

IN THE CENTER

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KU Med helps victim of Sierra Leone violence

Five-year-old Salifu Sesay is being treated at KU Med for injuries he suffered in a rebel attack about three years ago in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Hands Across the Water Medical Missions brought Salifu to this country.

Salifu has been in the United States for three months, undergoing neuro- and plastic surgery to repair machete wounds to his skull. During the attack, his father was killed but his mother and brothers and sisters were able to flee to safety. They live in a refugee camp and await Salifu's return.

Salifu was treated by Peter Witt, MD, pediatric plastic surgeon; Paul O'Boynick, MD, chair of neurosurgery; and Ron Torline, MD, anesthesiology. The physicians and the hospital donated their services.

Salifu was brought to the Sutherland Institute for

Craniofacial Rehabilitation at KUMC because of the complexity of his problem. The institute undertakes such procedures routinely.

"The operation was designed to correct a large bony defect in Salifu's skull," said Dr. Witt. "His brain had actually herniated through the defect, and the only thing covering the brain was scar. It was dangerous for him to even go out on a playground."

The physicians operated to re-expose the area and then to reconstruct it. Dr. Witt also treated several scars the boy had suffered in the attack.

During his time in Kansas City, Salifu has lived with Ann Vanasse and her husband and four children in Overland Park. She reports that in spite of his injuries, Salifu enjoys the normal activities of a little boy, including swimming and riding a bike.



Those instrumental in Salifu's recovery are from upper left: Ann Vanasse, Peter Witt, MD; Ron Torline, MD; Paul O'Boynick, MD (seated); Salifu and Darlene Ball, RN.

Vanasse said Salifu's treatment would continue for at least another nine months, at which time he must apply for another medical visa.

Hands Across the Water Medical Missions is part of Feed My Lambs International, an organization which is headquartered in Raymore, Mo.

Three named to hospital authority board

Kansas Governor Bill Graves has announced the appointment of one person and the reappointment of two others to the University of Kansas Hospital Authority board of directors.

The new member is Edward Nazar, managing partner for the law firm of Redmond and Nazar, LLP in Wichita.

Reappointed were Edward Chapman of Leavenworth and George Farha, MD, of Wichita. Farha is the board's chairman and is president of Wichita Surgical Specialists. He was the founding

chair of the department of Surgery at KUMC-Wichita. Chapman is a partner in Chapman and Waters, a private law practice in Leavenworth.

The Hospital Authority board's role is to govern the operations, set policy and ensure the fiscal stewardship of KU Med. It also is charged with supporting the education and research missions of the medical, nursing and allied health schools of the University of Kansas.

All three appointees will serve terms on the Authority expiring in March 2004.

HHS grant launches nursing education specialty

The School of Nursing has received a \$112,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a new web-based education program. The grant was announced July 6 by U.S. Senator Pat Roberts.

The new program will help students in the Advanced Practice Nursing master's program gain skills as teachers while also being prepared as clinicians.

The growing nursing shortage includes a similar shortage of nursing educators, especially those with a clinical background, according to Helen Connors, RN, Ph.D., FAAN, associate dean for academic affairs and director of educational innovations. The new program will educate nurses to be skilled in both clinical practice and teaching.



Wanda Bonnel, RN, Ph.D.

“This program focuses on the need to prepare future faculty with the knowledge and toolset essential to educating health professionals in an information age,” said Dr. Connors.

Under the direction of Wanda Bonnel, RN, Ph.D., clinical associate professor, the program will allow students to have the flexibility of being able to get their education from a distance.

“The changing student population wants quality, accessible and flexible education,” said Dr. Bonnel. “Those who have work or family issues that might preclude them from attending the nursing educator program locally can get the same quality education from a distance.”

Night at the Wizards



Rachel Jones of the hospital executive office was one of the lucky prize winners at KUMC's Night at the Wizards on July 4. She won a jersey worn by Wizards player Matt McKeon.

Blood drive



Katie Haug, left, Community Blood center technician, takes blood from Debra Clement during a two-day blood drive held at KUMC July 5 and 6.

A great start for the new heart program

Editor's Note: Dr. Steven Owens wrote this letter to the editor of In the Center. He is President of the Mid-America Cardiology board of directors.

The new heart program at KU Med is off to a great start. The new offices at KU Med and KU MedWest have been busy and the feedback we have received from our patients has been positive. We are pleased to see many new patients referred from physicians affiliated with KU Med and KU MedWest. We are also appreciative that many of our established patients have elected to continue seeing us in our new offices.

The inpatient service at KU Med has been very busy as well. A large number of procedures have



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been performed in both the new cardiovascular interventional labs and electrophysiology lab. The rather sudden increase in cardiac patient volume has stretched our systems at KU Med, but I am certainly proud of the way all KU Med & Mid-America Cardiology (MAC) staff have come together to provide outstanding patient care.

On behalf of the MAC physicians and staff, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for all the hard work and sacrifice of people at KU Med to make the transition possible. I know many people have had to move their offices, and others have put in particularly long hours over the past several months. The transition has been a huge undertaking, but the new cardiac program at KU Med is off to a highly successful start.

We are proud to be a part of KU Med and look forward to an exciting future.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Owens, MD

Day of Caring



Donald F. Hagen, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor, takes a moment to relax with Donetta Shaner, director of volunteer services for Cross-Lines Cooperative Council, Inc. at the United Way Day of Caring June 23. Twenty KUMC and Cross-Lines volunteers pitched in to paint, seal a driveway, and do other general chores to help Cross-Lines, an agency that provides services for low-income people.

Volunteer for Jayhawk Jog

This year's Jayhawk Jog will take place Saturday, August 4 from 6-11 a.m. at Shawnee Mission Park.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, contact the Alumni and Community Relations office at 81255 or email jrodvelt.

Volunteers will receive a free Jayhawk t-shirt.

Volunteer training will be held July 25 at 6:30 p.m. at KU MedWest.

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1996 Toyota Camry LE, excellent condition, 51K miles, 4 dr, 4 cylinder, dk green with sunroof. \$9,900 OBO. 913-319-6203.

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Must sell: Red Low Rider bicycle, many twisted parts, \$300. 20-inch Harro TR2.1, dark blue, 3 weeks old, \$125 neg. Pioneer car stereo with CD player, \$50. 913-432-4867.

For Rent:

One BR, 1 BA, 800 sq. feet, living room and small den, private yard and quiet area, 3 blocks from Plaza/Westport, minutes from KUMC or UMKC, available August. \$550. 816-304-1070 for appointment.

Free to Good Home:

Four healthy and wonderful tiny catfish need a home in a good, established freshwater aquarium. I am moving across the country by car and don't want to subject them to stress. I've had them for more than a year. They are hearty and good bottom feeders. Free to someone who will care for them. 913-831-0336.

coming up

Monday, July 23

- Grief-loss support group, 3-4 p.m., Radiation Oncology conference room.

Tuesday, July 24

- Senior wellness program, "Fit for Life," 10-11 a.m., Senior Resource Center
- Senior wellness program, "You Have Mail," 10 a.m.-noon.

Wednesday, July 25

- Annual Diabetes Fair, 9-11 a.m., Hixson atrium.
- KUMC Interfaith, noon-1 p.m., 2023 Wescoe.

Thursday, July 26

- Burn patient family support group, 6-7 p.m., Burnett Burn Center waiting room.

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Focus Groups Being Formed

A proposed development of townhomes, lofts and single family homes one half mile from KUMC should be of interest to students and employees, according to campus officials.

Vice Chancellor of Administration Ed Phillips said the proposed development is consistent with the campus master land use plan, and is targeted to students and employees here.

The development, sponsored by the Rosedale Development Association and City Vision Ministries, would offer the housing for sale.

Phillips said the developers are asking for participants in focus groups who are potentially interested in living in such a development. Phillips said participation could be important in seeing that the housing meets the needs of people on this campus.

To participate in a focus group, call 913-371-5200 or 816-931-0466.

Chiefs Football

**KUMC Family Fun Event
Chiefs vs. Broncos
Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001**

Tickets \$50 each - includes tailgate party. Purchase tickets Wed., July 25 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. outside the cafeteria. Contact Tamela Loos at 85148 for more info.