If you or a friend or family member would like to learn more about basic medical science or maybe just have a better idea of what the doctors on "ER" are talking about, then consider attending KUMC’s Mini Medical School. Beginning on September 5 the KU School of Medicine will begin its second year of Mini Medical School. Participants will hear presentations by KU School of Medicine faculty, distinguished researchers, teachers and clinicians who will talk about topics typically studied by medical students. They will discuss the brain and nervous system, genetics, cardiovascular disease, digestive disorders, depression, cancer and aging. New topics this year include the role of the coroner in death investigations, bioterrorism and germ warfare and the role of telemedicine.

Classes meet on Tuesday evening through October 24 from 7-9 p.m. in Rieke Auditorium on the KUMC campus. Live teleconference classes will be available in Garden City, Hays and Pittsburg. Tuition for the 8-week course is $95, space is limited and a few scholarships are available. Light refreshments will be served.

“We see this program as a real partnership with the community," says Deborah Powell, MD, executive dean and vice chancellor for clinical affairs, School of Medicine. "People are becoming more and more knowledgeable and sophisticated about their health."

Kansas Senator Roberts focuses on research

As part of his annual tour of all 105 Kansas counties, Republican Sen. Pat Roberts will stop by KUMC on Monday, Aug 21 to focus on medical research. After a tour of the Higuchi Biosciences Center in Lawrence, Roberts will tour KUMC’s pediatrics department and the Kidney Institute and visit with researchers Dr. Bill Narayan, who is working on an AIDS vaccine, and Dr. Joe Lutkenhaus, who recently received a National Institutes of Health MERIT award. Later in the day, Roberts will attend an invitation-only reception in Hixson Atrium.

On Tuesday, he will speak on "Partnering to Advance Biomedical Research in the Greater Kansas City Area" at a luncheon at the Kansas City Club.
KUMC was once again in the media spot-light in the past month, receiving numerous re-quests from local, national and international media.

Breast cancer research conducted by Carol Fabian, MD and Bruce Kimler, PhD drew attention from the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Reuter's newswire and web sites, Canadian television (CTV), WebMD, the Washington Post, Healthnews 24, oncology.com and Kansas City's KMBC-TV 9. The study uses microscopic examination of breast cells to help identify women who may be at high short-term risk of developing breast cancer.

Still getting play for a second month was the story about re-cluse spider bites. A warm winter and relatively dry hot summer has contributed to a higher number of people than usual seeking treatment for bites. KSHB-41 kept the ball rolling on this one, talking to Dr. Pam Hite about the increase in the number of reported cases and the treatment available.

A story about a degenerative eye disease brought nearly 200 calls to the KU Med Call Center requesting more information. Callers responded to a story on KCTV-5 about Dr. Keith Warren's new treatment for macular degeneration.

Another 80 calls were re-ceived after several stories about Dr. Jessica Helling's drug trial for children with mental retardation or autism who exhibit aggressive or destructive behavior.

New Faculty Reminder

New Faculty should RSVP by August 21 for the New Faculty Lunch to be held on August 24 at Varnes Conference Center, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Please contact Shelley Bratton at 81252 or email, sbratton.

Credit Union Golf Tourney

CommunityAmerica Credit Union will host the fifth annual Credit Union for Kids golf tournament on Monday, August 21 at Deer Creek Golf Club in Overland Park. The entry fee is $100 per player. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Children’s Miracle Network (CMN). CMN is affiliated with KU Med's Children's Center and Children's Mercy Hospital. For more information contact Christy Mesik at 913-345-5966.

Student Book Fair

Student Services will sponsor a Book Fair in the Wyandotte Room of the main cafeteria on August 29-31 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Books will be sold at 70 percent off retail price and include cookbooks, best sellers and children's books. Proceeds benefit the Community Outreach Program in Wyandotte county.

Ticket Sales Brisk

KUMC employees took advantage of a special ticket offer and snapped up 350 tickets for two weekends of racing at the Kansas Speedway. Because of KUMC's special health care partnership with the speedway, tickets were made available to KUMC employees before they went on sale to the general public. The ticket package included the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series on July 7, the Indy Racing Northern Light Series on July 8, the NASCAR Busch Series on Sept. 29, and the NASCAR Winston Cup on Sept. 30.
Miles of files. Vanessa Rogers, right, and Karen Redmond of medical records teleservice, help keep track of a mountain of information.

A sampling of the school supplies collected in one day for students in Wyandotte County and the Rosedale community. KUMC has partnered with the Parent Teacher Association at Frank Rushton Elementary School to organize a school supply drive. The drive runs through August 18. Items should be placed in bags, in barrels located at the KUMC bookstore, 1028 Murphy, and Dykes Library.

Ed Phillips, executive vice chancellor for administration, addresses a noontime meeting of the Kansas City, Kan. Chamber of Commerce in the new School of Nursing building.

KUMC staff helped out at the Susan G. Komen Run for the Cure last Sunday, August 13. From left are: Lori Ranallo, nurse clinician, KU Cancer Center; Dr. Carol Fabian, director, Breast Cancer Prevention Unit; Donna Wilkinson, nurse practitioner, KU Cancer Center; Jennifer Klemp, coordinator, Cancer Genetic Testing and Research Trials; Melinda Pine, nutrition services coordinator, KU Cancer Center; Jeff Wright, executive director, cancer program development; Tajiquah Hudson, vice president, Business and Strategic Development; and Dr. Kimberly Templeton, orthopedics.
**For Sale:**

- Total Gym 1000 workout bench, uses body weight for resistance, new, paid $350, asking $100. Torso Tiger, works abs, arms, chest. $50. 913-236-4535.
- Big swimming tank, $10. Bench seat for van, great for family trips, $50 OBO. 913-299-4135.
- King size Kuss water bed, includes waveless mattress, conventional bed box springs, heater, zippered fabric mattress cover, vinyl liner and frame, $225. Bookcase, 27W x 30H x 12D, walnut woodgrain finish, $15. Blackie entertainment cabinet, 24W x 44H x 17D, two adjustable shelves, $35. Modern style white desk, 42W x 54H x 18D, includes adjustable shelving and one door, $30.00. 816-436-6770.

**Study Subjects Wanted:**

- Are you considering taking hormonal replacement therapy (HRT) for postmenopausal symptoms? If so, and you are 45-65 years old and have not had a hysterectomy, you may be eligible for a research study comparing two HRTs that have already been approved by the FDA. If interested call 86254.

- Healthy adult subjects, 18-50 years of age to participate in non-invasive study of memory and learning. Involves one hour visit to the Cognitive Neuroscience Lab for the recording of event-related brain potentials (ERPs or brain waves). For more information contact Jennifer Vavold at 85997.

- Persons with mental retardation and aggression, destructive behavior and/or self injury wanted for drug study. May also have autism. Ages 6-65 years. No seizures for the past year. Contact Dr. Jennifer Zarcone, ext. 86473.

**Volunteers Needed:**

We are currently in need of 15 volunteers to help assist in the Kaw Valley Habitat for Humanity project on Saturday, September 23 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Volunteers will need to bring sun screen, hammer, tape measure, work gloves and a nail apron (if available). The project is part of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives’ National Philanthropy Day celebration. For information or to sign up to volunteer please call Shelley Bratton at 81252 or email, sbratton.

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