

## Ruth and Bill Scott

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Ruth and Bill Scott of Omaha provided the lead gift to the UNMC College of Nursing's Center for College of Nursing Sciences, furthering their commitment to UNMC's vision of becoming a world-class health sciences center.

Ruth and Bill Scott are deeply rooted and invested in the Omaha community. They contribute to its progress, health and vitality in a quiet but exceptional way.

Their gift benefiting the College of Nursing is one of several commitments they have made in support of major building projects at UNMC. In 2003, they were among eight principal benefactors of the Durham Research Center on the UNMC campus. Their gift established the Ruth and Bill Scott Neuroscience Research Laboratories on the third floor of the Durham Research Center.

In addition, the creation of the Nebraska Arthritis Center for Outcomes Research at UNMC was made possible by a gift from Ruth and Bill Scott. The center was established to conduct studies which will provide a better understanding of arthritis through detailed analysis of the many determinants used to predict outcomes for arthritis sufferers. The center is directed by two of UNMC's leading physicians — Kevin Garvin, M.D., professor and chairman of orthopedic surgery, and James O'Dell, M.D., professor, internal medicine, and chief of the rheumatology & immunology section. The center is located in Poynter Hall. Additionally, they supported Dr. Garvin in his efforts to create an orthopedic surgery research laboratory at the Peter Kiewit Institute.

Most recently, Ruth and Bill Scott made a significant gift supporting three major projects and principal priorities at UNMC: a new College of Public Health building—the Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health; a College of Medicine building named for world-renowned scientist and physician, Michael F. Sorrell, M.D; and a four-season Student Plaza. Their gift puts the finishing touches on a five-year project creating a new academic campus at UNMC in a common area bounded by 40th, 42nd and Emile Streets and Dewey Avenue.

Bill Scott is a 1953 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration. The Ashland, Neb., native joined Buffett Partnership in 1959 and Berkshire Hathaway in 1970 where he remained until the early 1990s. Prior to that, he was with the trust department at U.S. National Bank's Investment Division; a money manager in Detroit, Mich.; with the investment department at Banker's Life in Des Moines; and a state bank examiner with the Nebraska Department of Banking.

Ruth Scott earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1952. She went on to teach school and later founded the Omaha Bridge Studio where she teaches "the game she loves so much."