Omaha to Host 2008 Olympic Swim Trials
Orthopaedic Department to Head Medical Coverage

You may have seen the Countdown Ticker around town, counting the days, hours, minutes and seconds until the Olympic Swim Trials bursts into the Omaha scene at precisely 11 a.m. on June 29, 2008. Not only is it shaping up to be a big year for Omaha, but a big year for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery as well.

Dr. Kevin Garvin, chair of UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation has been chosen to oversee medical coverage for the trials to ensure the health and well-being of all participating athletes. Dr. Garvin, a member of the Omaha Sports Commission (OSC), was asked by Harold Clift, chief operating officer for the 2008 Olympic Trials, to spearhead the medical coverage for this special event.

“It’s going to be an exciting week for Omaha, and we are proud to be able to participate in an event of this caliber,” said Dr. Garvin. “There are many high profile events happening in Omaha this year, but this is by far the most unique.”

A group of UNMC Physicians medical professionals have volunteered to provide medical and support services in several specialities including orthopaedics, primary care (family practice and internal medicine), and emergency medicine. UNMC Physicians is also working with the hospital to provide physical therapy, pharmacy, and massage services. Staff will be on-site for warm-ups as well as during the actual event, both morning and evening sessions. In the event of an emergency, staff will be available by pager 24-hours a day. Physicians will be on staff to assist with whatever ailments athletes or coaches may suffer, ranging from a torn muscle or laceration, to coming down with a headache, the flu, or the common cold.

All physicians involved are donating their time to help with this event, and in return have an opportunity to be involved in something special happening in Omaha. UNMC Physicians is also gracially volunteered their services by donating supplies, as well as free use of basic medical equipment such as exam tables, etc.

“The UNMC Physicians medical community is really pulling together to help make an already unique event even more spectacular,” said Troy Wilhelm, chief financial officer for UNMC Physicians. “It’s about doing all we can to support the dream of every athlete participating in the trials to become an Olympian.”

The event, to be housed at the Qwest Center, will feature two temporary 50-meter pools that will be installed in the arena and filled with an estimated one million gallons of water. Connected to the arena will be the USA Swimming Aqua Zone, the sponsor and fan experience mecca. Estimated seating capacity for the trials is 14,000, and in January ticket sales had already reached record-setting numbers.

The Olympic Trials will feature more than 1,000 hopeful swimmers competing for a chance to represent the U.S. in the Beijing Olympics; only about 45 will actually advance. Other big events in Omaha during 2008 include the College World Series, the Cox Classic, and NCAA basketball and volleyball. It is shaping up to be an exciting year for Omaha, which is fast becoming known on a national level.
A Message From the Chair

With spring approaching, we are ‘gearing up’ for an exciting event which will unfold in Omaha in June of this year. The 2008 Olympic Swim Trials are being held in Omaha, and as you read on page one, we have been given the opportunity to participate in this milestone event by providing volunteer medical staff coverage. We are excited to be part of such a unique experience and hope to see you there!

March brought a short, but sweet, reprieve from an exceptionally long winter for several faculty and alumni who attended the AAOS meeting and Nebraska alumni banquet in San Francisco. As always, it is nice to get together with friends and alumni and we appreciate you joining us each year.

Of note in this issue are several honors recently received by faculty and friends of the department. Congratulations to Dr. Fereydoon Namavar for his recent acceptance for publication in *NanoLetters*, a prestigious journal in the field of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (see page 6). In March, Dr. N. Ake Nystrom received the College of Medicine Dean’s *Innovation in Clinical Medicine Award* for building a successful program focused on treating chronic pain patients who are unable to find relief elsewhere (see below). Long-time friend and supporter of the department, Dr. Robert Volz, was honored with a Distinguished Alumnus Award from UNMC’s College of Medicine Alumni Association in October 2007. Read more about this award and his history with the department on page 5.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming June 27-28 graduation celebration. This year our guest speaker will be Dr. James Goulet of the University of Michigan. You can read more about Dr. Goulet and the itinerary for this year’s events on page 3. We hope to see you there!

Dr. Kevin L. Garvin

Honorable Mention

Dr. Nystrom Receives Innovation in Clinical Medicine Award

Congratulations to Dr. N. Ake Nystrom, who was honored with the College of Medicine Dean’s *Innovation in Clinical Medicine Award* in March of this year. He received recognition at the annual Faculty Honors Convocation on March 27th, including a one-time payment of $25,000, as well as a plaque commemorating the award. The award honors outstanding clinical faculty members who are dedicated to education and training of medical students, provide compassionate and quality care to patients, and further advances in scientific knowledge through research.

Currently an associate professor, Dr. Nystrom joined the department in 2001 with a joint appointment in Orthopaedic Surgery and Plastic Surgery.

“In a short period of time [he] established a unique clinical service that has provided care to patients from not only the regional, but also national and international arena,” said Dr. Nystrom’s nominator.

Dr. Nystrom has built a successful program that provides surgical care to individuals suffering from chronic pain due to Whiplash Associated Disorders (WAD), who have proven to be refractory to conservative care. Most of the patients who come to see Dr. Nystrom have been disabled for many years due to unremitting pain, have been unable to sustain gainful employment, and have exhausted all options for alternative care.

As a result of his program, Dr. Nystrom has attracted and treated patients from across the nation, as well as over 300 patients from seven countries outside of the U.S. who have undergone treatment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in the past five years. His program alone represents more than half of all services provided to international patients at UNMC.

The documented results of Dr. Nystrom’s surgical program have granted him a solid reputation in the medical community. He has been featured on National Public Radio and in local media, including more than 150 newspaper articles, and has been invited to speak both nationally and internationally on the treatment of chronic pain after whiplash.
Dr. James A. Goulet is Featured Speaker for Graduation

The department is proud to announce Dr. James Goulet as the featured speaker for this year’s graduation ceremonies in June. A renowned orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Goulet specializes in reconstruction following skeletal trauma, acetabular and pelvic fracture surgery, as well as hip and knee replacement surgery. He is a professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

With a primary research interest in bone healing, Dr. Goulet has been awarded several grants as a principal investigator in the study of trauma injuries. He has authored over 90 articles and abstracts, 11 book chapters, and has presented over 85 papers and exhibits at national meetings. Dr. Goulet has served as a lecturer in dozens of courses, and is frequently an invited lecturer, both nationally and abroad.

Dr. Goulet is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Orthopaedic Association, and the Orthopaedic Trauma Association. He serves as an editor for the Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma, as well as a reviewer for several publications including the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (A), Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research, and the Journal of The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Dr. Goulet attended medical school at Cornell University Medical College, and completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at The Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. He received his fellowship in orthopaedic trauma surgery at the University of California at Davis in Sacramento.

Graduation Celebration Planned for June 27-28

Save the Date! Graduation is coming soon and we hope to see you there. We invite you to join us in celebrating the achievements of our soon-to-be graduates, Drs. Curtis Hartman, Michael Hawks, Randon Johnson, and Leonard Kibuule. Dr. James Goulet, professor of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Michigan will be our featured speaker. Here is a tentative schedule:

**Friday, June 27, 2008:**
- 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Resident Presentations: Durham Research Center Room 1004N UNMC Campus
- 12:00 p.m. Golf: Indian Creek Golf Course 3825 N. 202nd Street Elkhorn, NE

**Saturday, June 28, 2008:**
- 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Trauma Symposium: Durham Research Center Room 1004N UNMC Campus
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet: Omaha Country Club 6900 Country Club Road Omaha, NE

Please join us in congratulating the upcoming graduates of 2008. Listed below are their names and upcoming fellowship opportunities.

- **Curtis W. Hartman, M.D.:** Rush Adult Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL
- **Michael A. Hawks, M.D.:** Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- **Randon C. Johnson, M.D.:** Center for Athletic Medicine/University of Illinois Sports Medicine Fellowship, Chicago, IL
- **Leonard K. Kibuule, M.D.:** Orthopaedic Spine Surgery Fellowship, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI

More than 50 Nebraska orthopaedic alumni and their guests traveled to San Francisco, CA, to attend this year’s Nebraska alumni banquet held March 7th in conjunction with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) annual meeting March 5-9, 2008. This year marked the 75th Annual Meeting of the AAOS, a major milestone in the group’s history. Alumni mingled with friends at the banquet, held in the Marines Memorial Club with a downtown view of San Francisco. During this year’s AAOS meeting, faculty, residents and staff had four poster presentations, gave three instructional course lectures, and attended various specialty day meetings.


**Garvin, K, Paprosky, W, Trousdale, R.** Instructional Course: How to Do a Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty. Moderator: Lieberman, JR.


**Anglen, J, Nana, A, Scherl, S, Varecka, T.** Instructional Course: Acute Trauma: Getting Through the Night. Moderator: Schmidt, AH.

**Fehringer, E, VanOeveren, L, Junfeng, S.** Poster Presentation: Cuff Tear Prevalence Increases with Age and Correlates with Poorer Function in Those 65 and Older.


The Orthopaedic Research Society’s annual meeting, held in conjunction with the AAOS meeting, took place at the Moscone West Convention Center in San Francisco March 2nd-5th. Faculty, residents and staff also represented the department with seven poster exhibits, listed below.


**Haider, H, Croson, R, Garvin, K.** Poster Presentation: Is Wear Truly Lower and is it the Main Benefit of Rotating Platform Mobile Bearing Total Knees?


For a full list of recent presentations and publications by our faculty, residents and staff, see “Faculty Presentations, Seminars and Publications” on pages 7 - 9.

**Mid-America Orthopaedic Association 26th Annual Meeting**

This year’s MAOA Meeting was held April 16th-20th at the Omni Orlando Resort in Champions Gate, Florida. Dr. Kevin Garvin was honored to be a Classic Speaker for the meeting and presented “Prosthetic Joint Infection – What’s New?” Dr. Matthew Mormino was the 2008 Program Committee Chairman. In addition, Drs. Justin Siebler, HO IV, and Leonard Kibuule HO V, both gave presentations at the meeting. Dr. Siebler presented “An Outcomes Study with Two-Year Minimum Follow-up of Nonoperatively Treated Denis Zone III Sacral Fractures.” Dr. Kibuule presented “Comparison of the Single versus Double Incision Technique for Achilles Tendon Reconstruction with Flexor Hallucis Tendon Transfer – Is the Second Incision Really Necessary?”
Catching Up at the AAOS

Left to right: Dr. Craig Mahoney (2002) and wife, Michelle, with Dr. Kevin Garvin, chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Left to right: Cheers! Dr. Michael Clare (2001) and Dr. Justin Siebler (HO IV).

Friend of Orthopaedics Honored with Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. Robert Volz, a long-time friend of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, was honored with a Distinguished Alumnus Award from UNMC’s College of Medicine Alumni Association during the UNMC Alumni Reunion Weekend held in October of 2007.

Dr. Robert Volz is a widely-known innovative surgeon, who early on met and found camaraderie with another pioneering surgeon, Dr. James Neff (Chair, 1991-2000). Their friendship can be traced back to their days at the University of Kansas, and grew out of a passion they shared for developing innovative techniques and devices to further the field of orthopaedic surgery. Recognizing the presence of a strong orthopaedic residency program at UNMC and sharing Dr. Neff’s passion for research, he created the “Robert G. Volz, M.D. Research Fund”, which generates funds each year for research and educational initiatives intended to bolster the residency program.

Robert Volz, M.D., center, with John Gollan, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the College of Medicine, left, and Dennis Strauss, M.D. Photo provided by UNMC Connect (Winter 2008).

“Dr. Volz has shown ongoing support of our residency program,” said Dr. Garvin, professor and chair of Orthopaedic Surgery. “Without this type of support we would not be able to offer such an outstanding educational experience for our residents.”

A native of Lincoln, Dr. Volz graduated from UNMC’s College of Medicine in 1957. He then completed his orthopaedic specialty training at the University of Kansas Medical Center, and went on to practice for several years in Denver, Colorado, where he served as the Head of the Orthopedic Service at the Denver Children’s Hospital.

Meanwhile, in 1971, an orthopaedic program was being founded at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center (AHSC) by Dr. Leonard Peltier, previously the chair of orthopaedic residency program at the University of Kansas, where Dr. Volz completed his training. In 1973, Dr. Peltier recruited Dr. Volz to begin a program in total joint surgery, and in 1985 Dr. Volz was appointed Professor and Chairman.

While at AHSC, Dr. Volz designed some of the earliest joints used in the United States, including the first artificial wrist, as well as an artificial elbow implant and knee implant. The artificial knee he designed has been used in more than 40 countries. In addition, Dr. Volz was co-founder of the Arizona Arthritic Center, a nationally recognized endowed research and teaching center.

Since his retirement in 1992, he and his wife, Ann, have kept busy volunteering in several foreign countries. Subsequent to their move to Jackson, Wyoming in 1994, Dr. Volz was publicly elected as a Trustee of St. John’s Medical Center, was appointed as a member of the Wyoming Governor’s Medical Advisory Committee, and has also served on several not-for-profit human resource agencies. He led efforts to secure several statues from the Wyoming Legislature, resulting in the creation of free medical clinics for the medically uninsured, which are staffed by retired physicians who have been granted legal immunity from malpractice claims.

Congratulations to Dr. Volz on a well-deserved honor!
Mimicking Nature to Produce Novel Surfaces for Orthopaedic Implants Gains Researcher National Attention

Dr. Fereydoon Namavar, and his team at the Nano-Biotechnology Laboratory in UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, recently garnered national attention by being accepted for publication in the prestigious *Nano Letters* journal, a ‘leading forum for nanoscale research’ and #1 in impact factor out of 32 journals in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology according to the 2006 Thompson Scientific Journal Citation. The manuscript is currently available on the journal’s web site and will be published in the April issue of *NanoLetters*.

The manuscript, “The Lotus Effect in Engineered Zirconia,” demonstrates how the group mimicked the properties of the lotus leaf, a symbol of purity known for its hydrophobic properties and ability to stay clean, in order to create ultra-hydrophilic surfaces for use in orthopaedic implant devices. When a drop of water hits a lotus leaf the water rolls off the surface washing away dirt and dust, acting as a self-cleaning mechanism.

“Applying the same principal, we have engineered a nanocrystalline cubic Zirconia coating with super hydrophilic properties and total wettablity to water,” said Dr. Namavar. “These coatings have the potential to be used for many applications including orthopaedic artificial implants, tissue engineering, and cell adhesion and proliferation.”

Dr. Namavar is a professor and director of the Nano-biotechnology Laboratory at the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation. Through their research he, along with his staff and other faculty members, have used ion-bombardment to develop transparent nanocrystalline Zirconia films that possess the combined properties of hardness and complete wetting behavior, designed to benefit tribology, wear-reduction and biomedical applications requiring ultra-hydrophilic surfaces.

In orthopaedic terms this translates into prolonged life of orthopaedic implants and fewer revision surgeries, due to reduced friction and wear of the implant, as well as enhanced bone growth. Failure of biointegration is one of the primary concerns with orthopaedic devices because it prevents long-term stability, which contributes to pain, implant loosening and infection that usually necessitates revision. Revision surgery is required when the device fails, but is generally less successful than the primary surgery and costly in terms of patient hardship and expense. Extending the life of artificial implants would eliminate patient suffering and save substantial healthcare dollars.

The ion beam assisted deposition (IBAD) process is the key. IBAD combines evaporation with concurrent ion beam bombardment in a high vacuum environment. Energetic ions then produce engineered nanocrystals that are “stitched” to a substrate, producing surface properties that are not possible through conventional techniques. This IBAD system is unique in its characteristics such as power, size, vacuum ability, and potential.

“To our knowledge it is unparalleled in any academic institution in the United States and is comparable or better than most systems used by high technology companies,” said Dr. Namavar.

Dr. Kevin Garvin, professor and chair of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Dr. Hani Haider, associate professor and director of the department’s Biomechanics Laboratory, are co-authors on the manuscript. In addition, researchers from the Nebraska Centre for Materials and Nanoscience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Department of Chemistry at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the Department of Physics at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, assisted with the manuscript. The project was funded by a grant from the Nebraska Research Initiative.

To peruse the manuscript and full list of authors, go to the Nano Letters website where the full manuscript is downloadable in a PDF format; or find it in the April issue of *Nano Letters*, Volume 8, Issue 4, pages 988-996.
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, publications, awards and achievements, offices held, and other professional activities from November 2007 – May 2008.

Publications:


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Book Chapters and Reviews:


Awards & Achievements:

As you may have read on page one, Dr. Kevin Garvin was asked to be Medical Director of the Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha, NE, in 2008. Dr. Edward Fehring was recognized by the University of Nebraska Medical Center in April of 2008 with a 5 Years of Service Award. During the Faculty Honors Convocation in March of this year, Dr. Edward Fehring was recognized with a “Special Professional Achievement” award for becoming an Associate Member of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons. Dr. Ferydoon Namavar was recognized with a “Special Professional Achievement” award for being a reviewer for NanoLetters, as well as reviewing research proposals for the W.R. Wiley Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory. He was also Co-President and Session Chairman for the 11th Annual Meeting of the Institute of Science and Technology for Ceramics. Dr. N. Ake Nystrom was the recipient of the Innovation in Clinical Medicine Award (see page 2 for more information on this award). Congratulations to Dr. Miguel Daccarett, who became a faculty member of the AO/ASIF in March.

In January, Drs. Michael Hawks, Randon Johnson, Brian Kleiber, and Justin Siebler were all recipients of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association’s Educational Grant to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting. Kudos!

Dr. Kevin Garvin is now a Member at Large on the Board of Directors for the Hip Society, 2008. In November of 2007, Dr. Susan Scherl was recognized by both the University of Nebraska Medical Center and The Nebraska Medical Center with 5 Years of Service Awards.

Congratulations to Dr. Lori Reed who received her board certification from the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in July 2007.

Dr. Kevin Garvin was named to the Cambridge Who's list for 2007-2008.

Memberships and Offices Held:

In March, Dr. Paul Esposito accepted a position as a consultant reviewer for the Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics. He is also on the RVU Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and was named to the Board of Directors for the One World Health Center in Omaha, NE.

Dr. Matthew Mormino accepted a position as Interim Medical Director of Perioperative Services, January 2008 – present.

Dr. Paul Esposito accepted a two-year term as President of the Medical Staff at Children’s Hospital, 2008-2010.

Dr. Sean McGarry was appointed as a member of the Bylaws Committee for Children’s Hospital for 2008.

Recent Grants Received:


Haidler, H: Collaboration with Exactech: Wear testing of Total Knee Replacement implants. Cutting edge know-how and support; from the university to the implant manufacturing industry to help patients. 3/08 – 2/09. Principal Investigator.

Haidler, H: Evaluation of the effects of posterior slope installation on the wear of DCM UHMWPE TKR bearings. Collaborative research funded by Exactech Inc. FL. 2/08 – 11/08. Principal Investigator.


Haidler, H: An In-vitro Wear Durability Study of the Biomet Ceramic-on-metal Total Hip Replacement System. Research study funded by Biomet Inc. FLN. In-vitro simulation and 5 million cycle testing to investigate the influence of size and radial clearance on wear of a novel Ceramic-on-Metal hip replacement system. 2007. Principal Investigator.

Haidler, H: Evaluation of a New Highly Crosslinked UHMWPE Stabilized with Vitamin E for Posterior-Stabilized Total Knee Replacements. Collaborative research funded by Biomet Inc. In-vitro simulation and testing to 5 million cycles with options to extend for longer periods. 2007. Principal Investigator.

Presentations, International and National:


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Visiting Speakers Expand Resident Education

Visiting speakers bring a variety of perspectives and expertise to our residents, enriching their education and providing new insights into their chosen fields. Below are some highlights of the visiting speakers from November 2007 to April 2008.

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Presentations, International and National:


Reed, L: Faculty: AO North America Foot and Ankle Course, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, October 11-14, 2007.


Presentations, Regional and Local:


Haider, H: Invited Speaker: Machines, Mechatronics and Software for Medicine, at the Doorsteps of the PKI. Bioinformatics Interest Group Meeting, Peter Kiewit Institute, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 13, 2008.


Daccarett, M: ACL Injuries. Grand Rounds, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Omaha, NE, November 26, 2007.


Visiting Professor from Germany Demonstrates New Technique

Dr. Klaus Draenert, a professor at the Technical University of Munich, visited the department in March to demonstrate a new technique and instrumentation used for autologous osteochondral transplantation. He is a long-time friend of the department and the late Dr. James Neff, who in 1992 proposed that Dr. Draenert be granted a volunteer adjunct professorship in UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. The position was granted in 1995 and is a title Dr. Draenert still holds.

At his March visit, Dr. Draenert demonstrated a new technology for autologous osteochondral transplantation utilizing unique, diamond-tipped instrumentation designed to create less trauma to underlying cells, with the goal of improving patient outcomes. The procedure is used to harvest cartilage from a non-weightbearing area and transplant the osteochondral block into the area the surgeon is attempting to repair. The idea behind the new technology is that the diamond-tipped instruments are stronger and more durable than conventional methods, allowing for a more precise, less traumatic procedure when cutting and removing damaged tissue and bone.

Dr. Draenert and his wife, Yvette, both joined the Technical University of Munich in 1978. Together they created the ZOW Center of Orthopaedic Sciences, the leading orthopaedic research department in Germany. The center focuses on anatomy and histopathology in applied research in orthopaedics and traumatology, with emphases on fracture healing, joint replacement and joint reconstruction and cartilage repair.

Silver U Award

The Chancellor’s Silver U Award is a UNMC Program that “recognizes strong consistent performers, whose daily contributions or special achievements help meet UNMC’s mission.”

Silver U, October 2007
Christine Julian
Clinical Research Associate I

Christine Julian just cannot get enough of Orthopaedics. All combined, she has been a member of our orthopaedic team for nearly ten years. In October of 2007, Christine received the Chancellor’s Silver U Award, nominated for being the “ultimate team player,” said David Staiert, administrative director of Orthopaedic Surgery.

As a Clinical Research Associate I, Christine spends her days reviewing incoming patients to discern who might be eligible for current studies being completed by faculty within the department. In addition to obtaining consent from the patients and making sure any appropriate research paperwork is completed throughout their course of treatment, Christine faces the time-consuming task of entering that data into the orthopaedic outcomes database.

In addition to her formal duties, Christine is always willing to assist with special projects or department functions. She often helps to schedule and coordinate surgical training workshops, and each year she volunteers to assist with the department’s graduation ceremony and holiday party.

When the department recently experienced a staffing shortage due to another staff member being on maternity leave, Christine (who has medical assistant training) volunteered to help with clinic twice a week.

Prior to her current position, Christine wore a lot of different hats in both the academic and clinical offices at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. She initially joined the department in 1989 as a Clerical Assistant I, doing general office and billing duties in the academic office, employed by UNMC. However, when three orthopaedic faculty members were called to duty during Desert Storm in 1991, the department had to downsize and was regrettably forced to let her go. In 1998 there was an opening for a Medical Assistant in the orthopaedic clinic through UNMC Physicians. Christine applied and the department welcomed her back.

In 2001, Christine decided to try her hat at something new outside of the department, but she was not gone for long. Drawn back to Orthopaedics in 2003, Christine took a position dividing her time between transcription and acting as academic support for the department’s Clinical Research Coordinator. It was not long before she was promoted to her current position as Clinical Research Associate I.

In her personal time, Christine also volunteers at The Nebraska Medical Center, by helping in various ways to aid patients and their families. Congratulations Christine and keep up the good work!
Orthopaedic Employees Show True Holiday Spirit

Employees from the clinic and academic offices of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery pulled together during the holidays and donated eight boxes of blankets, toys, food and other various items, as well as $150.00 in cash to the Open Door Mission.

In the spirit of giving, UNMC Physicians employees made the decision to give up their normal tradition of having a Thanksgiving meal, and instead used the money to donate $5000 to five local charities including the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA), Hope Center, MICAH House, Stephen Center, Inc. and Together Inc. Employees who were interested in participating in the actual delivery of the donations were placed in a drawing, and our own Lori Dawson and Victrene Halloway were chosen to help present the gifts.

Employee Honors and Awards

Several orthopaedic employees were honored this year for their outstanding service and support of the department’s mission.

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

ESP Awards
Exceptional Service and Performance Awards (ESP) are given to employees who consistently deliver outstanding service and performance.

March 2006
Lori Dawson, Certified Medical Assistant
On the Friday afternoon before Christmas weekend, Lori Dawson got a call from the Pediatric Clinic asking to see a small child in the Orthopaedic Clinic. It was after hours and she could have said no and sent him to the ER. However, the child had been to the ER the night before and released with normal x-rays and no answers. Searching for help for her child the mother took her son to the Pediatric Clinic who determined he needed to see an Orthopaedist. Instead of viewing this late request as a problem, Lori stepped up and took charge of the situation. She called an orthopaedic resident, who opened the clinic to cast this little boy, and saved this patient’s mother from another costly and lengthy visit to the ER.

Years of Service Awards

October 2007
Nancy Andrews, RN
Case Manager - Oncology
25 Years of Service
The Nebraska Medical Center

November 2007
Kristina Brown
Senior Medical Billing Representative
5 Years of Service
UNMC Physicians

December 2007
Deana Sorgenfrei
Medical Receptionist II
5 Years of Service
UNMC Physicians

March 2008
Margaret Jones
Senior Medical Billing Representative
5 Years of Service
UNMC Physicians

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Welcome to the Class of 2013

The Match Day mystery is over, and the results are in! The new interns who will be joining the department in July are listed below. Please help us welcome the Class of 2013.

Annie Knierim
Creighton University Medical Center

Eric Samuelson
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Nate Sneddon
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Jeremy Toomey
University of Nevada
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 (402-559-4533) to check for possible updates to this schedule.

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Faculty News

Congratulations to Dr. Sean McGarry and his wife, Amy, who are celebrating the birth of their daughter, Niamh Alexandra McGarry, born on March 1, 2008. Dr. McGarry is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. Big brother, Aidan, proudly poses with his new sister.

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