



Neufeld Society

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Neufeld Society—a point of reference

by **Steven R. Yegge '85**, President

**A**t this time, when corporate medicine is invading our practices, challenging our control of patient care, and questioning our quality of care, we can all benefit from a united family of support—the Neufeld Society. It is my goal, in the next year, to initiate improved communication within the membership and to reinforce those tried and true aspects that make the Neufeld Society a worthwhile organization. In this way, I hope to bind our family ties as orthopaedists and our common experience goals in order to brighten the future of Loma Linda University orthopaedic alumni and to benefit the department of orthopaedics.

Some of the exciting future events being organized by the Neufeld Society include the 1996 APC Orthopaedic Symposium coordinated by Leisure Yu, MD, program chairman. The topic of this Symposium is "Minimally invasive surgical techniques in orthopaedics." This Symposium, scheduled for March 1 and 2, 1996, will prove to be an exciting and timely event. I'm sure you will want to attend. Also, please plan to attend the Neufeld Society dinner the Saturday evening prior to the Symposium.

Looking to the future, **Thomas Donaldson '84** has accepted the program chairmanship for the 1997 Symposium. The topic will be "Total joint replacement surgery." **Martin Stauber '86** has accepted the position of president-elect of the Neufeld Society. Martin has pledged with me to increase the Neufeld Society membership and participation, which we believe will make our organization a meaningful and representative Society.

**Membership:** Getting right to the point, I am sure as regular readers of the *Neufeld Society Newsletter* you have noticed this issue is abbreviated. We have made this adjustment in size in an effort to save costs. I invite you at this time to take a moment to check on your Neufeld Society membership and bring your dues up to date. If you have not been a regular dues-paying member, I invite you to join this important Society representing the orthopaedic surgical alumni and orthopaedic friends of Loma Linda University School of Medicine. I cannot think of a better way to spend \$100 than in support of the Neufeld Society. Your \$100 membership dues make you a member in good standing of the Neufeld Society, an organization whose philanthropic activities have led to funding of the Alonzo J. Neufeld Chair, which supports orthopaedic research activities at Loma Linda University and organizes outstanding ortho-

paedic symposium updates each year at APC. We will not soon forget Dr. William P. Bunnell's presentation of current outstanding pediatric orthopaedic advances at the 1995 APC. The Society also provides an opportunity for fellowship of Loma Linda orthopaedic surgical residents. It is the only organization which can unite our orthopaedic surgical alumni into a Christian family that shares common experiences, going out into their practice experiences with common goals and concerns in caring for patients with orthopaedic injuries.

Along with **Clyde L. Davis '61**, membership chairman, I urge you to take this opportunity to support the Neufeld Society with your paid dues for 1995 and pledge to support this Society, which I hope will be an ever increasingly present and meaningful society for you in the future. This can only be accomplished with your participation and support. ■

## APC '95 by **William P. Bunnell, MD**, Chairman

**T**he Orthopaedic Symposium, held during APC 1995, was an unqualified success. More than 100 people attended a review course on pediatric orthopaedics.

G. Dean MacEwen, MD, emeritus professor of orthopaedic surgery, Louisiana State University, my friend and mentor, gave the Harold Boyd Lecture. He reviewed changes in the medical profession during his lifetime, gave sage advice to those now entering the practice of medicine, and told of the most important advice he received from his friend

and mentor, **Harold B. Boyd '32**: "You must be a better doctor than I have been."

The course content was organized by age group, presenting first the orthopaedic problems encountered in the newborn period, then those encountered during the toddler years, then the juvenile, and finally the adolescent years.

Eight of the full-time orthopaedic faculty lectured at this seminar in addition to guest speakers. They included Mark Hoffer, MD; George Basett, MD; Lewis Zions, MD; **Martin Stauber '86**; and Allan MacKenzie, MD. ■

# The chairman's corner

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

Construction has begun on the new research building at LLU. A huge hole has been dug in the ground where I used to park my car. As I walk past it every morning, I can see first-hand what goes into a good foundation. You have to move a lot of dirt! The base must be stable. It takes lots of concrete and steel. Planning must be detailed and complete, because it will be difficult, if not impossible, to make changes later.

A very important foundation has been laid in our department. **Claran '44-A** and **Marjorie Jessie** have established an academic chair in their names. At a time when funds for research and educational efforts of a department like ours are threatened by many outside forces (managed care, congressional

budget cuts, etc.), this fund will certainly prove to be a well-planned support for our future. The Jesses were honored at the Neufeld Society annual banquet in March. Just a few days later, Mrs. Jesse underwent a total hip revision arthroplasty by **Alan Gustafson '70**. She is doing very well now.

The Howard and Irene Peterson Tribology Laboratory is fully operational and has completed several projects, which have already been presented at national meetings. The hip simulator has already undergone its first upgrade and the first knee simulator is under construction. Ian Clarke, PhD, director of the lab, hosted an international conference attended by about 50 experts from around the world and from all

major tribology labs in the US. This lab and the good planning by the Petersons is another important foundation for our department.

We graduated four residents, three hand fellows, and two foot fellows this year. I believe we have given them a good foundation for the practice of orthopaedic surgery!

Loma Linda University has also recently formed a foundation—Loma Linda University Health Care—in an attempt to keep current with the changing times and challenges in health care delivery.

Foundations are important in a personal way, too! Read what Isaiah the prophet had to say on the subject! (Is. 33:5-6). ■



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## Congratulations

to the Orthopaedic Seniors and Fellows  
who completed their work in June 1995

### Orthopaedic Resident Graduates:

**Todd Christensen '90** - reports for a stint in the Air Force at Vandenberg  
**Mike Coen '95-Res** - will do a sports fellowship in Lexington, Kentucky  
**Barry Games '90** - will do a sports fellowship in Eugene, Oregon  
**Scott Slattery '90** - reports for a stint in the Air Force in Langley, Virginia

### Hand Fellows:

**Tom Parent, MD**, - is in private practice in Wilmington, N.C.  
**Ron Friedman, MD**, - is now Assist. Prof. of Plastic Surgery at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas  
**Martin Skie, MD**, - is now a full-time member of the faculty at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo

### Foot Fellows:

**Anthony Bellomo, MD** - is in private practice in Temecula, California  
**David Peckman, MD** - is in private practice in Beverly Hills, California

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