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It Was a Year of Growth and Success on KUMC Campus

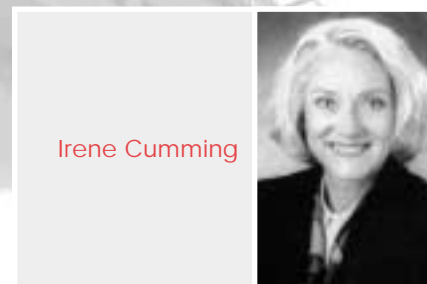
As 2003 comes to a close, *In the Center* asked Irene Cumming, president and chief executive officer of The University of Kansas Hospital, and Donald Hagen, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor, to reflect on the many significant changes and accomplishments on the KUMC campus.

“The quality of programs on campus was validated once again this year by the amount of outside funding we raised,” Hagen said. “KUMC faculty secured \$70 million in life sciences research grants from federal, state and private dollars. And with the Kansas Masonic Foundation’s pledge of \$15 million for the Kansas Cancer Institute at KUMC, the KU First: Invest in Excellence campaign has raised nearly \$114 million for our campus.”

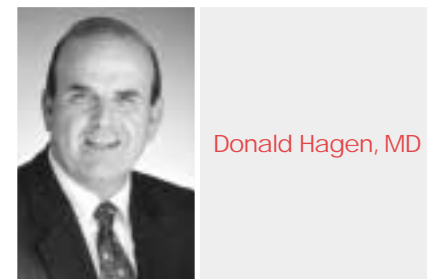
“It was a year of unprecedented growth, reflecting our commitment to quality and outstanding care,” Cumming added. “With the opening of the sixth floor, Cancer Center and Breast Center and the growth of our heart program, we had much to celebrate this year.”

Here are some of the year’s other highlights:

- The **Hoglund Brain Imaging Center** opened in March. The state-of-the-art research center brings together the nation’s top brain researchers and the most advanced brain imaging technology. The center was funded in part by a \$4 million gift to the Kansas University Endowment Association from KU First campaign chair Forrest Hoglund and his wife, Sally, both KU alumni.
- In July, the **hospital’s new sixth floor** opened, concluding a year-long construction project. The addition includes a 22-bed Medical Telemetry Unit and a 14-bed Medical Intensive Care Unit featuring the latest technology in a patient-centered environment. The hospital’s capital expenditures and a Dec. 2002 bond issue paid for the \$21 million project.
- In September, ground was broken for a **KU Biomedical Research Center**, where researchers will work in the areas of proteomics and neurosciences. Construction of the 205,000-square-foot, \$56 million facility began this fall and is expected to be completed by 2006. The Hall Family Foundation of Kansas City pro-



Irene Cumming



Donald Hagen, MD

vided \$27 million toward construction of the building.

- A renovated **Biotechnology Development Center of Greater Kansas City** was also unveiled in September. The community-based, life science incubator at 3800 Cambridge Street is open to biotechnology entrepreneurs whose scientific discoveries may result in new business opportunities and tremendous economic growth for Kansas and the Kansas City metropolitan area.
- Groundbreaking ceremonies Oct. 29 launched construction of

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a new 153,000-square-foot **heart facility** that will serve the hospital's growing cardiac care needs. With the start of construction, a \$10 million capital fundraising campaign is under way. Showing their support for the campaign, cardiologists and cardiovascular, thoracic and vascular surgeons at the hospital announced a \$500,000 gift for the new facility.

- November marked the formal opening of the hospital's expanded outpatient **Cancer Center** and a new **Breast Center** – a combined 30,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment center. The new Breast Center brings all breast cancer diagnostics services together in one area. It features a new digital mammography unit and computer-assisted detection technology that offers patients the latest advances in cancer screening.

Other technological advances included the conversion of the Department of Radiology's film storage system to a digital, Web-enabled system. Installation of diagnostic and clinical review stations began in late November.

Over the next five years, the hospital has earmarked **\$150 million for capital improvement** projects. The total for fiscal year 2003 exceeded \$33 million. The hospital also has benefited from more than \$1 million raised through individual donations and events, such as Treads & Threads at Kansas Speedway and

the Nebraska Furniture Mart gala.

During fiscal year 2003, the hospital continued a five-year trend with physicians serving more patients. April and May recorded the **highest patient volumes in the past 50 years**. Inpatient discharges climbed by nearly eight percent over fiscal year 2002, while outpatient encounters grew by approximately seven percent. At the same time, overall patient conditions were more acute and complex to treat, Cumming noted.

One of the major accomplishments of the **KU School of Medicine** in 2003 included the opening of the student-run **JayDoc Free Clinic** on Southwest Boulevard. The free health clinic, which serves the uninsured and underinsured in Wyandotte County, saw more than 300 patients from Aug.-Dec. 2003. SoM students also achieved a **96 percent pass rate on the Step One exams**, exceeding the national pass rate average of 92 percent.

KU School of Nursing took the lead in establishing the **Center for Healthcare Informatics** at KUMC, created **three new nursing specialty tracks** and has the representation of Dean Karen Miller, RN, PhD, on two national committees examining health care workforce issues.

This year, the **KU School of Allied Health** made great progress in implementing **new doctoral programs** for physical therapy and occupational therapy and has contributed to the life sciences initiative by educating molecular biotechnology students to support basic science laboratories at KUMC and in the Kansas City metropolitan region.

Coming Up

Friday, Jan. 2

- Neurology Grand Rounds, "Pediatric Neurotransmitter Disorders: Models of Basic Neurochemistry," William Graf, MD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 1563a hospital.
- Caregiver Support Group Meeting, "New Year Resolution: Seeing My Situation in a Positive Light," 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Landon Center.

Monday, Jan. 5

- "Environmental Interventions to Promote Healthful Food Choices in School Settings," Simone French, PhD, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

Thursday, Jan. 8

- "How Might Drug Laws Contribute to Health Disparities in Minority Communities," Martin Iguchi, PhD, noon-12:50 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.
- "Home and Community-Based Services for Frail Older Kansans on Medicaid: An Alternative to Nursing Home Care?" Sally Rigler, MD, noon, Sudler Auditorium.

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