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Documentary, Book Highlight **Hospital WWII Unit**

On Veterans Day 2008, you can rediscover a piece of history about the crucial role of University of Kansas Medical Center physicians and nurses during World War II. With 40 doctors and 60

Africa, treating and saving thousands of soldiers' lives.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, KUMC will reissue "Medicine Under Canvas: A War Journal of the 77th Evacuation Hospital." Originally issued in 1949, the book was written by the late **Max Allen, MD**, who later became a teaching legend at the medical school. **Dan Ginavan**, KUMC Video Production, is managing editor of the new edition.

A companion documentary premieres the same day. It features interviews with more than a dozen surviving members of the unit and never-before-released color footage shot by doctors with

a 16 millimeter camera.

Ginavan co-wrote, directed and filmed the documentary. **Maida Hulston**, KUMC Video Production, edited the film, which took nearly five years to produce.

"We wanted to make the documentary to honor the commitment and sacrifice of these people," Ginavan said. "Their duty was to save lives, which is very different than the duty of most soldiers sent to war."

The book and film offer insight into military medicine of the day, as well as what it was like trying to practice medicine under tent-hospital conditions. A tidbit: the Army sent

Where to Find the Film and Book

Show times for the free screenings of the documentary Tuesday, Nov. 11:

- 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Screenland Theatre at the Crossroads, Kansas City, Mo.
- 5 p.m., Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union, KU-Lawrence

The book and the DVD of the documentary are available at the KUMC Bookstore and at kumedbooks.com.



Nurses from the 77th Evac Unit

nurses, the 77th Evacuation Hospital Unit saw action across Europe and North

nurses to serve in the mud and muck of a field unit with seven white dress uniforms.

eXtra: For film details and video clips, visit kumc.edu/ea/relations/uvideo/77th_project.html.

Hospital Boasts New Technology to Fight Cancer

A massive machine weighing in at 30,000 pounds, the Novalis Tx linear accelerator is

The University of Kansas Hospital's newest weapon in the battle against cancer.

The \$4 million machine represents "the next generation" of radiation technology for cancer patients,

according to **Jeff Wright**, executive director, Cancer Services. The hospital will be the first in the metro area to offer this technology to patients.

The machine is so new that Duke Medical Center was the world's first to use it earlier this year. Hospital staff will begin using the Novalis Tx Feb. 1 to treat patients in Radiation Oncology on the main hospital campus.

Among the machine's

claims to fame is its extreme accuracy. It delivers high-powered doses of radiation with less than 1 millimeter of error, Wright said. Two onboard imaging systems determine the exact size, shape and position of a tumor or lesion and then contour a radiation beam to match it. Because the tumor can be targeted so precisely, radiation kills deadly cancer cells while minimizing or eliminating damage to surrounding

healthy tissues and structures.

Debbie Price, chief/manager of radiation therapy, Radiation Oncology, said the new machine will allow physicians to perform noninvasive radiosurgery procedures with greater accuracy and effectiveness than ever before. Noninvasive radiosurgery means there is no "knife," no incision, no blood – and therefore little recovery time.

The Novalis Tx offers many

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benefits to the hospital's cancer patients, explained **Rajeev Badkul**, clinical radiation physicist, Radiation Oncology, including:

- Far fewer treatments are needed for some types of tumors.
- Certain brain tumors can be treated without traditional surgery.
- Some inoperable tumors can be effectively treated.
- Real-time imagining allows physicians to track changes in tumors day to day, so they know whether the treatment plan is working.

About 20 physicians and Radiation Oncology staff members will be trained to use the Novalis Tx, Badkul estimates.

"For our cancer patients, the new linear accelerator means they can receive the very latest in radiation technology right here, without having to travel long distances away from home," Wright concluded.

Enroll Online for 2009 Hospital Benefits

The University of Kansas Hospital employees can enroll in and make changes to their 2009 benefit selections until 11 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24.

Log onto *bluesenroll.com* or *BenefitsConnection* on 24/7 to make changes or to participate in the Flexible Spending Accounts. Login ID is your first name, first initial of your last name and last four digits of your Social Security number (SSN). Your full SSN is the password.

New this year:

- Employees can purchase up to \$200,000 in supplemental term life insurance without proof of medical insurability, or five times their annual salary, whichever is less. It also is available to spouses and dependent children.

Schedule for Free Flu Shots

Staff, students and volunteers can get a free vaccination within the next week at these locations. For updated listings, check 24/7.

Occupational Health

- Friday, Nov. 7, and Wednesday, Nov. 12, 8-10 a.m.

Units 15B, 46, 53, CVOR and CVP

- Daily through Tuesday, Nov. 18, except 7-8 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.

KUMC Student Health Services (students only)

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

KU MedWest, Pod D

- Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

After Tuesday, Nov. 18, flu shots will be available during Occupational Health's immunization clinics 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

- The limit for the health care Flex Spending Account (FSA) has increased to \$4,000 annually. (Even if you make no changes to your benefits, you must enroll each year in health care and dependent care FSAs to participate.)

Don't want to continue benefits for 2009? Go online to *BenefitsConnection* and select "waive coverage" to

cancel benefits. Your current benefit selections will continue for 2009 if you do not cancel enrollment by Nov. 24.

Check 24/7 for the dates and times Human Resources staff is available to assist you. Or call 877-336-8083, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

eXtra: For information on the hospital's new FSA provider, MHM, visit *mhmresources.com*.

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Spine Center Dedication Draws Crowd

More than 150 guests attended a private dedication ceremony for the new **Marc A. Asher, MD**, Comprehensive Spine Center at The University of Kansas Hospital. Asher has dedicated his life to the academic practice of orthopedic surgery and has conducted significant research furthering knowledge of treating spinal deformities. He and wife **Ellie** (right) are long-time donors to spine research at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The **George Varghese, MD**, Spine Learning and Resource Center honors the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department chair and lifelong champion for the treatment of spine diseases and disorders (far right, center). He celebrated with family and colleagues, including **Brenda Dykstra**, Business and Strategic Development (left), and **Douglas Burton, MD**, Orthopedic Surgery. A conference room also was dedicated in memory of the late **James McLean, MD**, the center's first director.



Please send news and calendar items to mmurphy@kumc.edu or contact Marli Murphy at 5-5192. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

eXtracurricular

Friday, Nov. 7

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Quality Measures Reporting: AAN, PCPI, CMS and You," Richard Dubinsky, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Type 1 Diabetes: Basics of Insulin and Patient Management," David Robbins, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER EQUIPMENT Drop-Off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Information: 8-1081.

LONDON CENTER ON AGING Research Seminar Series: "The Evolution of Fat," Lisa Stehno-Bittel, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

Saturday, Nov. 8

DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT Event: Free flu shots for those 18 and older; bring canned good or paper product donation for Harvesters; 8 a.m.-1 p.m., follow signs from 39th Avenue and Rainbow Boulevard.

BREATH OF LIFE BALL to Benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation: Bob Page, hospital president and CEO, event chair; and Steven Stites, MD, Internal Medicine, honorary chair;

6:30 p.m. cocktails and silent auction, 8 p.m. dinner and auction, 9:30 p.m. music and dancing, Westin Crown Center Hotel. Information: heartofamerica.cff.org/ball.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

VETERANS DAY: University of Kansas Medical Center holiday.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH Grand Rounds: "Five Things You Didn't Know About Oral Health," Kathy Weno, DDS, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

SOUL FOOD SAMPLER: Southern-style specialties, \$5 per plate includes meat, bread, 2 sides; drinks and desserts \$1 each; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hixson Atrium. Event benefits Student National Medical Association.

VEGETARIAN COOKING DEMO and menu sampling: "More Veggies, Please!" and "Dietitian's Top 10 Reasons to Eat More Vegetables," 6-7 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Diabetes information displays, 5-6 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m. Register: 8-3960 by Monday, Nov. 10.

Thursday, Nov. 13

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Seminar: "How to Set Up and Begin Basic Science Research," panel discussion with Beth Levant, PhD; Paul Terranova, PhD; and Peter Smith, PhD; noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing Auditorium. Lunch provided; pre-registration required: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Second Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m., Phyllis Switzer, 145 Landon Center on Aging. Information: 8-6981.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE Don Carlos Guffey Lecture: "Establishing a Network of Control Technologies: A New Perspective on the Rise of Surgery in the 19th and 20th Centuries," Thomas Schlich, MD, 4:30 p.m. reception, 5 p.m. lecture, Clendening Auditorium. Information: Glenda Gochenour, 8-7098.

LUNG CANCER Support Group: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Brandmeyer Patient Resource Center, Westwood Campus.

KUMC WWI Hospital Unit Is Topic

The program, "Armistice and Influenza: Base Hospital #28 Goes from Kansas City to France in 1918," will be presented 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in Clendening Library.

The event includes a 5 p.m. reception followed by a presentation by **Fredrick Holmes, MD**, KU Medical School professor emeritus. He will discuss the base hospital's formation and deployment overseas, as well as challenges the unit faced with surgery, anesthesiology, medicine and the flu pandemic.

The University of Kansas Medical Center Archives and Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine will sponsor the program in conjunction with the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Mo. The program honors the 90th anniversary of the WWI armistice. Call 8-7243 for more information.

Enter Hospital Holiday Wreath Contest

Show your creativity, brighten patients' holidays and compete for sweet treats through the annual holiday wreath decorating contest at The University of Kansas Hospital.

Pick up a free wreath between Monday, Nov. 10, and Friday, Nov. 14:

- Main campus: Nursing Central, 2017C Wescoe Pavilion (see **David Woods**)
- Westwood Campus: Marketing, Suite 303
- KU MedWest: Information Desk

Each department can decorate one wreath in either a Winter Wonderland or Holiday Cheer theme. See 24/7 for wreath guidelines. A winning department in each location will earn a dessert platter for its entire team.

Submit the decorated wreath by Friday, Dec. 5, on the main campus, or Monday, Dec. 8, on the Westwood Campus and KU MedWest. Wreaths will be displayed through the hospital's holiday parties and then donated to patients' families. For more information, contact **Ally Moore**, Marketing, amoore6@kumc.edu.

Therapeutic T'ai Chi Lesson Is Nov. 14

A leader in the field of T'ai Chi for health improvement will give a presentation and lesson noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, in the KU School of Nursing Auditorium, GO13.

Paul Lam, MD, a family physician from Sydney, Australia, will discuss studies reporting older adults who practice T'ai Chi improve their balance, strength and flexibility, and reduce osteoarthritis pain and stiffness.

Continuing medical and nursing education credits are available. The nursing school and KU HealthPartners, Inc., sponsor the program. For more information, visit www2.kumc.edu/son/nce/EmergingTrendsProgramSeries.htm.



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Vehicle

1993 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS Ciera, new tires, new brake system, excellent interior/exterior, \$1,200. 816-966-0136.

For Sale

CHRISTMAS TREE: 7.5' Manhattan Pine, 1,000 pre-strung lights, used 3 seasons, paid \$130, asking \$40. 913-262-4865.

IVORY STONE table set: coffee table, 2 end tables, sofa table, 2 lamps, excellent condition, \$200. 816-399-8757.

BLUE COUCH, great condition, \$175, you pick up. 913-707-5038.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES: Reddy kerosene forced-air heater, 125,000 BTU/hr.; 3 fiberglass ladders 31', 20', 16'; 1/2-inch copper ground rods; PVC conduit; GFI outlets, covers, switches and breakers. 913-262-1854.

KU MEDIA GUIDES: basketball – 1999, 2000, 2004, and football – 1999, 2000; basketball programs – 1993 Big 8 tourney, 2002 Big 12 tourney, 2005 NCAA tourney, 1995, 1999, 2000. 913-248-0474.

2 KU MEN'S BASKETBALL tickets for Sunday, Nov. 16, vs. UMKC, and Tuesday, Nov. 18, vs. Florida Gulf Coast, section 10, row 3, seats 1-2, \$45/ticket. 785-867-2505.

BOY'S CLOTHING, sizes 5 and 6, including suit, sweat outfits, miscellaneous. 913-669-1999.

NURSING BOOKS: ACLS Review '07; ACLS Study Guide '07; Rand ACLS Handbook '07; ACLS Review Pearls of Wisdom Q&A; all in good condition, low prices. 816-674-9325.

COACH GLASSES, new, elegant tortoise pattern, non-prescription, \$50. 816-616-4229.

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YAMAHA YPP50 KEYBOARD with bench, \$100 cash. 913-652-6910.

Housing

• FOR RENT

APARTMENT FOR SUBLEASE, 3 BR, 2 BA, Belton, Mo., Raymore-Peculiar school district, \$750/month plus electricity, lease ends August 2009. 816-425-5320.

STUDIO APARTMENT near KUMC, washer/dryer, newer appliances, off-street parking, quiet building, available Dec. 1, \$495/month, includes utilities. 816-769-3598.

HOUSE, 2 BR, 1 BA, large living room, dining room, kitchen, washer/dryer, central AC/heat, off-street parking, \$500/month plus utilities. 913-485-9334.

Wanted

SKILLED CARPET-LAYER to install carpet in living room and hallway of home. 816-564-0304.

ROOMMATE to share 3 BR, 2 BA house, no pets, utilities included with rent. 816-564-0304.

ROOMMATES to share 5 BR, 5 BA, newly remodeled home 10 minutes from KUMC. 816-517-2871.

SLIGHTLY USED COMPUTER for special needs individual; would like Windows XP, Intel Pentium dual-core processor, 2-3 GB memory, 320 GB hard drive, CD burner, DVD player. 815-525-9838.

Pets

MATTIE THE TABBY needs quiet home with no children; yellow long-haired male with white-tipped toes, vaccinated, neutered, declawed, groomed. 913-486-0721.

KIKI THE MAMA CAT, medium-haired yellow tabby, 1-2 years old, spayed, vet work complete, social, great family pet. 913-486-0721.

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

Last Chance to Help United Way

Going, going, gone – you have little more than 24 hours to help thousands of people in the community through your United Way donation.

Campaigns for The University of Kansas Hospital, and for the University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas University Physicians, Inc., conclude at the end of day Friday, Nov. 7.

Hospital Campaign

The hospital's campaign ambassadors must return their pledge forms to Human Resources by 5 p.m. Friday. The hospital's

campaign fund stood at about \$80,000 Nov. 5 – still short of its \$100,000 goal. For a pledge form, visit HR or contact **Lisa Ward**, lward2@kumc.edu, or **Jane Gonzalez**, jgonazale@kumc.edu.

KUMC/KUPI Campaign

The medical center and KUPI extended their joint campaign to Nov. 7 when the original Oct. 31 deadline brought campaign funds close to – but short of – the \$90,000 goal. The tally was at about \$82,000 Nov. 5. Employees can donate at kumc.edu by logging on to my.kumc.edu. For more information, contact **Paula Baum**, External

Affairs, pbaum@kumc.edu.

Live United: advocate, volunteer, donate.

Mammogram Day Dedicated for Staff

Breast Imaging at The University of Kansas Hospital is scheduling appointments for an all-campus Employee Mammogram Day Friday, Dec. 12.

Appointments are available 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion and at KU MedWest. The mammogram is not free; check with your health insurance provider to determine cost. For hospital staff, supplemental insurance

also may apply. Appointments fill quickly. Call 8-1416. Participants receive free gift bags.

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