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Burn Nurse **Returning from Iraq** Receives Nursing Pin and Degree

Last spring, while his fellow nursing students worried about getting to class on time, **Bob Hafner, RN**, was stationed in Iraq, worried about treating a severely burned local woman.

A registered nurse at The University of Kansas Hospital's Burnett Burn Center for four years, Hafner was studying online with the KU School of Nursing for his Bachelor of Science in Nursing. When his Army Reserve unit was deployed to Al Asad in western Iraq in September 2007, he had eight hours of his degree to complete – and his wife **Janelle** was pregnant with their first child.

Not deterred, Hafner coordinated with the nursing school to finish his degree while serving as a



Bob Hafner, RN, accepts his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from **Karen Miller, RN, PhD**, dean, KU School of Nursing (center), in a surprise presentation in the hospital's burn unit. **Rita Clifford, RN, PhD**, associate dean, Student Affairs, offered congratulations.

nurse at a combat support hospital in Iraq.

"Bob interacted with his classmates online, and his military experiences in Iraq added so much depth to their courses – and offered them a completely different perspective," said **Karen**

Miller, RN, PhD, dean, Schools of Nursing and Allied Health.

While the U.S. Marine-controlled air base had no burn unit, Hafner quickly became the burn expert, consulting on all burn cases. He estimates between

60 and 70 percent of the hospital's patients were Iraqi army, police and civilians.

"We had fewer resources available to us than I was used to, even when it came to certain types of band-aids," Hafner explained. "And because of the nature of the environment, it wasn't as clean."

Despite many challenges, he continued his studies and maintained his focus, even during difficult emotional times. His wife delivered daughter **Anya** two months prematurely. He was rushed back to the U.S. for three weeks while their infant was in Neonatal Intensive Care. She was still in the NICU when he had to return to Iraq.

In May, Hafner had to settle for graduating long distance, from half-way around the world. He returned home in June.

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Hospital Authority Board Elects First New Leader Since 1999

Lawrence businessman Robert Honse was elected to chair The University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board at

a board meeting July 8.

The retired president of the former Farmland Industries, Inc., Honse has been on the Authority Board

since 2000. His election as chair elicited praise from **Bob Page**, hospital president and chief executive officer.

"Bob Honse not only has provided sage business counsel during his eight years on the board, he has

developed a sure understanding of the complexities of academic medicine. I look forward to working with him and the other board members," Page said.

Renowned Wichita surgeon

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George Farha, MD, stepped down as board chair, a position he has held since 1999. He remains on the Authority Board and its executive committee.

“George Farha deserves a lot of credit for the dramatic turnaround of The University of Kansas Hospital over the 10-year history of the Authority,” Honse said. “He was a powerful voice, insisting the hospital’s focus should be on the patient – even in those early days of financial challenges. That focus laid the foundation for developing the hospital into a national leader in academic medicine.”

KU chancellor **Robert Hemenway, PhD**, will continue as the board’s vice chair.

Established in 1998 when the Hospital Authority was created, the 19-member board is the public oversight body that governs the operations of the hospital.

Resident, Fellow Research Day Winners Named

Winners of the University of Kansas School of Medicine’s Resident & Fellow Research Day included:

Oral Presentations

RESIDENTS

- 1st – **Tanya Scurry, MD**, Psychiatry
- 2nd – **Weesam Al-Khatib, MD**, General Surgery
- 3rd – **Paul Leahy, MD**, Plastic Surgery

FELLOWS

- 1st – **Sachin Wani, MD**, Gastroenterology
- 2nd – **Prasanth Reddy, MD**, Hematology/Oncology
- 3rd – **Amit Kumar, MD**, Cardiovascular Diseases

Poster Presentations

RESIDENTS

- 1st – **Kristi Canty, MD**, Dermatology
- 2nd – **Xiaoying “Carol”**

Liu, MD, Pathology/
Laboratory Medicine

- 3rd (tie) – Liu and **Jeremy Schue, MD**, Internal Medicine

FELLOWS

- 1st – **Soheila Hamidpour, MD**, Cytopathology
- 2nd – **Renuka Basavaraju, MD**, Allergy/Immunology/
Rheumatology
- 3rd – **Christopher Lynch, MD**, Gastroenterology/
Hepatology/Motility

Worlds of Fun Family Event Tickets On Sale

Discount tickets are on sale for The University of Kansas Hospital’s Worlds of Fun Family Fun Event Saturday, Aug. 23.

The event includes a free catered lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Festhaus.

Discount tickets for hospital employees are \$20 for Worlds of Fun or \$28 for both Worlds

of Fun and Oceans of Fun. (Regular prices are \$39 for WOF and \$52 for both parks.)

Each hospital employee wearing a badge can purchase up to four tickets on a first-come, first-served basis. Sales are cash only.

Purchase tickets:

Thursday, July 10

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., outside hospital Human Resources, B131
- 3:30 to 4 p.m., KU MedWest

Friday, July 11

- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., main break room, Administration Center, Westwood Campus
- 2 to 3 p.m., outside hospital Human Resources, B131

Tickets are limited. Any remaining tickets will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, outside hospital Human Resources.

Contact **Jane Gonzalez**, jgonzale@kumc.edu, or **Eileen Stanton**, estanton2@kumc.edu, for more information.

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Sertoma Supports KUMC Hearing and Speech Efforts

The Lenexa Sertoma Club recently donated \$3,500 to the University of Kansas Medical Center’s Hartley Family Center (HFC) for the deaf and hard of hearing. The club has supported Hearing and Speech at KUMC for more than 10 years. Part of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology program, the HFC provides early intervention services to deaf and hard-of-hearing children from newborn to three years old, and their families. Attending the presentation were (from left) **Kay Smith**, speech-language pathologist; **Frank Fuller**, president, Lenexa Sertoma Club; **John Ferraro, PhD**, chair, Hearing and Speech, and 20-year Sertoma member; and **Christine Adams**, KU Endowment.



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eXtracurricular

Thursday, July 10

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/MEMORY Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Phyllis Switzer, facilitator, 2-3:30 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging.

LUNG CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Second and fourth Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, July 11

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY GRAND ROUNDS: "Basics of MRI for the General Neurologist," Colleen Lechtenberg, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

LONDON CENTER ON AGING Chat 'n' Chew: Free family movie, "Meet the Robinsons," rated G, 6-8 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Information: Hallie Kates-Calloway, 8-0606.

Tuesday, July 15

BROWNBAG SERIES, LONDON CENTER on Aging: "Untangling the Mysteries of Alzheimer's," Jeff Burns, MD, noon-1 p.m., 200

Landon Center. Register: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP: Third Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., White Heart Learning and Resource Center Conference Room, Center for Advanced Heart Care. Information: 8-1227.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE Wellness Program: Covers diagnosis, symptoms, medical treatments and deep brain stimulation, Jules Nazzaro, MD, and Kelly Lyons, PhD, 6-7 p.m., Atrium, Westwood Campus. Register: 8-1227.

Wednesday, July 16

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SEMINAR: "Addressing Minority Health Disparities in Smoking Cessation," Christine Daley, PhD, and Lisa Cox, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Clendening Auditorium. Register: Ryan Verstraete, 8-5261.

BROWNBAG SERIES, LONDON CENTER on Aging: "Elder Law Series: Long-Term Care Planning," Jill Watskey, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Register: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

Thursday, July 17

BLOOD AND MARROW Transplant Support Group: 1-2:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT Group: 7-9 p.m., Rieke Auditorium. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, July 18

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY GRAND ROUNDS: "Surgical Techniques in the Treatment of Epilepsy," Maria Li, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

LONDON CENTER ON AGING Chat 'n' Chew: Free family movie, "Bee Movie," rated G, 6-8 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Information: Hallie Kates-Calloway, 8-0606.

Saturday, July 19

BREASTFEEDING Parenting Class: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Fee is \$15. Register: 8-1227.

Run/Walk Aug. 2 Will Benefit Pediatrics

"A Chance for Children," which is a 5K run/walk, and the Molly and Matthew Kirse Kid's Fun Run will benefit the youngest patients at The University of Kansas Hospital and the University of Kansas Medical Center. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer patients, Pediatric Intensive Care and Neonatal Intensive Care.

The event is 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, outside Building 40 in Corporate Woods, 9401 Indian Creek Parkway, Overland Park. All registered participants, including children, receive free T-shirts. The Shawnee/Kansas City Delta Delta Delta Alumnae Association and the Molly and Matthew Kirse Memorial present the event.

Visit achanceforchildren.com or active.com to register or for more information. To participate in a raffle for the event, contact **Linda Schuck**, KU Children's Center, 8-0448, or **Adrienne Liebergen, RN**, Cystic Fibrosis/Pulmonary, 8-6320. Prizes include concert and movie tickets, gift certificates, gift baskets and more.

To volunteer for the event, contact **Jennifer Kirse**, jkirse@kc.rr.com.

Medical School Sponsors Author Talk

The University of Kansas School of Medicine will co-sponsor an author presentation about the infamous Kansas "Goat-Gland Wizard" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library, 4801 Main St.

Pope Brock will discuss his recent book, "Charlatan: America's Most Dangerous Huckster, The Man Who Pursued Him, And The Age Of Flimflam." It details the story of con man John Brinkley, who made a fortune in the 1920s and 1930s with a supposed cure for male impotence.

A 6 p.m. reception precedes the presentation. Reservations are required for the free event. Call 816-701-3407, or visit kclibrary.org and click on July 17 in the Calendar of Events.

Dementia Is Continuing Education Topic

"Dementia: Diagnoses, Planning and Management," a continuing education program, is 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, in the Landon Center on Aging.

Presenters include **James Berger**, **Jeff Burns, MD**, **Alicia Clair, PhD**, **Marty Eng, Pharm D**, and **Sharee Wiggins, RN**. The target audience is physicians, nurses, administrators, social workers and allied health professionals who care for geriatric patients in any setting.

The University of Kansas Central Plains Geriatric Education Center offers the program. Registration fee is \$60. To attend, contact **Wujeong Duncan**, 8-1464, or wduncan@kumc.edu.



eXchange

Please send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication and run on a space-available basis.

Vehicles

2005 BMW 330i, 24K, black with tan interior, manual, premium sound, under factory warranty, excellent condition. 913-972-5212.

2002 TOYOTA COROLLA LE, 53K, silver, power, 1 owner, maintenance update, Blue Book value, \$8,700, asking \$7,900. 913-904-8224.

1990 HONDA ACCORD, high mileage, 5-speed, blue with gray interior, well maintained, \$850 OBO. 913-562-7795.

For Sale

BLUE COUCH, upholstered, good condition, includes 2 throw pillows, \$250, you pick up. 913-707-5038.

CARGO MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, for Chevy/GMC trucks, 1 large and 2 small lockable welded aluminum tool boxes, 3 track sections, listed for \$1,400, asking \$700. 913-390-9043.

OFFICE executive chair and large glass-top desk, \$150; computer desk, \$20. 913-638-6014.

KOVE ARMAGEDDON SPEAKERS, 2-10" pro series subs, includes custom box, \$225 OBO, will consider trades. 816-529-9513.

COFFEE AND END TABLES, round beveled glass top, sand colored stone base, both for \$200. 816-529-0538.

LIGHTLY USED SCRUBS, multi-pattern, size medium tops, size small-long pants, \$10/pair. 601-307-2769.

STAINED GLASS, blue with white/gold tones, 16"x27", \$99. 816-560-7599.

Garage Sales

INDEPENDENCE, 11412 E. 37th St., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday, July 10, deep freeze, washer/dryer, dresser and more. 816-682-8646.

LENEXA MULTI-FAMILY SALE, 7816 Long, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, July 11, and Saturday, July 12, furniture, golf accessories, computers, electronics, housewares, men's high-end clothing. 816-260-7580.

MOVING SALE, 4811 W. 66th St., Friday-Saturday, July 18-19, toddler clothes, women's shoes, storage cabinets, sofa table, TV, home décor. 913-940-4121.

Housing

• FOR SALE

OLATHE HOME, 14739 S. Locust, 3 BR, 2½ BA, 2-car garage, full basement, hardwood floors, updated interior, covered back deck, yard, storage shed, \$180,000. 913-424-2958.

• FOR RENT

PLAZA CONDO, 2 BR, 2 BA, gourmet kitchen, washer/dryer, 2400 sq. ft., 2 parking spaces, \$2,100/month, electricity and gas included. 620-273-6236.

TOWNHOUSE, 2 or 3 BR, 3½ BA, all appliances, garage, security system, 10-minute walk from KUMC, \$1,600/month, utilities included. 620-273-6236.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE, 3 BR, 2½ BA, new kitchen, updated bathrooms,

electrical wiring, 2-car garage, great yard, close to KUMC, \$1,500/month plus utilities. 913-268-7489.

Carpool

JOHNSON COUNTY to KUMC, work hours, M-F, 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m., or 5 a.m.-1:30 p.m., meet at 123rd Street and Quivira Road area. 913-642-1837.

Wanted

POWER SUPPLY CORD for HP 1400 series. 913-908-1263.

NANNY/BABYSITTER for 5-month-old in western Shawnee. 913-441-2933.

Pet

PLECO FISH, algae sucker, 5" long. 913-907-9950.

eXtra: Find these and other classifieds on the hospital intranet, 24/7, <http://intranet.kumc.edu>.

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Hospital burn unit employees welcomed him with a celebration July 8. As a surprise, Miller presented Hafner his degree and nursing pin. Surrounded by his colleagues, wife and bright-eyed, laughing baby girl, the honoree was nearly speechless.

Rita Clifford, RN, PhD, associate dean, Student Affairs, explained the nursing school's RN completion program Hafner enrolled in is especially geared toward associate degree nurses, so they can earn their BSNs while still working.

Hafner returns to the hospital Monday, July 14. "I had a number of leadership experiences while I was in Iraq that should help me back on the burn unit," he said.

As for nursing training, he says he's not done. He'll begin a master's program this fall. His goal is to become an acute care nurse practitioner by mid-2010.

Lose Weight with Weigh to Go! Program

Weigh to Go! is a free six- to eight-week weight loss program for

The University of Kansas Hospital employees.

One-hour sessions include:

- Individualized meal plans
- Nutrition information
- Support from a registered dietitian
- Continued education

Classes begin Tuesday, July 29, at the Westwood Campus, and Thursday, July 31, at the hospital.

Both mid-day and evening classes are available. Times and dates are listed on the hospital intranet, 24/7. To register, contact **Kim Self**, Compensation and Benefits, ksself@kumc.edu.

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