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Match Day Opens New Doors For Graduating Medical Students

Was it a match made in heaven? Well, not exactly.

While it was love that brought two University of Kansas School of Medicine students together, it's the National Resident Matching Program that's making sure they stay together.

You could say Sarah White and John Pope were the "perfect match" on Match Day.

The engaged couple were thrilled to find out they are both staying in the Kansas City area when they graduate this spring. They will begin their residency programs – White in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Pope in Medicine-Preliminary and Anesthesiology at KU SoM.



John Pope and Sarah White opened their Match Day envelopes together.

They were just two of 156 graduating medical students to learn where they would do their residencies during the annual ceremonies held March 20 in Battenfeld Auditorium.

Under the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), medical students are paired with residency programs across the country. During their fourth year, students interview for spots in residency programs and then rank their top three choices. The NRMP, using a computerized system, matches students with their highest-ranking programs offering them residencies. The results are then sent to the medical schools for distribution.

Families and friends applauded and took photos as Laura Zeiger, assistant dean of Student Affairs, called anxious medical students to the stage to unseal their envelopes, step to the microphone and read their fate.

Being the last one called proved to be an advantage for Joe Noland. Following a long-standing tradition, students put \$1 into a pool to be awarded to the last student whose name is drawn. Noland won \$90. He also demonstrated that a residency in Family Medicine at KUMC is a good match, as he carried his four-month-old daughter, Niki, above his head as he walked to the stage.

According to Zeiger, all of the students who sought postgraduate training have secured positions, with nearly 35 percent opting to stay in Kansas. This spring, 102 medical students from the KUMC campus and 54 from the Wichita campus will graduate.

After the ceremony, students, families, friends and faculty attended a reception in Francisco Lounge.

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KUMC Faces Further Budget Reductions

At a time when there is so much to be optimistic about at KUMC – our research growth, the completion of the Hoglund Center, the start of design for our new research building, the improvements in the faculty practice, the strength of our academic programs and the quality of our students – we must face the reality of our budget problems.

During the past several weeks, I have worked with our vice chancellors and deans to develop a fiscal year 2004 KUMC budget in line with the governor's recommendations to the legislature. While we appreciate the efforts of state leaders to develop a budget requiring no further cuts, this budget does not

ly health insurance, not included in the governor's budget.

- \$1.2 million will be reallocated to critical educational, research and service initiatives in line with the chancellor's guidance that we make strategic, not across-the-board reductions.
- \$3 million will be held as a reserve against further reductions should the state's revenues continue to fall. This reserve is necessary because of the inflexibility of our personnel systems to make changes during the year. If no further reductions are required, these funds will be reallocated.



Donald Hagen, MD
KUMC Executive Vice Chancellor

I am very aware of the impact these reductions will have on our colleagues whose positions are being eliminated. I am asking our department heads to personally notify those who are affected as soon as possible. We will ensure the employment rights of every person affected and will assist them in either finding another position within the university or elsewhere.

Reducing budget has not been our only response to this crisis. Chancellor Hemenway and I are advocating for the needs of the university before the governor and legislature on a regular basis. The chancellor is also leading a campaign to free the university from the burdens of many state regulations, so that we can stretch the dollars we have.

We are also pursuing a change in the way the Medical Center's budget is prepared that will give appropriate visibility to our statewide programs and recognize the limited role that tuition plays in our budget.

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Executive Forum

hold higher education harmless since our budget has been reduced by more than \$5 million this year.

In addition to the changes we made to accommodate the reduction in this year's budget, we have eliminated a vice chancellor's position, reduced housekeeping services and re-engineered several support functions. Even with these steps, prudent management requires that we take further action now to prepare for next year. I have asked our vice chancellors and deans to identify reductions of 4.5 percent (\$5.8 million) in their budgets. Of this amount:

- \$1.6 million will be used to fund fringe benefit increases, primarily

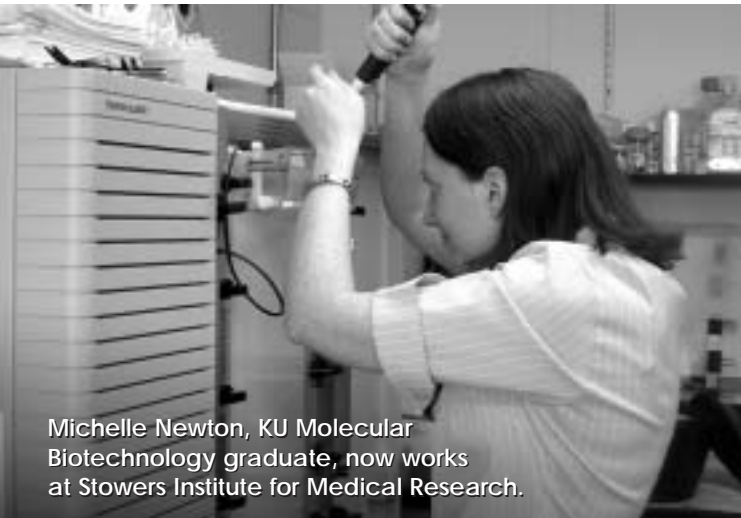
There is no easy way to announce further budget reductions, especially ones this painful. The choices we have made are consistent with the chancellor's budgetary principles and allow us to preserve the strength and quality of this institution.

Because a large part of our budget is committed to salary and wages, the impact of this reduction falls heavily on our most valued asset – our faculty and staff. We must eliminate 53 positions currently filled and 31 that are unfilled. These positions touch all parts of our workforce, including support staff, 17 faculty positions and seven administrators at the associate director level or higher.

KUMC Trains Future Biotechnology Researchers

As a leader in the Kansas City Life Sciences initiative, the University of Kansas Medical Center is also taking a leadership role in educating students to become the next generation of biotechnology researchers.

The School of Allied Health is now offering a Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) program called Molecular Biotechnology.



Michelle Newton, KU Molecular Biotechnology graduate, now works at Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

The first six students in the program, who graduated in spring 2002, have bright futures ahead of them, said Eric Elsingerhorst, PhD, research associate professor in the KU Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department.

“With a strong growth in molecular biotechnology, there is a need for individuals with education and experience in the field,” Elsingerhorst stated.

Students who have successfully completed the necessary prerequisites for this program, either from KU or from another accredited institution, come to KU Medical Center for their clinical and practicum experience and

to complete their bachelor’s degrees.

For the Molecular Biotechnology students, the first six months at KUMC include CLS courses, lectures and labs in clinical chemistry, microbiology and hematology. The second six months include courses directly related to their specific concentration. The last portion of their education begins with intensive molecular biology lab and lecture classes, followed

by 14 weeks of practicum, which gives them in-depth work experience in the molecular biotechnology area.

After completing the four-year program, students earn a bachelor of science degree in Clinical Laboratory Science with a concentration in

Molecular Biotechnology. They are then eligible to apply for entry-level and sometimes higher positions at laboratories, hospitals, clinics, and industry and research centers.

According to Elsingerhorst, the university looks to the Kansas City area life sciences community for help in providing supervised practical experience for the students.

Area partners include research departments at the KU Medical Center and Lawrence campuses, the Biotechnology Support Facility at KUMC, Children’s Mercy Hospital and Clinics, Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Clinical

Reference Laboratories, ViraCor Biotechnologies and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Crime Lab.

As new biotechnology companies start up or expand in the Kansas City-Lawrence area, more opportunities are possible for practicums, internships and job placements after graduation.

During his KU biotechnology coursework, Jason Ross completed a five-week practicum at Stowers and then a six-week internship after graduation. He now has a permanent position at Stowers doing stem cell research.

Laura Bryan, a spring 2002 graduate interested in DNA research and forensics, is now employed at Clinical Reference Laboratories and wants to pursue a master’s degree.

Budget Cuts

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The cyclical downturn in the economy has had a severe impact on the state of Kansas and its citizens. Our fortunes will improve as soon as the economy improves. Until then, we hope the governor and legislature will continue to make higher education a priority.

I want the KUMC community to be aware of these changes, since they will affect all of us. At this time especially, I know I can count on you to help our affected colleagues and continue to support the critically important programs of the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Family Supporters

On Match Day, **Kimberly Moore** (below) was happy to hear she'll be doing her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center so she can be near her family, which includes eight-year-old Samuel, husband John and three other children. Moore says her "very supportive family" helped her when she decided to go to medical school after being a pharmacist for 20 years.



Happily Matched

Celebrating their residency assignments following Match Day ceremonies March 20 were (above) **Tinka Barnes**, Family Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Kenner, La.; **Constant Masere**, General Surgery, Brooksdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and **Stacy McCarty**, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Kansas Medical Center.

Front & Center

Home Free

Joseph Noland read his "match" after carrying his four-month-old daughter to the stage with him. Noland celebrates his future residency in Family Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center with his wife, Kelly, and daughter, Niki.



Hoglund Dedication

Official Presentation

Janice DeBauge (below left), vice chair, Kansas Board of Regents, and **Frank Becker**, chair, Kansas University Endowment Association Board of Trustees, spoke briefly at the dedication ceremony.



Irene Cumming (above left), KU Med president and chief executive officer, and **Forrest Hoglund** talk before the dedication ceremony.

During the dedication ceremony March 26, University of Kansas Chancellor **Robert Hemenway** recognized collaborative efforts that made the Hoglund Brain Imaging Center possible.



Ribbon Cutting

The Hoglund dedication concluded with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the center. Pictured from left are **Donald Hagen, MD**, KUMC executive vice chancellor; **Robert Hemenway**, KU chancellor; **Sally and Forrest Hoglund**; **Janice DeBauge**, vice chair, Kansas Board of Regents; **William Brooks**, director of the Hoglund Center; and **Frank Becker**, chair, Kansas University Endowment Association Board of Trustees. The center was funded in part by a \$4 million gift from the Hoglunds, who are KU alumni.



Safety and Security Remain Top Priorities

With the outbreak of the war with Iraq, safety and security continue to be top priorities for the KUMC community.

“While no threats have been directed at the campus, we are committed to the ongoing security of patients, visitors, faculty, employees and students,” said Rick Johnson, director, Public Safety. “We’re also urging the KUMC community to report any suspicious activity by calling 8-5030.”

The Safety Office, funded jointly by the university and hospital, has created a campuswide emergency management plan. The plan covers responses to potential emergency situations, including terrorism, and ties into the national federal alert levels.

“Our disaster plan has addressed the possibility of terrorism since 1999, and we review and update response procedures on a continuous basis,” Ruth Schukman-Dakotas, Safety Office director, said.

She noted that emergency plans are not limited to responding to a problem on campus, but also include measures for responding to emergencies within the region.

“At the current orange federal alert level, we are assessing our readiness to respond, and police are put on standby and pager alert,” she said. “In addition, key personnel on campus are contacted in a timely manner through the Communicator paging system.”

She said her office will continue

to keep employees and students informed of any developments that would affect the hospital and university directly. Should the national alert go to a higher level, employees and students would be informed via e-mail and notification by department managers. Higher levels of alert may require additional safety measures, such as locking doors and limiting the number of entry points into the hospital and university.

She urges all staff, employees and students to comply with hospital and university policies and wear their identification badges at all times when on campus.

“It’s your passport should there be a need to lock doors and monitor entry points,” she said.

KU HealthPartners Receives Education Grant

Improved vision is the goal of a National Eye Institute (NEI) Healthy Vision 2010 Community Award received by KU HealthPartners, Inc. (KUHP), a clinical enterprise of the University of Kansas School of Nursing and the School of Allied Health.

KUHP is one of 32 organizations across the country to receive funding. The Healthy Vision 2010 Community Awards are part of NEI’s continuing efforts to make vision care a routine part of overall health care and practices.

The awards will fund community-based education and promotion programs that will bring sight-saving information and vision-related

care to children, older adults and multicultural populations.

“We are honored to receive this grant award,” said Michael Bleich, RN, PhD, executive director and chief operating officer, KUHP. “We know that we will identify people at risk for visual impairment or injury and make a difference in their lives.”

KU HealthPartners will screen children and adolescents in day care and after-school settings and provide educational materials. A vision health fair will educate children, adolescents and families on the importance of visual health and ongoing screenings. Nurse practitioners from the KU School of Nursing and health professionals from the KU School of Allied



Melinda Krautmann (left), RN, KU HealthPartners, Inc., community health educator, reviews documents for the Healthy Vision 2010 project with Donald Shapley, executive director, Bethel Neighborhood Center.

Health will provide the screenings and educational outreach efforts.

Heart Presentation

Saturday Morning at KU Med, a community outreach program, features “Heart Solutions: Are You at Risk for a Heart Attack or Stroke?” March 29, 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Battenfeld Auditorium. The presentation is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested by calling 8-4478. Free blood pressure testing will be offered at 7:30 a.m.

Presenters will include cardiologist Steven Owens, MD, and Jill Keast, RN, nurse practitioner, Risk Reduction Clinic at KU Med. Marvin Stattlemire, PhD, JD, assistant director, KU Public Management Center, will talk about his personal heart attack experience.

Final Oral Exams

Three PhD candidates will take their final oral examinations in April.

The final oral examination for the PhD in Occupational Therapy for Debora Daniels will be held Monday, April 7, 1 p.m. in 2036 Miller. The title of her dissertation is “The Relationship Between Sensory Processing and Temperament in Young Children.” The chair of the Examining Committee is Winnie Dunn, PhD, professor and chair, Occupational Therapy Education.

The final oral examination for the PhD in Anatomy for Michael VanSaun will be held Wednesday, April 9, 1 p.m. in Wahl Hall West Auditorium. The title of his dissertation is “Matrix Metalloproteinase-3 Regulation of Agrin at the Neuromuscular Junction.” The chair of the



Examining Committee is Michael Werle, PhD, associate professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology.

The final oral examination for the PhD in Anatomy for Julie Christianson will be held Wednesday, April 9, at 9 a.m. in Wahl Hall West Auditorium. The title of her dissertation is “Beneficial Actions of Neurotrophic Factors on Diabetes-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy.” The chair of the Examining Committee is Doug Wright, PhD, assistant professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology.

Chaplain Presents

KUMC chaplain Rev. Jennie Malewski attended the national meeting of the Association of Death Educators and Counselors (ADEC) in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 20-23. While there, Malewski delivered a presentation entitled “Being an Adult Orphan: Another Perspective.”

She also met with the new certification test committee, of which she is an ongoing member, and facilitated a special interest group on organ and tissue donor issues.

Children's Miracle Network

Rocket and Teresa from Mix 93.3 will broadcast live from the KUMC cafeteria on Thursday, March 27, 6 a.m.-3 p.m.

Children's Miracle Network will take donations for chance tickets through today, March 27, at a table outside the cafeteria. There is a \$2 donation for one ticket and a \$5 donation for three tickets.

The drawing will be held on Friday, March 28, during Rocket and Teresa's morning show. The winner will receive an October trip for four to New York City and tickets to a Broadway show.

Another popular radiothon donation is the 12x12 – \$12 each month for 12 months or a \$100 one-time donation. For every 12x12 or one-time \$100 donation, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a new 2002 Pontiac Grand Am car.

Proceeds from the drawings and the radiothon benefit the Children's Miracle Network, which contributed \$400,000 to Pediatric programs at KUMC last year.

Volunteers Needed

Alumni and Community Relations is seeking volunteers to help the Rosedale Development Association build a skateboard park April 4-5, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Volunteers will meet at Rosedale Park, 42nd and Mission Road. Lunch will be provided.

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County is funding the skateboard park with money from the sale of the old Bell Recreation Center to the University of Kansas Medical Center.

If you can help for a few hours, a day or more, contact Mary Bosco at 8-1255 or e-mail *mbosco*.

Classifieds, etc.

Automotive:

2000 Polaris Xplorer 400, 4-wheel drive ATV, excellent condition, \$4,000. 816-930-3274.

2000 Toyota Corolla VE, 4-door, 57K, tan, automatic, 1 owner, great condition, new tires, airbags, never smoked in, 28 mpg city, 32 mpg highway. \$6,995 OBO. 913-302-0526.

1994 Lexus ES 300, 111K, keyless entry, remote starter, good condition, must sell, \$6,900. 913-558-1269.

1992 Honda Civic VX, hatchback, 94K, 1 owner, \$3,000. 913-851-1648 after 6 p.m.

For Sale:

Microwave cabinet unit, white with oak trim, \$40; butcher block with dry bar, \$40. 816-942-6178 after 5 p.m.

Electric stove, refrigerator with top freezer, both in good condition, dishwasher, all harvest gold, \$115 and you haul. 913-722-0617.

Sears gas dryer, only used for 1½ years, \$150. 913-385-9732.

Leather couch, great condition, \$200; wooden kitchen table and 3 matching chairs, good condition, \$50; large wooden coffee table with matching end table, good condition, \$200. 913-707-5960.

For Rent:

3 BR, 2 BA house in Mission, basement, fenced yard, garage, \$1,100/mo., available in June. 913-831-4820 or 816-804-7868.

Wanted:

Housemate for 3 BR, 2½ BA home, 2-car garage, south of Liberty, Mo., 15-20 minute drive to KUMC, tidy, nonsmoker preferred, \$400/mo., utilities negotiable. 816-415-0909.

Roommate for 3 BR, 1 BA house, Overland Park, \$425/mo., plus ½ of utilities. 913-322-2877.

Free:

Large, extremely heavy armoire, great condition, not even a year old, must have 4 people to move or be willing to break it down. 913-707-5960.

Coming Up

Friday, March 28

- Neurology Grand Rounds, "Science and Policy: The Scorecard in Clinical Neurosciences," Saty Satya-Murti, MD, 8 a.m., 5063a Hospital.
- Psychiatry Grand Rounds, "Childhood and Adolescent Mood Disorder – Diagnosis and Treatment," Stephen G. Huk, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sudler Auditorium.

Saturday, March 29

- "Heart Solutions: Are You at Risk for a Heart Attack or Stroke?" 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Battenfeld Auditorium.

Monday, March 31

- "Gender, Women and Smoking Cessation," David W. Wetter, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Clendening Auditorium.

Tuesday, April 1

- KU Med employee meeting, 2 p.m., Support Service Building.

Off Center



"Mommy, what is March madness?"

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