2007

5 TBA
12 TBA (Dr. Kibuule)
19 TBA
26 Calcaneus Fractures (Dr. Reed)

April 2007

2 Morbidity & Mortality
9 Mid-America Presentations
11-15 MAOA Annual Meeting: Boca Raton, FL

Mark Your Calendar!
February 14-18, 2007: AAOS Annual Meeting @ the San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA
June 22-23, 2007: Orthopaedic Graduation Ceremonies: Guest Speaker: Dr. Roy Sanders, Florida Orthopaedic Institute
Presentations @ the Durham Research Center - Banquet @ the Joslyn Art Museum