

## P E R S P E C T I V E



### Sorrell Center an important investment in Nebraska's future

At the University of Nebraska Medical Center, we are at an exciting, unique time in our history. Our innovation, creativity and teamwork are moving us toward becoming a world-class academic health sciences center, and the support that we receive from the community is helping us to reach our goals.

UNMC has been blessed with tremendous community support. The generosity of the late Chuck Durham has transformed UNMC's research landscape (see story, Page 6). That community support is reflected again in our campus' newest gem, the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education.

The Sorrell Center (see story, Page 14) is the most up-to-date medical education facility in the United States. Through state-of-the-art technology, a clinical skills center, interaction rooms for small-group learning, and larger amphitheatres and seminar rooms, we will educate students in ways that we could not in our previous facilities.

Already, the Sorrell Center is helping to attract more student applicants, including the best and the brightest students in Nebraska. The Sorrell Center also will attract top faculty from across the country. If we expect top faculty to invest their careers at UNMC, we must offer the most

state-of-the-art environment in which to teach, conduct research and provide patient care. The Sorrell Center offers this environment.

Philanthropic gifts funded the \$52.7 million construction of the Sorrell Center. As the lead benefactors, Ruth and Bill Scott continue their tremendous support of UNMC. The Scotts are a terrific couple who are most interested in doing good works for others. Their generosity – as well as the giving spirit of many others – has been instrumental in making this a very special era for UNMC. We cannot thank them enough.

The Scotts named the building after their longtime physician, Michael F. Sorrell, M.D. Dr. Sorrell is the epitome of an academic physician – a brilliant diagnostician, a demanding educator and an inquisitive scientist. In the Sorrell Center, we will be proud to educate many more physicians who will serve the needs of Nebraska and beyond.

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