Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education
Fast Facts

New home to: UNMC College of Medicine
Location: Northeast corner of 42nd and Emile streets
Cost: $52.7 million (expected to be entirely funded by private donations)
Size: 134,183-square-foot, four-level building
Expected completion: Fall of 2008

Building features:
- Technologically enhanced classrooms;
- Patient-focused clinical skills laboratories;
- Multi-purpose conference space for continuing education; and
- Student interaction space that will provide enhanced interdisciplinary educational opportunities.

Building's namesake: Michael Sorrell, M.D., a legendary physician and administrator at UNMC for the past 35 years.

Benefactors: Omahans Ruth and Bill Scott made the largest donation to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the $52.7 million building.

Energy efficient: The Sorrell Center will be the first building on campus to be certified by LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high performance, sustainable buildings.

Unique landscaping: Creation of a pedestrian corridor between the College of Pharmacy and the Sorrell Center and 42nd and 40th Streets. The corridor will feature quiet areas for student interaction and study.

Building materials: Similar to the Durham Research Center, the cast-in-place concrete building will feature limestone, brick and glass curtain wall. The building will connect via a skywalk over 42nd Street to fourth floor of Wittson Hall.

What's Inside

Classrooms:
- Two 220-seat amphitheaters
- Four 80-seat classrooms
- 22 small group rooms
- One 60-seat presentation room
- Two 24-seat medium group rooms

Learning labs:
- Clinical skills teaching lab
- Nursing critical care skills lab
- Two patient simulation labs
- Technology and teaching labs
- Ten large clinical skills examination rooms
- Six small clinical skills examination rooms

Student & faculty support facilities:
- Student atrium
- Student study lounges and support areas
- Graduate medical education
- Education support
- Academic affairs
- Faculty development center

College of Medicine administration:
- Dean's office and support space

Campus Multipurpose Conference Center:
- 500-seat campus multi-purpose conference and events center
- Reception center/reading room
- Breakout rooms