

National Welcomes New Dean of Clinics

Editorial Staff

National College of Chiropractic has promoted Dr. Jeffrey Bergin to dean of clinics. A 1982 graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic, Dr. Bergin has been in private family practice for more than a decade and currently serves as the secretary/treasurer of the ACA's Council on Family Practice.

"I have been continuously in family practice for the past 15 years, and that in and of itself mirrors what we are trying to do in the clinics," Dr. Bergin said. "I am a board certified internist and I manage a primary care practice. I don't just treat necks and backs. My practice is comparable to that of a primary care MD physician."

As the dean of clinics, Dr. Bergin will be responsible for overseeing clinical patient care programs in six clinics in the Chicago area. In addition, he will develop, implement and supervise comprehensive programs of clinical training and experience for students. Dr. Bergin will also maintain one of the duties of his former position by supervising family practice residents at National.

New York Congressman Honors Doctors' Hospital

Since its inception a little more than half a year ago, the chiropractic division at Doctors' Hospital of Staten Island has been the subject of much fanfare, receiving accolades from a number of New York's elected officials (see the September 8 and October 20, 1997 issues of DC). Now the federal government has seen fit to recognize this historic undertaking.

On February 19, the staff of the chiropractic division was introduced to the public. To mark that momentous occasion, New York Representative Vito Fossella came to Doctors' Hospital, presenting the staff and the division's chief, Dr. Victor Dolan, with certificates of congressional recognition.

Dr. Dolan also received a surprise honor by New York City council member Stephen Fiala, whose aide presented him with a special citation, which read in part: "... as a duly elected member of the Council of the City of New York, I recognized that in Dr. Victor Dolan of Doctors' Hospital, we have an outstanding citizen, one who is worthy of the esteem of both the community and the great city of New York."

The inclusion of a chiropractic division inside the traditional medical setting is helping expand patient freedom of choice while working to end discrimination and prejudice against the chiropractic profession. For more information, please contact Dr. Dolan at (718) 981-9755.

New Jersey State Board Elects New President

Eugene Cianciulli, DC, MS, FICC, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, has been elected the new president of

the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. A lifelong resident of the garden state, Dr. Cianciulli received his chiropractic degree from the Chiropractic Institute of New York in 1962, and has maintained an active chiropractic practice ever since. Dr. Cianciulli is joined in his practice by his two children, Lisa and Glen.

Three Palmer Rugby Players Make U.S. National Team

Chiropractic students Geoff Alley and Eric Anderson and former student Heath Gerdes were all named to the team after representing the midwest at the ITT Rugby Championships this past December. Palmer now has the honor of having five players earn spot on the national team in the past three years.

"This is quite an honor for these guys and for Palmer College," said Ron O'Brien, Palmer's athletic director. "There are more than 1,400 teams in the country, so to have two current players and one past player selected says something about Palmer's program. What makes it even more special is that we have never had two from the same team selected at one time."

Nicknamed the Eagles, the U.S. rugby team will embark on an international tour this April, beginning with matches against Spain and Portugal. The Eagles will then travel to Japan, Hong Kong and Canada in May, before returning to host three games in San Francisco in June. After that, the team will prepare for the Americas Zone World Cup qualifying tournament in Argentina, which could lead to the team participating in rugby's version of the World Cup in 1999.

Life Sports

1997 was a banner year for Life University's athletic program as the school won various state, regional and national championships in soccer, hockey, basketball and track and field. This year, the Running Eagles have claimed titles in both ice hockey and men's basketball while producing solid results in men's and women's track and field.

On the Ice

In March, Life's ice hockey team set a record with its 3-2 win over Indiana University in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II title game in Bridgewater, New Jersey. With the win over Indiana, the Running Eagles became the first team in league history to win consecutive ACHA Division II championships. Life outscored its opponents 31-7 in the five game drive to the title. Junior Kevin Borth, who registered nine goals and six assists, was named the tournament's MVP.

On the Court

Life's Antwon Hall nailed a three-point shot with three seconds remaining in the game to give Life's men's basketball team a dramatic 73-71 win over Auburn University, and clinching the college's fifth consecutive NAIA southeast sectional title.

The victory gave Life a 31-3 record for the season, good enough to be ranked fourth in the nation in the NAIA. The win also extended Life's record to 87 consecutive wins at home -- currently the longest such streak of any college basketball team in the nation. John Brown was named the most valuable player of the tournament, while Hall and fellow teammate Anthony Maxwell joined him on

the NAIA's all-tournament team.

On the Track

Life's women's track team finished a respectable fourth at the NAIA Indoor Track & Field National Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska. Junior Zoila Stewart, a native of Costa Rica, was named the meet's "Outstanding Female Athlete" by winning both the 400 and 800 meter events and finishing fourth in the 200 meter dash. With teammates Neketa Sears, Sherese Collie and Camille Clarke, Stewart helped Life take the national title in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3 minutes, 47.41 seconds. "The amazing story was Zoila Stewart," said the team's head coach, Mike Spino. "On Saturday, she ran the preliminaries of the 4x400 relay in the morning, won the 400, won the 800, then anchored the relay in the finals, and we were behind."

Several other athletes from Life's women's team earned All-American status with their performances. Freshman Camille Clark placed third in the 400 meter dash and sixth in the 200 meter dash; Sherese Collie took fourth in the 55 meter race; Loretta Sandy finished third in the high jump, and freshman Paustine Kigen came in fourth in the women's 3,000 meter run.

While Life's men's team finished fifth in the championships, there were several top individual efforts. Both junior Sammy Nyamongo and sophomore Silah Misoi repeated as national champions in the 5,000 and 3,000 meter run, respectively. Misoi broke the national record he'd set the previous year, finishing the race with a time of 7 minutes, 59.78 seconds. The two runners also took third and fourth in the one mile run for the second year in a row.

Other standout performances were turned in by junior Chris Johnson, who finished sixth in the 800 meter run, and freshman Charles Wongondo, who came in sixth in the 1,000 meter run. Both athletes earned All-American status at the meet, as did Misoi and Nyamongo.

Dr. Tom Deters -- ICA's Sports Chiropractor of the Year

Thomas Deters, DC, of Woodland Hills, California was honored by the International Chiropractors Association as "Sports Chiropractor of the Year" during their 1998 Symposium on Natural Fitness, held March 6-8 in conjunction with the Arnold Schwarzenegger Bodybuilding Classic and Fitness Weekend in Columbus, Ohio (see "Fitness and Chiropractic" on the front page of the 4-6 issue).

Dr. Deters has been a dedicated and effective leader in the profession for many years. He is associate publisher of the Men's Publishing Group of Weider Publications, Inc., a growing collection of successful publications which includes Muscle & Fitness, Men's Fitness, Prime Health & Fitness and Flex. Dr. Deters is also editor-in-chief of Weider's flagship publication, Muscle & Fitness, which is recognized as the world's number one fitness magazine; it is translated into 14 foreign languages and has over seven million readers worldwide.

Dr. Deters has also appeared in numerous television segments and videos, authored hundreds of articles, books and audio cassettes, and is a consultant to many professional athletes. When asked how he has managed to accomplish so much at a young age, he replied, "It helps when your work is your love and your love is your work."

Dr. Deters is also a distinguished recipient of the lifetime achievement award and lifetime membership to the ICA, only the third person in the 72-year history of the ICA to receive that distinction. In 1994, Dr. Deters was awarded the first-ever lifetime membership in the ICA Council on Fitness & Sports Health Science.

Cross-Country Chiropractic

Photo #6 Gary Wong, DC (left) helped rehabilitate Chris Johnson after a serious auto accident. Chris and his canine companion Jake are off on a cross-country backpacking trip.

By the time you read this, Chris Johnson will be a month into his year-long adventure, a 5,000 mile backpacking trip across the United States from California to Florida, then up the eastern seaboard to New York. This trek would not have been possible without the care and treatment provided by Gary Wong, DC, of Fremont, California.

Chris, an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hiking, bike riding and surfing, was seriously injured in an automobile accident in May 1996, suffering injuries to his knee and back, a severe case of whiplash, and agonizing migraine headaches.

Although skeptical about chiropractic, Chris was encouraged to try chiropractic by a number of close friends. The rehabilitation has been lengthy, but after more than 18 months of attention and treatment, Gary Wong, DC, has been able to improve Chris' condition to the point where he is now able to attempt the cross-country backpacking trip, something that he had always dreamed of doing.

Chris has said that he will spread the word about the benefits of chiropractic to everyone he encounters along the journey.

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