

# IN THE CENTER

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## Roberts visit focuses on funding for research

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., visited KUMC Monday to call for more federal support for research facilities in Kansas. In addition to increasing federal funding for research, Roberts wants to make the Lawrence-Kansas City corridor a center for life science research. As part of a \$300 million campaign, KU and KUMC researchers will collaborate with area research facilities, private foundations and corporations to form a research consortium coordinated by the Kansas City Life Science Institute. “We must share our strengths,” said Roberts.

Roberts said that most of the \$15.6 billion spent last year on medical research by the National Institutes of Health went to universities



*Dr. Bill Narayan, right, shows Sen. Pat Roberts around his lab.*

on the east and west coasts. “We have a fine research university right here,” said Roberts. “National polls have indicated that people will support additional funding for research.”

While at KUMC Roberts visited with researcher Bill Narayan, DVM, PhD, professor and chairman of Microbiology, Molecular Genetics and Immunology, who has developed an AIDS vaccine

that will soon undergo Food and Drug Administration scrutiny. Roberts also spent some time with Joe

Lutkenhaus, PhD, professor of Microbiology, Molecular Genetics and Immunology. Dr. Lutkenhaus is a recent recipient of the prestigious National Institutes of Health MERIT (method to extend time in

research) Award, granted to less than five percent of researchers who have demonstrated superior competence and outstanding productivity. Dr. Lutkenhaus uses genetic and biochemical approaches to identify the components of molecular machinery that allow bacterial cells to divide.

Roberts concluded his visit with a tour of the Kidney Institute and a reception in Hixson Atrium.

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Cancer Information Service (CSI), a national resource for cancer information and education, staffs a regional cancer information hotline tucked away in the Kansas Cancer Institute, on the fourth floor of Robinson. The toll free number, 1-800-4-CANCER, is answered by a staff of 13 operators who field about 100 phone calls per day from people in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. The hotline is funded by a \$7.8 million grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) through 2004.

Operators undergo a month of specialized training in order to make referrals to cancer treatment



*Heidi Kennington, one of 13 cancer information specialists who works the phones at the Cancer Information Service.*

centers and hospitals and to answer callers' questions on prevention, symptoms, current treatments and research studies. They use an NCI database and National Institutes of Health

materials. "We look for someone with a B.S. in a health-related field and someone who can be compassionate and objective in the midst of an exchange that may be filled with pain," says Amy Gaier, CIS project director.

Typical callers are the families and friends of those diagnosed with cancer or those who have been undergoing cancer treatment and have questions about what happens next. KU Med is the only hospital in the area that promotes CSI. The hotline is staffed Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Callers may access recorded information 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

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The School of Medicine's Graduate Medical Education office and the department of Information Resources have collaborated on an innovative web-application to record and document resident physicians' time. The Medicare Timekeeping Module, interprets a database to report time and location of both clinical and educational activities. Residents, or their departmental coordinators, use KUMC's intranet to enter their time into the system using a web browser

like Netscape or Internet Explorer. The data is then sent electronically to Medicare to reimburse KUMC for some of the costs associated with training resident physicians. The system is drawing praise from Medicare and other academic medical centers across the country. KUMC's 384 residents rotate through more than 75 clinical training sites in Kansas City and across the state, producing about 11,000 time records per fiscal year.

Sally Enevoldson, a reimbursement specialist in Patient Financial Services, and Karen Whitely, Graduate Medical Education, got the ball rolling in 1995 when they tried to find a way to meet Medicare's request for real-time, accurate time sheets for residents. A Primary Care Physician grant from the Kansas Health Foundation allowed Bob Underwood, department of information resources, and Tseng-Kuo Shiao, MD, to develop the timekeeping software.



*Raymond Franklin, MPH, Rehabilitation Medicine, enjoys well wishes at a reception in his honor. Franklin is leaving KUMC after 20 years of service.*



*Allen B. Rawitch, PhD enjoys a reception in his honor as he assumes the post of vice chancellor for academic affairs. He has been a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at KUMC for 25 years.*

## Front & Center . . .



*The School of Nursing held its annual incoming nursing student luncheon to welcome new students. Cynthia Uzomah, Nigeria, with Sue A. Popkess-Vawter, RN, PhD, professor, School of Nursing.*

*Sharon K. Kumm, RN, MN, CCRN, clinical assistant professor, School of Nursing, breaks bread with Michael Wajcman, Overland Park.*



*Donald F. Hagen, MD, executive vice chancellor, and Jessica Kirk, Overland Park, enjoy the luncheon.*



# CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

**For Sale:**

Whirlpool double oven gas range with electronic igniter, \$50 OBO. Whirlpool Powerclean energy saver undercounter dishwasher, \$75 OBO. Full size metal office desk, \$25. 913-541-9139 evenings and weekends.

Two Chiefs tickets and red reserve parking pass for San Diego, Sept. 17; St. Louis, Oct. 22; Buffalo, Nov. 19 and Carolina, Dec. 10. Section 115, row 31, sheltered. 913-236-6415, evenings.

Milwaukee magnetic base drill press #4262-1, reversible. Sells for \$1500 new, asking \$700. 913-422-1831 after 6 p.m.

New sofa and love seat, cream leather, \$350 for set. New black metal TV stand, \$50. 913-422-4669, ask for Laurie.

3 BR, 2 BA 9-year-old raised ranch on 3+ fenced acres in Hillsdale Lake area. Two car attached garage, FP, DR, eat-in kitchen, above-ground pool, Whirlpool appls., new carpet and flooring, newer deck, outbuilding, low utilities, very clean, 36 mi. to KUMC, \$169K. 913-256-1888.

Like new oak colored computer table with shelf, drawer and ergonomic computer chair, \$45. 913-384-4784.

1990 Buick Skylark, lt. gray w/faux convertible top, wire spoke hubcaps, 55K original miles, A/C, cruise control, power everything, new tires and brakes, new suspension, new battery, super clean, \$3500 firm. 816-444-1674.

Red 4-door 1991 VW Jetta GL, gray interior, 5-speed, new clutch, sunroof, 105K miles, new tires, one owner, full records, very clean, \$3,300 OBO. 816-822-2688.

Pet Porter dog kennel, extra large, excellent condition, \$40. Large dog house, \$25. 913-248-1808.

3.5 horsepower minibike, clean, \$500 OBO. 913-727-6195.

**For Rent:**

Lovely furnished apt. for one person only. Quiet, refined atmosphere, near hospital. Complete references required. 816-753-3129.

**Study Subjects Wanted:**

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 age 6-65 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.



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# coming up

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- Tickets are on sale 11 a.m. -1 p.m. for KUMC Back-to-School Day at Worlds of Fun, across from the main cafeteria.

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- RSVP to scoffelt1 for "Discovering Balance: Plugs for Your Stress Outlet", to be held Wednesday noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall East.
- Alzheimer's Support Group, noon-1:30 p.m., KU Med, Delp Cafeteria.
- Grief Loss Support Group, 3-4 p.m., KU Med Radiation Oncology conference room.

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- Coupons for KU vs. Southern Illinois football tickets on Sept. 23, on sale today, tomorrow and Friday outside the main cafeteria, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Student Services Book Fair, through the 31st, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Wyandotte Room.

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- Diabetes Self-Management Series, 9-11 a.m., KU Med, Cray Diabetes Center, Rm. 1107.
- Best Beginnings, 11:45 a.m.-1p.m., KU Med, 5th fl., OB/GYN Dept.
- KUMC Interfaith, noon-1 p.m., 2023 Wescoe.