Giving Back Helps the Department Advance

The department’s research and education programs received extraordinary financial support in 2004, including gifts from three former chairs of Orthopaedic Surgery, a volunteer faculty member, and a major philanthropic foundation. In addition, dozens of other alumni and friends “gave back” to the department’s annual Development Fund, which supports resident education activities.

“The more people learn about our research activities and our resident training program, the more they want to support these efforts,” said Orthopaedic Chair, Dr. Kevin Garvin. “People who provide financial support receive the satisfaction of knowing that their gifts advance scientific research, medical education, and patient care.” The following are three commitments the department has received recently:

- Earnings from the endowed Jackson Bence, M.D., Education and Research Fund will be used to support educational activities and research projects. The late Dr. Jackson Bence was an active and devoted volunteer faculty member. A Navy veteran and 1958 Nebraska College of Medicine graduate, he practiced general surgery in Grand Island for seven years before returning to UNMC for his orthopaedic residency training. In 1984 Dr. and Mrs. Carrie Bence moved to Lincoln where he joined the staff of the Veterans’ Administration Hospital staff. For many years, Dr. Bence supervised orthopaedic residents at the V.A. Hospital in Lincoln and Omaha. He said, “I love teaching residents because I learn too.” Dr. Bence passed away February 3, 2004, at age 75. Earnings from the principle of this fund will eventually provide perpetual support for departmental research and education.

- The Connolly Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Fund was established by Dr. John Connolly, who served as chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery (1974-1990). He and his wife, Anne, now live in Orlando, Florida, where he is head of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Orlando Medical Center, one of the nation’s largest health care systems. “I believe the old saying ‘you make a living by what you get; and you make a life by what you give,’” said Dr. Connolly. As a former department chair, he knows private gifts provide vital resources beyond fluctuating annual budgets. Each year, the department presents the John F. Connolly Award for Outstanding Research to a graduating resident. “Research was fulfilling in my life, and this fund will be used to help residents and others conduct research and solve problems, which in turn benefits our entire field,” he said.

- During the 9 years Dr. James Neff served as chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery (1991-2000), he was (Continued on next page)

Paralympians Share Bond with Orthopaedic Surgeon

Not everyone can claim that they have had the good fortune to experience holding an Olympic medal in their hands. Thanks to one of his patients, Dr. James Neff, professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Pathology, can say just that. In October of 2004, he held the bronze medal that patient Lora Webster won in the women’s sitting volleyball team at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, Greece. Amazingly, Dr. Neff and Dr. Peter Coccia, professor in the Department of Pediatrics Hematology-Oncology, have three patients in common that share this Olympic bond. Theirs is an inspiring story of outstanding spirit and overcoming a considerable, but in their case obviously not insurmountable, obstacle.

Allison Aldrich, Lora Webster and Brent Rasmussen also share another bond. Not only do they hold a special place in the heart of Dr. Neff, but their Olympic-sized success came after overcoming what many people would consider to be a devastating event in their lives. Aldrich, of Schuyler, NE, and Webster of Cave Creek, AZ, each underwent surgery by Dr. Neff to amputate one of their legs due to osteosarcoma at a young age; Rasmussen lost one of his legs due to a traumatic injury when he was attempting to assist a stranded motorist whose car was then struck by a passing car, crushing his legs between the two vehicles.

“I’d never held a real Olympic medal – that was a privilege,” Dr. Neff said. “But even more so, I am honored to be a part of these outstanding athletes’ lives. Yes, I performed the surgeries on all of them and Dr. Coccia guided the women through their chemotherapy. All of us – clinical staff and prosthetic specialists – did our job, but the athletes are the real story here.”

One might be inclined to think that because participants on the sitting volleyball teams have a prosthetic limb, that the games are easier or more lenient in the rules. Think (Continued on next page)
A Message From the Chair

The coming of spring always brings a sense of new beginnings and new opportunities, which is holding true again this year. Of course, we look forward to four new residents who will join us in July to begin another stage of their education. We hope that their experience here is a rewarding one.

While we want to recognize those who are new to the department, we would also like to make special recognition of some individuals who have a long and significant history with the department. Dr. John Connolly, Dr. James Neff and Dr. Julia Bridge, and the late Dr. Jackson Bence all provided the department with extraordinary support in 2004, along with dozens of other alumni and friends who gave back to the department. The three orthopaedic surgeons have been extremely influential in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery over the years. We sincerely thank each of them for their wonderful gifts, which will not only provide much needed support to the department, but also grant new opportunities to our research and educational programs. If you missed it, please be sure to read the feature story located on page one about their history with the department and their recent gifts.

With graduation fast approaching, we are also reminded that we will soon say goodbye to four chief residents. While it is the closing of another chapter for the department, it is a new beginning for the graduates as they each embark on an exciting new fellowship opportunity. We wish them good luck in their careers as orthopaedic surgeons and hope to see them often in coming years at alumni events.

Also in this issue, be sure to peruse Dr. Walter Huurman’s most recent installment of the history series, as we explore the evolution of post-graduate education and the development of residencies, with particular attention to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Kevin L. Garvin

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Responsible for the development of a Biomechanics Laboratory. Recently he and his wife, Dr. Julia Bridge, gave a valuable in-kind gift of equipment to the lab that is now located in the Scott Technology Transfer and Incubation Center. “I’ve always been interested in biomechanics,” said Dr. Neff, who designed the Neff Femoro-Tibial Nail and a system of modular implants used in tumor reconstruction. A graduate of the University of Kansas Medical School, Dr. Neff completed his orthopaedic training at the University of Michigan, served in the Navy, and completed a musculoskeletal fellowship at the University of Florida. The vertical milling machine, engine lathe, drill press, hand tools, and many parts and accessories will make it easier to customize fixtures that can be used for multiple projects in the department’s world-class laboratory. “I feel indebted to the faculty and residents of the department,” said Dr. Neff. “Donating my equipment will enhance the capabilities of the laboratory; it was a natural fit.” Dr. Julia Bridge, a cytogeneticist and pathologist, is a courtesy professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

The names of these donors will be added to the department’s Wall of Honor which permanently recognizes individuals and organizations who have given $100,000 or more to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Also, the department received significant support from Dr. Wayne and Eileen Ryan of Omaha, Christina Hixson of the Lied Foundation, and the late Dr. L. Thomas Hood and his wife, Marjorie Hood, whose stories will be featured in the fall newsletter.

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Again. Competing in the Paralympic Games is no different than competing in the Olympic Games, according to Webster.

“We compete with the same guidelines as the Olympic Games and for gold, silver and bronze medals. You win or you go home,” says Webster.

Participants must go through tryouts and rigorous training sessions to prepare for the games. Players are required to sit on their rear ends and use only their hands to move around the court. While the net is much lower, the game actually moves faster than traditional volleyball. Learning to maneuver quickly around the court, getting a feel for the rhythm and patterns, and also making contact with the ball is very challenging.

“Lora, Allison and Brent had to develop their own spirit as Olympic athletes, endure the long-term fitness conditioning process while they trained at home and away at the special training camp in Colorado Springs. The loss of a limb is a physical impairment, but their rise to Olympic athletic stature shows they have moved way beyond any physical challenges. They all should be on the cover of Time magazine,” said Dr. Neff.
Orthopaedic Alumni Reunite in Capital City

In February orthopaedic alumni and their guests gathered in our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C., for the annual departmental alumni reception, held during the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons 2005 Annual Meeting. Faculty, residents and alumni took a break during the five-day meeting to reminisce with each other during Friday’s reunion and enjoy the setting of the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located in the heart of downtown D.C.

Several department faculty, residents and research staff presented research results at the conference, including two podium presentations, three poster presentations and two instructional course lectures. Topics ranged from “Total Knee Replacement Bone Cutting Without Jigs: Is It Time?” to “Morbidity of Staged Revision Knee Arthroplasty for Infection,” and “The Biomechanical Effect of Anterior Plate Supplementation in Ankle Arthrodesis Constructs.” To view a full list of presenters and their topics, see “Conference Presentations, Seminars, and Publications” listed in the insert.

MAOA Annual Meeting Brings Outstanding Speakers; New Opportunities

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association was held at the Amelia Island Plantation Resort in Florida, April 20-24, 2005. This year’s scientific meeting featured a stimulating line-up of guest speakers and offered many interesting instructional course lectures, plenary and breakout sessions, as well as a variety of technical and poster exhibits. Dr. Kevin Garvin, MAOA President and Chair of UNMC Orthopaedic Surgery, extended his sincere thanks to those who helped make this meeting a success.

“The meeting was exceptional for many reasons, but mostly because of the outstanding organizational work by MAOA staff members, committee members, and some key physicians who made sure we were able to provide attendees with an outstanding venue and a very interesting scientific meeting,” said Dr. Garvin.

This year’s MAOA meeting offered several outstanding guest speakers, including something of interest for physicians and family members alike. Opening night of the 2005 Annual Meeting featured Steel Lecturer Mr. Peter Gros, special advisor for Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom on Animal Planet. Mr. Gros is a frequent guest on LIVE with Regis and Kelly as well as the CBS Early Show, and has also appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Mr. Gros brought several exotic animals for the audience to enjoy during his presentation and also shared an important message about conservation.

Presidential Guest Lecturer Dr. James Neff, a fellow Nebraskan and renowned orthopaedic oncologist, presented his musculoskeletal tumor experience entitled, “The Changing Horizon of Musculoskeletal Oncology.” This year’s Classical Speakers were Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne (“What I’ve Learned at the ACL”), Dr. Evan Flatow (“Current Concepts in Rotator Cuff Repair”), and Dr. Berton Moed (“Pelvic and Acetabular Surgery”). Dr. Jay Lieberman was the Rapp Lecturer and gave a talk on “Bone Graft Substitutes: Fact and Fiction.” A spine symposium was an additional feature of this year’s meeting, thanks to the organizational talents of Dr. Gordon Bell.

Orthopaedic Department faculty and residents gave a variety of presentations, with topics ranging from “Metal Augments in Revision Knee Arthroplasty: A Hindrance or a Helper?” to “Gait Analysis After Intramedullary Nailing of Femoral Shaft Fractures: A Comparison Between Nails Inserted Using a Piriformis Versus a Trochanteric Entry Portal.” For a full list of presentations, please see insert entitled, “Conference Presentations, Seminars and Publications.”

As President of the MAOA this year, Dr. Garvin is extremely excited about new opportunities for the organization. He hopes that the large number of abstracts submitted for the 2005 meeting may be one sign that orthopaedists are seeking out other options for high quality educational meetings as a result of a decline in company sponsored meetings over the past one to two years.

“The Mid-America Orthopaedic Association is a great option for orthopaedic surgeons because of the inspiring educational programs, the venue, and the family-friendly format,” said Dr. Garvin. “Our goal is to continue providing a superior experience for orthopaedic surgeons and residents who attend our meeting, at the same time working to reach out to young surgeons and potential new members through those who continue to support us each year with both leadership and their tireless efforts to enable so many young surgeons to attend the MAOA meetings.”
The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery played a major role in the advancement of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. The first half of the century saw the Institution primarily as a training ground for family practice physicians with little or no evidence of specialty education. The majority of students who completed a 4-year curriculum leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree immediately went forth and occupied themselves in family practice. Annually however, fourteen to sixteen individuals did receive additional training in a one-year internship. It was these fourteen to sixteen post-graduate physicians who ‘manned the store’ and assisted volunteer clinical faculty members in caring for the patients. By state law, only patients who were unable to provide payment for their care were admitted to University Hospital, and thereby provided a patient base for educational needs.

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Nearly forgotten in the history of the department has been the role of three additional residents during these very early years. Dr. Schrock, who had been president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in 1941, was mentor for these three individuals in his role as chairman of the department.

Dr. Robert Boal, at age 43 and an active duty colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, spent two years in orthopaedic residency at the University of Nebraska in July 1948. It is assumed that these two individuals returned to active army duty because the United States was becoming involved in the Korean ‘police action’.

Dr. Frank Sundstrum, a World War II regular Army veteran and 1947 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, served one year as an intern at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital. He became an orthopaedic resident in July 1948, and in

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Team work and a willing attitude go a long way. Three of the clinical staff in Orthopaedic Surgery can tell you just how far. Jeff Ohmberger, Dawn Carlson and Lori Dawson, are all recent recipients of the UMA Exceptional Service and Performance Award, recognizing their willingness to go the extra mile.  

Jeff Ohmberger, LPN, joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in June of 2004 and it did not take long for other staff members to realize he would be a valuable asset to the department. Jeff, who is Dr. Matthew Mormino’s primary nurse, had only been with the department four months when he received the UMA Exceptional Service and Performance Award in October. The award recognizes those who “demonstrate a positive attitude and willingness to lend a helping hand, setting a great example for other UMA employees.”

According to Clinic Manager Sherri Buchanan, “Jeff offers insightful ideas to improving processes. He is always positive, takes initiative and is always willing to pitch in and help!”

In February, Medical Assistants Dawn Mastra and Lori Dawson also received the award. Dawn has been with the department since January 2002 and has worked with several physicians in the office. Currently she supports Dr. Michael Clare full time. Lori Dawson joined orthopaedics in May 2004 and provides clinical support to the department’s three pediatric orthopaedic surgeons, Drs. Esposito, Ginsburg, and Scherl.

“Dawn and Lori demonstrate team spirit by always being willing to help when asked or even when they are not asked,” said Sherri Buchanan. “They never respond with ‘it’s not my job’ or ‘I’m too busy.’”

In addition to being recognized for their superior performance, the three staff members also received an engraved gift, recognition in the UMA Connection, $100 cash, and an invitation to attend lunch with other award recipients. Congratulations Jeff, Dawn and Lori!

**Welcome the Class of 2010**

In July there will be a new set of faces in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Listed below are the 2005 orthopaedic incoming residents and the medical schools they attended.

- **Ryan Arnold**
  University of Nebraska Medical Center
- **Kurt Bormann**
  Iowa Carver College of Medicine
- **Gustavo Cordero**
  University of California at Davis School of Medicine
- **Michael Shevlin**
  University of Washington School of Medicine

**What’s new with you?**

We want to hear from you! Drop us a line so we can share your news of professional activities and honors with friends and colleagues. Fax us at (402) 559-5511 or E-mail: dmeyer@unmc.edu

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**Early Pioneers of the Orthopaedic Residency Program**

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June 1951 completed his three years of specialty training. Other than Dr. Bach, who remained affiliated with the department for many years, little is recorded regarding the subsequent careers of the other three physicians.

The rather sparse records available seem to indicate a fall-off in orthopaedic training activity for the next fifteen years. University Hospital continued to be staffed by an expanding list of volunteers including Drs. Herman Johnson, Tom Hood, Chester Waters, Jr., Stan Bach, Lou Campbell, Dwight Burney, Richard Smith, Jim Scott-Miller, Jim Dinsmore and Bill Hamsa, Jr. Dr. Frederick “Fritz” Teal of Lincoln was advanced from associate professor to professor in July 1955, remaining the link to the Children’s Hospital orthopaedic practitioners in Lincoln. These individuals were all faculty members under the guidance of Dr. Wm. Hamsa, Sr., who was chairman of the department from 1949 to 1963.

Residency in other specialties – surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, pathology, and internal medicine – all preceded the development of a more formal, certified program in orthopaedic surgery. In the absence of orthopaedic residents, general surgery residents covered the orthopaedic services at University Hospital, Douglas County Hospital, and VA Hospital. This was done under the direction of volunteer faculty who rotated their responsibility on a volunteer basis between the three hospitals. It would appear that no certificates of orthopaedic residency service were issued between 1951 and 1970.

**In our next message, the development and certification of the orthopaedic residency program will be discussed, with recognition of those intimately involved.**
Dr. Robert Hart is Featured Speaker for Graduation

The department is proud to announce Dr. Robert Hart will be the featured speaker for the June graduation weekend. Dr. Hart is an associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and chief of the Spine Section at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) School of Medicine, in Portland, Oregon. He is also an associate professor of The Dotter Interventional Institute (OHSU) and a staff surgeon at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland.

No stranger to the Midwest, Dr. Hart received his B.A. in mathematics at the University of Iowa in 1984. He then moved west to get his M.A. in biomechanics at the University of California at Berkeley (1988) and his M.D. at the University of California in San Diego (1992). Returning to the Midwest after receiving his medical degree, Dr. Hart completed an internship (1993) and his residency (1997) in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He then completed a fellowship (1998) in Spine and Spinal Cord Injury under Dr. Henry Bohlman, director of the spine fellowship program at Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Hart is currently a reviewer for Spine and is frequently an invited lecturer locally, regionally and nationally. In recent years Dr. Hart has been awarded several research grants in spinal biomechanics, an area of study that he pursues with great enthusiasm. Other research interests include the effects of aging and osteoporosis on spine fusion and instrumentation. Dr. Hart has numerous publications and book chapters, and has given countless scientific presentations to local and national organizations.

Graduation Celebration Planned for June 10-11

Graduation is always a special time of year for the department, as we say goodbye and good luck to four graduating residents and they begin a new phase of their training. The four graduating residents this year are Drs. Scott Humphrey, Anthony Lauder, Edward Prince and Ivan Tarkin. Dr. Robert A. Hart, associate professor of Oregon Health and Science University, will be the featured speaker. Here is a tentative schedule:

**Friday, June 10, 2005:**
- 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.: Resident Presentations
- 1:00 p.m.: Durham Research Center
- 900 Clubhouse Drive, Ashland, NE
- UNMC Campus
- Barbecue to follow

**Saturday, June 11, 2005:**
- 8:00 a.m. - noon: Spine Symposium
- 6:00 p.m.: Banquet: Omaha Country Club
- 6900 Country Club Road, Omaha, NE

We welcome you to join the department’s residents, faculty and staff for the weekend’s activities. Please call Residency Coordinator Geri Miller at 402-559-2258 for more information.

Congratulations To Our Upcoming Graduates

We wish you the best of luck in the fellowship opportunities you have chosen.

- **Dr. Scott Humphrey** will be moving west to California for The Tom Norris Shoulder and Upper Extremity Surgery Fellowship at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco.
- **Dr. Anthony Lauder** has accepted the University of Washington Hand Surgery Fellowship in Seattle, Washington.
- **Dr. Edward Prince** has chosen an Adult Reconstruction Fellowship at the University of Utah, in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- **Dr. Ivan Tarkin** will be relocating to the Twin Cities in Minnesota, for the Twin Cities Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship.
**Faculty News**

**Congratulations** to Dr. and Mrs. Glen Ginsburg who are celebrating the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Lily Grace Ginsburg! Lily was born on March 14th, 2005, and weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. Dr. Ginsburg is an associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

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**Continuing Education and Grand Rounds**

All UNMC orthopaedic graduates 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 (402-559-4533) to check on possible updates to this schedule.

**May 2005**

2 Scapula/Clavicle/AC Joint Injuries (Dr. Rosipal)
9 Cartilage Regeneration (Dr. Brown)
16 Lis Franc Injuries (Dr. Clare)
23 Spondylolisthesis (Dr. Mulcomrey)
30 No Conference: Memorial Day

**June 2005**

6 MIS: Total Joint Arthroplasty (Dr. Sekundiak)
10 Graduation: Resident Presentations (Drs. Humphrey, Lauder, Prince and Tarkin)
11 Graduation: Spine Seminar (Featured Speaker, Dr. Robert A. Hart, associate professor of Oregon Health and Science University)
13 No Conference
20 Morbidity and Mortality (Drs. Tarkin, Volin, and Prince)
27 No Conference

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**Minimally Invasive Surgery Training Courses Announced**

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery’s plans for UNMC to become a Center of Excellence for Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) patient care are well underway. Dates have been set for upcoming MIS training courses to be held in May, August and November of 2005. An average of 12-15 orthopaedic surgeons from other institutions around the country will train at UNMC during each session to learn MIS procedures and technologies for hip and knee surgery. The procedures will be demonstrated by Assistant Professor Dr. Todd Sekundiak and a guest surgeon in an actual OR environment, and held in collaboration with The Zimmer Institute. Please see the dates for 2005 listed below:

- May 13th - 14th
- August 5th - 6th
- November 2nd - 3rd

Dr. Todd Sekundiak demonstrates an MIS procedure to other surgeons during a recent MIS training course.

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**Visiting Speakers Expand Education**

Bringing visiting speakers to the department is an important part of providing residents with a first-rate education. Each year, funds are allocated from the department’s development fund to ensure that visiting speakers are brought in to share their expertise and experience with residents, faculty, and other Omaha-area surgeons. In November of 2004, Dr. Nicholas Ahn, assistant professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas School of Medicine, presented a grand rounds seminar on “Causative Factors in the Development of Lumbar Degeneration: the 53-year Johns Hopkins Prospective Study.”

Former Nebraska resident, Dr. Brian Hasley (2004), was a grand rounds presenter in February on the topic of “Surgical Dislocations.” Dr. Hasley is currently completing a pediatric fellowship at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Dr. Jeffery Taylor, president of Diamicron, Inc., was a guest speaker in April. Diamicron, Inc., is working to develop medical device applications of synthetic diamond. Dr. Taylor presented “Are Diamonds Forever? Eliminating the Bearing as the Limiting Factor in Arthroplasty.”

During the June graduation ceremonies, Dr. Robert A. Hart, associate professor of Oregon Health and Science University, will be the featured speaker and give two presentations entitled, “Lumbar Degenerative Disease in the Presence of Osteoporosis” and “Jack’s Back – The Politics of Low Back Pain.” In addition, Dr. Regina Knight, currently of Orthopaedics International in Kirkland, WA, will visit Omaha to join in the graduation activities and give a presentation on “Minimally Invasive Transpsoas Interbody Fusion for Lumbar Degenerative Conditions.”

Dr. Knight is a former volunteer associate professor with the UNMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation.
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Faculty, residents and guests take a break from scientific meetings for the annual graduation group photo, summer 2004.
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’s recent publications, awards, offices held, presentations and other professional activities:

Publications:


Awards:
Dr. Kevin Garvin was recently honored with the “L. Thomas Hood Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation” for showing strong leadership skills as chair of the department, increasing the research focus of the department’s faculty, and building and maintaining a strong clinical practice while also excelling in his duties as chair of the Orthopaedic Surgery, in addition to other outstanding accomplishments.

Dr. Matthew Mormino has been awarded the “Herman Frank Johnson, M.D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation” for demonstrating outstanding surgical and academic skills, excelling as director of the residency program, and several other achievements.

**The professorships awarded to Drs. Garvin and Mormino were each created by a donation given to the Orthopaedic Department from Mrs. L. Thomas Hood. The donated funds will be used to help support the Department’s research and education mission. Additional information about these awards and the individuals who have made them possible will be featured in the fall newsletter.**

Dr. Edward Fehringer was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in February, during the Academy’s 72nd Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Dr. Fehringer also recently received a University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine Faculty Educational Support Grant for Orthopaedic Surgery Educators Course in Rosemont, IL, in the amount of $3,500.

Dr. Han Haider received the 2005 Robert Fair Award from the ASTM Committee F-4 on Medical and Surgical Materials and Devices, an award given for providing leadership and making significant contributions to the development of medical device and materials standards.

Kathleen Hubble, a fourth-year resident with the department, has been nominated to attend the 3rd Annual AAOS/OTA Trauma Course: Current Management Concepts, Techniques, and Practical Solutions, Miami, FL, April 21-23, 2005.


Clare, M. P.: Course Faculty. AO/ASIF Foot and Ankle Course, Sun Valley, ID, March 16-19, 2005.


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Mormino, M. A.: Course Faculty Residents Trauma Update. Newport, RI, November 2004.


Local:

Esposito, P.: Frequent Orthopaedic Consults in Adolescents. Grand Rounds, Children’s Hospital, Omaha, NE, April 22, 2005.


Sekundiak, T. D.: Course Facilitator. Zimmer Cadaver Demonstration, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, November 30, 2004.