**Continuing Education and Grand Rounds**

UNMC orthopaedic graduates are welcome to participate in any of the following continuing education seminars and Grand Rounds presented by department faculty, current residents, and guest speakers. Here is the tentative schedule. Please call the department (402-559-4533) in advance to confirm the schedule:

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**Congratulations to...**

Houzman, W. was recognized for 25 years of dedicated service as a College of Medicine faculty member. He was selected as an honorary member of the UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association, to be introduced at the Faculty Honors Convocation, April 24, 2003.

Neff, J. began a three-year term as chairman of the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation Medical Board of Trustees on January 1, 2003.

Bridge, J. received the Young Investigator Award from the U.S. and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) at the organization’s March 2003 meeting. The honor recognizes the “innovative work by a young investigator which as contributed significantly to the diagnosis and understanding of human disease.”

**Nebraska Welcomes the Class of 2003-2004**

A warm Nebraska welcome to our four new residents who will join the department July 1, 2003. The following residents will begin their training this summer: Curtis Hartman, University of Missouri-Columbia; Randon Johnson, University of Arizona; Leonard Khabul, University of Texas Southwestern; and Dalip Pelinkovic, Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe Universitat. You will read more about our new residents in the fall issue of “Breaking News.”

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**Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation**

For Graduates and Friends of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation

**Seeing More Red at AAOS Meeting**

This year’s AAOS meeting in New Orleans saw an increased number of Nebraskans giving scientific presentations and attending the alumni reception. Left to right: Jeff Moore (1992) and his wife, Becky; Mike Sicuranza (1990), and Mark Goebel (1991) were among more than 60 enthusiastic orthopaedic alumni and guests who attended the Nebraska reception. For details, see photos and story on page 4.

**Philanthropist Charles Durham Invests in Orthopaedics**

Omaha philanthropist Charles Durham, who has provided extraordinary support to a variety of University of Nebraska Medical Center projects, recently made a generous gift to the Department of Orthopaedics. Durham underwent knee surgery in 1996 and became aware of the department’s excellent patient care and research. Not long after his surgery, he made a contribution supporting several UNMC projects, including minimally invasive orthopaedic surgery, prostate cancer, and arthritis.

According to Dr. Kevin Garvin, Durham’s recent gift will be used to support research in nanotechnology and innovative designs related to joint replacement. “We deeply appreciate Mr. Durham’s continuing generosity to the department and the medical center,” says Dr. Garvin. “His most recent investment will provide a tremendous boost to our research activities which will in turn benefit patients well into the future.”

Last fall, UNMC’s state-of-the-art research facility now under construction, was formally named the Durham Research Center in recognition of the philanthropist’s contributions. UNMC Chancellor Dr. Harold M. Maurer, says the new building (scheduled to open fall 2003) will enable UNMC to enhance its research in areas such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurosciences, transplantation biology, genetics, and eye research. The $77 million building is funded entirely by private gifts from individuals and organizations.

Durham is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Durham Resources. Previously, he was chairman and CEO of HDR, Inc., an international engineering and architectural firm.
A Message From The Chair

Spring and summer are typically times of transition in medical education as residents complete their education, new candidates begin their training, new faculty join the department, researchers launch new projects, and construction season begins again. Lately, I think our department’s “transition season” has become year ‘round.

Our four residents will graduate in a few weeks, closely followed by the arrival of the next class of residents to begin their training in July (class of 2008). Three new faculty: Drs. Michael Clark, Edward Fehrenberg, and Susan Scherf joined our department in the past few months as we continue to build our teaching and patient care team. Shortly before Dr. Scherf joined us, she was selected as a 2003 AAOS Leadership Fellow. I know you join me in congratulating Dr. Scherf on this honor.

And congratulations to three other members of our teaching and patient care team: Drs. David Brown (Omaha) and Timothy Fitzgibbons (Omaha) were recently promoted to Clinical Associate Professor; and Dr. Jackson Bence (Lincoln) was recently promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor. As volunteer faculty, these dedicated surgeons give of their time and talent through teaching, scholarly activities, and patient care. The department deeply appreciates the contribution of their many hours (and years) of service.

We have also been honored to receive strong financial contributions from a significant percentage of our graduates as well as well-known philanthropists like Charles Durham and Christine Hiscox of the Lied Trust. Private support is crucial during this time of drastic state and university budget cuts. These budget cuts will force adjustments, but I can assure you that Nebraska’s tradition of excellence in orthopaedic education, research, and patient care will not be compromised.

Please keep us posted on the transitions in your professional and personal life. We’ll share your news and photos in the newsletter.

Dr. Kevin Garvin
Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation

Alumni News

Here is our bulletin from UNMC orthopaedic graduates in Nebraska, the U.S., and around the world.

Melissa and I have had a good time. First we went to England for one week, followed by Germany for 10 days. We then took the train to Budapest. A great city to visit with great views, good food, live music everywhere, and powerful statues and architecture. Now we’re in Zurich for 2 months. The Alps are pretty incredible. We went to Munich by train for Oktoberfest. Thousands of people celebrating with lots of potent German brew, food, and song.

Class of 2002

Last reported, Dr. Michael Thompson was entering the U.S. Air Force but had not received his assignment. Now we know where he is! He notified the department that he’s with the 99th Medical Group at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

Class of 1998

From “Across the System,” a weekly newsletter from Alegent Health.

Dr. John W. McClellan, both of Omaha, were inducted as Fellows of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons during a ceremony at the 70th annual AAOS meeting in New Orleans. They were among 603 new fellows. Dr. McClellan is in private practice with the Nebraska Spine Center, LLC, and specializes in orthopaedic spine surgery. Dr. Stephen Brown is in private practice with the Omaha Orthopedic Clinic & Sports Medicine, PC, and specializes in arthroscopy and sports medicine.

Dr. David Brown: Serving the Profession, Medical Education, and His Country

Dr. David Brown’s medical career has taken him in all directions—from the Great Lakes to California, Washington D.C., the Great Plains, and the Saudi desert. And for the past 14 years, he has guided the direction of many Nebraska orthopaedic residents.

“I really enjoy teaching,” says volunteer instructor Dr. David Brown. “I try to teach what I know,” and in return, the residents’ questions push me to continue learning.” Despite a heavy patient load in his Omaha practice, Dr. Brown finds time to supervise the Sports Medicine Rotation and do research. He is also editor of the textbook, Orthopaedic Secrets; and he has written several book chapters.

“Dr. Brown is an outstanding clinician and has been a tremendous role model for our residents,” says Dr. Kevin Garvin. “He was recognized as UNMC Volunteer Faculty of the Month in November and was recently promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.”

After earning a B.A. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin and an M.D. degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin (1979), Dr. Brown “had to repay Uncle Sam.” He went through orthopaedic training at the Naval Hospital in Oakland, California; there he met Dr. Paul Esposito. They crossed paths again on the East Coast while Dr. Brown was serving as Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery and team physician at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, which he calls “a great sports medicine experience.”

While in the Washington D.C. area, Dr. Brown also served as head of the Sports Medicine Service at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda where he admits to being “a little in awe” of his patients: senators, admirals, and political leaders such as then Vice President George W. Bush, Sr. (“a knee problem”).

In 1988, Dr. Esposito told him about a facility position at UNMC. “I interviewed with Dr. Walsh, got the job, and we moved to Omaha.” He left behind sailing on the Chesapeake, lush golf courses, and Washington politics; but Dr. Brown’s Navy service wasn’t over. In 1991, his Omaha reserve unit was called up for Operation Desert Storm. “Here we were, three Navy guys who lived in Nebraska (Dr. Esposito, Dr. Huurman, and me) sharing a tent in the Bahrain desert.”

Now that he’s out of the reserves, Dr. Brown’s travel is usually vacation with his wife, Nancy, and sometimes their college-age children. Instead of a Navy uniform, he gladly packs his biking helmet or golf shoes. “Omaha has been a great place to raise our family,” he says. “And teaching these bright young residents keeps me on my toes.”

Greetings from Europe! Working with orthopaedic surgeons and dentists in Europe has been enjoyable and stimulating. They’re doing excellent work here.

What’s News with You?

Break the news to your friends! Drop us a note about your professional activities, honors, or other news and views so we can publish them in Breaking News. Feel free to fax us at (402) 559-5511 or send an email to: dmeyer@unmc.edu (attention: Breaking News).

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Two Department of Orthopaedic Surgery units—the Biomechanics Laboratory and the Nano-biotechnology Laboratory—will soon move into the new Scott Technology Transfer and Incubator Center near the former Ak-Sar-Ben race track. The facility, created by Walter Scott Jr., chairman emeritus of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc., is designed to help technology companies develop through partnerships with the University of Nebraska and the business world.

Don Leuenberger, vice chancellor for business and finance said, “Being at the Scott Center will allow our scientists to work closely with established and start-up businesses, as well as industry from the Peter Kiewit Institute (PKI) of Information Science, Technology, and Engineering (IST) and other campuses.

Dr. Hani Haider, associate professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and director of the Biomechanics Laboratory and Dr. Feredyoon Namavar, professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and director of the Nano-biotechnology Laboratory have already started designing how their equipment will fit into the Scott Center. Arthritis affects more than 40 million Americans and over 500,000 joint replacements are performed annually in North America. The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery’s team is excited about the opportunity to make lasting contributions in this area of research.

Dr. Namavar said the overall objective of the Nano-biotechnology Laboratory is “to increase the lifetime of orthopaedic implants, thereby reducing the frequency of revision surgery, which is costly, both in terms of patient suffering and the financial burden on the health care system.” To achieve these goals, the Nano-biotechnology Laboratory’s long-term research plans focus on three components: (a) development of facilities producing metallic orthopaedic prostheses with ceramic wear properties through a novel nanocrystalline coating; (b) innovation of smart infection-resistant surfaces to reduce the probability of implant infections; and (c) development of novel methods for absolute wear determination. Dr. Namavar said, “The need for an innovative technique to measure wear as well as to quantify and trace wear debris of implants is essential and obvious for both in-vitro and in-vivo applications.”

Dr. Haider said, “We are involved in designing the next generation of knee simulators for orthopaedic researchers and the implant manufacturing industry. Our work moves to develop new implant test methods for the International Standards organization and the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM). We offer custom-made space for developing and testing innovative joint replacement implants. In collaboration with PKI Professor John Bonnett, our technicians are using a variety of very advanced machines in the PKI to build the jigs, fixtures and prototypes used in our research. We have also used their Rapid Prototyping Stereo-Lithography machine for making plastic models of patients’ joints, which have enabled surgeons to plan the most complex joint replacements. Our research faculty and technicians have helped train PKI students on this machine. We have also created many student projects and employed students on research teams.”

Dr. Haider said they will also have more room for new projects in orthopaedic implant technology, including the building and testing of new hardware simulators, and development of a software and hardware system for Computer Aided Orthopaedic Surgery. “We configured the space to encourage participation by our surgeons who now have a space where they can help investigate new techniques for minimally invasive orthopaedic surgery, particularly joint replacement.”

Teaming business, engineering, and medicine at the Scott Center will help make Nebraska orthopaedic research notable for its relevance and real contribution to prosthetic joint replacement and other diseases affecting the musculoskeletal system.
In addition to more than 60 people who attended the alumni reception held at the 2003 AAOS meeting, Nebraska had an exceptional representation at the scientific presentations. More than a dozen faculty and staff members gave professional presentations at the scientific meeting. Current residents and faculty members from the University of Nebraska and Creighton University presented posters, exhibits, and shared early research results as part of the AAOS scientific program. For details on topics, see "Faculty Publications, Presentations, Awards, and Offices."

Enjoying “The Big Easy,” are left to right: Dr. Jason Browdy; Dr. Steven Volin; Dr. Eric Watson (2000); Dave Cagley, spouse of Dr. Lori Reed; Amy Kelly, spouse of Dr. Kristoffer Breien; Dr. Richard Davis; and Dr. Rejah Brian Hasley (standing).

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2003 Graduation Approaches

Orthopaedic alumni and regional orthopaedists are invited to join the festivities celebrating the completion of training for four residents the weekend of June 27-28. Drs. Kristoffer Breien, Jason Browdy, John Sojka, and Joshua Urban will graduate from the residency program, and go on to one-year fellowships.

The department is honored to welcome Dr. Charles Rockwood, Jr., of the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, as the graduation speaker. Dr. Rockwood is professor and chair emeritus of the Department of Orthopaedics and director of the Shoulder Service.

Dr. Rockwood has given greatly to orthopaedic surgery throughout the world. His leadership is marked by the ABC traveling fellowship, president of the AAOS, and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Texas Health Center in San Antonio, Texas. He is also widely known for his text, commonly known as, “Rockwood and Green.” In addition to fracture work and many leadership positions, Dr. Rockwood’s career has focused on helping solve problems and disorders of the shoulder.

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Presenting...

Department faculty members present many lectures, seminars, and courses on the UNMC campus, at hospitals in Omaha. They also serve in leadership positions and offices for local, state, national, and international organizations. Here are some of our faculty’s presentations, publications, awards, offices, and other professional activities from November 2002 through May 2003.

Conference Presentations, Seminars and Publications


Neff, J. R.: Ewings Sarcoma: Osteosarcoma & Osteosarcoma Variants; The Potential Use of Autologous Mesenchyma/Stem Cells in Orthopaedic Surgery. 20th Annual Rombold Memorial Visiting Professor, University of Kansas, School of Medicine, Wichita, KS, April 18th, 2003.


Clare, M. P.: Hallux Rigidus; Osteochondral Lesions of the Talus. AO-ASIF Foot and Ankle Course, Sun Valley, ID, March 5-8, 2003.


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Mormino, M. A.: Intertrochanteric and Subtrochanteric Fractures Classification and Treatment; External Fixation Indication and Application; Pilon Fractures - Open Reduction and Internal Fixation. Zimmer Regional Representative Training, Omaha, NE, 2003.


