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**Chronology of**  
**RALPH J. MARTIN, D.C., N.D., Ph.C.**

**Chronology**

1904: **Ralph J. Martin** is born in Lamar CO, raised on ranch in southern CO, attends McPherson College in McPherson KS during 1919-23; develops typhoid fever before college, success from Nellie M. Dietrich DC (This, 1951)

1932: John Hurley DC & Helen Sanders DC, PhC at 414 E 11th St, LA author **Aquarian Age Healing, Book One**; Hurley and Sanders were husband & wife (Nelson, 1991); from Aquarian Age Healing will be derived **Neurovascular Dynamics (NVD)** by **Terrence J. Bennett** DC, ND (Nelson, 1991) and Logan Basic Technique by **Hugh B Logan** DC; **Ralph J Martin** DC, future president of **SCCC/LACC**, will become an **NVD** enthusiast; **Sanders** will later become president and owner of **HCC** (see Yearbook, 1955)

1935 (Fall): according to Martin (1986):

In the Fall of 1935 I spent several weeks in Denver, Colorado lecturing for my brother, Miles Martin, who was holding classes in the Brown Palace Hotel on Position Technic. As the work progressed, I realized more and more that I needed professional education. Having time on my hands, I began attending classes at the University of Natural Healing Arts, just a block down the street on Glenarm. I found that I liked very much what I heard there, and this was the beginning of my commitment to chiropractic.

1936 (Sept): Ralph J. Martin enrolls at the College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons (Martin, 1986)



Ralph J. Martin's Ph.C. diploma, dated December 23, 1938

1938-39 class **photo** of **SCCC** lists 22 graduates including one black and 7 females; **Ralph J. Martin** among the graduates

**-officers include:**

\***Clifford B. Eacrett** DC ND, President (replacing RC Bertheau DC, ND; see also 6/22/38)

**-new administration and trustees include:**

-\***Otis M McMurtrey** DC, ND, Chairman, Board of Directors

-\***Wolf Adler DC, ND, Dean**

-RC **Howe** AB, DC, ND, Sec'y-Treasurer

-\***FD Schuman**, Manager

-\***LE Montenegro** DC, ND, Director of Clinics

**faculty are:**

-**Claude F. Gillett** DC (**brother of Clyde?**)

-Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, **PhC**

-Ralph D. Hoard DO

-\***Lee H Norcross** DC, ND (formerly at **LACC** and one time member of CA **BCE**)

-\***Henry A. Stevens** DO

-\***Edmund Marineau** DC, ND

-\***Nathan Mehnick** DC

1939 (Feb 12): **Ralph J. Martin** DC is licensed to practice in California (Martin, 1986)

1940: **photo** shows 15 graduates at **SCCC** (LACC Registrar's Archives); **Lee H Norcross** DC, ND becomes new **Director of Clinics**; \***Norman K Lovas** DC and \***Ralph J. Martin** DC, PhC have joined the faculty; other faculty are:

-Claude F. **Gillett** DC

-Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC

-Ralph D. Hoard DO

-Henry A. Stevens DO

-Edmund Marineau DC, ND

-Nathan Mehnick DC

1941: **photo** indicates (LACC Registrar's Archives) **SCCC administration** includes:

-**Clifford B. Eacrett** DC, ND, President

-**Otis M McMurtrey** DC, ND, **Vice-President**

-**Wolf Adler** ND, PhC, **LLB**, DC, Dean

-**FD Schuman**, Manager

-**EP Webb** ND, DC **Director of Clinics** (formerly **SCCC** Chairman of the Board in 1934-35; see also Dishman, 1991, who recalls learning foot manipulation from **Webb**)

**faculty are:**

-**Lee H. Norcross** DC, ND (**Faculty**)

-**Claude F. Gillett** DC, **ND, DO**

-Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC

-Ralph D. Hoard DO

-**Norman K. Lovas** DC, **ND**

-**Ralph J. Martin** **ND, DC, PhC**

-\***Patrick Lackey** ND, DC

-\***George H. Haynes**, ND, PhC, AB, DC

-\***RE Dole** (First Aid)

1942 (Jan 12): letter from manager of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Burbank inquires of the "**Southern California**

**College of Naturopathy"** about employment record of **Ralph Joseph Martin**, who claims to have been naturopathic instructor until November, 1940 (LACC Registrar's Archives)

1942: according to Martin (1986):

In 1942 the **CMA** launched an initiative bill to put DCs out of business by requiring all health licentiates to take the same Basic Science Board. It was a good idea, but the bill was written in such a way that the examiners could know which profession the applicants for examination are expected to practice in. This made it possible to flunk all chiropractic applicants. This infuriated all DCs throughout the whole state, and a statewide organization was formed to fight the measure. Dr. Dan Nash was appointed State Campaign Director, and it soon became obvious that he was having difficulties.

Dr. **Henry Higley** and I met with him, and worked out a plan for him to leave Southern California to us while he covered the rest of the

state. We had full support of all the schools of the state, and I put half a dozen telephones in my office, and had women students from the schools staff them and call the doctors of the South soliciting funds to support the campaign. As soon as a doctor would agree to make a donation, the girls would tell them that a student would be right out to their office to pick it up. We mailed out blazers of information about the importance of the campaign and news of progress. The support was wonderful, and after four weeks the campaign was red-hot. The election in November was a smashing victory for chiropractic, and we won by the greatest majority ever logged in a Primary Election up to that time in California. From that time on for over a decade chiropractic clout in Sacramento was a historic phenomena, and the following year the DCs on a wave of enthusiasm formed the new **CCA**. I was a charter member, and our 1922 Initiative Law was our banner of unity. Dr. Duane Smith was the first president of the **CCA**.

PHOTOGRAPH



Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. and Francis J. Kolar, M.D., D.C. at banquet of the California Chiropractic Association, 1944 (see also NCA Photos)

1942: \*LE **Montenegro** DC, ND, Sec'y-Treasurer of **SCCC**;  
George H **Haynes**, ND, PhC, AB, DC, is new **Director of Clinics**; faculty are:  
-Lee H. **Norcross** DC, ND  
-Claude F. **Gillett** DC, ND, DO

-Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC  
-Norman K. **Lovas** DC, ND  
-Patrick **Lackey** ND, DC  
-\*Henry G. **Higley** DC, PhC, ND

-\***Lyle D. Holland** DC, ND (will become president of **SCCC** circa 1944-45, according to Martin, 1986; will sell practice to **Harold D Young** DC, **LACC** class of 1960 in 1962, according to Nilsson, 1962, Apr)

1944-45: **SCCC** graduation photo indicates 12 graduate; administration is:

-**Clifford B. Eacrett** DC, ND, President (last listing with **SCCC**?)

-**Otis M. McMurtrey** DC, ND, Vice-President

-**Patrick Lackey** ND, DC, **Dean**

-**LE Montenegro** DC, ND, Sec'y-Treasurer

faculty are:

-**George H. Haynes**, ND, PhC, AB, DC (**Faculty**)

-**Wolf Adler** ND, PhC, LLB, DC, **DD (Faculty)**

-**Lee H. Norcross** DC, ND

-**Mabelle Kelso Shaw** DC, PhC

-**Ralph J. Martin** DC, PhC (**Martin** will become president of **SCCC** during 1944-47 [Martin, 1977, 1986])

-\***H. Rainford Guest** DC, ND

1945: according to RJ Martin (1986):

...Dr. Lyle Holland, president of the **So. College of Chiropractic Physicians**, was having some coronary problems, and asked me to take over his position as president of the college. I agreed to do so, and the next day I found out why Dr. Holland was not feeling well when the sheriff came to my office to close the school for outstanding debts. I was, to say the least, surprised, but I paid the \$1,000 required, and also had to assure the students that they need not worry, that they would be graduated and licensed as promised. The schools survived and prospered.

-**JD Kirby** DC, future editor of the **Chirogram** [1974 (Nov); 41 (11): 6-10] will later report in an "Editorial" (pp. 6-7):

It was during his [**Ralph J. Martin's**] years in chiropractic colleges that he therefore became motivated to work effectively toward the upgrading of chiropractic education. After graduation in 1938 from the **Southern California College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons** he taught various subjects in that college and in 1945 was asked by the President, **Dr Lyle Holland**, to take over his position.

-**Ralph J. Martin** lists himself as president of **SCCC** during 1944-47 (Martin, 1977); (Holland will sell practice to **Harold D. Young** DC, **LACC** class of 1960 in 1962, according to Nilsson, 1962, Apr)

1945-47: according to **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

It was at about the time of the end of World War II that the LA Metropolitan District of the **CCA** had the Initiation Banquet, and **Dr. John J. Nugent**, Director of Education for the **National Chiropractic Association**, was present, and announced to the doctors present that he had come to California to amalgamate the Chiropractic Colleges of the state into one professionally owned non-profit college. I had a long talk with him after the meeting, and assured him that, as president of the **Southern California College** and of the Metropolitan District, he could count on my full cooperation.

**Dr Nugent** immediately began negotiations with **Dr Wilma Churchill**, owner of **LACC**, and it soon developed that she refused to sell to the **So. California College**, so we began setting up a new holding non-profit corporation, the **California Chiropractic Educational Foundation**. During the latter half of 1946 I spent a great deal of time with attorney **CP Von Herzen** and **Dr Nugent** putting this corporation into functioning condition with myself as chairman of the new Board of Regents. As we went into the new year of 1947 all was ready, and funds for the purchase had been raised from the profession through the **CRF**, and we put \$25,000 into escrow for a total purchase price of \$225,000 for **LACC**. The escrow closed on May 7, 1947 after a stormy session with **Dr Churchill** the day before, as she now had misgivings about selling her school which had nearly 1,000 students enrolled.

She refused to negotiate with **Dr Nugent**, knowing he was a very persuasive negotiator. He assured her that this was no problem, that I, **Dr. Martin**, **Dr John Koer**, and **Dr Sidney Milbank** would meet with her in his place. This we did, and after a couple of stormy hours we came out with the school, and the next day took possession. It has operated ever since under the ownership of the **California Chiropractic Educational Foundation**.

PHOTOGRAPH



Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D.

1946 (Sept): "the profession took over the management of the **Southern California College of Chiropractic** and assumed control of the **Los Angeles College of Chiropractic**. The Southern California College was dissolved as a corporate entity and merged with the other school forming the new **Los Angeles College of Chiropractic** on May 7, 1947" (**Aesculapian**, 1948); see also 12/31/46; **Ralph J. Martin** claimed to be president of **SCCC** from 1944-47 (Martin, 1977)

1946-47: according to **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

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1946 (Dec 31): according to **Ralph J. Martin** (1977):

...under the leadership of **Dr. John J Nugent**, Director of Education of the **National Chiropractic Association**" the **California Chiropractic Educational Foundation (CCEF)** was formed; **CCEF** Board of Regents comprised of 2 members from the **CCA**, 1 member from **NCA**, 1 member from **CRF**, 3 lay members chosen by first 4 members; the first Board of Regents include **Ralph J. Martin** DC, **Lloyd A. Walters** DC, **Sidney W. Milbank** DC (president of the Board), **Mr. William L. Gleason**, and **John W. Koer** DC (**Aesculapian**, 1948); **LACC** is purchased by the **CCEF**, becomes a "professionally-owned, non-profit institutions" (**LACC**, 1986); see also 9/46 and **Stanford Research Institute** report (1960); **Ralph J. Martin** will later claim that he was the first chairman of the **LACC** Board of Regents, and served on the board from 1946-49 (Martin, 1977)



1946 (Dec): Benedict **Lupica** MA, DC of **CINY** publishes article re: increased educational standards in **JNCA** (Lupica, 1946)

1947 (Jan): **Chirogram** [16(3):5] notes its circulation is 11,500

1947 (May 8): statement of charges for student Wesley Gibson indicates **Ralph J. Martin** DC is president and Thos. G Kirby DC is sec'y & treasurer of merged **LACC/SCCC** (LACC Registrar's Archives)

1947 (May): first issue of **Chirogram** from new **LACC**; Benedict **Lupica**, B.Sc., M.A., D.C. is new Editor and Dean; Ralph J. **Martin** DC is chairman of the Board of Regents

1947 (June 12): according to the August issue of the **National Chiropractic Journal** [17(8):40]: "The **Los Angeles College** has just graduated 140 students on June 12 and Dr. **Ralph J. Martin** presented the degrees."

1947 (July): **Journal of the California Chiropractic Association (JCaCA)**, Volume 4, No. 1; **LE Montenegro** DC is on editorial board; this issue includes:

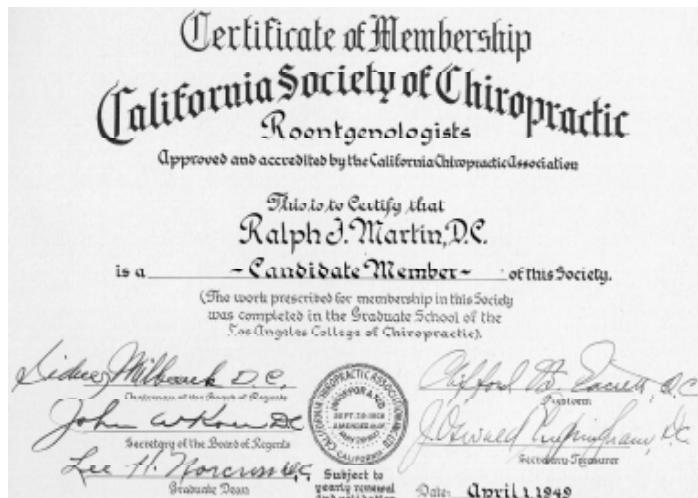
-**Ralph J. Martin** and **Clifford B. Eacrett** DC of the LA District of **CaCA** arrange for Waldo Poehner DC to speak on "X-ray diagnosis and practice building" on June 3 at the Elks Club in LA (p. 14)

1947(Aug): **National Chiropractic Journal** [17(8):40] notes: "The **Los Angeles College** has just graduated 140 students on June 12 and Dr. **Ralph J. Martin** presented the degrees."

1947: last **LACC** graduation **photo** under old administration of **Wood/Koer/Churchill/Cale**; 140 "night and day" students graduate, including 16 females; faculty are:

- Arthur V **Nilsson** DC
- Delbert J **Metzinger** DC
- Dr. Thomas G Kirby
- Dr. Leland P Roberts
- Dr. Charles W von Walden
- Dr. Stephen H. Lapp
- Francis I **Regardie** DC
- Dr. O Wesley Willits
- B Franklin Miner** DC
- Dr. William H Munson
- \*Dr. Blaze O Bonazza
- \*Lavera H **Latta** DC
- \*Dr. Manning B Strahl
- \*Dr. Gilbert H Schwarting

1947: Delbert J Metzinger DC leaves **LACC** faculty [**Chirogram** 1964 (Dec); 31(11):328]



Ralph Martin was quick to apply for membership in the California specialty society for radiologists, the leaders of whom (Drs. Milbank, Koer, Norcross, Eacrett and Empringham) were members of the Board of Regents and administrators of the Los Angeles College

1948 (Dec 2): letter on personal stationery from C.O. Watkins, D.C. (in my Martin file):

Greetings to Chiropractic Educators:

This is to inform you that a meeting has been called for representatives of those schools who are interested in discussing a course for the formal orientation of the chiropractic student in the basic principles of science. The place of the meeting is the Sherman Hotel, Chicago. The date Jan. 5. 1949.

Of the seventeen schools I have had on my mailing list, it appears at this time, that from nine to eleven will be represented.

With every good wish to each of you, I remain

Sincerely,...

COW/ah

1948 (Dec 13): letter on CCEF stationery from Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D., chairman of CCEF Board of Regents, to C.O. Watkins, D.C. of Sidney MT (in my Martin file):

Dear Dr. Watkins:

Replying to yours of December 4th I wish to let you know that the California chiropractors are very much interested in the viewpoint of science as outlined in your various bulletins.

I shall be in Chicago January 5, 6 and 7 and certainly shall expect to attend the discussion of your material if the time is not in conflict with the Council on Education meetings.

At any rate, I look forward to meeting you in Chicago and hope to at least discuss the material you have organized with you personally.

Sincerely yours,...

1949 (Jan 26): copy of letter to Vinton F. Logan, D.C. from Thure C. Peterson, D.C., chairman of NCA Council on Education (in my Martin file):

Dr. Vinton Logan, President  
Logan Basic College of Chiropractic  
7701 Florissant Road  
St. Louis 21, Missouri

My dear Dr. Logan:

I am very happy to welcome you into the National Council on Education as representative of the Logan Basic College of Chiropractic as a fully accredited institution under the accrediting program of the National Chiropractic Association.

The National Chiropractic Convention will be held in Chicago at the Hotel Sherman during the week ending July 30th. I would like you to plan to attend our meetings there. I know that when you sit around the conference table with our members and participate in constructive discussions of educational problems as they affect all of

the schools, you will feel the same fraternal spirit that permeates all our meetings.

May I congratulate you and your associates upon the fine institution you have built in St. Louis.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,...

TCP: bh

1949 (Feb 9): letter from Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D., president of LACC, to Elizabeth Eckardt, D.C. (in my Martin file):

Dr. Elizabeth Eckardt

516 Ogden Canyon

Ogden, Utah

Dear Dr. Eckardt:

We are very much interested in your report on the Utah basic science struggle. Much thought has been given to your letter by the administrative committee of the college, but we find ourselves unable to participate in any action until you furnish us with more information in the form of a copy of each of your bills Nos. 135 and 145.

We are not in a position to oppose 'basic science' just because it is basic science for this would arouse public antagonism to our profession and do us all much damage. In 1942 we fought the basic science bill because it was unfair and discriminatory, giving control of the chiropractic profession to the medical profession. Thus we were careful to make the distinction that we were not fighting basic science as such but rather the particular objectionable basic science bill which was being offered.

If medical doctors are going to sit on the board and no chiropractors, then you have a just basis of objection which the public will be interested in of course.

Some of us may have to be in Nevada in a few days on a political situation there which affects the college and if you feel we could help you while there by coming on into Utah please let me know right away. Also copies of your bills, so we can see just what you are up against.

Mrs. Martin and myself wish to extend to you every good wish for success in your professional endeavors, and certainly hope that no adverse legislation may be imposed upon you.

Sincerely,...

RJM:gs

1949 (July): **Ralph J. Martin** DC, former member of Board of Regents, is now **LACC** School President (see Martin, 1949, 1986); serves until 1951 (Martin, 1977)

1949 (July 6): enrollment application for Edward Irving Downie (see also 5/3/50) at **LACC** indicates Raymond H. **Houser** DC is dean (LACC Registrar's Archives)

1949 (Aug): Raymond H. **Houser** DC is dean at **LACC** according to the **Chirogram**

1950 (Mar 7): letter on NCA stationery from C.O. Watkins, D.C. of Sidney MT to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D., president of LACC (in my Martin file):

Dear Dr. Martin:

I enjoyed your editorial in the Chirogram. Your reference to statistical research and its need is of paramount importance. The great need, it seems to me, is not so much the statistics themselves which as you point out would give us much greater recognition, but rather we Chiropractic physicians in practice would like to have reliable measures of the demonstrable worth of our different methods of treatment on the different types of cases. This can be obtained only by organizing our profession along scientific lines and developing a responsible clinical research program.

The Medical physician enjoys the benefits of an organized science. Regardless of the type of case which comes to his office he can go to his literature and find where other doctors, perhaps very much like

himself, have tested particular methods of treatment on that particular type of case. Indeed, no treatment gains much acceptance in medical practice until it has been tested by Clinical research upon a reasonable number of cases. Thus, the medical physician always has available a fairly reliable measure of the worth of every method. The Chiropractic physician across the hall is entirely upon his own, and while he might find Clinical research upon a series of cases of sciatica, with a particular type of treatment, he cannot hope to do Clinical research covering all types of conditions and testing all the different methods. The result is that we have no scientific measure of the demonstrable worth of any method of Chiropractic care. To me it is a disgrace to Chiropractic that even after 50 years we do not have a Clinical research program, and must practice by empiric knowledge.

You mention the efforts of the P.S.C. along these lines. I doubt that any statistical work they would do would be of much value. The type of Chiropractor they work with is not of free mind. In the educational process at the P.S.C. they indoctrinate the students mind with fixed concepts of disease and its remedy. They are convinced that their particular method of treatment represents the alpha [sic] and omega of patient care and consequently to them there is no purpose to investigate and test different methods in different types of cases. Chiropractors who have had their minds arrested by this type of indoctrination cannot be expected to do impartial research, and certainly unless Clinical research is done with a free mind it is not reliable – nor the type of research which I should care to choose my methods from and to risk the life or health of my patient with. Their **interest in statistical research is only for the purpose of proving to others what they already believe** which to me is a useless and silly reason for research. I, and a great majority of Chiropractic physicians today, do not base our method on a fixed belief in a particular method. We know that there are better methods if we could but find them, we know that thru scientific investigation the methods of today should become obsolete tomorrow and we know that if there is to be scientific progress in Chiropractic we cannot give ourselves to the Cultist attitude and base our practice upon faith in a fixed concept of any particular method. Since there are but few if any Chiropractors under C.B.H. [sic] influence who do not follow the Cultist attitude, I doubt that we can expect much reliable Clinical research from that source.

Since the N.C.A. has within its group all the free minded Chiropractic physicians it is here we must look for a Clinical research program. For the past eight years I have been trying with all the energy I could command to get the N.C.A. to develop a Clinical research program and there by bring about an organized science of Chiropractic. It is a simple thing to do but despite that fact nothing has been accomplished in that direction. Of course, there has been a great cry to support the so called N.C.A. research program that does not actually exist. Indeed, the N.C.A. does not have a Chiropractic research program even on paper let alone in effect. The money collected in the name of research has evaporated or gone somewhere but no effort has been made to organize Chiropractic as a Clinical science.

A great mistake was made about eight years ago when after considerable agitation for a research program by the field the N.C.A. decided to do something about it. The idea of developing a research program was officially adopted and a committee was appointed to put the program into effect. Unfortunately, the committee was made up of past Executives of the N.C.A. Men who themselves were of the Cultist rather than the scientific turn of mind. Men who had directed the N.C.A. along the Cultist pattern thru out the years and could not themselves understand the purpose and worth of the methods of science. To place a research program in such hands was to assure its death. Today after the original promotion brought forth no benefit to Chiropractic, we are just where we started except that Chiropractors have been "taken for another ride" by their own leadership, and have again had their hopes built up and shattered.

Today I understand the research program has been turned over to the colleges. Why I do not know. The purpose of a college is academic training. If they do any research at all, as they do in other

fields, it is either basic research to support academic training, or academic research to better explain that which has already been demonstrated in Clinical research. They are in no position to do Clinical research and we must remember that Chiropractic is a Clinical science above all else. We in the field are not interested in academic solutions. We want practical methods tested for demonstrable value thru Clinical research under conditions similar to those we practice under.

I would give much more credence to a Clinical research work done by an ordinary fellow practitioner in the field who was of free mind who treated 50 cases of goiter with a particular method of care and run up the general law himself then the same Clinical research done under the conditions of a college clinic. The same is true of Clinical research under institutional care because the facts brought out by the general law would possibly not be true except under the same circumstances.

If you will read medical literature you will find that only a small percentage, if any, of their Clinical research is done in Medical colleges or college clinics. It is true that much of their Clinical research is done in hospitals but a great majority of the medical physicians practice is also conducted in hospitals. In Chiropractic most cases are cared for in the office and that is the place our Clinical research must take place. You will also note that 99 percent of Medical research is done by the average practitioners. The same must be true in Chiropractic and the task of Clinical research must be left to the clinicians. If you will check any issue of the A.M.A. Journal you will find all the above facts are true.

Therefore, the turning over of Chiropractic research program to Chiropractic colleges as I understand has been done, reflects only a lack of understanding of the purpose of research in a Clinical science and can only result in disappointment in the end.

I point this all out to you because I believe something must be done about it. The fact is, after fifty years, Chiropractic has no research program. Even after some ten years of agitation in the name of research the N.C.A. still has no program on paper or otherwise. In fact we have no more prospects of a program then we had ten years ago and unless something is done we never will have a program. In my estimation this means taking the program out of the hands of past Executives and appointing a committee on research to study the question, draw up and submit a plan.

Medical organization is built around the purpose of Clinical investigation, testing and sharing of knowledge which will help the individual physician in his care of the patient. That is the basic purpose of organization in any field of science.

For many years Chiropractic organizations have served only the Cultist purpose of uniting Chiropractors around one or another fixed concept of disease and its remedy and the promotion of that particular concept. That is true of the C.B.H. [sic] and almost as true of the N.C.A. today. The only difference being, that in the N.C.A. its leaders follow the Cultist method in their leadership while much of its membership follows the attitude of science in their practice which results in the peculiar situation in which the membership is far ahead of the leadership and actually the leadership is often at cross purposes with the field.

This is a long letter but I have noticed that you boys in California seem to be showing evidence of far better leadership then we have on a National level and I would like to see you take a active part in straightening out our unfortunate national situation.

Again thanking you for your editorial,

I remain,...

COW/jah

1950 (June 7): letter on CMCC stationery from Rudy O. Muller, D.C., dean of CMCC, to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D., president of LACC (in my Martin file):

Dear Dr. Martin:

Under separate cover you will receive a complimentary copy of the book "Psychosomatic Training" by Dr. C. de Radwan, of Vienna.

I would appreciate if you would read the book, make notations and comments, as I am making arrangements to have its contents discussed at our College Heads' Conference to be held in Washington next month.

I might say that we have tried this method of psychological conditioning in our College, in fact 150 undergraduates took the course of study with marked benefit, more in particular those who are now in Clinic who took the course, are heads and shoulders above the internes who did not. Their professional bearing and ability to deal with patients has been advanced by years.

Should you wish to obtain further details of how this course of study operates, you may contact Dr. de Radwan directly at: 149 South Drive, TORONTO; Ontario, Canada.

Yours very truly,...

ROM/jb

1950 (Aug): *Journal of the NCA* [20(8)] indicates:

-**photo** taken in front of new Glendale campus includes: Harry Scott, Business Manager of **LACC**; **Ralph J. Martin**, president; **Raymond Houser DC**, dean; **Lee Norcross DC**, graduate school dean; **Harry Bybee DC**, president of the **NCA** (p. 12)

1950 (Sept): *Journal of the NCA* [20(9)] includes:

-**photo** of **John J. Nugent DC** and **Raymond House DC** (p. 19); caption reads:

DR. NUGENT AND LT. GOVERNOR KNIGHT OF CALIFORNIA  
RECEIVE DEGREES

On June 9, 1950 at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles' Griffith Park, Dr. **John J. Nugent** received the degree of Doctor of Humanities conferred by the president of the **Los Angeles College of Chiropractic**. Dr. **Nugent** has been director of education for the **National Chiropractic Association** since 1940. Under his guidance and leadership an **accrediting agency** has been established for the chiropractic profession. This was accomplished by the creation of the **National Council on Education of the NCA** which now recognizes and approves twelve leading chiropractic colleges of the nation.

Lt. Governor Goodwin J. Knight, of California, also received the degree of Doctor of Humanities. **Clifford B. Eacrett** received the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic Science.

1950 (Dec 20): **Robert Boyd Jackson** receives DC degree from **CCC** of Oakland; **RO McClintock DC**, DSC is president and dean, **Ethel G. Christensen DC** is secretary, **Alton E. Glazier DC** is "Chief of Clinic" (Jackson's DC and internship diplomas)

1950: according **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

The school was moved to 920 E Boradway in Glendale in 1950, which was the former Harrower Laboratory property. I had put in a tremendous amount of effort to secure non-profit status for the Foundation and the school, and as elected President of the **LACC**, I no longer had a vote on the Board of Regents of the Foundation. When the regents agreed in the purchase of the property, to pay **Cecil DeMille's** taxes, I resigned as president in protest. I was immediately thereafter appointed to the Committee on Accreditation of the **Council on Chiropractic Education** of the **National Chiropractic Association**, in which capacity I served for nine years until 1960. This position involved meeting twice a year with the Council on Education, and evaluating the schools we had visited, and providing accreditation recognition as our standards were met.

1950: George H. **Haynes** named assistant dean at **LACC** (Rehm, 1980)

1950: **LACC** moves to 920 East Broadway (single campus); 24-hour emergency services provided (LACC, 1986); new campus in Glendale is former offices of MGM studios (Smallie, 1990)



1950: **LACC** public clinic listing: "**Frank B. Hamilton**, B.Sc., D.C., chairman, department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, De Landas Univ., Western States Univ., Col. Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons, Lecturer, Col., Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons, Grad. School, **LACC** Member" (Gibbons, 1982)

**c1950**: undated letter **Ralph J. Martin** DC, ND from Alice Catt Armstrong of *Who's Who in California* at 1331 Cordell Place in LA (my LACC/Martin files):

This is a sketch of your illustrated biography as it appeared in "Who's Who in Los Angeles County." The current edition will include the "Who's Who" of the entire State of California. The biographical research will be compiled and published according to the same high ethical standards experienced in past editions, free from advertising and without charge for inclusion.

The first LIMITED edition of "Who's Who in California" will be offered at the same moderate price of \$35.00, plus tax. Please order at once to insure receiving the Deluxe Volume including your biography and portrait.

Personalized embossing in gold on the cover of the book plus a 10 per cent discount will be made on prepaid orders only. We especially appreciate the subscribers to this volume who insure its continued success.

Please make desired changes, approve and return at once. Thank you. Sincerely...

Martin, Ralph Joseph, D.C.

*Pres. L.A. College of Chiropractic*

b. Dec. 19, 1904, Lamar, Colo.; s. William Earl and Flora Theresa (Deckert) Martin; ed. Acad. of McPherson Coll., McPherson, Kansas, 1919-23; D.C., So. Calif. Coll. of Chiropractic, Dec. 23, 1938; m. Viola M. Ozbun, Lamar, Colo. Aug. 2, 1925. Career: Educator, grammar sch., Colo., 1923-24; rancher, Lamar, Colo., 1924-26; time study, efficiency checker, Swift and Co., Chicago, Ill., 1926-27; prodn. dept. Chicago Elec. Mfg. Co., 1927-28; rancher, Colo., 1928-31; contracting, ins. bus. L.A. 1931-36; pvt. practice chiropractic, L.A., 1938-; pres. L.A. Dist. of Calif. Chiropractic Assn. 1946-47; chmn. bd. of regs. Calif. Chiropractic Educ. Found., 1947-48; pres. L.A. Coll. of Chiropractic 1948-; contrib. editorials, tech, articles publ. "Chirogram," chiropractic jours. V.O.C. U.S. Army, 1942-43, World War II. Frat: Sigma Chi Omega. Dem. Hobby: gardening. Rec: reading, writing, poetry. Res.: 4065 San Rafael Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. CAPitol 1-0529. Office: 248 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. DUnkirk 8-4725 and 920 E. Broadway, Glendale, Calif. CHapman 5-1251

1951 (Jan): **JNCA** [21(1):26] reprints **Ralph J. Martin's** comments from the December, 1950 issue of the Chirogram:

#### THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Rumors and hearsay have circulated far and wide giving the false impression that the **Los Angeles College of Chiropractic** was affiliated with or had sponsored recent attempts to change the California initiative law. There never has been and there is no connection between these irregular movements not originating within organized professional channels that purported to create a physicians and surgeons license.

The college has not nor will it initiate or participate in any political activity to change the chiropractic law prior to an official endorsement of such a movement by the **California Chiropractic Association**. Political discussions involving these controversial subjects were ruled out of order in our class rooms and on our campus many months ago.

It is the policy of the college that political issues involving questions of changing the scope of practice must be decided by the licensed men in the field and the state association and have no place in the college, distracting students from the pursuit of their courses. The purpose of this college is to fulfill the educational needs of our profession and we have striven to hold solely to that purpose and

shall continue with that policy. - **Ralph J. Martin, D.C., president, Los Angeles College of Chiropractic** in *'The Chirogram'* for December, 1950.

1952 (July): **JNCA** [22(7)] includes:

-Ralph J. Martin, **Sc.D.**, D.C. of Los Angeles authors "A preliminary clinical report on the study of ultrasonics" (pp. 24-6, 67)

1954 (July): **Ralph J. Martin** ScD, DC, former president of **LACC** and now member of the **NCA's** Committee on Accreditation publishes: Modern chiropractic education. **Journal of the National Chiropractic Association** 1954; 24(7):24-5

1956 (Apr): **Ralph J. Martin** DC, ND publishes "Specialized diathermy technic" (Martin, 1956)

1957 (Jan): **Ralph J. Martin** DC, ND publishes "Field program in clinical research in ultrasonics" (Martin, 1957)



NCA Convention in Florida? Ralph Martin is seated third from left

1961 (May): **JCaCA** [16(13)] notes:

-"Obituaries: Dr. Terrence Bennett" (p. 13):

Funeral services were held March 5 for Dr. Terrence J. Bennett, Burlingame doctor of chiropractic, who died at Peninsula Hospital, after a long illness.

Dr. Bennett, who lived at 605 Barroilhet Ave., was a member of Argonaut Lodge, F&AM, which conducted services at San Francisco.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fay Bennett; and a brother, Edward Bennett, of Los Angeles. He was a native of Kansas.

1962: according **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

...When, in 1962 Dr **Haynes** requested me to activate the Alumni for a fund raising campaign, I called Dr **Joseph Berg**, Dr Fred Bullard, and Dr Wayne Brown to join me in a Capital Funds Committee. In 1960 I had acted as chairman of a similar committee for the Southern California and Southwest of the Congregational Church Conference. The territory included southern California, southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. The goal was to raise \$2,000,000, and this was 80% achieved by 1960 due largely to the expertise of Richard Augustine, a professional fund raiser for churches. Our **LACC** 1,100 mile long state of California was larger than the usual church parish, but we managed to produce enough funds to pay off the mortgage to **Cecil B. DeMille**, and thereby eliminate the unfortunate burden of the DeMille taxes on the school property, and thereafter enjoy the benefits of our tax-free status. This fact gave Dr **Haynes** more freedom to pursue his objective as president of the **ACA Council on Chiropractic Education**, of Federal Accreditation of the Council. This was achieved in 1974, and it was a colossal

achievement and a great personal victory for Dr **Haynes**. Without his personal dedication and expertise it may not have come about.

1963 (Nov): **Chirogram** [Vol. 30, No. 9]:

-has a referee process for manuscripts (p. 2)

-**Ralph J. Martin** DC teaches "Technic IV" at **LACC** (p. 30)

1963: according **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

In 1963 when the **ACA** delegate for Southern California vacated his position, and the **NCA** requested candidates for a special election, I ran for the position and won. At this time there was a lot of talk about amalgamation of the 'straight' **ICA** and the **NCA** 'liberal' into one new organization, the **ACA**. Delegates Dr Asa Brown in Virginia and Dr Ruth Mandell in Maryland got wind of the fact that it was a sell-out to the **ICA**, and contacted me by phone. As soon as this information was confirmed I contacted all the Western states delegates by phone, and we set up a meeting in Reno, Nevada, the most central point for all of us. Flying to Reno I jotted down notes for an agenda for the meeting. As soon as we all got together at the designated hotel in the evening, we set to work on the agenda, and continued in session all night, and broke up at 6:30 the next morning. We met in Denver a few days later with nearly all the delegates, and hammered out strategy for the House of Delegates' official meeting the next morning.

When the House of Delegates meeting convened, a motion was made and passed to go into a session of a Committee of the Whole. This was done, and the House of Delegates remained in the Committee of the Whole for nearly four days while we completely rewrote the new by-laws which had been prepared by the **ICA-NCA** negotiators. During this time, when we were not in official meetings, we kept all the delegates in closed caucus sessions. As a result, the actions of the Committee of the Whole were passed officially by a resounding majority, and the sell-out had been thwarted...

1964 (Oct): **Journal of the California Chiropractic Association** includes article by **Ralph J. Martin**: "ACA Post-Convention Report", Martin is **ACA** delegate for southern California

1965 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [8(1)] includes:

-A.A. Adams, D.C. authors "American Chiropractic Association 1965 convention" (p. 26); includes photograph:



Front row, left to right: Governor, District 4, Dr. Ed Kimmel, New York City – Governor, District 7, Dr. C.L. Hightower, California – President Elect, Dr. George Poe, New Jersey – President, Dr. A.A. Adams, Washington – Past President, Dr. E.A. Berner, New York – President of Council of State Delegates, Dr. S.C. Birdsley Salt Lake City.

Back Row: Governor, District 2, Dr. Van Mericas, Michigan – Chairman of ACA Board of Governors, Dr. O.B. Inman, Jr., Atlanta – House of Delegates rep. To FACE, Dr. Ralph Martin, California and Dr. Ralph Schmidt, Oregon – Governor, District 1, Dr. Garth Atwood, Idaho – Governor, District 6, Dr. Devere Biser, Texas – Governor, District 3, Dr. A.J. Brown, Virginia and Vice President of FACE, Dr. W.A. Watkinson, Rhode Island.

1967 (Aug): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [4(8)] includes:

-"The convention report" (pp. 24-6); **FACE becomes FCER**; includes:

#### Foundation Board and Officers

A change was made in the name of the former Foundation for Accredited Chiropractic Education. From now on, it is to be known as the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research. Elected to serve the new foundation are: Dr. Leo E. Wunsch, II, president, Denver, Colorado; Dr. Wm. A. Watkinson, vice-president, Newport, Rhode Island; and Dr. A.M. Schierholz, secretary-treasurer, Ames, Iowa. Representing the House of Delegates are Dr. Ralph Martin, Sierra Madre, California, and Dr. John A. Davidson, Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Asa Brown, Alexandria, Virginia, and Dr. C. Lee Hightower, Fremont, California, will serve as representatives of the ACA Board of Governors...

1968: according **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

...I served in the House of Delegates from before the 1964 Denver Convention until I was elected in 1968 to the **ACA Board of Governors** for the 7th District, composed of California, Nevada, and Hawaii. During my term of services with the **NCA/ACA** I also served concurrently as a trustee of the **FCER**, which is the funding arm of the **ACA** for all activities of the **ACA** requiring special funding support.

1970 (Jan 5): Letter from Haynes to Martin includes photo and query (collected papers of Ralph Martin):

I thought that you would like to have the enclosed photograph of the California members of the International College of Chiropractic that attended the presentation ceremony.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend this program at the College.



Left to right: Gordon Goodfellow, Robert Hastings, Arthur Nilsson, Clyde Martyn; H. Arvis Talley; Ralph J. Martin; F. Maynard Lipe; and George Haynes. These alumni, faculty and/or friends of the LACC gathered in 1969 to be recognized as Fellows of the International College of Chiropractors ([Hayes, 1970](#))

1970 (Sept): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [7(9)] notes:

-"The Objectives of Research" by Ralph J. Martin DC (p. 19):

...research has moved up to number one priority for our profession. Until we meet these tests of research sufficiently to satisfy the scientific community, we must expect our credibility to be questioned. This is reason enough for each and every one of us to involve ourselves in some meaningful phase of research which is relevant to our profession.





ACA Board of Governors, 1970-71; seated (L to R): Van D. Mericas DC (Past Chairman, MI); Cruse J. Howe DC (Chairman, NY); Hoyt B. Duke DC (Past President); John Simons DC (President); John Schweitert DC (1st VP); Steve Owens DC (2nd VP); standing (L to R): Harold Keiffer DC (MN); Paul Martinko DC (OH); Ralph J. Martin DC, ND (CA); Devere Biser DC (TX); OB Inman DC (GA); Bob Jackson DC, ND succeeded Ralph Martin as ACA Governor for CA & Hawaii

1972-77: "As I completed my services with the **American Chiropractic Association** in 1972, I was invited to return to **LACC** as chairman of the Board of Regents of the **California Chiropractic Educational Foundation**, where I served until February, 1977, when the Board was taken over by a combination of 'straights' and 'orthopedists' with restrictive concepts of chiropractic, including 'straight' philosophy and orthopedics. I could not feel at home in that environment, especially since it had permeated across the country and in the **ACA.**" (Ralph J. Martin, 1986)

1973 (Apr): **Chirogram** [40(4)] includes:

- members of **LACC Board of Regents**: (p. 8)
- Vierling Kersey, PedD, President
- Frank Taylor, "local financier", Vice-President
- Dean Syverson DC, Secretary, past sec'y of CCA
- Clyde Martyn DC, Director
- CC Trillingham EdD, Director
- Everett Roden DC, Director
- Ralph J. Martin** DC, ND, Director
- members of **LACC faculty**: (pp. 10-11)

1974 (June): **Chirogram** [41(6)] includes:

- distinguishes between Board of Trustees of **California Chiropractic Colleges, Inc.** vs. **Board of Regents of LACC; Board of Trustees of CCC**: (p. 9)
- Vierling Kersey PedD, President
- CC Trillingham PhD, Vice-President
- Ordean A Syverson DC, Secretary-Treasurer
- Gordon M Goodfellow DC, Member
- Clyde Martyn DC, Member
- Everett Roden DC, Member
- Frank Taylor (Esq), Member

**Board of Regents of LACC:**

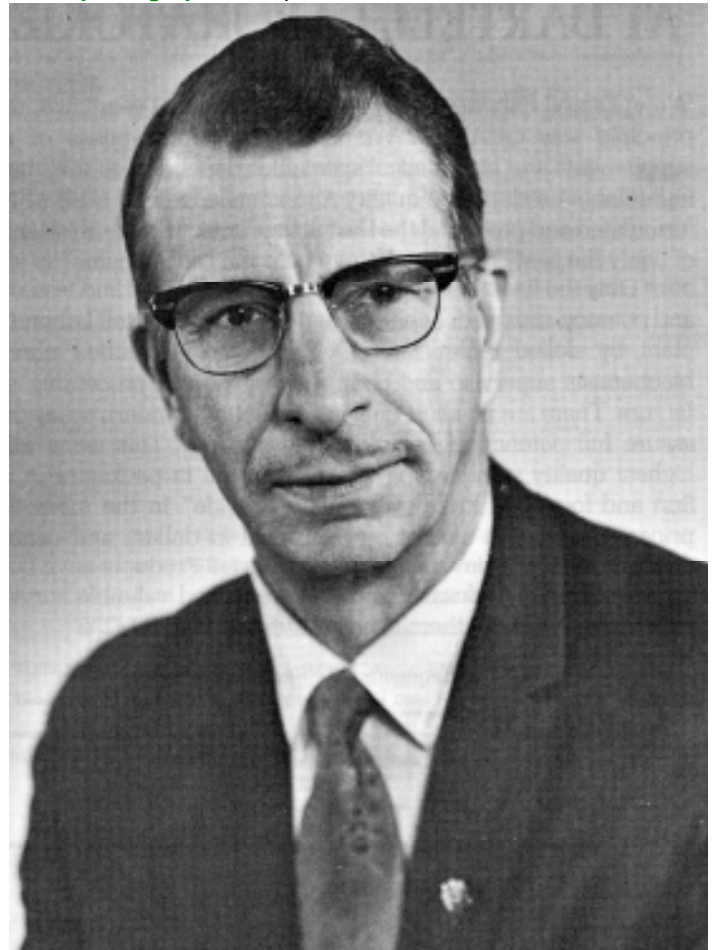
- Ralph J. Martin** DC, ND, President
- CC Trillingham PhD, Vice-President
- Ordean A Syverson DC, Secretary-Treasurer
- Clyde Martyn DC, Member
- Everett Roden DC, Member
- Frank Taylor (Esq), Member

-**Haynes** lists former presidents of **LACC** as: Charles Cale, Linnie Cale, Charles Wood, **Ralph Jones**, **Ralph Martin**, Sidney Milbank, **Robert Hastings** and Vierling Kersey" (p. 9)

-doctors must be primary providers (pp. 11-5)

1974 (Sept): **Chirogram** [41(9)] includes:

-cover **photograph** of Ralph J. Martin DC:



-**Ralph J. Martin** DC, ND, FICC authors "Chiropractic doctors must be primary providers (pp. 11-5)

1974 (Nov): **Chirogram** [41(11)] includes:

- JD Kirby** DC, **Chirogram** Editor, authors an "Editorial" (pp. 6-7) re: **Ralph J. Martin's** career pursuit of federal accreditation for chiropractic colleges;
- Ralph J. Martin** DC, ND authors "Federal recognition of chiropractic accreditation agency: a story of vision and supreme effort" (pp. 6-10)
- anonymous contribution entitled "What you should know about accreditation" cites **CO Watkins** DC's seminal efforts as first chairman of the **NCA** Committee on Educational Standards until 1938 (pp. 11-14)
- notes **Haynes** served as president of **CCE** from 1961-1972 (p. 13)
- reprints of several letters from chiropractic leaders (Leonard **Fay, Haynes**, **Homewood**) concerning **CCE's** recognition by **DHEW** (pp. 15-21)

1975 (Dec): **Chirogram** [42(12)]:

- publishes "Los Gatos campus progress report"; **photos** of **Ralph J. Martin**, Dr Drabos, Dr Olson, Dr Marback, TJ Kirby, Mr Cummings (pp. 16-20)

1976 (Jan): **Chirogram** [43(1)]:

- Ralph J. Martin** DC, chairman of the **LACC** Board of Regents, authors "Regents' news brief - Los Gatos campus update" (pp. 18-9)

PHOTOGRAPH



W. Heath Quigley, D.C., M.A.

1976: **Haynes** retires as "President Emeritus"; George H **Haynes** classroom building dedicated on **LACC** campus (Rehm, 1980, p. 329)

1976: AE **Homewood** becomes **LACC** president (Rehm, 1980)

1981 (Aug 19): letter from A.E. Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file)

1981 (Oct 18): letter from A.E. Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file)

1983 (Oct 23): letter from Clarence Weiant, D.C., Ph.D. to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file):

Dear Dr. Martin,

I cannot tell you how greatly I appreciate your new book THE PRACTICE OF ABNORMAL FUNCTIONS – NEUROVASCULAR DYNAMICS. I have already enrolled myself as one of your postgraduate students.

I know that I need it badly. Unfortunately the pressure of other matters will cut down my speed, but I will not turn it aside, and once I have mastered it, I will do all I can to spread the word.

Most sincerely,...

1983 (Nov 26): letter from A.E. Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file)

1984 (Jan 27): letter from A.E. Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file):

1984 (Feb 13): letter from A.E. Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. to William A. Nelson, D.C., and copied to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file); includes:

Dear Bill:-

Many thanks for the copy of your letter to Ralph in response to my critique of his latest book, a critique which he requested.

It would seem that Ralph took offense at my candor, although he has known me for many years and should have realized that when asked for a frank assessment, he is likely to get just that, otherwise it would have been a non-committal, diplomatic response. I deeply regret any bruised feelings that may have been caused to one whom I have respected and admired for years, as well as thinking of him as "friend."

For almost 40 years I have been emphasizing the teachings of D.D. Palmer that environmental stress, mechanical, chemical and/or psychological causes subluxation, and the location is dependent upon heredity (body type), posture, prior traumata, degree of concentration of the stress, irritability of the N.S., etc. Such stress may well have an autonomic influence in addition to the somatic, since the body is an unit of structure and function and one system is not activated without

activity in the other, i.e., muscle contraction requires increased blood supply (sympathetic control). However, the autonomic response, therefore visceral alteration, is generalized, as in the fight-flight mechanism. Another factor must be introduced to focus the dysfunction in a specific viscus or visceral system. This chiropractic does admirably...

1984 (Feb 17): letter from A.E. Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file):

Dear Ralph:-

Yours of the 12th received today and, as I feared, offence was taken at my response to your criticism of chiropractic theory.

I am at a loss to understand your remark, "I am surprised that you discount my credibility of my many case histories, but I guess that explains why academia has give me such a bad time."

There has never been any thought or intent to discredit any of your work or writings. I have never had anything but the deepest respect and regard for you as both a man and a practitioner. It is my intent only to share with you thoughts that might contribute to the total explanation and make it more meaningful for all concerned.

D.D.'s chiropractic was so seriously bastardized by the one-cause-one-cure boys that it has taken many years to get across the idea that the subluxation is an important cog in the process from environmental stress to disease or pathology and, as I see the picture, without the subluxation the body response is generalized as in the flight-flight response. What I thought that I was doing for you, was to help you to see how your discussions of stress were likely targeting specific organs, not with any thought of denigrating your contribution to our understanding of the body's response to stress.

Criticism of chiropractic always stirs the inferiority complex and causes a response that may be more harsh than justified. For such, I apologize and beg forgiveness.

How strange that I never knew about your brother being a fellow alumnus of Homer Beatty's. Many thanks for the picture which is excellent of Homer and Louisa. There was one more to make it six children in all. He got off to a late start, but made up for lost time.

It was interesting to learn that your son had been married in your home by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Jay Davis Kirby and that he was headed for Portland.

Sorry to hear that your wrists are giving you problems. That must have been quite a fall. I finally got rid of my sciatica, after about 18 months of pain that I hope never to repeat. Now there is just the odd twinge in the hip.

My #6 "son" arrived from Thailand on Dec. 19th and is struggling with the language. Don has returned to college and doing nicely. I hope to go up home in March to make some video tapes for CMCC on History, Principles and Technique, then bring my sister back with us.

All the best to you and yours.

Ever yours, Earl

1984 (Aug 19): letter from A.E. Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. to Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (in my Martin file); includes:

...Jay Kirby has kept me informed of the migration of the former LACC staff to Pasadena. They are a good group and should be a real asset to P.C.C....

1994 (Jan 9 or 10): Ralph J. Martin dies

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This month's cover: Ralph J. Martin, D.C. *Chirogram* 1951 (Feb); 20 (2): 28

**Letter from David Aytes, DC to J. Keating, 8/6/93:**

Dear Dr. Keating,

Thank you for your interesting letter and purpose. I compliment you.

My granddaughter, Debbie, is a wonderful lady.

9/1/37 I entered LACC as a student, evening classes.

Dr. A.V. Nilsson taught anatomy.

Dr. Wilma C. Wood was president of the school.

Dr. Frank B. Hamilton taught O.B. and gynecology clinic.

I did not meet Dr. Linnie A. Cale, but heard much of her.

Dr. George Haynes was our chemistry teacher.

Dr. Higley taught.....

I heard much of Dr. Goodfellow, but never met him.

I heard much of Dr. Bernard Jensen, but never met him

Dr. **Ralph Martin** taught diagnosis.

Dr. Maynard Lipe taught psychiatry.

Dr. Delbert Metzinger taught technic and adjusting. He and Dr.

A.V. Nilsson were backbone which held the college together.

Dr. F. Miner was an excellent adjuster, student.

Dr. Leo Montenegro was a popular student, not in our class.

Dr. Lee Norcross became our CCA legal advisor.

I visited the Ratledge school once. He preceeded me.

Dr. L.P. Roberts taught diagnosis.

1941- I dropped out of school due to WWII, enlisted in U.S. Navy Hospital Corps, served with U.S. Marines, sent to Hawaii, completed a **cost of Area** Naval Hospital Base, returned and **?????** discharge, and returned to Fresno, CA, to be with my wife and son and **???** twins.

1948- Returned to LACC to complete and graduate 6/15/50 with 5200 hours class time + navy experience gained.

1950. 1/15/50 graduated, passted State Board, received license.

9/1/50- Opened office in **???** Built practice on cases M.D.'s considered "hopeless," saw most recover and live normal lives. God promised wisdom to treat almost all types of cases successfully, from child deliveries to cancer.

I am now 80 years of age and ready to gbe transplanted to heaven to spend eternity with God. Best wishes upon your plans.

David Aytes, D.C.

**Letter from Robert W. Dishman, MA, DC to J. Keating, 7/29/91:**

Dear Joe,

I enclose a photo of myself as you requested. In reviewing the diploma records of LACC I note Ralph Martin graduated in the class of 1938-1939 from SCCC and who became pres. of LACC in 1949. I have his last address back in 1986 located in Arcadia (near Pasadena).

EP **Webb** was clinic director and my first mentor for foot manipulation. Ralph Martin was on the teaching faculty the same year. Ralph Hoard DO also taught foot manipulation. Delbert Metzinger of LACC Faculty was a major contributor to my foot manipulation. In 1946-1947 B. Franklin Miner trained by Metzinger also was a major contributor to foot manipulation. Both Miner and Metzinger trained Elmer Bones DC who was on my faculty teaching manipulation head to toe. Dr. Miner I believe if my memory serves me was a member of the Board of Regents as was Paul **Malipara** DC. The latter has been a State Board member, but he remembers little or nothing of Hollywood College.

Another resource for Hollywood College is Lavere H Latta BS, DC, who lives in Ventura or Santa Barbara. He is living and well. By the way, 1942 SCCC faculty is Clyde (not Claude) Martin who was a DO-physician & surgeon ENT specialist. Sorry - his last name is Gillette. There was a Clyde Martin in the era which has nothing to do with the subject.

I will attempt to contact Ralph Martin by writing a letter. No phone is listed.

Keep in touch, Bob

**Robert W. Dishman, MA, DC (DO?); 31225 La Baya, West Lake Village CA 91362 (near Malibu) (W: 818-889-5572; H:805-496-4304)**

-former dean of the Hollywood College of Chiropractic (during the 1950s)

-writes in **Dynamic Chiropractic** on foot care

**Telephone interview** with J. Keating on 3/9/91

-graduated from Southern California College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons

-knew TF **Ratledge** very well

-trained with Homer York; was alarmed with straight chiropractors willingness to treat serious respiratory infections with spinal adjustments only

**Audio-taped interview** with J. Keating on Saturday, 5/11/91 in Whittier CA

-attended Southern California College of Chiropractic (SCCC), which emphasized "physician-surgeon possibility" for DCs; school was aligned with NDs and DOs, wished to increase scope of practice to include "at least minor surgery and the use of certain medicines"

-interdisciplinary faculty at **SCCC**: DCs, MDs, NDs, DOs, DSCs and athletic trainers

-"strapped the foot, various pads and tapes to take care of all kinds of ordinary chiropody ailments...."

-"we covered arch-supports, particularly the kinds chiropodists would make in their own offices...pads were glued into the shoe..."

-"we also did a lot of taping of the foot...."

-all foot manipulation instruction from DCs; DSCs didn't teach foot manipulation

-overall, not a great deal of instruction in footcare; most students were not interested; however, a few DCs were quite interested, especially those involved in dealing with sports injuries (circa 1940), who did a lot of taping

1943: Dr. D in navy at amputation/rehab center of naval hospital in Vallejo CA, where he was in charge of the PT department; when Lt Commander (MD) arrived to take over department,



Dishman (not commissioned) was required to get MD's prescription to adjust patients  
 -"in about two months I was fully occupied giving adjustments"  
 -**Ted Shrader** DC worked in brace shop at same naval hospital, made foot orthotics  
 1947: Dishman teaches his first footcare seminar to 25-30 doctors at Royal Palms Hotel; not college-sponsored because **LACC** had no post-graduate program; Dishman had already published several papers on chiro footcare  
 1947: speaks with **Lee Norcross** at **LACC** re grad school offerings in orthopedics and footcare  
 1948: Dishman moves to Pomona, starts foot orthotics lab in Pomona; "got away from **LACC**, and the next thing I knew Dr. **Lipe** had started the orthopedic class about 1948. I came back...."; continues to operate Pomona lab  
 -Dishman taught **LACC** grad seminars at various CA cities  
 -Dr Webb (**LACC?** **SCCC?**) regularly treated feet by manipulation (DC?, **maybe DO?**)  
 -Dr. **Hoard?** (DO) was an "excellent manipulator of the foot"  
 -faculty at **COP&S** did foot manip; occassionally gave foot technique seminars at **SCCC**; "it was quite specific"  
 -Delbert J. **Metzinger** DC "he was an excellent foot manipulator....he manipulated every joint in the body... one of his students was **Elmer Bones**" who later served on faculty at Hollywood College of Chiropractic  
 -"Metzinger lineage" included **Elmer Bones**, Al? Logan (no relation to Vinton; wrote book on manipulation), Franklin Miner  
 -**Metzinger** and Hiss Clinics were "leading" providers of foot manipulation  
 -Dishman also learned foot manip informally from Mel Wheadon DC  
 -**Metzinger** and **Bones** strove for audibles, sometimes hurt patients; **Metzinger**, **Ratledge** and **Homer York** were exclusively "articular thrusters"  
 -Dishman prefers osteopathic techniques ("relieving fibrosis by mobilization rather than thrusting") & soft-tissue methods & stretching because more gentle, painless  
 -Hiss Clinic: surprised Dishman; elevated chair for seated manip, some standing manipulations; no table; Hiss had a "volume practice, but not as much as Locke"; Hiss Clinic emphasized "high velocity thrusting"  
 -"Locke was a legend....probably an exaggeration....all different types of people....ballet and other dancers were disabled....", got quick relief from Locke  
 -Locke's methods: Dishman had heard that "he delivered a high velocity kind of thrust, and he did it very quickly. All the Locke maneuvers that we've been taught were high velocity thrusting...."

June, 1946; had to solicit signatures for diplomas; **Lyle Holland** was president at the time; JG thinks **Lackey** may have been president before **Holland**  
 -**Anderson** was editor of **Chirogram** and Academic Dean in 1976-67; **Chirogram** died under Quigley in 1977  
 -1976-67: **LACC** on probation with **CCE** (confidential probation), probably due to finances and organization of board and faculty  
 -**Anderson** taught at **SCCC** in 1946; **Eacrett**, **Montenegro**, **Martin**, **Lackey** and **Nugent** were chief players; **LACC** name was a condition of sale to **CCEF**  
 -**Anderson** doesn't recall **Martin** as **SCCC** president  
 -I.S. **Keynes** was Acting Dean at **SCCC** when Anderson graduated  
 -Clyde **Knouf** did bloodwork at Eacrett Labs  
 -after **SCCC/LACC** merger the **SCCC** campus was used for basic science instruction, **LACC** campus for clinical instruction  
 -**Anderson** doesn't recall competition between **LACC** and **SCCC**  
 -**Anderson** started at **Ratledge College** under "Haynes Scholarship"; **Haynes** and **Higley's** chemistry text used at **SCCC**  
 -when **Anderson** started at **SCCC**: **Keynes** taught anatomy and was Acting Dean; **E.P. Webb** taught technique; McMurtrey was part-time instructor; **Higley** taught labs; **Haynes** taught chemistry full-time in 1946  
 -**Anderson & Dishman** were at San Diego Naval Hospital with **AC Johnson**; **Dishman** started chiropractic clinic with Ed Mesky and **AC Johnson**; Mesky had nurse stand guard while **Dishman** adjusted...called it "heavy stretching"  
 -**Anderson** recalls admiral for 11th naval district looking for DCs; he treated the admiral  
 -**Dishman** dealt with burn victims from Iwo Jima  
 -**AC Johnson's** Polio Foundation; **Johnson's Drugless Therapeutics** text used at **SCCC**; **Johnson** lectured occassionally at **SCCC** (according to **Anderson**); **Johnson** stayed out of politics; **Johnson** attended PT school in the Navy; **Johnson** had office on Alvarado, near **SCCC**; **Johnson** was a "very practical man" (Dishman)  
 -**Dishman** recalls of **Johnson**: "he had alternative therapies that you couldn't believe. He had vascular equipment for peripheral vascular disease. And he did tonsils and hemorrhoids and gynecology"  
 -Jules Bernhardt DC tried in the mid-1960s after pregnant mother had embolism (on **LACC** patient); Bernhardt was a Rutgers graduate  
 -**Dishman** practiced obstetrics, proctology; LaBrae Hospital had DC-obstetricians  
 -**Montenegro** was a strong advocate of broad-scope chiropractic; the war changed things...DCs had hoped for credit-transfer at the **College of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons**  
 -1950s: the **LACC/SCCC** grad school taught proctology, obstetrics, minor surgery; **Anderson** began as dean of **LACC** grad school in 1953  
 -"radionics research" was taught at the **LACC** into the 1960s; **J. Ralph John**, DC, **LACC** Board president, was big into **radionics**; **Dishman** worked for Dr. **John** in 1948

**Interview with J. Gordon Anderson, D.C., N.D. and Robert W Dishman, D.C., N.D., M.A.** audiotaped by J. Keating, R. Phillips and Marie Oliva on 2/14/92 at **LACC**  
 -**Anderson** earned ND in 1948, took coursework in herbology and obstetrics  
 -**Anderson** was at **SCCC** in 1940-41(attended "night school," 6-10PM), went to war in 1942, graduated with Lloyd Clark in

**Table:** handwritten "Report on Schools by Ralph J. Martin, January, 1952" (CCE Archives)

College	California Chiropractic College	Carver Chiropractic College	Missouri Chiropractic College	Logan Chiropractic College
Date of Inspection	Visited Jan. 21, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin	Visited Jan. 22, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin	Visited Jan. 26, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin	Visited Jan. 27, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin
Facilities	Excellent for maximum of 125 students; starting a small library	Adequate for that part of the country if cleaned up and efficient maintenance established; very dirty; slovelnly; library meager	Nearly adequate, but a little run-down; buildings old but servicable; library: not given much attention administratively	Both extremes: very old and ultra-modern and fine; a very fine plant when old original building is modernized; reading room, but not much material available

Equipment	Very good, but more of it needed in laboratories, clinic & dissection too meager	Inadequate in laboratories, clinic & saw no real dissection provisions	Fair- Laboratories still somewhat inadequate. Did not get to see dissection provisions	Clinic equipment is excellent. Laboratories good but perhaps a little small for size of the school. Pretty good dissection laboratory
Faculty	Both extremes: one very good university man - some very mediocre DCs. McClintock dominates faculty	One or two fairly good men - others mediocre. Dr. Parr doing too much of the teaching	Did not meet any of them. Harring leaning heavily on Powell who really runs with the P&S crowd in St. Louis	Only met 2 or 3 faculty members. Not particularly impressed.
Students	appearance: fair; morale: fair	appearance: not too good; morale: not good	Did not see any students as my visit occurred late at night	Only saw a few; visited on Sunday
Corporate Structure	Proposes willing to conform to N.C.A. requirements. School still owned by McClintock & Christenson	\$35,000 notes owed to Dr. Parr. Profession should underwrite the school, pay off Dr. Parr & institute new administration	Still a one man school - a strong P&S undercurrent in St. Louis making a play for the school through Powell. A potential "California situation" here	Coggins states Logan nothing more than public relations man for the school. Fact is, it is still a Logan, one man school.
Remarks	A bold front, but wants to get out before enrollment drops much more	Parr only looking out for himself. No real interest in education	Harring loyal to Council objectives, but prudent as to his own investments	One of best school plants in the country, but disloyal to objectives of Council

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CHRONOLOGY OF THE LACC AND ITS PREDECESSOR INSTITUTIONS, 1911-1961

Term	School	President (or CEO)	Dean
1911-1920	Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC)	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND, founder and owner	?
1921-22	LACC	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND, founder and owner	George Starr White, MD, PhD, DC
1923	LACC	Linnie A. Cale, DC, DO	George Starr White, MD, PhD, DC
1925-1947	LACC	Charles H. Wood, DC, ND, owner	Linnie A. Cale, DC, DO
1947 (May)	LACC	?(purchased by CCEF in May, 1947, non-profit)?	Benedict Lupica, MA, DC
-1948 (July)	LACC	J Ralph John, DC	Raymond H. Houser, DC
1948 (June)	LACC	<b>Ralph J Martin DC, PhC, ND</b>	Raymond H. Houser, DC
1949- ??	LACC	Vierling Kersey, Ped.D.	George H. Haynes, DC, MS
1953??-1974??	LACC	George H. Haynes, DC, MS	?
1974-76	LACC		
1917	Eclectic College of Chiropractic (ECC)	Charles H. Wood, DC, ND, founder and owner	?
1923	ECC	Charles H. Wood, DC, ND, founder and owner	?
1924?	ECC merges into LACC	-	-
1923	Golden State College of Chiropractic (GSCC)	James G. Reynolds, DC, founder and co-owner	?
1924?	GSCC merges into LACC	-	-
1958	Hollywood College of Chiropractic (HCC)	Helen Sanders, DC	Robert W. Dishman, DC
1962 or 1963	HCC merges into LACC	-	-
1925	Cale College of Chiropractic (CCC)	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND, founder and owner	?
1929	CCC becomes Southern California College of Chiropractic (SCCC)	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND	?
1931	SCCC becomes College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons (CCP&S)	?	?
1933- 1935	CCP&S	RC Bertheau, DC, ND	JP Mason, DC, ND
1936- 1937	CCP&S renamed SCCC	RC Bertheau, DC, ND	JP Mason, DC, ND
1938- 1942	SCCC	CB Eacrett, DC, ND	Wolf Adler DC, ND
1944- 1945	SCCC	CB Eacrett, DC, ND	Patrick Lackey, ND, DC
1947	SCCC purchased by CCEF, merges with "new" LACC	-	-

**Appendix A:** Name, date of founding or re-organization, and owner or status of the ancestor institutions of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic