



Neufeld Society

NEWSLETTER

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Read all about it!

By G. Carleton Wallace '56, President

Don't let this *Neufeld Society Newsletter* get away from you until you have read about the exciting program in orthopaedic surgery planned for APC '90, February 23-28. Our program chairman, **Robert Lang '61**, of Sedro Woolley, Washington, and his staff, have spent countless hours planning and organizing an outstanding program in hand and upper extremity orthopaedics.

The program will include speakers from Memphis, Tennessee; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Orange, California, as well as well-chosen members of our University faculty. These speakers are all nationally and internationally recognized for their expertise.

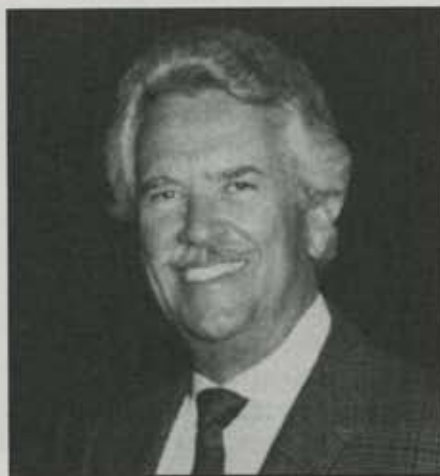
Each year we are impressed that there is indeed a "learning curve" in the preparation and presentation of quality courses in continuing medical education. This is only one of the many reasons we need and appreciate the input of each member. This Society is dedicated to offering the best in postgraduate educational opportunities.

NATIONAL FOCUS!

In 1990 the *BULLETIN of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons* will announce the educational meetings of the Neufeld Society. Thereafter we will enjoy both their endorsement and their sponsorship. Another coup for Bob Lang!

PLAN TO ATTEND!

Again the Neufeld Society banquet will be held at the Hilton Hotel at beautiful Lake Arrowhead, on Saturday night, February 24, 1990. Watch your mail for more information. Highlights of the evening will include opportunities to socialize with friends,



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Neufeld Society President

colleagues, and professors, as well as to meet visiting notables, and of course hear the senior resident papers. Be there!

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEUFELD SOCIETY.

Who is eligible? I hear this question asked rather often. The answer is that Neufeld Society membership is open to all orthopaedic surgeons and to those interested in and dedicated to the promotion and betterment of orthopaedic research and educational opportunities of Loma Linda University. Membership is not required of those registering for and attending the meetings, but we do extend a cordial invitation to you to become part of this vibrant organization.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Alonzo J. Neufeld Research Endowment Fund is one of the most favored and rapidly growing endowments at LLU. I am delighted to announce that as of our last board meeting in excess of \$58,000 has been added to the endowment in 1989!

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APC '90 BOYD LECTURESHIP

By **K. Robert Lang '61**

Plans for the APC '90 orthopaedic lectures are coming together nicely. A splendid list of guest faculty has been arranged. The Boyd professor will be Dr. Lee Milford from the Campbell Clinic. Assisting him will be Dr. Alfred Swanson from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Dr. Julio Taleisnik from the University of California, all of whom are recognized authorities in upper extremity problems. The meetings will be conducted Sunday, February 25, and Monday, February 26, 1990, as full-day sessions.

Many innovative changes have been planned for this year, including technical orthopaedic exhibits, on-site refreshments, catered lunch, and informal dialogue sessions planned with all presenters.

In addition to the outstanding visiting guest faculty, local University staff and regional guests will also make presentations that will make this a most practical and informative two-day session on upper extremity for all with interest in this area.

The program will be announced by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and it is hoped in the year following to have Academy support in sponsorship of the 1991 program.

You are invited — urged — to attend this session and provide visible support for your School while earning valuable CME credits.

Robert Lang '61 practices in Sedro Woolley, Washington.

The Chairman's Corner

by William P. Bunnell, MD
Chairman, Department of
Orthopaedic Surgery, LLUMC



William P. Bunnell, MD

Since my last communication with you a number of changes have occurred in our department. The first major change was the announcement by **Gary Frykman '65** that he planned to leave our group to start a private practice in Loma Linda, beginning June 1, 1989. We persuaded **David J. Slutsky '88-R**, one of our hand fellows, to stay on in a staff position for six to twelve months during our recruiting process. He has been a tremendous help to us and we in turn have been vigorously recruiting to fill the position on a permanent basis.

John Skubic, MD, joined our staff August 1, 1989. Skubic is a graduate of UCLA Medical School and orthopaedic residency program. He then did a one-year fellowship in adult spine surgery with John Kostuik, MD, in Toronto. His appointment in our department creates a real opportunity to organize a full-fledged spine service.

We graduate four senior residents on July 1. **Del Schutte, Jr. '84** is working at Kaiser Hospital in Fontana, until he begins his fellowship in joint replacement with Dr. Voltz in Phoenix. **Kevin Gramyk '84** is here in Loma Linda doing a fellowship in hand surgery. **John Portwood '89-R** joined a private practice group in Riverside. **Mark Beckner '81** has returned to Florida to begin a private practice in orthopaedics.

We have four new residents in the program and you should find a short biographical sketch on each in another section of the newsletter.

The residency review committee paid a scheduled visit to us in mid-July. It was a pleasure for me to showcase the department. The changes that have been made in the department and the high morale among both residents and staff were very obvious to the reviewer. We will not have a written response before December of this year, but I feel confident that we had a largely positive review.

The most significant change in the educational program which we have made this year is in our grand rounds. To date all of these have been lecture presentations with follow-up questions. I am proud of the high level of sophistication of these conferences. We have changed this somewhat to allow for approximately fifty percent of our conferences to

be presented in a case discussion format. To date these conferences seem to be working very well.

I have two specific goals for our department in the upcoming year. The first is to organize a spine care service which will offer not only orthopaedic care but also eventually involve the ancillary services which are so important to these patients. Our second goal is to push forward our efforts in research and have an identifiable program. This is already beginning to occur. I believe it will greatly enhance the completion of the funding of the Alonzo J. Neufeld Research Endowment Fund.

I enjoy hearing from many of you from time to time and would encourage you to write or call if I can be of help to you.

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Each of us can have a part in any (or all) of these alternatives:

1. *Annual membership of \$100.* Membership funds are used for operational needs including the publication of this newsletter. We contributed \$2,500 toward a \$15,000 computer that will be used for the production of this newsletter and other Alumni Association publications.

2. *Life membership at \$1,500*

3. *Donations to the endowment fund* until our goal of \$1.5 million is reached. In case anyone has any doubt about the interest and dedication of the LLU department of orthopaedic surgery, **each faculty member** has pledged \$50,000 toward the endowment fund! Won't you help, too?

Neufeld Award Paper at WOA

by Martin Koffman, MD

The annual meeting of the Western Orthopaedic Association (WOA) took place in Anaheim, CA, from October 22-26, 1989.

The paper selected to receive the Alonzo J. Neufeld Award is entitled, "Comparison of CT parameters of the cervical spine in normal and spinal-cord injured patients," by Peter Matsuura, MD, Robert Waters, MD, and Rodney Adkins, PhD. Presentation of the paper and the award took place on Wednesday, October 25.

The guidelines of the competition each year for the paper to be selected as the winner of the Neufeld Award, with the accompanying certificate and stipend, have been established by the executive committee of the WOA. Interested orthopaedists in participating in this process should write to Mrs. Jacqueline Martin, Executive Director, Western Orthopaedic Association, 2975 Treat Blvd., D-4, Concord, CA 94518.

Martin Koffman, MD, practices in Burbank, CA, and serves on the Neufeld Society Executive Board.



Martin Koffman, MD



John W. Skubic, MD

SKUBIC JOINS THE DEPARTMENT

John W. Skubic, MD, a native of San Bernardino, California, recently joined the staff of the department of orthopaedic surgery, LLUMC.

Skubic graduated valedictorian from Aquinas High School, San Bernardino; Summa Cum Laude, from UC-Riverside; and at the top of his class in medicine from UCLA. He served his internship in general surgery and his orthopaedic residency also at UCLA, where he was chief

resident in 1987-88. He passed his American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery exam in the 91st percentile—a trend begun early in his education.

Just prior to coming to LLUMC, Skubic did a spinal surgery fellowship with John P. Kostuik, MD, at the Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

He has submitted for publication a paper entitled "Charcot neuropathic spinal arthropathy: Results of surgical treatment." His current research include "Results of Cotrel-Dubousset instrumentation in the treatment of adult spinal deformities," "Outcome of spinal fusion in adult deformity patients with at least ten-year follow-up," and "Treatment of adult thoracic back pain."

Skubic's major area of contribution will be in the treatment of back problems.

APC '90 LECTURERS

K. Robert Lang '61, program chairman, announced that **Dr. Lee Watson Milford, Jr., MD**, of Anderson, South Carolina, will be the APC '90 Harold Boyd Lecturer.

A 1946 graduate of Emory University School of Medicine, Milford took his orthopaedic residency at the Campbell Foundation—University of Tennessee, in Memphis, in 1951-54. During this time he did a fellowship in hand surgery with Dr. Joseph Boyes in Los Angeles, CA. In 1955 he did postgraduate work in his field at UT—Memphis. He was certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1958.



Lee Watson Milford, Jr., MD

A member of three (British, French, and Japanese) hand surgery societies, he is an invited speaker on hand surgery at conferences around the world. He is a clinical professor at the University of Tennessee Center for Health

Sciences in the department of orthopaedic surgery, Memphis, Tennessee.

His honors include: Kentucky Colonel and Distinguished Alumni Award, Clemson University. He was chief of staff at the Campbell Clinic from 1983-87. Twenty-four orthopaedists have completed a fellowship in surgery of the hand with Milford since 1967.

He is the author of ten books and nine journal publications on surgery of the hand.



Alfred B. Swanson, MD

Other APC '90 speakers include:

Alfred B. Swanson, MD

Dr. Swanson received his undergraduate and medical education at the University of Illinois and his postgraduate training in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, and Indiana University training programs. He served in the US Army as an orthopaedic surgeon after which he established his practice in orthopaedic surgery

in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Swanson is the director of the Grand Rapids orthopaedic and hand surgery training programs, the director of orthopaedic research and of the hand surgery fellowship at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center, and professor of surgery at Michigan State University. His activities include membership on 54 boards and societies and 43 committee appointments. He has developed a number of new methods in medicine, including the internationally accepted Classification for Congenital Malformations in the Extremities and the Method of Evaluation of Impairment in the Hand. Swanson has originated and developed a number of surgical procedures which are now widely used and internationally accepted in the care of children and arthritic patients. He has also pioneered



Julio Taletsnik, MD

the use of artificial joints in the arthritic patient through his research for the develop-

ment of silicone, metal, and other implants for joint reconstruction.

Julio Taleisnik, MD

Dr. Julio Taleisnik, a native of Santa Fe, Argentina, is a 1957 honor graduate of the University of Buenos Aires Medical School. In 1960 he came to the USA to an appointment at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago. A year later he went to the Mayo Clinic. During this time he took six months training in

surgery of the hand with Dr. Joseph H. Boyes in Los Angeles. He received a master of science degree in orthopaedic surgery from the University of Minnesota in 1968. He became a US citizen in 1965. Since 1968 he has been clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of California-Irvine. He has been chief of the hand surgery service at UC-Irvine, and an attending of the hand surgery service and consultant, spinal cord injury service, at the Long Beach VA Hospital.

Taleisnik is a member of twenty-three professional organizations in the USA and abroad. Twenty-eight of his articles on the wrist have been published in professional magazines. He has written one book as well as fourteen book chapters on the wrist.

Participants in the orthopaedic program at APC '90 can look forward to outstanding lectures and fellowship. Plan to be present!

Meet the new residents



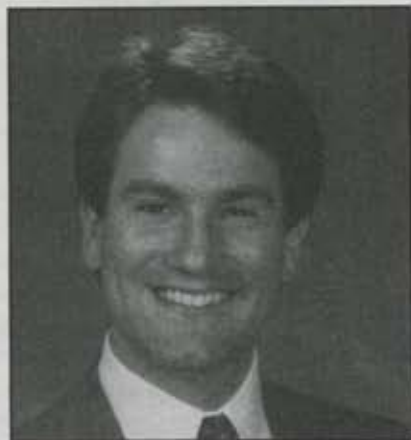
Brian Gunnoe



Douglas B. Huene



Donald A. Mitzelfelt '89



Kirk E. Willard '89

Bryan A. Gunnoe is a 1989 graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine. He is looking forward to combining research, teaching, and a clinical practice.

The son of a family physician, Bryan was an occupational therapist at UC-Irvine Medical Center prior to entering medical school. His hobbies include skiing, carpentering, and landscaping. For a time he worked as a ski patrolman. Among his other

accomplishments is his fluency in Spanish.

He and his wife, Georgia, have two children.

Douglas Brian Huene graduated from Oral Roberts University School of Medicine in 1989. This single young man is an avid sportsman, with proficiency in soccer (voted rookie of the year and MVP all-conference team captain), ice hockey, Lacrosse, skiing, and tennis. He also enjoys

backpacking and fishing.

Huene wrote a computer program designed to teach and calculate acid-base status and to store and retrieve common laboratory test values.

He is a member of the Christian Medical Society and has served as a hospice volunteer.

Donald Allen Mitzelfelt '89 graduated from LLUSM. He earned a BS degree in chemistry from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and has been a laboratory technician. He is also a registered respiratory therapist.

His two research projects

involved studies in pediatric cardiology and immunology. An AOA Honor Society member, Mitzelfelt placed in the upper third of his medical class.

His hobbies include cycling, scuba diving, hiking, camping, and experimenting with radio-controlled helicopters and airplanes. He is also an accomplished classical guitarist.

He and his wife, Diane Lee, have a two-year-old son, Cole Adam.

Kirk Ellsworth Willard '89 also graduated from LLUSM. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Walla

Walla College. A member of the AOA, Willard has been involved in three research projects.

He has been a tutor to his underclassmen in biochemistry, a school bus driver, a lab assistant, and a member of the academic review committee during 1988-89. He was a Social Action Corp volunteer in San Bernardino.

His hobbies include volleyball, soft ball, mountain biking, camping, swimming, and ham radio.

His wife, Susan, is a preschool teacher at the Loma Linda Childrens Center.



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You are invited

to the

LLU Alumni/Neufeld Society Reception

Saturday, February 10, 1990
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please consult your program for location

Hors d'oeuvres, fun, and fellowship

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