

# CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

## Automotive:

1994 Palamino pop-up camper, sleeps 6-8, sink, fridge, A/C, stove hooks up inside or out, 2 tables that each seat 4 people, 1 can be taken outside, mauve and mint interior, very clean and well-maintained, can hold porta-potty and has velcro curtain that attaches to ceiling and drops to floor for privacy, lots of storage space, pictures available via e-mail, \$4,000 OBO. 816-415-3515.

1994 Taurus GL wagon, white w/gray interior, power everything, dual air bags, third seat, roof rack, 130K miles, well maintained, \$2,850. 913-402-9508 evenings.

1995 Toyota Corolla, champagne, 4-door, 5-speed manual transmission, cruise, tinted windows, automatic windows and locks, 120K miles, very clean, \$5,500. 913-248-8554.

1991 Mercury Capri convertible, red, 2-door, automatic transmission, automatic windows and locks, cruise, good condition, \$2,200. 913-248-8554.

## For Sale:

Schanadig and Hyndia furniture: sofa, love seat, coffee table, dining table with chairs, bedroom furniture, assorted kitchen and household items, appliances. 913-492-9786.

Bianchi cross bike, 17-inch frame, 10-speed, tires like new, Shimano brakes and gears, \$75; old solid-wood rocking chair with wide seat, \$50; Pioneer 202 Bounty Hunter metal detector, only used twice, costs \$198 at Wal-Mart, asking \$75 OBO. Leave message at 913-384-5065.

Beautiful Lake Ozark cabin in park-like setting, several upgrades, must see, \$50,000. 913-432-2491 or 913-226-8185.

19' sailboat on trailer with 5hp motor, excellent condition, sleeps 4, has porta potty and stove. 913-422-1379.

King-size down comforter, includes 100 percent cotton natural-color duvet, \$50. No calls after 10 p.m., please. 913-432-5251.

Moving sale: coffee pots, table and 4 chairs, toaster, washer (7 months old), freezer, beautician's styling chair, shampoo bowl/chair, telephones, can opener, forks, spoons and knives. 913-403-8455.

Craftsman 10" table saw, carbide-tip blade; 2 whole-house window exhaust fans. 913-422-1831.

Motorized wheelchair with basket, includes 6-foot suitcase ramp, like new, \$1,500 OBO. 816-765-1158 evenings.

Small computer desk, \$25; 6' artificial Christmas tree, \$50; NordicTrack, \$100; large oak roll-top desk, \$500; Lay-Z-Boy tan couch w/two recliners, \$325. 816-363-5110.

## Free:

Tiger lilies, as many as you can dig up, large orange flowers bloom from mid to late summer, very hardy variety. Leave a message at 913-722-6319.



"Oh, by the way, the tax refund check came in the mail today. What do you say we spend it all at the Street Fair?"

## IN THE CENTER

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**Ads will not be taken by telephone.** Ads may be held a week if space is limited.

# coming up

## Friday, April 12

- Red and blue parking lots west of Dykes Library close at 8 p.m. for Street Fair.
- The final oral examination for the PhD in physiology for Michael Chankwon Park, 2 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

## Saturday, April 13

- KUMC Street Fair, noon-6 p.m., parking lots west of Dykes Library.

## Monday, April 15

- Blood glucose meter clinic, 11 a.m.-noon, 1116 Cray Diabetes Center.

## Tuesday, April 16

- Senior wellness program, "You Have Mail," 10 a.m.-noon, Senior Resource Center.

## Wednesday, April 17

- KUMC Interfaith, noon-1 p.m., 2023 Wescoe.

## Thursday, April 18

- Senior wellness program, "The Benefits of Hormone Replacement Therapy – Is Hormone Replacement Therapy for You?," 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Landon Center on Aging.
- Music at the Med, Kelli Berry, soprano, noon-1 p.m., Battenfeld Auditorium.

# IN THE CENTER

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## New hospital generators will provide emergency power

**W**ith the installation of new emergency power generators, KU Med won't have to worry about being in the dark.

Located on the hospital receiving dock, the four diesel-powered generators can produce 8,000 kilowatts of power and will back up critical equipment and lights in the event of a power failure.



*Mark Gonzales, director of hospital construction projects, and Herschel Johnson, associated director of DCM, in front of one of the new emergency generators.*

Emergency power had previously been supplied to both the hospital and the University from generators at the Applegate Energy Center. The new system is totally separate.

"We took a look at the existing need for power and then factored in what the hospital would need in the future," said Mark Gonzales, director of hospital construction projects. "The new generators will provide a seamless transition from regular power to emergency power when it is needed."

Planning and design for the project began last summer; construction began last fall. The projects involved many hospital departments including Design, Construction and Maintenance (DCM), Materials Management and Safety Administration, along with outside contractors.

Gonzales said the project was finished more than three months early, thanks to an aggressive construction schedule.

The generators more than passed state requirements March 9 when they powered up in less than 10 seconds during a simulated power outage. Other components of the new system were tested April 7.

The new generators will be

tested monthly. An annual emergency power test will also be performed to test the system. Staff from DCM will be trained to perform normal maintenance and monitor fuel consumption.

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## coming up

**KUMC Street Fair**  
Saturday, April 13  
Noon - 6 p.m.  
(rain date is April 14th)  
Parking lot at  
39th and Rainbow



Donald Hagen, MD  
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## University to minimize impact of state budget cuts



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Even though the details must still be worked through, the Kansas legislature’s endorsement of the new medical research building at KUMC is clearly the “bright star” of today’s budget crunch. This building represents an overwhelming approval for KU’s leadership in life sciences and growth and dedication to medical research.

It is also clear that the state’s budget crunch will affect our funding. We will need to make do with less in the new fiscal year.

Through a thoughtful and careful process, we have been able to lessen the impact of the state budget crunch by eliminating vacant positions, switching some positions from state funding and finding new privately-funded resources. While I don’t minimize the budget impact, I can assure you that we can and will remain true to our education and research missions on this campus. Even though there has been reduced state funding, we have managed our resources intelligently and have aggressively raised private funding. At the same time, we have improved our educational programs and increased our medical research, gaining national attention.

We are also an economic force in this state. We produce jobs, business opportunities and intellectual capital for Kansas. Did you know that every state dollar spent on this campus turns into six dollars when combined with grants and business use of research?

We all must continue to urge the legislature to support higher education, in general, and on this campus, in particular. The work we do together is important, productive and vital to the people of Kansas.

The current state budget crunch is placing the University under great budgetary stress. The hospital, KU Med, strongly supports the University in its efforts to increase the state’s funding of higher education. Because of the deep funding cuts, the University had to take steps last week to eliminate some positions.

However, I want to make sure that KU Med employees understand that the University layoffs do not involve the hospital. Because of the establishment in 1998 of the separate Hospital Authority Board, we are an independent organization and we are not part of the state budgeting process. KU Med doesn’t receive state funding. The separation from the state has provided the hospital with opportunities, which has enabled us to grow and build our financial stability.

Clearly, state funding is essential for the University to fulfill its education and research mission. The hospital is strongly supporting all efforts of the University to retain critical funding for the advancement of medical and nursing education and research.

Again, I want to assure you that KU Med, the hospital, is growing. Because of our growth, we are expanding our staff and continue to recruit excellent employees.

**Executive Forum**

# WHAT'S NEWS

AT KUMC

## Nursing education open house

The University of Kansas School of Nursing (SoN) is hosting a graduate education open house Thursday, April 11 from 4-6 p.m. in the SoN Atrium. Nursing students can talk to graduate faculty members and student affairs representatives about the SoN's master's and PhD degree programs.

For more information, call the Student Affairs department at 8-1619 or visit the website at [www2.kumc.edu/son/](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/).

## Parking changes for Street Fair

Blue and red parking lots west of Dykes Library will be closed between 8 p.m. Friday, April 12 and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 for the third annual KUMC Street Fair. The fair will take place Saturday, April 13 from noon-6 p.m. on the KUMC campus.

The event will feature rides, games, food and entertainment. Funds raised by the fair go to the School of Medicine's Silver City Clinic and the Rosedale Development Association.

For more information check out the Street Fair website at [www2.kumc.edu/students/sgc/street-fair/](http://www2.kumc.edu/students/sgc/street-fair/).

## Heart of Healthcare nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual "Nursing: The Heart of Healthcare Awards Program."

The awards recognize outstanding registered nurses in Kansas and the Kansas City metropolitan area for their dedication to patient care, their communities and the nursing profession. Registered nurses who work in any setting, including hospitals, health clinics, schools or physicians' offices in the Kansas City metropolitan area or in the state of Kansas, are eligible to be nominated for the award.

Ten award recipients will be honored with other nominees at the annual banquet, which will be held Friday, Nov. 1 at the Westin Crown Center Hotel.

The deadline for submitting a nomination is June 15. To obtain a nomination form or for more information, contact Kari Ziblut at 8-1616 or by e-mail at [kziblut](mailto:kziblut).

## Valet parking hours to change

Beginning May 1, KU Med's assisted valet parking service will be available one hour earlier.

Under the new hours, valet attendants will park cars from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and retrieve cars until 4:30 p.m. The current hours are from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with retrieval until 5 p.m.

"We believe this change will better serve patients who need to arrive at the hospital for an early procedure or test," said Paula Gangel, director of Volunteer Services.

Assisted valet parking was specially designed for patients who are most in need of assistance. Patients pull up to the valet shelter in front of the hospital and turn their cars over to attendants who park them in Cambridge Garage.

Letters have already been sent to hospital clinics notifying them of the change.

For more information, contact Paula Gangel at 8-6528.

## Medical students honor teachers

University of Kansas School of Medicine (SoM) students will honor their professors April 12.

The annual event, “A Grande Affair,” will be held from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The evening will feature dinner, dancing and the presentation of teaching awards.

The highest honor, the Rainbow Award, will be presented to a faculty member whom students have chosen as a role model. Ten physicians who work with the students either on the KUMC campus or at private practices in Kansas have been nominated. Among nominees at KU Med are: Vincent Hayes, MD, emergency medicine; JoAn Monaco, MD, general surgery; Gary Doolittle, MD, hematology/oncology; Shelly Bledsoe, MD, general surgery; Leone Mattioli, MD, cardiology; and Mark Meyer, MD, family medicine.

Other awards to be presented during the evening include the Student Voice Awards for teaching excellence in each basic science department, as well as awards for the most outstanding department and the most outstanding educator.

The Medical Student Assembly and the SoM sponsor the event. It is open to students and faculty by invitation only.

## Special week celebrates medical lab professionals

National Medical Laboratory Week (NMLW), April 14-20, honors laboratory professionals and board-certified pathologists.

Among the events scheduled in celebration of NMLW at KU Med are an office-door decorating contest, a contest to rename the Specimen Receiving department and an ice cream social.

In the top photo, the morning inpatient phlebotomy team includes, from left, Sabrina Villafane, Tamika Wilson, Ida Clark, James Birch, Jr. and Carrie Miller. Not pictured are Tina Maupin and Ana Molina.

Members of the specimen processing staff pictured in the center photo are, from left, Karen Fager, Jodie Ligon, Earline Brazel, Julia Dickerson and Marquita Strother. Not pictured is Jane Beck.

In the bottom photo, the outpatient phlebotomy staff includes, from left, Max Bergman, Sharon Harris, Tanya Brumbaugh, Ophelia Costello, Johnnie Buckner, Emma Brown and Trana Long. Not pictured are Sheryl Templeton and Robin Rucks.



# JCAHO Quiz Answers – Continuum of Care # 5

To help hospital employees prepare for the review by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, *In the Center* is running a series of 10 informational inserts. Here are the answers to last week's quiz on Continuum of Care. Remember to complete the quiz and turn in your answers to your unit manager or department head each week. Prizes for correct answers and most participation will be given.

- 1. If a patient's condition is urgent and unstable and there is a denial of care conflict (e.g., the insurance will not pay for the service), what is the hospital's responsibility?**
  - b. To stabilize care for the patient and arrange a transfer if and when appropriate*
- 2. Which of the following tools helps the various disciplines coordinate the patient's plan of care during the hospital stay?**
  - c. Prioritized Problem List*
- 3. When should discharge planning ideally occur?**
  - a. As soon as possible after admission*
- 4. Who is responsible for providing seamless continuity of care?**
  - d. Admitting and members of the clinical interdisciplinary team*
- 5. Who has primary responsibility for working out post-discharge care arrangements for patients who need specialized care?**
  - a. Physician, RN care coordinator and social worker*
- 6. When the Emergency Department deals with COBRA/EMTALA regulations, what decisions are involved?**
  - a. Whether the patient's condition requires treatment/stabilization prior to transfer to a more appropriate care facility*
- 7. Which patients need some form of patient education/discharge instruction prior to discharge?**
  - d. All patients*
- 8. Who has the responsibility for planning each patient's discharge?**
  - d. All members of the interdisciplinary team*
- 9. What is one way KU Med assists patients in preparing for hospital admission?**
  - a. Pre-hospitalization phone calls*
- 10. When patients are transferred from one Nursing unit to another, who is responsible for supplying a report about the patient's condition/care problems?**
  - b. The RN from the sending unit*

## Inserts cover key JCAHO information

You may have noticed some colorful additions to *In the Center* the past few weeks.

Since March 7, a series of 10 color-coded inserts have been distributed with the newsletter. Each insert summarizes information and includes a quiz about one area of focus for KU Med's review by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

(JCAHO).

"Departments and nursing units throughout the hospital should use the inserts to help prepare employees for the review team's visit in late May or early June," said Kathy Robinson, JCAHO coordinator. "We expect review team members to spend more time on the units, talking to care providers and patients."

In the next few weeks, each hospital employee will also receive a JCAHO quiz booklet and a "prep pack" with colored-coded quick-study cards.

The inserts and quiz answers are also available on KU Med's Intranet site.



## Community Resources Fair

*Jared Rottinghaus, a first-year medical student from Seneca, picks up literature at a table staffed by representatives of the Kansas City, Kan. Catholic archdiocese. The table was one of several at the Student Resources Fair held April 2 in Hixson Atrium.*

*The fair was sponsored by KUMC Students for Life and featured representatives of community-service organizations.*

## Bake sale

*Todd Karpinski, pharmacy resident, purchases some baked goodies from Beth Porter, left, first-year medical student, and Kathy Davis, director of pediatric education. The bake sale was held April 4 to benefit Care for Kids.*

*Care for Kids is a student organization that matches medical students with children and teenagers who are diagnosed with cancer. The students provide the children with support and companionship during the long hospital stays. The \$400 raised from the bake sale will help cover program expenses and purchase necessities for the Pediatrics Family Room.*



## Front & Center ...



## JayStar

*Rhonda Francis, Information Resources, is the winner of the University's first JayStars award. The program is designed to reward employees who perform extra duties beyond those normally assigned, volunteer for special projects and make creative suggestions that save the department time or money.*

*Francis' nominator, Jameson Watkins, Information Resources, wrote: "Rhonda took on a very challenging project earlier this year and has recently completed a major part of it. She has learned a variety of new techniques in the process and has gone above and beyond what was required of her to complete her tasks, from putting in extra hours to juggling additional responsibilities and expectations."*

*For her award, Francis can choose from a \$25 gift certificate from Price Chopper, Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Barnes & Noble, or Bed, Bath & Beyond.*

*The JayStars program was made possible with seed money from ING Aetna Financial Services. The Kansas University Endowment Association (KUEA) will administer the funds.*



## Greenberger lecture

*Richard McCallum, MD, right, chief of gastroenterology/hepatology, presents a plaque to Willis C. Maddrey, MD, executive vice president for clinical affairs and professor of internal medicine at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. The presentation was part of the Norton J. Greenberger, MD, Distinguished Lectureship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Maddrey spoke on viral hepatitis in Sudler Auditorium April 2.*

*The lectureship honors Norton J. Greenberger, MD, who is retiring from KU Med's department of gastroenterology and hepatology after 30 years.*

## Pre-nursing students

*Twenty-seven pre-nursing students spent April 4-5 shadowing nursing students and faculty from the University of Kansas School of Nursing to get a feel for what nursing school will be like.*

*Kristie Gutowsky, KU pre-nursing student, right, and Katie Mann, a junior in the School of Nursing, listen while Yolonda Campbell, SoN, explains how to start an IV.*



## New Kidney Institute takes shape

*Renovation has begun on the sixth floor of Wahl Hall East for KUMC's Kidney Institute. The new institute will occupy the upper floors of Wahl East, nearly doubling its current size and consolidating researchers currently in several locations. Construction on the sixth floor is expected to be completed in October. The remainder of the project is scheduled for completion in 2003. Funds for the project come from a \$1.95 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and a matching grant from KUMC.*

*Above, from left: Jared J. Grantham, MD, distinguished professor of nephrology, makes a dent in the project on the sixth floor of Wahl Hall East.*

*Rich Grabbe, biochemistry and molecular biology, Donald Hagen, MD, executive vice chancellor, John Cook, supervisor of demolition, Lorraine Rome, Kidney Institute, and Nan Josephson, interim associate director of facilities, in front of a partially demolished wall.*

*Joining Grantham and Hagen (in the center of the photo) are some of the researchers who may be working in the new facilities. From left are Gregory Vanden Heuvel, anatomy and cell biology, Jim Calvet, biochemistry and molecular biology, Michael Sarras, anatomy and cell biology, and Dale Abrahamson, anatomy and cell biology.*