21st century health care education
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UNMC educated him. It gave him the chance to merge his passions of patient care, teaching and research – traits that he calls the three legs of the “academic medicine stool.” It also allowed him to grow professionally and personally. Eventually, it would educate some of his children and grandchildren, too.

In short, it allowed him to become who he is – a world-renowned academic physician whose tie to the institution fastens directly to his heart.

Dr. Sorrell’s link to UNMC was literally cemented in place when the new, state-of-the-art College of Medicine building was named in his honor. Read about Dr. Sorrell and the grand opening events starting on Page 12.
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Charles ‘Chuck’ Durham will long be remembered for his visionary leadership, philanthropic spirit and the indelible impact he and his late wife, Magre, had on UNMC, where their names are synonymous with research excellence.

Durham, who served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Durham Resources, an investment company with interests in banks, health care and real estate development, died April 5 at age 90. Years earlier, he had served as chairman and CEO of Omaha-based HDR, Inc., one of the nation’s top engineering and architectural companies.

Still, the civic leader wanted his legacy to be biomedical research.

“Chuck Durham was sincerely interested in building a strong nationally recognized research program at UNMC,” said UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D. “He said UNMC would be world-class, to improve the health of all the people of Nebraska and beyond, advance medical knowledge through research and educate outstanding health professionals and scientists.”

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- Research Center of Excellence II, UNMC (under construction)
- Durham Research Center, UNMC
- Durham Outpatient Center, UNMC
- Charles W. Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction, UNO
- Henningsen Campanile, UNO
- Durham Science Center, UNO
- Durham Scout Center, Omaha
- Durham Museum, Omaha (formerly known as the Durham Western Heritage Museum)
- Lied Humane Center, Omaha (Margre Durham helped raise the $12 million to build the facility)
- Durham Center for Computation and Communications, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

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Durham Outpatient Center: his gifts also made possible an employee parking garage.

In 2003, the 10-level, $77 million Durham Research Center opened and the Research Center of Excellence II, as it is presently being called, is expected to open in early 2009. The building, which will be nearly identical to the DRC, will tower over a commemorative sculpture of Durham that UNMC has commissioned by Omaha artist John Laib.

“(The DRC) has the potential to make a difference in so many lives,” Durham said in the fall of 2003. “It is an honor to be associated with a medical center that has a vision to be world class, to improve the health of all the people of Nebraska and beyond, advance medical knowledge through research and educate outstanding health professionals and scientists.”

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In a word: surreal.

That’s how Sgt. Heather Springer describes the mission in Iraq in which she braided enemy fire to rescue two wounded American combat troops.

Time seemed to move slower on that hot July day—just one month before her deployment was to end—as Springer jumped from a helicopter and yelled to her fellow soldiers over the barrage of bullets, “Cover me while I move.”

She knew the pilot would be forced to evacuate if she didn’t hurry.

For her courage, Springer received the annual, Army-wide Dedicated Unhesitating Service to Our Fighting Forces (DUSTOFF) Medic of the Year Award in March.

Springer also earned the Military Heroes Award from the Red Cross and the Bronze Star for Valor for her “exceptionally meritorious heroism” on July 15, 2007. She is the second female soldier in the Nebraska National Guard to do so.

“I don’t consider myself a hero. I just did my job like anyone else would have,” she said. “Anybody in my situation would’ve done the exact same thing. It just happened to be me.”

“I had been on a couple of other missions that were kind of hairy, but the intensity of this one was unmatched,” Springer recalled. “I was so focused, I didn’t realize the severity of the situation until afterward.”

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Following basic training, Springer returned to her native city of Lincoln and began attending nursing classes. About a month later, in late 2006, her unit—Company C (Air Ambulance) of the 2-135th General Support Aviation Battalion—was mobilized to Iraq.

“I got into the medical field to help people,” she said. “There’s no way I could have left those soldiers. I’d never been left on the ground before. I just thought, ‘If I’m getting on that helicopter, they are too,’ cause we’re like family. I wasn’t thinking about awards at the time.”

There’s a chance Springer could be deployed again, but first she would like to complete her degree.

“I’ve put school on hold enough,” she said, “but I’m not scared to go back and do my job.”

Her plan is to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in nursing in May of 2010. Her selected specialty is fitting: emergency medicine.
Strawberries and Ziploc bags anchor this science lesson.

Ten high school students at the Rosebud Indian Reservation near St. Francis, S.D., mash berries, mix them in a Palmolive soap solution and strain them through a coffee filter into a plastic cup.

“We're going to leave here with some DNA,” Maurice Godfrey, Ph.D., tells the teens.

With no formal greeting between instructor and students, Dr. Godfrey begins the presentation on the basics of DNA, genes and chromosomes – or the language of life.

Students took the strawberry solution at the bottom of the cup and poured it into cold, 70 percent isopropanol and ta-da – DNA. Sticky, it resembled the runny portion of an egg white, the students said.

It's DNA Day at Rosebud, thanks to Dr. Godfrey, who received a $10,000 grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute to help Indian students become excited about science.

He decided to hold it in March, close to important milestones in DNA history. In April 1953, the DNA double helix was first described in a science journal and April 2003 marked the successful completion of the Human Genome Project.

DNA Day is one of several projects initiated by Dr. Godfrey, associate professor of pediatrics at UNMC, and Roxanna Jokela, director of UNMC's Rural Health Education Network, to strengthen the science curriculum of American Indian youths on reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota.

To help achieve that goal, they were awarded a five-year, $1.3 million grant in 2006 from the National Center for Research Resources to develop UNMC’s Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) program. Through this program, Dr. Godfrey has established relationships with 15 schools on six reservations in two states.

To assist him with teaching, Dr. Godfrey brought in DNA Day Ambassador Katherine Szarama, a graduate student from the National Institutes of Health. Szarama, a member of the Ottawa and Chippewa tribes of Michigan, explained the basics of DNA, genes and chromosomes.

In the language of DNA, there are only four letters – A, C, T and G – that make up the three letter “words” used for the 20 or so amino acids in one's DNA.

“We all have 23 pairs or 46 chromosomes,” Dr. Godfrey said. “All are jam-packed into the nucleus of the cell. If your DNA were lined up end-to-end, it would go to the moon and back 260 times.

During the day, students learned about genotype-phenotypes and how they relate to the combination of genes inherited from mom and dad. They built Reebop, an imaginary creature of marshmallows, thumbtacks and pushpins, to understand how chromosomes are shared between parents. They explored their senses and learned that receptors on the tongue detect a food's salty, sweet, sour, bitter or savory tastes.

By mid-April, Dr. Godfrey had shared his passion for DNA at six additional American Indian schools.

“If we make science interesting and accessible, we'll have more Native Americans entering health or science professions,” he said.

Through the SEPA program, teachers from the reservation also attend workshops at UNMC to learn how to make science fun and engaging. In addition, resources are made available to them on the reservation.

Middle school students also visited UNMC in July for a three-day camp, during which they extracted DNA, explored physics and chemistry and toured the campus.

“When less than 1 percent of the nation’s health professionals are Native Indian, something has to be done to get students interested in science,” Dr. Godfrey said.

The UNMC SEPA team has been developing role model posters to create enthusiasm among students. One of the posters is of Anpo Wicahpi Charging Thunder, M.D., a 2008 UNMC College of Medicine graduate.

He said the SEPA program is making a difference.

“In research, it takes a long time, sometimes years, before you receive gratification from your work. But when working with kids, you get gratification right away. One student at Rosebud was very proud of his DNA experiment. After class, he shook my hand and thanked me for coming.

“That was an instant home run.”

STUDENTS CELEBRATE DNA DAY

By Laura Vroman
Stories of Triumph & Success

by Vicky Cerino & Jo Giles

PASSION FOR NURSING GROWS AFTER NEAR-FATAL ACCIDENT

Despite a near-fatal car wreck that left him disabled, 38-year-old Gale Hood has found his calling in nursing. In 1998, Hood was driving to work when he fell asleep at the wheel and hit another car head-on. The impact critically injured Hood and a girl in the other car. Both were in comas for a time.

“For a while, it was touch and go. There was a question whether either one of us would survive,” said Hood, who at the time worked for the railroad in Wyoming. The accident meant several surgeries and a long rehabilitation. He lost much of the use of his right hip. Now, he was in a wheelchair.

As he recovered, Hood felt an interest in nursing – present before the accident – begin to grow. He decided to pursue nursing while in vocational rehabilitation, but his counselor, worried that Hood’s disability would prevent him from being a nurse, discouraged him.

Hood didn’t listen and became one of the 2008 graduates from the UNMC College of Nursing’s West Nebraska division in Scottsbluff. He now works in the Western Nebraska Veterans Home in Scottsbluff.

“You learn how to compensate for any disabilities you have if you look for what you can do and find ways around obstacles,” he said.

Hood knew he was in the right career when he began to work in such nursing specialties as intensive care, pediatrics and emergency while in school.

“It fits my personality. I loved making a difference.”

SUDANESE-AMERICAN FINDS SUCCESS AFTER REFUGEE CAMP

Growing up was hard for Yohannes Tot, a refugee from war-torn Sudan who lived in an Ethiopian camp for 16 years. “It’s very bad. You go to school, come home and that’s it,” Tot said. “Living in a refugee camp is living in a compound. It’s hard, but one way to get through it is by imagining things.”

“Sometimes I wouldn’t see my apartment for 25 hours,” Tot said.

And if he wasn’t busy enough, he completed requirements to become a United States citizen in 2005. He also volunteers with the Red Cross, UNMC’s student-run SHArING Clinic and serves as a translator for Alegent Health.

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THIRD GENERATION DENTISTS FOLLOW IN FATHER’S FOOTSTEPS

They’ve been together since birth. Well, actually, a little before that even.

“They spent high school together, their undergraduate college years and even their dental school years at UNMC.”

The twins, who are from the Hawaiian island of Oahu, are carrying on a family legacy. Their grandfather, father and uncle are dentists.

“We’re fortunate to get into the program,” Cherie said.

“UNMC was our first choice. We wanted to follow in our father’s footsteps.”

The twins knew from a young age they wanted to be dentists.

“We’ve been exposed to dentistry since we were young,” Cherie said. “We’ve been blessed to have those connections. We like dentistry because we like working with people, helping others and working with our hands.”

They both have made history as the first twins entering the college’s residency program in its nearly 60-year history.

The twins chose pediatric dentistry because of the potential impact on children’s lives, as well as the enjoyment of working with children.

“There are funny moments you get from working with children,” Renee said. “It’s priceless. It makes every day different.”
A WELL-DESERVED HONOR

Michael Sorrell, M.D., first arrived at UNMC in 1955 as just another medical student. He studied in North and South halls, now Poynter and Bennett, respectively. He walked the halls of University Hospital, the teaching site for students. Clarkson Hospital had just been built across the street and Swanson Hall served as Children’s Hospital. “That’s basically what the UNMC campus of 1955 shares in common with the medical center landscape of 2008. But since his rather typical arrival in 1955 – Dr. Sorrell has left a fingerprint on this institution that is anything but ordinary. As a tribute to his contributions to UNMC, the state-of-the-art building that houses the UNMC College of Medicine now bears Dr. Sorrell’s name. “It’s overwhelming because I’m really just a figurehead,” he said of the new College of Medicine building being named the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education. “The University and UNMC have both meant so much to me. It’s just been exciting to be here to see this place change.”

Dr. Sorrell graduated from the College of Medicine in 1959, and after serving as a general practitioner in Tecumseh, Neb., he returned to campus in 1966 to do a residency in internal medicine. After joining the UNMC faculty, Dr. Sorrell helped establish one of the world’s leading liver transplant programs and also served in several key leadership positions at both UNMC and the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System’s Omaha Medical Center. He served as chief of the section of gastroenterology-liver disease at the VA from 1973 to 1976 and as associate chief of staff/research from 1974 to 1982. He was named chairman of the UNMC Department of Internal Medicine in 1981, a post he held for 10 years. Since then, Dr. Sorrell has served in a number of leadership capacities at UNMC.

After leaving campus again to do a one-year traineeship in cardiovascular medicine with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a two-year NIH traineeship in hepatic disease and nutrition at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, he returned for good in 1971 and joined the College of Medicine faculty. And so began a tenure that would see UNMC transform into a major academic health sciences center.

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- Lynelle Klassen, M.D., chairman of the department of internal medicine
- Stephen Rennard, M.D., Larson Professor of Medicine in the UNMC Pulmonary and Critical Care Section and a leading expert in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;
- Bud Shaw Jr., M.D., chairman of the department of surgery;
- Jane Potter, M.D., professor and chief of the section of genitourinary and gastrointestinal surgery;
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“The Sorrell Center represents an important investment in the future of the state of Nebraska,” said UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D. “More than half the state’s physicians are educated at UNMC, and the Sorrell Center will provide a state-of-the-art environment for training future physicians,” he said.

The most sophisticated learning environment in the nation, the center centralizes educational programs and includes clinical skills laboratories, large amphitheaters, small-group interaction rooms, conference space for continuing education and student interaction space that will provide enhanced interdisciplinary opportunities.

It also allows, for the first time in decades, the College of Medicine to increase its class size from 120 to 130 students. Omaha philanthropists Ruth and Bill Scott provided the lead gift for the $52.7 million building and were among more than 1,200 donors to the Sorrell Center. Other principal benefactors were:

- The Nebraska Medical Center
- Richard D. Holland
- Dorothy and Stanley M. Truhlsen, M.D.
- The Lozier Foundation
- UNMC Physicians
- Dr. C.C. & Mabel L. Criss Memorial Foundation
- UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association
- Karen and Jim Linder, M.D.

In all, 24 physicians contributed $100,000 or more through the Edward A. Holyoke, M.D., Ph.D., Society, which is dedicated to the memory and contributions of the late Dr. Holyoke, a legendary professor and mentor at UNMC. Nearly 1,000 College of Medicine alumni contributed more than $12 million toward building the center.

With the opening of the Sorrell Center to students in August, the College of Medicine and University of Nebraska Foundation are now focused on raising private support for the building’s current and future technology needs. The ability to purchase additional patient simulators for the clinical skills area or equipment for a surgical skills center would allow UNMC to continue to offer students a state-of-the-art learning environment and exceptional education opportunities.

Take a virtual tour, watch a video of the dedication ceremony, and hear what people have to say about the Sorrell Center at: unmc.edu/sorrellcenter
They attend the same university, but may never meet or talk to each other until long after graduation.

That's precisely what faculty members at UNMC want to change – they want students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, public health and the allied health professions to learn how to work together.

Interprofessional teamwork and quality.

These are the buzz words for 21st century health care education and UNMC students in all disciplines are beginning to learn their importance. Health care education traditionally has been conducted in silos, said Paul Paulman, M.D., '77, professor in UNMC's Department of Family Medicine.

"Students from different professions didn't work together until they were in the real world," he said. "That's beginning to change."

Today's hospital environment encourages teamwork more than ever. Many patients now see physicians, nurses, pharmacists and dietitians rounding as a group.

The movement to improve quality of care is motivated by an alarming number of deaths due to mismanagement of patients in the nation's hospitals and the human and economic consequences that follow, said Virginia Tilden, D.N.Sc., dean of the College of Nursing.

"Quality is among the biggest issues in health care. Each year, 238,337 people die – the equivalent of 455 full jumbo jets – due to likely preventable, in hospital medical errors, according to HealthGrades' fifth annual Patient Safety in American Hospitals Study."

The study, released in April, reports that patient safety incidents cost the federal Medicare program $8.8 billion. On Oct. 1, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are scheduled to stop reimbursing hospitals for the treatment of eight major preventable errors, including objects left in the body after surgery and certain post-surgical infections. The financial implications for hospitals are substantial.

In 1996, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) launched a concerted, ongoing effort to assess and improve the nation's quality of care. IOM's definition of health care quality is "the degree to which health services for individuals and populations increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes and are consistent with current professional knowledge."

The IOM initially documented the serious and pervasive nature of the nation's overall quality problem, concluding that "the burden of harm conveyed by the collective impact of all of our health care quality problems is staggering."

"The quality movement in this country is aimed at improving positive outcomes for patients," Dr. Tilden said. "At the foundation of this is communication between health professionals. Patient care gets better when we work together. We are all soldiers on a quest to reduce medical errors and improve the quality of patient care," she said.

Two years ago, UNMC became a member of a national consortium of 19 academic health science universities that are implementing schoolwide quality curricula for the improvement of care. One focus of the Health Professions Collaborative, established by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, is to train health professions students to work as teams.

UNMC students got a taste of what it's like to work as an interdisciplinary team in February during the first Interprofessional/Quality Day at UNMC. Tasks for select students in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, nursing, allied health and public health included case studies in collaboration and quality.

"Keeping up with the change in knowledge is a big challenge," said Dr. Paulman, who also is director for family medicine student education and assistant dean of quality and clinical skills. "It's impossible for one person to know everything. A team approach ensures competence."

"Before, a physician was expected to know everything about everything. But now, there's 10 times more information and everything is more complicated." Jerald Moore, M.D.
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Shaw, M.D., professor and former chairman of surgery.
1985 by Michael Sorrell, M.D., M ’59, the Robert L. Grissom, members of the liver and small bowel transplant team who have worked in this way for 23 years.

That’s why the team approach to health care is critical.” Dr. Moore said.

“The typical learning environment for most medical students, until the very end of their training, was a jammed lecture hall. Today’s medical students learn on their feet: in the exam room, in the clinic and in the community.” Dr. Paulman said.

Last year, the program performed more pediatric small bowel transplants than anywhere else in the world. Most of the credit for the program’s success goes to top-notch health care professionals who work as a team, said Laurne Williams, research nurse, who has been with the program from the start.

“In the beginning, each health professional on the team would see patients separately and then confer in joint meetings. About 17 years ago, Drs. Sorrell and Shaw decided we should round as a team. It works much better,” she said.

“Our patients have complex problems. A multidisciplinary approach breaks down barriers. It’s the only way to handle all their nutrition, medication financial, physical and social needs,” she said. “Now even Medicare requires a multidisciplinary team approach for patient care.”

While interprofessional education has been slow to develop at the medical center, UNMC is on the forefront of embracing quality as part of its strategic plan. Dr. Paulman is one of only a few medical school administrators in the United States whose appointment is committed to introducing quality and advanced clinical skills into the curriculum. “Quality is a systems-wide issue in health care. It needs to become second nature to all our learners.” Dr. Paulman said.

In the College of Nursing, faculty members just completed the first of a two-year national Quality and Safety Education for Nurses project to incorporate quality and safety into the curriculum. The college is one of 15 pilot programs to complete the first year of the project to develop quality and safety curricula in cooperation with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

“The past education focused on tasks and procedures—diseases, facts and knowledge,” Dr. Tilden said. “Now we need application in the context of a multitude of complex variables—how good a clinician are you in rapid interpretation of symptoms and determination of the best plan of care?”

“The tools for teaching and treatment that served our predecessors never imagined—” Dr. Moore said.

But, on that cold day in February, UNMC’s students recognized the importance of teamwork and outreach more than 10 years ago when they established the SHARING (Student Health Alliance Reaching Indigent Needy Groups) Clinic. It is here that students from all disciplines provide high-quality, low-cost health care to Omaha’s uninsured and underserved (see story on Page 35).

“We teach students to be leaders of change—I pound it into them,” she said. “I’m impatient with complacency.”

Along with quality, clinical skills will have a new emphasis with the opening of the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education. The new building features a clinical skills lab where the old dictum “see one, do one, teach one” gives way to sophisticated simulators that allow practice patient care in a safe setting and learn in an environment where making a mistake doesn’t mean the difference between life and death.

But despite the fact some simulation devices can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, more and more medical facilities are purchasing them on the premise that a person’s clinical performance can improve by working with simulators.

“Shove me the evidence.”

“It’s assumed that simulators provide students a way to learn from their mistakes, but there is very little literature about whether it helps their accuracy in a clinical setting,” she said.

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“Our idea is to make clinical learning experiences as real as possible.” Dr. Paulman said. “We’ve gone from four basic exam rooms to state-of-the-art technology. With the Sorrell Center, we are one of the leaders in simulation equipping or excelling the facilities found in institutions on either coast.”

Simulators have been used for years at UNMC by the College of Nursing. Patti Carstens, who led that college’s efforts to acquire patient simulators, is the new director of the clinical skills lab at the Sorrell Center.

By Nicole Lindquist

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UNMC campus expansion to serve students, researchers, and patients

by Karen Burbach

Sparked by private giving, the UNMC campus has seen unprecedented growth the past 10 years. This extraordinary period of expansion and renewal includes the following eight projects – at a total of $152 million – that are either in progress, nearly complete or on the drawing board. These projects reflect the vision of UNMC’s Facilities Development Plan, which was approved by the University of Nebraska Regents in 2006, to facilitate research growth, expand patient care and renew and enhance education space.

BENNETT HALL RENOVATION

Funding source: LB05 (2006), which provides matching state funds to upgrade buildings on all four campuses of the University of Nebraska system and the state colleges.

Cost: $8.5 million

Location: Northwest corner of the intersection of 42nd Street and Emile Street

Project details: Renovation of approximately 48,000 square feet of interior space provides an additional 25,000 square feet of updated space. Brings together – for the first time ever in one location – the 11 educational programs that comprise the School of Allied Health Professions on Levels 3 through 6. The Department of Anesthesiology administration and faculty offices remain on Level 2 and the Counseling and Student Development Center moves from the Student Life Center Level 6.

Background: Built in 1958, Bennett Hall has seven levels and contains 60,464 gross square feet of space. An addition was made to the building in 1967 with a major renovation in 1982.

Completion: August 2008

Serving Students: Folders sense of community among allied health faculty, staff and students, provides a 2,000 plus square-foot classroom and laboratory for physical therapy, nursing and physician assistant students on Level 4; seat 42 students in renovated amphitheater equipped for distance education, enhances student interaction and complements the inter-professional core courses being developed.

GROSS ANATOMY LAB RENOVATION

Funding source: Private funds raised in association with the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education.

Cost: Approx. $2.5 million

Location: Will be announced

Project details: Provides 50 percent more space to accommodate larger class size and smaller groups (four) of students per cadaver table. Connected to the lab is an expanded Hippl’s Life-Size Directed Learning Center and a separate lab for surgical residents to practice their skills before operating on patients.

Completion: Summer 2008

Serving Students: Expands faculty teaching and student learning capabilities by incorporating the latest digital technology. Images can be projected onto 50-inch wide screens located near each dissection table and a teaching gallery allows demonstrators to be videotaped and archived for student review. New locker rooms provide sufficient space for both men and women.

TRANSPANT PRODUCTION FACILITY

Funding source: The facility will be jointly funded by UNMC and The Nebraska Medical Center.

Cost: Estimated at $16.5 million

Location: Southwest corner of 40th & Emile Street in a building that formerly housed the University Laundry.

Project details: Purpose is to develop treatmendents for patients with cancer, diabetes and liver failure along with the processing of cells, tissues and preparing solid organs for transplant. It is a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-regulated facility.

Completion: March 2009

Serving Students: Provides new opportunity for translational research that strengthens patient care and enhances learning.

HAROLD M. AND BEVERLY MAURER CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Location: South of Dewey Avenue on the east side of 40th Street in what is presently a UNMC parking lot. The building will be banked by the UNMC Eye Clinic on the north and the UNMC Student Life Center on the south.

Building details: The 52,500-square-foot, three-level facility will provide a home for the newly established College of Public Health.

Completion: April 2010

Serving Students: The college delivers high quality education, research, and public service emphasizing the following areas: biosecurity/bio-preparedness; biostatistics; environmental, agricultural, and occupational health sciences; epidemiology; ethics and humanities in health; health disparities; health policy analysis; health services administration; health services research; health promotion/behavior prevention; rural health; and toxicology.

COLLEGE OF NURSING ADDITION – GROUNDBREAKING OCT. 22

Location: The building addition will be a separate structure near the east end of the existing building at 42nd Street and Dewey Avenue and will be connected to the main building by a short grade level link.

Building details: A 42,000-square-foot, multi-story structure for classrooms, labs, faculty offices and nursing research.

Completion: Spring 2010

Serving Students: New space will be dedicated to classrooms, clinical skills labs and seminar rooms – all designed to accommodate advanced teaching technology. Plans also call for a student lounge, student computing, student and faculty interaction areas, faculty offices and nursing research space.

HOME INSTEAD CENTER FOR SUCCESSFUL AGING – GROUNDBREAKING SEPT. 17

Donors: Major gift by Omaha natives Paul and Lori Hogan, co-founders of Home Instead Senior Care, the largest provider of nonmedical/home care to seniors in the world.

Cost: Nearly $10.2 million (funded entirely with private donations).

Location: The new building will be located along the intersection of 42nd Street and 38th Avenue at the present site occupied by the Annex A, 5, and 6 buildings on the east end of the UNMC campus. Demolition of the annex buildings is slated to begin this fall.

Building details: The three-level, 25,300-square-foot center will nurture the sections of geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry, expand research and patient care, improve the education infrastructure and provide outreach facilities to enhance successful aging. A Community Education and Outreach Center – a key part of the project – will provide comprehensive services to promote fitness, good nutrition, health education, independent living and socialization.

Completion: Spring 2010

Serving Students: Fifty percent of the health care provided by UNMC students in 2020 will be for people age 65 and older, which makes it important to expose health professions students to this population in a positive setting. The interactions of students and clients in this outreach center will mutually benefit and educational.

RESEARCH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE II

Donors: Funding is largely through private support, with the late Charles Durham providing the lead gift. In addition, the state of Nebraska has committed $12 million in non-state general fund resources. The state support is intended primarily to construct laboratory premises laboratories and the State Public Health Lab within the tower. Other support is expected from federal sources.

Cost: $76.5 million

Location: Located only a few yards south of the Durham Research Center on the northwest corner of Durham Research Plaza (formerly 40th Street and Emile Street). The two research towers will be connected with an intersection and conference area.

Building details: The 10 level facility, presently being called the Research Center of Excellence II, will be nearly identical to the Durham Research Center, which opened in 2003. It will contain 202,179 square feet with 98 state-of-the-art laboratories, as well as office space for investigators and laboratory support space. UNMC commissioned a sculpture of Durham by Omaha artist John Lajba, which will be located near the entrances of the two research towers.

Completion: Early 2009

Serving Students: The tower will provide additional laboratory space in which graduate students will work and study.

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY RENOVATION

Funding source: LB05 (2006)

Cost: $8.3 million

Location: 40th and Holdrege streets in Lincoln.

Building details: The original overhanging entrance to the college will be enclosed to make room for a handicapped accessible elevator (which will improve patient access to the clinical and additional offices. Heating and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems will be upgraded and patient reception and waiting areas improved. Areas of the building that have not been substantially altered since the structure was opened in 1967 also will be renovated, including teaching clinics and class laboratories.

Completion: 2010

Serving Students: Modern and more efficient clinics, laboratories and support areas. Patient treatment, a large focus of clinical dental education, will be improved to benefit patients, the students who provide care and the faculty who teach in those areas.

COLLEGE OF NURSING – NORFOLK DIVISION

Donors: Regional fundraising campaign is underway.

Cost: $12.9 million – an $8.9 million increase to the total cost of the $4 million included in a previous fundraising campaign.

Location: Located on the Northeast Community College campus in Norfolk, Neb.

Building details: The 30,000-square-foot facility will house Northeast Community College’s basic nursing unit, licensed practical nursing and associate degree nursing programs, and UNMC’s bachelor of science in nursing, master of science in nursing and doctoral degree programs. UNMC internships, located in hospitals on Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney and Scottsbluff.

Completion: Tentatively set to open in 2010

Serving Students: When combined with Northeast Community College nursing programs, via levels of nursing education will be available, from certified nursing assistant to the Ph.D. in nursing. The college also will help address a shortage of nurses in northeast Nebraska.

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UNMC FAST FACTS
UNMC is the only public health science center in Nebraska. trains more health professionals practicing in Nebraska than any other institution.
Total graduates every year - 781.
Average entering GPA ranges from 3.36 to 3.8.
Through the Rural Health Opportunities Program, 53 percent of its graduates have returned to rural Nebraska.
Research funding from external sources now exceeds $82 million annually and has resulted in the creation of more than any other institution.
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UNMC has a 500 mile wide campus and every year Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., and his leadership team visit its far corners.
Dr. Maurer began his annual leadership trips through Nebraska five years ago to spread the word about developments at UNMC, meet with alumni and local community members and hear about the health care issues that face rural communities.
That year’s two-day trip saw nine members of the UNMC leadership team make information-sharing stops in Lexington, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Alliance, Chadron, Sidney and Ogallala.
“This is one of my favorite trips of the year,” Dr. Maurer said. “There is no substitute for face-to-face interaction. We always learn a lot on these trips.”
So I did - and I’ve worked almost two years at the medical center. But, as I sit in Lexington and listened to each medical center leader, I was struck by how much UNMC really does for the state.
As the state’s only public academic health science center, UNMC has a $3.5 billion annual impact on the state's economy and 70 percent of the health professionals practicing in Nebraska are UNMC graduates. The College of Dentistry has delivered more than $1 million in free dental care to underserved children across the state since 2001.
The Munroe-Meyer Institute has pediatric behavioral health clinics scattered across the state and its services for children with autism, feeding disorders and developmental disabilities continues to grow.

WHAT’S NEXT? SIMULATION HELPS SURGEONS by Nicole Lindquist
Simulation has the potential to radically revolutionize clinical technology in the next decade. And research done by a robotic surgery expert and two experienced biomechanists will provide the foundation to develop the best education programs for health professionals. They are using virtual technology to train new surgeons to perform robotic surgery more efficiently.

UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., addresses their banquet crowd during their annual dinner at the Scarletts Steak House following a busy first day.

About 800 courses at UNMC have at least some content available through online and distance education technology: UNMC’s student application pool is so strong, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ruben Parnes, M.D., encouraged folks in western Nebraska to start early when urging their youngsters to consider health care careers. “Start when they’re still in diapers,” he said during one of the stops.
Western Nebraska has played an important role in supporting research at the UNMC Eppley Cancer Center, and rural areas often host major fundraisers, such as the Cattlemen’s Ball, which raise money for cancer research.
The trip itinerary resembled a political whistlestop tour with medical center leaders rushing from town to town meeting with local residents and members of the media. Still, we did make time for a little fun when we stopped at a small ice cream hut in Bridgeport, Neb., to satisfy everyone’s sweet tooth.
As we headed back to Omaha, UNMC leaders talked about what they heard and saw from Nebraska’s western residents: how many people worry about a lack of health care workers, the impressive quality of some health care facilities and the strong community turnout in each town.
They also discussed the role UNMC would play in addressing the issues faced by the communities.
And, as the leadership team’s whirlwind tour ended, I realized their work had just begun.

UNMC faculty receive prestigious awards

UNMC faculty members were recognized earlier this year for their outstanding contributions to health care education.

New College of Public Health building named for visionary leaders

At a formal groundbreaking ceremony for UNMC’s College of Public Health in August, University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken announced that—pending Board of Regents’ approval—the new building will be named for UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., and his wife, Beverly.

Omahans Ruth and Bill Scott made the lead gift to construct the new facility. Instead of putting their name on the building, they opted to honor Dr. and Mrs. Maurer for their commitment to Nebraskans’ health. The Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health is expected to open in April 2010.

“We have seen the superior dedication the Maurers have to health issues and to the education of the next generation of health professionals,” Ruth Scott said. “Their vision to address state health issues, recruit nationally known researchers and create a centralized UNMC health campus demonstrates their concern for public health. We are delighted to honor them in this way.”

MMI designated an academic department

The Munroe-Meyer Institute was designated an academic department at UNMC last winter. The designation will:

• expand interactions with the other colleges and programs on campus; enhance the cross-list of courses and development of degree programs for students to earn their master’s and Ph.D.’s from MMI in unique areas and specialties; and

• offer joint faculty and teaching appointments to help with recruitment.

Degrees will be offered through MMI in the near future.

Robin Roberts to receive Ambassador of Hope Award

Robin Roberts, co-anchor of ABC’s “Good Morning America” and a breast cancer survivor, will be honored at the Ambassador of Hope Gala on Oct. 18 at Qwest Center Omaha.

The gala, hosted by the Friends of the UNMC Eppley Cancer Center, is one of the top fundraising events in Omaha.

Tickets for this year’s Ambassador of Hope Gala cost $150 per person. Table sponsorships range from $1,500 to $10,000. For more information, call 559-4179 or go to www.nebraskahope.org.

Construction update

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UNMC alumnus transforms public health

Throughout his distinguished career, College of Medicine alumnus Carruth Wagner, M.D., ’41, transformed the field of public health for the United States. Now, a $1 million gift to benefit UNMC will extend his influence to public health education in Nebraska and beyond.

The Carruth J. Wagner, M.D., Foundation made the gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation in February to establish the first endowed chair in public health at UNMC.

"The Wagner Chair gives the College of Public Health the tremendous opportunity to attract a leading scholar in public health," said Jay Noren, M.D., former dean of the UNMC College of Public Health. (Dr. Noren became the new president of Wayne State University in Detroit on Aug. 1. Keith Mueller, Ph.D., has been named interim dean.)

"The college’s goal is to recruit an individual who will contribute substantially to our efforts in developing enhanced and innovative public health interventions and programs consistent with the legacy of Dr. Wagner's distinguished career in public health."

The Wagner Chair is the first endowed faculty position in the College of Public Health, UNMC’s newest college and one of only 38 colleges of public health in the country. Income earned from the endowed fund will support the work of renowned researchers and educators named to the position. The Wagner Chair is one of 82 endowed chairs and professorships at UNMC.

The College of Public Health presently is recruiting an individual for the position. Born in Omaha in 1916, Dr. Wagner’s career took him across the country, around the world and even to the White House.

He served under four U.S. presidents – Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon – and influenced a countless number of people and improved the quality of life for many.

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In 1965, Dr. Wagner was named director of the Bureau of Medical Services. There he was responsible for the Indian Health Service’s involvement with several Peace Corps training projects. Dr. Wagner also administered a number of international development projects in Korea, Liberia and other countries.

Dr. Wagner retired from public service in 2001 at the age of 84. He died the following year at his home in Sacramento, Calif. "Dr. Wagner was devoted to public service from the time he left medical school until his death," said Alan Spilker, president and CEO of the Wagner Foundation. "Through his work, he influenced a countless number of people and improved the quality of life for many.

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Use your practice to help theirs.

You remember the days. Long hours, little sleep, learning and practicing the techniques that have made you a successful physician, nurse, pharmacist or other health care professional. And you remember the instructors, teachers and mentors who helped you along the way. Now you can help other students who want to follow in your footsteps.

The University of Nebraska Foundation offers many ways for you to give back to your medical center. You can designate where your gift goes – use it for scholarships to help students in need, or for a professorship to ensure quality of education remains high. You decide.

There are exciting times at UNMC. The campus is experiencing unprecedented growth and the reputation of our programs is growing, too. Our rural health program is ranked 11th nationally, the College of Medicine is rated 20th in primary care, and the College of Pharmacy is ranked 29th.

To learn more about how you can help the medical center that played a big part in your success – the University of Nebraska Medical Center, contact Amy Volk, director of development for UNMC, 1-800-432-3216. Or e-mail Amy at avolk@nufoundation.org.
Alumni news

Alumni friends reunite at Arizona event

Nearly 200 UNMC alumni and friends gathered in Scottsdale, Ariz., recently to celebrate their alma mater. The UNMC Alumni Office and the University of Nebraska Foundation hosted the second annual "UNMC Alumni & Friends in the Valley of the Sun" on Feb. 29 and March 1. Activities included a reception with the deans, continuing education sessions, golf outing and luncheon games. During the reception, college deans presented a brief update on their respective colleges.

UNMC alumni associations host annual ‘Blast at the Blast’

Nearly 200 UNMC alumni and friends gathered May 13 for the fourth annual Blast at the Blast event at Omaha’s Rosenblatt Stadium. Alumni and friends enjoyed a picnic dinner before attending the Nebraska-Creighton baseball game.

Engage for life – join your alumni association

It’s easy to join your alumni association and renew your membership – just visit www.unmc.edu/alumni and click on the “Join Your Alumni Association Here” link or the “Renew Your Membership” link. You also can call our office at (402) 559-4385, or e-mail alumni@unmc.edu.

Along with being a member of your respective alumni association, you also can join the growing number of alumni & friends.

Launching new alumni chapters

The UNMC Physician Assistant Program, with the assistance of the UNMC Alumni Office, recently launched the UNMC Physician Assistant Alumni Chapter. The purpose of the UNMC PA Alumni Chapter is to foster career and patient referral networking, host reunions and social activities for alumni and students, and promote professional advocacy and community service.

To join the PA Alumni Chapter or become a white coat sponsor, visit www.unmc.edu/alumni and click on the “Join Your Alumni Association” link. Alumni chapters for Clinical Laboratory Science (Medical Technology) and Radiation Science Technology Education will be established in the future.

Contact the Alumni Office at (402) 559-4385 or toll free (888) 725-4385 if you have any questions or want to help with your alumni chapter.

Air Force Surgeon General visits alma mater

The surgeon general of the Air Force returned to his home state in August during Air Force Week in the Heartland.

Lt. Gen. James Roedebusch, M.D., visited the UNMC College of Medicine where he graduated in 1975.

The Air Force’s top doctor also met Heartland medics to discuss the strategic partnership between the Air Force and the medical school and how medical airmen are making a difference in the war on terrorism.

During his campus visit, the Gering, Neb., native spoke to physicians and students, toured the new Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education and visited the only bioc seventeen units in the nation.

“The education I received here was of such quality and so well-rounded – with the rural rotations – that it really prepared me for further training and experience in the Air Force. It’s served me very well,” Dr. Roedebusch said. “UNMC is a preeminent medical center. It was then and is now. It makes Omaha and Nebraska an exceptionally well-served community.”

He also applauded the UNMC family practice residency program partnership with the Air Force.

“It is one of the premier residency programs for us in the Air Force,” Dr. Roedebusch said. “The relationship has been very positive, both in the quality of training and the breadth and the scope of training...to provide really high quality well-trained family physicians able to do the mission wherever we find ourselves around the world, and we find ourselves in some pretty challenging places.”

Alumni on a mission

UNMC Connect editors would like to hear stories about any alumni conducting international health care mission work. Please contact or submit your information to alumni@unmc.edu or (402) 559-4385.

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RUTH H. ANDERSON N’40 North Bend, O., is retired with the exception of 2-3 hours a week that she gives medication to county mental health outpatients. After her husband, Elmer, died, she moved to Evergreen Court, an independent retirement facility.

MARJORIE L. WOLTMANN-ANTHONY N’46 Columbus, Ind., reports that her son, Jeff, died in November 2007 at age 51.

GERALDINE L. OTTO N’48 AND MERLE L. OTTO M’52 Naples, Fla., sold their Marcou Island home and moved to a life care facility in Naples.

DORIS M. BRODICK N’44 Rapid City, S.D., hopes to visit Omaha in 2009 for a China printers’ convention.

ARDITH L. STICKMAN N’48 Ft. Collins, Colo., retired after 30 years of service in veterans hospitals.

1950s

BETTY ANNE BAYLESS N’50 Albuquerque, N.M., has four grown children and has adopted one child. She and her husband, George, moved from their home in Albuquerque to the UNMC Alumni Villa in the Sun went.

1960s

HOWARD F. KOCH M’61 Alliance, Neb., retired from private practice in the summer of 2007. He was a pediatrician in Alliance for the past 15 years and a member of the United States Air Force for 17 years, where he worked with adolescent blood diseases and malignancies. He will continue to serve as medical director for Human Services Inc., a treatment facility for substance abuse.

BEN RUBIN JR. M’61 Kansas City, Mo., is still working full time at almost 71 years.

ROBERT F. HAMILTON M’63 Godfrey, Ill., was re-elected to the Illinois State Medical Society Board of Trustees recently. He was president of the Madison County Medical Society in 1979, 2002 and 2003, although he has been a member since 1973. A retired general and vascular surgeon, he has lectured and written extensively in support of the medical savings account concept for national health insurance reform.

CALVIN J. HOBEL M’63 Palo Verdes Estates, Calif., is an investigator for the Los Angeles Venture County National Children’s Study, which follows a cohort of 5,000 children from before birth to age 21.

GONALD D. BELL M’64 Norfolk, Neb., is employed at Faith Regional Health Services.

PATSY L. HAWKINS N’64 Coralville, Iowa, is retired from nursing, but works as a health sciences admissions advisor at a community college.


MIRYNA C. NEWMAN M’64 AND JAMES R. NEWMAN M’65 Omaha, Neb., have made three teaching trips to Afghanistan. He is retired and she is director of the office of diversity at UNMC. Of their three children, one is a physician in Arizona, another works for Public Health Services in Washington D.C., and the third is studying architecture in Bosnia.

KEITH W. SHUEY M’64 Tecumseh, Neb., practices in the same office he started in 1966. He still runs his farm and cattle operation and collects antiques John Deere Tractors and memorabilia.
Edward A. Holyoke Jr., M’70
Omaha, Neb., is retired.

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C. J. Labenz M’75
Omaha, Neb., joined UNMC in 1975 and is an associate professor in the department of neurological sciences. He continues to serve on the UNMC faculty in the department of neurological sciences.

Benjamin B. Zieske ’73
Jacksonville, Fla., is the director of pharmacy services at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville, Fla. Zieske also serves on the University of Texas at Dallas.’

Carol J. Kain ’74
Johns Hopkins, Md., is a research associate at the National Institutes of Health since 1984 and is one of the nation’s leaders in congestive heart failure research.

Donna J. Middaugh N’76
Little Rock, Ark., is a research associate at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Graduate Studies.

Joedy D. Wodworth CSL’78
Omaha, Neb., has been with Clarkson College for more than 11 years serving as dean of health care business and allied health. She recently was promoted to vice president of academic affairs.

Ann M. Berger N’84
Omaha, Neb., recently was appointed the director of Bursar’s Office at the UNMC College of Nursing. She is an expert in breast cancer treatment and fatigue and the principal investigator of a five-year grant to test new ways to reduce fatigue in breast cancer patients.

Marianne K. Campbell N’84
Omaha, Neb., was reappointed to the RN Mental Health Staff recognition by Edward Fehringer, M’55, in March 2008. Dr. Fehringer says that Marianne is tireless in her efforts and he cannot thank her enough for her hard work in maintaining an excellent program.

Julie M. Vose M’84
Omaha, Neb., is the Neumann M. and Mildred E. Harris Professor and chief of the division of general surgery at UNMC. Her work targets translational research to improve treatment of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She recently began a two-year term on the Nebraska Chapter of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Board of Trustees.

Victor T. Wilson M’84
Nerman, Okla., practices pediatrics in Norman. His wife, Pamela, teaches at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Sandra L. Brandl V’81
Mesa, Ariz., works on call at Scottsdale Healthcare in the Outpatient Infusion Services department. She and her husband, Mike, have four children and have been married 28 years.

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John Gollan, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the College of Medicine, serves as director of the Grand Island Regional Radiology Association. He began teaching radiology residents part time as an associate professor. They enjoy being grandparents.

Richard J. Doyle P’73
Sterling, Colo., was the 2007 Board of Pharmacy president and welcomed his sixth grandchild in April 2008.

Kenneth D. Hatch M’71
Tucson, Ariz., was elected president of The Society of Plastic Surgeons, an international organization of gynecologic oncologists, urologists and colorectal surgeons.

Barbara J. Hurlbert M’71 and Merle T. Hurlbert M’71
Omaha, Neb., are happy to report their daughter is completing her residency at Penn State University in anesthesiology and will join her mother in the department of anesthesiology at The Nebraska Medical Center.

Mary C. Rainer N’71
Islandia, La., earned her doctorate in health care administration from Capella University in April 2007.

Andy Antonisik M’75
Damarisc, Ore., retired from internal medicine practice in September 2007. He was elected a fellow in the American Society of Addiction Medicine and is finishing his term as an immediate past president of the Oregon Medical Association.

C. J. Labenz M’75
Omaha, Neb., retired from OBGYN practice in 2007.

Robert G. Spanheimer M’75
Lake Bluff, Ill., has been named senior medical director of Takeda Global Research and Development Center Inc. He has more than 20 years of experience in the clinical setting. While at the University of Iowa, he was an associate professor for internal medicine.

Gene F. Stohs M’75
Lincoln, Neb., has been chief of staff at Bryan Lincoln General Hospital for the past two years.

James C. Cassell N’76
La Oncoz, Wis., is working as a physician assistant doing contract work. He recently completed a contract as a pastry chef on Midway Abol NAIR, an island 1,200 miles west of Hawaii.

Frederick A. McCurdy P’76
Amarillo, Texas, spent the past four years as chairman of pediatrics in Amarillo. Recently, he was appointed regional associate dean for faculty development at the Regional Campus in Amarillo and assistant dean for curriculum evaluation at the School of Medicine in Lubbock. He recently completed a program at Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

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Mary J. Miller M’80
Kansas City, Mo., recently spoke on high altitude medicine at a Mayo Clinic meeting in Vail, Colo. She and her husband, Jackalyn, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Linda K. Sather N’80
Bellevue, Neb., is creator of the Women’s Center and assistant professor in the UNMC College of Nursing. She recently received the UNMC Spirit of Community Service Award.

George G. Rose M’65
Georgetown, Mass., retired in 2004 after 36 years of practice as an anesthesiologist, 33 of which he spent at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newbury Port, Mass. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and competitive target shooting and was the National Naval Reserve pistol champion in 1965.

William L. Hoevet M’67
Wilmington, Minn., is five years into retirement after practicing ophthalmology in Wilmington for 30 years. He and his wife, Judy, travel to visit their children and grandchildren. He also does volunteer work and searches for antiques in his spare time.

William J. Eichner M’68
Waydeville, Wis., and his wife, Julia, started a coffee farm in the Dominican Republic that produces educational components for literacy and agriculture.

Dan K. Hughes P’68

Renee A. Carlson N’69
Lake’s Summit, Mo., and her husband, Gregory, are both retired. They volunteer as a court appointed special advocate and a board member for Western Cooperate Services.

Stuart P. Embury M’69
Holdridge, Neb., retired from family practice in July 2006. He is on a five-week assignment with the American Medical Association, and also works part time as a chief medical officer.

Stephen M. Nielsen M’69
Omaha, Neb., retired in 2007.

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Edward A. Holyoke Jr., M’70
Omaha, Neb., is working part time at Menards in the electrical department. He is an organist at Christ Community Church.

Susan A. Martin N’70 and Richard A. Martin M’71
Cape Girardeau, Mo., have lived in Cape Girardeau for 30 years. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Stephan K. Woodward M’70 and Margery Woodward N’69
Grand Island, Neb., retired in 2007 from the Grand Island Regional Radiology Association. He began teaching radiology residents part time as an associate professor. They enjoy being grandparents.

George M. Adam M’72
Hastings, Neb., serves as medical staff–elect president of Mary Lanning Hospital.

Andrea S. Hazen P’77
Omaha, Neb., is operations director of Rehab Services at Bergan Mercy Medical Center. She has been married to Gage Hazen for 38 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Clayton M. Brandt P’76
Galenza, Neb., has been appointed to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education by Gov. Dave Heineman.

Sandra J. Kinsella N’74
Omaha, Neb., retired from nursing and volunteers at an adult day care facility. She and her husband, Mick, have three children and five grandchildren.

Roger J. Pentzien M’74
Omaha, Neb., retired from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and also worked part time as chief of emergency medicine.

Alan S. Seifer M’74
Miami, Fla., is a tournament tennis player for the Sony Ericsson Tennis Open.

Steven F. Webster M’74
Lafayette, Calif., was elected a member of the American Medical Association.

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Little Rock, Ark., was selected as associate dean for executive services at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Graduate Studies.

Maryann R. Beck P’77
Omaha, Neb., owned and operated N.E. Medical Rehabilitation from 1985 to 1997. He became manual therapy certified and received his master’s of physical therapy in 2003 at the University of St. Augustine.

Joel D. Elson M’73
Omaha, Neb., practices interventional and diagnostic radiology at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha.

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DONNA J. FRANK M’90

Deland, Fla., earned her master’s of science degree in criminal justice in 1998 from the University of Central Florida. She is the forensic state coordinator for Volusia and Flagler counties in Florida.

DOUGLAS MARTIN M’93

Since Sioux City, Iowa, became president of the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians in October 2007. She serves as the medical director for St. Luke’s Center for Occupational Health Excellence and was awarded the Medad Johnson Award for Graduate Education in Family Medicine, an award given to the top 20 family practice residents in the nation. He and his wife, Janet, have three children.

CONTINA D. PETERSEN N’93

Lincoln, Neb., has been in the Lincoln Regional Center for 27 years and is now an advanced practice registered nurse.

NANCY J. BASHM M’92

Lincoln, Neb., is a practical nursing program coordinator at Kaplan University.

CHAD L. MCCANCE M’92

Atlantic, Iowa, joined the Southwest Iowa Surgery Practice, a member of Cass County Health System. He and his wife, Laurel, have three children.

JOEL A. TRANS M’92

Albion, Neb., received the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award from the National Medical Honor Society of Alpha Omega Alpha. The award recognizes work with UNMC medical students.

SUSAN K. ROCK N’93

Omaha, Neb., handles triage clinic calls from her home part time for the Diabetes Center at The Nebraska Medical Center. She and her husband, Dan, have five children.

LISA L. SAMUELSON M’93

Los Altos Hills, Calif., is a pediatrician at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Her husband, Andrew, recently graduated from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and matched in internal medicine. The couple has three children.

JOHN L. ALLEN M’94

Keahey, Neb., practices radiology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, eMedicine, an online medical service, with Nicholas Lorenzo, M’88.

SEBASTIAN CONLEY N’94

Omaha, Neb., is a gynecological clinical nurse specialist at Methodist Hospital. She recently traveled to Australia on behalf of PEPSI, a medical software resource company, to promote a gynecological nursing product, for which she is in-charge.

TINA C. MOMMENS N’94

Omaha, Neb., is director of PhysMed, Inc. Home Health. She previously worked on the bone marrow transplant floor at UNMC.

DIANE R. ZACHER N’94

Branson West, Mo., received medical retirement after completing more than 11 years in the United States Air Force. She enjoys retirement with her Newman husband, Paul.

ROCHELLE R. ANTOINE N’95

Roseville, S.C., is a registered nurse at Indian Health Services. She previously was employed with Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Departments for Kids Connection.

KARI L. BATHLOMOWE N’95

Lincoln, Neb., is a registered nurse coordinator at Hickford Cottage in Lincoln.

CASEY M. CORTNEY PT’95

Neb., owns a new private practice with interests in wound care, women’s health, myofascial release and wellness.

JILL FERRY PA’95

Papillion, Neb., is an ACLS and PALS instructor. She has three children.

STEVEN G. LARKE M’95

Papillion, Neb., was named emergency department medical director at Crawford County Memorial Hospital. He served as chief resident for one year at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. He and his wife, Jemi, have five children.

TED R. MIKULS M’95

Omaha, Neb., is an associate professor of rheumatology at UNMC. He received one of UNMC’s New Investigators Awards in 2007, as well as the 2008 Joseph P. Gimere Award.

KATHRYN A. VUPR M’95

Williams Bay, Wis., does on-site nursing home psychiatry and forensics.

FEZZY J. SCOTT N’95

Raleigh, N.C., enjoys her new position at Rex University of North Carolina Health Care as a cancer navigator for lung, gastrointestinal, pancreatic and liver cancers.
**REBECCA D. CHURCH**
Lackland AFB, Texas, worked as a clinical nurse on a busy post-surgical trauma floor, but deployed to Iraq in May to use her nursing skills on a higher level. She will become a 1st Lt. in March 2009. She also has received a nursing service award.

**ELIZABETH J. HYTREK**
Omaha, Neb., is a research nurse at UNMC.

**RANDY L. ORSRBON**
Mt. Kerman, Ohio, is a clinical lipid specialist.

**PAMELA C. PHIPPS**
Casper, Wyo., is a head nurse and will get her orthopedic nurse certification in a year. She hopes to be in the master’s program for her CNS at UNMC this fall.

**HEATHER D. SAUNDERS**
Deaver, Colo., is in process of taking her North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and begin her career as a licensed pharmacist. Her husband’s job at Continental Fire Sprinkler Company has taken them to Denver.

**Medical Residents**

**MAGGIE JANE BROWNELL**
P’06
San Diego, Calif., is currently completing her post graduate year two residency in infectious diseases at the University of California Medical Center.

**Marriages**

**NATALIE D. AUSTIN**
P’00
Sewickley, Pa., married Raymond Austin on Sept. 22, 2008.

**ELIZABETH J. HYTREK**
P’06
Omaha, Neb., married Timothy McEvoy in May 5, 2006. The couple resides in Omaha.

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P’98

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P’97

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P’97

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Colorado Springs, Colo., and husband, Ryan, welcomed Aaron Andrew on Nov. 8, 2007.

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P’00

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P’04

**RICHARD C. DELFS**
P’04

**M. LOUIS MURPHY**
P’04

**HAILEY E. FAEHRLZ**
P’02
Bennington, Neb., and husband, Kory, welcomed Rainie Thomas on June 10, 2007.

**JENNIFER SHERMAN**
P’02

**ANDREA M. FOLTZ**
P’04

**SARAH BROUGHTON**
P’05

**REBECCA D. CHURCH**
P’05

**AARON WENBURG**
P’02
Olathe, Kan., and husband, Mike, welcomed Addison Paige on April 24, 2007.

**JEREMY J. ELLIS**
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Columbus, Ohio, welcomed son, Samuel William, on Feb. 20, 2007.

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P’99
Sharon, Neb., and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Stoolman, welcomed Sophie Ann on Aug. 1, 2007.

**ELIZABETH J. HYTREK**
P’99
Omaha, Neb., welcomed Austin in October 2007.

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**GREGORY J. REDLINE**
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P’93

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P’58
Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 20, 2007.

**HILARIE L. REDLINE**
P’58

**BRENDIA J. KEMLING**
P’00
Farmington, Ga., and husband, Michael, welcomed Ilia Joan on April 30, 2007.

**RATH E. LUDWIG**
P’00
Omaha, Neb., and husband, Joseph, welcomed son, Samuel William, on Feb. 20, 2007.

**MINDY E. LAVICKY**
P’00
Kearney, Neb., and husband, Brian, welcomed twins, Taron and Kolton, on Feb. 8, 2008.

**HALIE L. REDLINE**
P’01
Columbus, Ohio, welcomed son, Samuel Michael, on June 7, 2007.

**SUSAN K. ROCK**
P’03
Omaha, Neb., and husband, Dan, welcomed Rebecca Danielle on June 7, 2007.

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