

## Pierce E. Scranton, Jr. '64

Have you reconstructed an ankle lately? Or a knee? How about getting a professional football player's leg reshaped so he could continue playing a grueling game—a game that is particularly dangerous to knees, ankles, and feet. Or how about reconstructing the foot of a Vietnam child who stepped on a land mine?

Pierce E. Scranton, Jr. has done these things—and a lot more. Dr. Scranton was born, in 1946 and graduated from NHS in 1964. He went on to earn an A.B. in biology from Kenyon College in 1968, followed by an M.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1968. The next five years were spent in internship (San Francisco General Hospital), and as a research fellow and resident in orthopedic surgery (University of Pittsburgh). He then spent two years at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh before moving on to Seattle, where he has since been a staff member at Providence Hospital and Swedish Hospital. He was also a staff member at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle until 1984.

Dr. Scranton holds or has held membership in over forty professional organizations and has served as an officer (including president) in many of them. He has written three books and has been a contributing author to five others. One of his books is *Playing Hurt: Treating and Evaluating the Warriors of the NFL*. He has contributed about 100 articles to scientific publications and has participated in over 90 teaching forums and speaking engagements. Since athletes are particularly susceptible to leg, knee, ankle, or foot injuries, Dr. Scranton has been actively involved as consultant or team doctor to several teams, including the Seattle Seahawks for 17 years. He has also worked with ballet, volleyball, and figure skating teams, and ski patrols. One of his high profile cases involved repairing the broken left ankle of San Francisco 49ers' star running back Garrison Hearst in 2000. After other surgery failed, the doctors turned to Scranton, who successfully knitted Hearst's ankle. Hearst went back to the 49ers, was voted the NFL Comeback Player of the Year in 2001-02, and was chosen to play in the Pro Bowl.

When he was President of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society in 2002, Dr. Scranton established a humanitarian program in Vietnam to provide orthopedic care for land mine victims and

underprivileged children. Because of this and his other humanitarian activities, he was nominated recently for the Washington Society of Association Executives Volunteer of the Year award.

"Success is being happy with who you are and having the freedom to challenge your potential," said Dr. Scranton. "In the end, if others recognize your success, it is all the sweeter." As the Great One used to say, "How sweet it is!"