

## Grant to bring unique art exhibit to Omaha

by Tim Kaldahl, UNO media relations

UNMC and the University of Nebraska at Omaha have received a \$3,500 grant from the Nebraska Arts Council to help bring a unique art exhibition to the UNO Art Gallery called "Saving Faces: Art and Medicine."



The exhibit features barber Henry de Lotbiniere, who has undergone 15 operations in 13 years to arrest the spread of the salivary gland cancer which has lost him an eye and all the bones on the left side of his face and head.

"The funding from the Nebraska Arts Council highlights how important and unique this show will be," said Deborah-Eve Lombard, director of the UNO Art Gallery. "The exhibition truly combines the best of art, science, hope and healing."

It features 42 portraits by Scottish portrait artist Mark Gilbert showing patients with head and neck cancer at various stages of their treatment. Gilbert's exhibition was spawned by an invitation from Iain Hutchinson, M.D., a British maxillofacial surgeon who treats head and neck cancer patients. Dr. Hutchinson invited Gilbert to come to the Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgery Unit of St. Bartholomew's and Royal London Hospital and see for himself what these patients go through. The paintings he created provide a visual narrative of the healing process.

"Gilbert's portraits capture his subjects' transformation, bringing the viewer into contact with their suffering and healing," said Virginia Aita, Ph.D., associate professor of preventive and societal medicine at UNMC. "What stands out is the dignity and humanity portrayed in the portraits."

### August Silver "U" recipients announced

The following UNMC employees received this month's Chancellor's Silver "U" Award:

- Debbie Vidlak, research technologist II, pathology/microbiology, College of Medicine
- Daniel Michalak, senior electrical engineer, architecture/engineering, Business & Finance
- Holly Dixon, occupational therapist, Munroe-Meyer Institute
- John Eagle, manager-campus TV, video services, Information Technology Services
- Diane Landon, program coordinator, physician assistant, School of Allied Health Professions
- Sandra Goerzinger-Comer, director, public affairs, Chancellor's Office

The exhibition will be on display in the UNO Art Gallery during January and February of 2006. A companion speaker series in conjunction with "Saving Faces" will be open to the public and will provide a rare opportunity to explore the integration of art and medicine and the nature of healing.

For more information about the "Saving Faces: Art and Medicine" exhibition and speaker series, contact either Dr. Aita at (402) 559-5157 or Lombard at (402) 554-2796. The UNO Art Gallery is located in the Weber Fine Arts Building on UNO's main campus, 60th and Dodge streets.

### Congressman Osborne visits UNMC

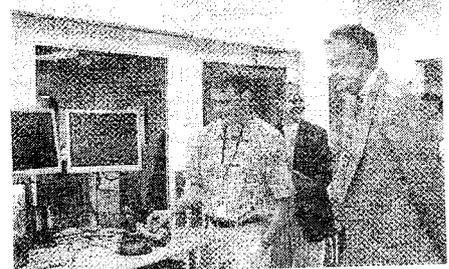
by Karen Burbach, UNMC public affairs

Congressman Tom Osborne and members of his staff spent Monday afternoon on the UNMC campus to learn about some of the cutting-edge technology being used.

The 3rd District congressman and former University of Nebraska football coach was accompanied by his staff, which included:

Bruce Rieker, chief of staff, Jeremiah Blake, legislative assistant, Nancy Eberle, central area director, and Vicki Powell, campaign manager.

During his visit, Osborne toured the Flow



Congressman Tom Osborne watches Jason Dumpert, left, demonstrate how miniature robots, developed through a collaborative project between UNMC and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, work in a surgical setting.

Cytometry Core Facility in the Durham Research Center, received an update on stem cell research, met with Dmitry Oleynikov, M.D., director of education and training for the minimally invasive and computer-assisted surgery initiative, to learn about micro robotics, and visited with John Chan, M.D., professor, department of pathology and microbiology and co-director of the Center for Lymphoma & Leukemia Research, on microarray technology.

Earlier in the day, Osborne had lunch with UNMC representatives to discuss biotechnology's role in growing Nebraska's economy.

Osborne is one of three candidates seeking Nebraska's 2006 GOP gubernatorial nomination. The others are Gov. Dave Heineman and Omaha businessman Dave Nabity.