The Centers for Disease Control estimate that arthritis impacts the daily lives of over 40 million Americans, including over 500,000 people in the state of Nebraska alone, pushing the annual cost of arthritis in the U.S. to nearly $64 billion. For Nebraska, this translates to into annual costs of over $320 million.

“The generosity of Ruth and Bill Scott will allow us to embark on research that is critical to the field of arthritis,” said Dr. Garvin. “In addition, this research will hopefully allow us to offer improved treatments to the countless numbers of arthritis sufferers we see each year. We can not thank them enough for this opportunity.”

A plaque in recognition of their generous donation is currently being added to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery’s Wall of Honor, which permanently recognizes individuals and organizations who have given $100,000 or more to the department.

“After watching three generations of our families suffer from arthritis, this project really piqued our interest,” said Ruth Scott. “Hopefully, future generations will profit from this research study.”

Over the years Ruth and Bill Scott have generously contributed to the development of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, as well as the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. In 2003, their contribution to the Durham Research Center (DRC) established the Neuroscience Research Laboratories located within the DRC. Recently, they made the largest gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation in support of a new education building to be named the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education.

Ruth and Bill Scott are both graduates of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Bill Scott is a former vice president of Berkshire Hathaway. Ruth Scott is a bridge instructor and founder of the Omaha Bridge Studio.
A Message From the Chair

As always, our spring issue brings news of change and 2006 is no exception. In April, you may have attended the celebration for our friend and colleague Dr. Walter Huurman, who will be leaving the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation in July after nearly 30 years. We wish him the very best and thank him for many years of dedication to this department.

In June, graduation signifies a time for our chief residents to look both behind and ahead, as they prepare to leave the residency program and move on to fellowships and other new opportunities. We wish them the well in their future endeavors! Soon four new residents will arrive and we hope that their time here provides them with a rewarding experience. Also arriving in August are two new faculty members to the department, Dr. Sean McGarry and Dr. Anthony Lauder. You can meet all our new arrivals on page 8.

The department would like to extend a special thank you to Ruth and Bill Scott whose generous donation will make possible the Ruth and William Scott Center for Outcomes Research. If you missed it, please be sure to read on page one about how their donation will fund research that is vital to the field of arthritis.

Dr. Kevin L. Garvin

Nebraskans at the AAOS/ORS

Approximately 50 Nebraska orthopaedic alumni and their guests traveled from across the country to gather in ‘the windy city’ for this year’s annual alumni reception, held in conjunction with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons annual meeting March 22-26. Alumni and friends did some catching up at the alumni reception, held in the Chicago’s Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 24th.

At this year’s AAOS meeting, Dr. Randy Johnson, HO III, had the honor of giving a podium presentation. Dr. Todd Sekundiak had a poster presentation, and Dr. Susan Scherl was an instructional course moderator and presented a talk on Ankle Fractures.

Johnson, R.; Garvin, K.; Feschuk, C.; and Pelt, C.: Podium Presentation: Anterior Knee Pain and Total Knee Arthroplasty: Are They Related?

Sekundiak, T.: Poster Exhibit: Two-Stage Revision for Infected Knee Arthroplasties with Fungus - A Whole New Kettle of Fish.

Scherl, S.: Instructional Course Moderator: Lower Extremity Fractures in Children - Case Based Discussion; Presentation: Ankle Fractures.

The Orthopaedic Research Society’s annual meeting, held in conjunction with the AAOS meeting, took place in the Lakeside Center in Chicago, March 19th-20th. The meeting is designed to allow researchers from around the world to come together and discuss the most recent advances in musculoskeletal science. Faculty, residents and staff also represented the department with five poster exhibits, listed below.


Mupparapu, S.; Barrera, O.; Garvin, K.; and Haider, H.: Poster Exhibit: Navigated Freehand Cutting (NFC) of Bone, a Feasible Fundamentally Less-Invasive Technique for TKR.

Research Associate Andre Barrera and Dr. Hani Haider (Associate Professor)


For a full list of recent presentations and publications by our faculty and staff, see “Faculty Presentations, Seminars and Publications” on pages 5 & 6.
On April 28, 2006, friends, colleagues and family gathered at the Ironwood Golf & Country Club to celebrate the career and achievements of long-time faculty member Dr. Walter (Walt) W. Huurman. A presentation was given highlighting the personal contributions Walt has made over the years to the lives of his students, colleagues, friends and many patients.

Walt Huurman was born on March 16, 1936, in Rochester, NY. He received a B.S. in chemistry and biology (*cum laude*) from the University of Notre Dame in 1958, and his M.D. degree from Northwestern University in 1962. Following medical school, Walt completed a rotating internship at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL, in 1963 and spent a year at the Naval School of Aviation Medicine. Following six months of basic flight training he was assigned to a carrier air group in Coronado, CA. He embarked on the USS Hornet and spent one year in the Vietnam war zone, after which he returned for a short time to his assignment at Coronado. He was then assigned to the Naval Air Station Miramar, CA, as the assistant medical director and flight surgeon to two F4 and F8 fighter squadrons. It was during this period that he met his future wife, Lindsay McGuiness, on the Coronado beach. They subsequently married and are now proud parents of Sean and Anne, and grandparents of five.

After completion of these tours Walt felt it was time to “get back to medicine.” He completed his orthopaedic residency at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in Oakland, California, in 1971, and went on to complete a year of training in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at the A.I. duPont Institute in Wilmington, DE. Walt returned to Oakland and spent five years on staff at the Naval Regional Medical Center, where as director of pediatric orthopaedics, he established the ‘in house’ pediatric orthopaedic residency training service. He came to Omaha in 1977 and began what would be a long and prosperous career at UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. In addition, he has had a longstanding appointment in the Department of Pediatrics since 1978, and has served as director of Children’s Orthopaedics since 1977.

During Operation Desert Storm he was recalled to active duty, along with Drs. Paul Esposito and David Brown, and served the U.S. Marines as chief of orthopaedics at the U.S. Navy Field Hospital on the Bahrain-Saudi Arabian border. He returned to UNMC in 1991 and retired from the Navy in 1996.

Over the years, Walt has sustained membership in several professional societies and served on dozens of committees both locally and nationally. He has published 37 articles, 22 book chapters and reviews, and has given over 70 presentations both nationally and internationally, including several visiting professor lectureships. Walt has served on numerous editorial boards, including Pediatrics, Pediatrics in Review, and the Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics. He has served as an associate editor of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery and on the editorial review boards of the Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research, and as an oral examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is a member of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the North American Spine Society, and the American Orthopaedic Association.

Currently he serves as consultant to the Surgeons General, president of the Northwestern University Medical Alumni Board, and chairman of the Regional University of Notre Dame Scholarship Foundation.

We thank all who joined us in the celebration and recognition of our friend, Professor Walter W. Huurman, as he retires from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and prepares for the next phase of his productive and illustrative career. We wish him good luck in all his future endeavors and thank him for the many years he dedicated to the department, to the field of orthopaedics, and to his many, many patients.

Teaching; evaluating a scoliosis film.
When thinking of a Level 1 Trauma Center, the most important qualities that come to mind usually do not include tents reinforced with concrete barriers that are designed to foil the plot of terrorists to send mortars into your emergency room. But for Dr. Richard (Rick) Davis and his fellow surgeons who must wear body armor and Kevlar helmets just to get to and from work each day, these things are a must-have.

After graduating from the department’s residency program in July of 2004, Davis began practicing general orthopaedic surgery at the Mike O’Callaghan Federal Hospital at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he completed nearly two of the four years of service he owes to the military for paying for his medical school. However in January of 2006 he was called to serve in Iraq, and is currently stationed at the Balad Airbase. The base, which is located only about 50 miles north of Bagdad, has been affectionately named “Mortaritaville” by the troops.

“Balad is the largest Air Force hospital in Iraq and serves as the military’s major trauma hospital, consisting of a series of tents which function as a Level 1 Trauma Center,” said Davis. Their staff includes a head and neck team consisting of 2 neurosurgeons, an ENT surgeon, an oral maxillary head and neck surgeon, and an ophthalmologist. There are also 2 general surgeons, 2 trauma/critical care surgeons, a cardiothoracic surgeon, a vascular surgeon, 3 orthopaedic surgeons, a urologist and a plastic surgeon.

The hospital, recently featured in the Washington Post, is described as “the medical receiving center in Iraq for the handling of all head and neck wounds by the U.S. military.”

According to Davis, most of the injuries he sees are combat related – gun shot wounds and IEDs (improvised explosive devices) that cause very “high energy” injuries. Known to the public as roadside bombs, the IEDs tend to create far more serious injuries and highly unpredictable outcomes, a dangerous combination.

Commenting on how being in the middle of this atrocity has changed his perspective, Davis says, “I now have a better appreciation for the sacrifices that our troops make and that we (the United States) are very much still at war. I have seen first hand several U.S. soldiers and marines with fatal injuries from burns, bombs, and gun shot wounds. Furthermore, I under appreciated the number and severity of troops that are injured on nearly a daily basis in this country (Iraq). When the news reports that a soldier was injured in Iraq, I now know how serious these injuries are.”

Regarding who receives care at their facility, Davis explains, “We perform emergent and urgent procedures for U.S. Military and coalition troops and then send them to Germany and back to the United States. We also provide care for the Iraqi military, police, contractors and local nationals. The Iraqis often do not have any other options and it is difficult for the local nationals to get adequate care for their injuries.”

Often it seems that those who sacrifice the most for others in the face of disaster get little or no recognition. Undoubtedly there are hundreds of people just like Davis who are serving their country, spending time away from their families, and putting their life in danger, who may never be formally recognized.

We are grateful that through this article we can offer a small, although heartfelt, piece of recognition for his service to our country. As for Davis, the recognition he gets from his patients means a lot.

“As far as whether or not we are making a difference in Iraq,” Davis reflects, “...all I (Continued on page 10)
Faculty Presentations, Seminars, and Publications

Department faculty members present many lectures, seminars, and courses locally, regionally and nationally. They also serve in leadership positions and offices for local, state, national and international organizations. Here are some of our faculty and staff’s presentations and publications, awards and achievements, offices held, grants received, and other professional activities from November 2005 – May 2006.

Publications:


Esposito, P.: Faculty: The Trippy Triplane and other Ankle Injuries; Soft Tissue Injuries in the Pediatric Athlete; Technical Aspects of Intramedullary Elastic Nailing; Hip Panel Discussion: Trauma Panel Discussion. Pediatric Orthopaedic Review Course (SPORC), Montreal, Canada, April 18-21, 2006.


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Faculty Presentations, Seminars and Publications
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International and National (Continued):


Regional and Local:


Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne is Featured Speaker for Graduation

Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne is an Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine surgeon at The Shelbourne Clinic at Methodist Hospital. His specialty focuses on the treatment of knee injuries, arthroscopic surgery, and knee ligament reconstruction in Indianapolis, Indiana. His research largely focuses on advancing the surgical treatment and rehabilitation of ACL injuries. Dr. Shelbourne has shared his research and clinical experience through the publication of over 150 journal articles and 40 book chapters.

Dr. Shelbourne attended medical school at Indiana University (1972-1976) and completed his internship at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1977. He went on to complete his orthopaedic surgery residency at Indiana University Hospital in 1981, and a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1982.

Graduation Celebration Planned for June 16-17

Graduation is always a special time of year for the department, as alumni and friends gather to celebrate the achievements of the graduating residents. This year the graduating residents are: Drs. Mark Dietrich, Kathleen Hubley, Daniel Mulconrey, Charles Rosipal and Steven Volin.

Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne, Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine surgeon at the Shelbourne Clinic at Methodist Hospital, will be the featured speaker for the graduation ceremonies.

Left to right: Drs. Charles Rosipal, Kathleen Hubley, Steven Volin, Daniel Mulconrey, and Mark Dietrich

We welcome you to join the department’s residents, faculty and staff for the weekend’s activities.

Dr. Shelbourne began his private practice at the Methodist Sports Medicine Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1982. He remained in practice there until 2004, at which time he began practicing at The Shelbourne Clinic at Methodist Hospital. Dr. Shelbourne is currently on the editorial boards of several peer-reviewed journals, including the American Journal of Sports Medicine and The Journal of Knee Surgery. He is frequently an invited lecturer locally, regionally and nationally. In 2000 he was the recipient of The Hughston Award presented by the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine and named after Jack Houston, founder of the American Journal of Sports Medicine. For fourteen years Dr. Shelbourne was an NFL Team Physician and Orthopaedic Surgeon to the Indianapolis Colts, and in May 2004 was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the Upcoming Graduates of 2006

Please join us in congratulating the upcoming graduates of 2006. Below is a list of their names and their upcoming fellowships.

- **Mark E. Dietrich, M.D.:** Minnesota Sports Medicine Fellowship, Minneapolis, MN
- **Kathleen M. Hubley, M.D.:** Florida Orthopaedic Institute Foot and Ankle Fellowship, Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, FL
- **Daniel S. Mulconrey, M.D.:** Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes-Jewish Hospital Spine Fellowship, St. Louis, MO
- **Charles E. Rosipal, M.D.:** University of Texas - San Antonio, Shoulder Surgery Fellowship, San Antonio, TX
- **Steven J. Volin, M.D.:** University of Virginia Health System, Department of Orthopaedics, Spine Fellowship, Charlottesville, VA
Dr. Sean V. McGarry
came to the department of orthopaedic surgery from the sunshine state of Florida, but he is no stranger to the Midwest. Dr. McGarry grew up in Marshalltown, Iowa, located in the “heart of Central Iowa.” After high school, he moved to Omaha and received his B.S. in biology and history from Creighton University in 1994 (*summa cum laude*). Dr. McGarry then attended Creighton University Medical Center, receiving his medical degree in 1998. Next he traveled to Denver, Colorado and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center to complete his surgery internship (1999) and orthopaedic surgery residency (2004). Following residency, Dr. McGarry completed an orthopaedic oncology fellowship at the University of Florida – Shands Hospital in 2005, where he is currently researching the role of stem cells in bone and soft tissue cancer.

In November of 2005, Dr. McGarry became a part-time assistant professor at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, and began traveling to Omaha monthly to hold oncology clinic. He will become a full-time faculty member in the August of this year, after completing his research at the University of Florida. Dr. McGarry is a candidate member of both the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society. He specializes in Orthopaedic Oncology with a focus on limb salvage.

Dr. Anthony J. Lauder
grew up on the west coast, but soon he will be settling in Nebraska once again. Born in Downey, California, Dr. Lauder graduated from St. Francis High School in La Canada, California, and then attended college at Occidental College in Los Angeles, graduating with a B.A. in biology in 1996 (*magna cum laude*). He moved to the Midwest to attend medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, receiving his medical degree in 2000. Dr. Lauder stayed in Omaha to complete his orthopaedic residency at the University of Nebraska/Creighton University Health Foundation in 2005. Following residency he returned to the west coast to complete a fellowship at the University of Washington Hand Surgery Program in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Lauder will join the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation as an assistant professor in August of this year, with a joint appointment in both Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery. He is a candidate member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, and a resident member of both the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation. Dr. Lauder specializes in hand and upper extremity surgery and has special interests in traumatic and degenerative conditions related to the wrist.

New Faculty News

*Dr. Lori Reed and Dr. Brian Hasley were officially welcomed to the department by fellow faculty members during a dinner at Happy Hollow Country Club on March 18th, 2006. Drs. Reed and Hasley joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation in August and December of 2005, respectively.*

What’s new with you?
We want to hear from you! Drop us a line so we can share your news of professional activities and honors with friends and colleagues. Fax us at (402) 559-5511 or E-mail: dmeyer@unmc.edu

Welcome to the Class of 2011

Each year during the month of July we welcome a new set of faces to the department. Listed below are the 2006 incoming residents, their names and the medical schools they attended.

**Michael J. Carlson**  
Medical College of Wisconsin

**Michael S. Dee**  
University of Utah

**Jason M. Erpelding**  
University of North Dakota

**Daniel E. Firestone**  
University of Iowa
Dr. Paul Esposito has worn many hats at Children’s Hospital over the years and beginning in 2006, he has donned yet another as president-elect of the Medical Staff. Recently, Dr. Esposito was voted into the position, which has a two-year term (2006-2007), after which he will serve an additional two-year term as president of the Medical Staff at Children’s.

An associate professor of the Departments of Orthopaedic Surgery and Pediatrics at UNMC, Dr. Esposito has been involved with Children’s Hospital as a part of the UNMC educational system since he became a faculty member in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1987. Over the years he has served on numerous committees, and has been on the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees at Children’s. In 2004, he became chief of The Department of Surgery at Children’s, a position he held previously (1996-1997), and he will continue until assuming his position as president of the Medical Staff in 2008.

Dr. Esposito is highly regarded by colleagues not only for his tireless educational contributions, but also emphasizing exemplary patient care as part of the educational experience.

“I have had the great pleasure in seeing many of my prior students and residents succeed in becoming fine physicians who continue to grow as human beings,” said Dr. Esposito.

“His clinical competence is well known by our medical staff,” commented Stephen Lazoritz, vice president of Medical Affairs at Children’s Hospital. “As a provider of patient care, Dr. Esposito is a compassionate, caring and highly competent surgeon . . . and is known for his extremely positive relationships with our staff and the parents of his patients.”

Dr. Esposito is credited as being an excellent educator, a compassionate physician, and an outstanding surgeon by both students and peers alike. He continues to contribute to the field of pediatric orthopaedics both locally and nationally in various capacities. Dr. Esposito has been an invited speaker at over one hundred local, regional, and national meetings. He strives to improve the local and regional educational experience by taking the time to share his knowledge and experience at dozens of continuing education seminars. On a national level, Dr. Esposito has been the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Media Spokesperson regarding trampoline injuries since 2000, and been involved with the Orthopaedic Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics since 1997. Currently he is a reviewer for Pediatrics, published by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Esposito was recently selected as one of the Best Doctors in America 2005-2006, an honor he has received annually since 1998.

One of Dr. Esposito’s most notable contributions has been in the area of his primary research interest, osteogenesis imperfecta. Together with Dr. Horacio Plotkin, assistant professor at UNMC, (Continued on page 10)

**Continuing Education and Grand Rounds**

All UNMC orthopaedic alumni are welcome to attend the following continuing education seminars and Grand Rounds presented by department faculty, current residents, and guest speakers. Please call the department (402-559-4533) to check on possible updates to this schedule.

**May 2006**

1. Arthroplasty (Dr. Michael Ries, University of California, San Francisco Medical Center)
2. Hallux Valgus (Dr. David Inda)
3. Damage Control Orthopaedics (Dr. Swanson)
4. TBA (Dr. Mormino)

**June 2006**

5. Device Retrieval and Analyses: 30 Years and Evidence Based Education (Dr. Jack Lemons, University of Alabama at Birmingham)
6. Graduation Ceremonies
7. MORBIDITY & MORTALITY (Drs. Dietrich, Buck, and Rosipal)
Visiting Speakers Expand Resident Education

One component of providing a quality educational experience for residents is arranging for visiting speakers to share their expertise and experience on a variety of topics. Below is a list of visiting speakers that presented from November 2005 to April 2006.

**November**

11  **John J. Callaghan, MD**  
University of Iowa College of Medicine  
“Mobile Bearing Knee Replacements. Are We Going Forwards, Backwards or Sideways?”

21  **B. Matthew Hicks, MD**  
Fort Wayne Indiana Orthopaedics  
“The History, Science and Clinical Applications of BMPs”

**December**

9  **Anthony Lauder, MD**  
University of Washington  
“The Ulnar Shortening Osteotomy”

19  **Mike Sun, MD**  
Case Western Reserve University  
“Spine Research”

22  **Dave Collins, MD**  
University of Arkansas  
“Shoulder Trauma”

**February**

6  **Erik Otterberg, MD**  
Gross Iwersen Kratochvil & Klein  
“Blood Conservation in Total Joint Arthroplasty”

13  **Jack McCarthy, MD**  
Gross Iwersen Kratochvil & Klein  
“Arthritis of the Wrist”

13  **Ronald Hollins, MD**  
UNMC Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery  
“Soft Tissue Coverage for Traumatic Injuries”

**March**

13  **John Sojka, MD**  
University of Kansas  
“R.I.A. Bone Graft Technique: Harvest for Segmental Lower Extremity Defects and Recalcitrant Nonunions”

**April**

24  **Eileen Inda, MD**  
Boys Town National Research Hospital  
“Regional Anesthesia”

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Dr. Paul Esposito Voted President-Elect of Children’s Hospital Medical Staff

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they have developed a world-class, multi-disciplinary bone disorder clinic. This clinic focuses on the medical and surgical management of osteogenesis imperfecta, as well as other metabolic bone diseases. Patients from many states and three countries have been treated in the clinic; and Drs. Esposito and Plotkin have provided information and guidance to patients and physicians in Europe, Asia and South America.

Dr. Esposito received his M.D. degree from Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in 1977. He then completed his internship and residency in orthopaedic surgery at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, and a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at Children’s Hospital Medical Center Cincinnati. He is board certified and is a member of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America, the American Orthopaedic Association, a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Esposito’s special interests are in children’s extremity deformities, osteogenesis imperfecta, congenital and developmental disorders, and cerebral palsy.

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Alumni Feature: Giving Back, Gaining Perspective

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can say is that I know many of my patients have expressed a profound gratefulness for our service. With the language barrier it is difficult to communicate, however many of the patients will reach out, shake hands and pull me in to kiss me on the cheek.”

Davis is expected to serve in Balad for four to five months. His wife, Tamara, and their children, Ethan, Jacob, Noah, and Miles await his return to the states. He is hoping to visit Omaha sometime this summer. We anticipate his visit and until then, we will keep him in our thoughts and wish him well during this extraordinary journey.
Employee Honors and Awards

Exceptional Service and Performance (ESP) awards are given on a monthly basis to honor those employees who consistently deliver outstanding service and performance, thus supporting the mission and vision of UNMC Physicians through their actions.

Congratulations to the employees listed below and thank you for your outstanding efforts!

ESP Awards
September 2005
Margaret Jones, Medical Billing Representative
Maggie was nominated for an ESP award because on a busy clinic day a diabetic patient was in need of some orange juice. Without any hesitation, she ran out to buy the patient a bottle of juice with her own money.

ESP Awards
February 2006
Donna Winchell, Clerical Associate
Donna was nominated for an ESP award because while she was taking a patient in a wheelchair down to get x-rays, the patient voiced that she needed to use the restroom. No one in the x-ray department was able to help and instead of making the patient wait, Donna assisted her.

Additional Honors
Susan Siebler, Office Manager
In June, Susan will receive recognition at the annual Service Award Dinner for completing 20 years of service at UNMC. Congratulations Susan!

Faculty News

Congratulations to Dr. Edward Fehringer and his wife Kathleen on the newest addition to their family, Charles Edward Fehringer. Charles was born on November 8th, 2005, weighing 8 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 21 inches long. You can see Charles (left) with doting sisters Carly, Emily and Ellie (left to right).

Congratulations to Dr. Sean McGarry and his wife Amy, proud parents of baby boy Aidan Vincent McGarry. Aidan was born December 6th, 2005, weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz., and was 21 inches long. Aidan is Sean and Amy’s first child.

Omaha’s Largest Group Practice Has New Identity, New Logo

Omaha’s largest group practice, previously known as University Medical Associates (UMA) is getting a facelift. On January 13, 2006, the group rolled out a new marketing campaign, announcing their new identity as UNMC Physicians. The name change comes as a result of efforts to strengthen brand name identification amongst the public audience by creating a strong logo, as well as reinforcing the connection that UNMC Physicians has with the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The practice, which formed in 1952 with four full-time clinical faculty physicians and a small office staff, now has over 400 doctors treating an estimated 50,000 people. In 2005, thirty-one doctors at UNMC Physicians were named among “America’s Top Doctors” (Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.) and more than 100 were named to the “Best Doctors” list.
Faculty, residents and staff take a break from scientific meetings for the annual graduation group photo, summer 2005.