Largest capital gift for KUMC creates brain research center

The largest private gift for a building project in the history of KUMC will help establish a new center for brain research. Announced Oct. 30 by KU Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway, the $4 million gift will build and equip the Hoglund Brain Imaging Center, a state-of-the-art facility for the study of brain diseases and disorders.

KU alumni Forrest and Sally Roney Hoglund of Dallas made the gift to the Kansas University Endowment Association. An additional $3 million gift from the Hoglunds will be designated for other projects at a later date. The Center will also receive $1 million in state funding to purchase equipment.

The 11,500 square-foot facility will be built at the corner of 38th St. and Eaton and is expected to be in operation by the fall of 2002. It will be equipped with two special magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines and one magnetoencephalography (MEG) machine. The equipment will help scientists study such problems as developmental disabilities, autism, Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease and stroke. Patients at KU Med will have access to the MRIs and other advanced brain-imaging methods.

One of the unique features of the center will be the ability to safely scan the brain of a fetus, making KUMC one of only three facilities with this capability in the country. It will be one of only 12 facilities in the United States with MEG equipment.

In announcing their gift, the Hoglunds said they were happy to provide a center in Kansas City that could provide a strong research platform and help people suffering from a variety of brain diseases. “We’re absolutely excited about the brain center and where it will take the medical center. We want our gift to make KU first in brain research and in patient care,” Forrest Hoglund said.

“The Hoglund gift represents our future as a leader in this community and as a major research university. It is a major step, not only for KUMC, but for the progress of Life Sciences in this metro area,” said Donald Hagen, MD, Executive Vice Chancellor. For more information about the Hoglunds, see page 7.
Corrie L. May, MD, assistant professor, department of pathology and director of the Regional Autopsy and Forensic Service. Dr. May completed medical school at Louisiana State University. She completed a residency in pathology and a fellowship in forensic pathology at the University of New Mexico Hospital. She is certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic, clinical and forensic pathology. Dr. May has a special interest in criminalistics and mass fatalities management.

James M. Mixson, DDS, clinical associate professor, department of otorhinolaryngology. Dr. Mixson completed dental school at Washington University in St. Louis. He completed a fellowship in geriatric dentistry at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Dr. Mixson specializes in oral and maxiofacial surgery and geriatric dentistry.

Reginald W. Dusing, MD, assistant professor, department of radiology and director of the division of nuclear medicine. Dr. Dusing graduated from Baylor College of Medicine. He completed a residency in family practice at the University of Missouri Hospital and a residency in radiology at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City, Kan. He also completed a fellowship in nuclear medicine at the University of Kansas. Dr. Dusing is certified in radiology by the American Board of Radiology and in nuclear medicine by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine and the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology. He specializes in nuclear medicine, including positron emission tomography and diagnostic radiology.

S. Duke Herrell, MD, assistant professor, department of surgery. Dr. Herrell completed medical school at the University of Virginia. He completed a surgery internship and urology residency at the University of Virginia Health Sciences and an endourology fellowship at Loyola University Medical School. He is certified in urology by the American Board of Urology. Dr. Herrell specializes in general urology with a special interest in endourology and kidney stone disease.
Dean Powell elected to prestigious medical society

Deborah E. Powell, MD, executive dean of the KUMC School of Medicine and vice chancellor for clinical affairs, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Medicine (IOM).

IOM is a think tank that advises the federal government on national health and science policy. Her election puts Powell in rarified company. Among this year’s inductees are Antonia Novello, the first female and Hispanic to be appointed Surgeon General of the United States, Donna Shalala, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Jane Henney, former KUMC interim dean, and now commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

“I am honored by my election to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. It is something I truly never expected would happen to me. It is very symbolic of the fact that the University of Kansas and it’s medical school have outstanding faculty who are recognized nationally in many different ways. I am very proud to be a faculty member of this medical school,” Powell said.

Powell is one of only five female medical school deans in the country and the first permanent female executive dean at KUMC. She is one of only five IOM members from Kansas. One of the other Kansas members is Barbara Atkinson, chair of pathology and laboratory medicine and director of the resident program at KUMC.

“Dr. Powell is certainly a very clear thinker and members tend to pick the brightest and hardest working people,” said Atkinson. “It’s really an incredible honor because you get elected by people who are already in the institute.”

Powell will be inducted into the institute during its annual meeting next October in Washington, D.C.

KU Chancellors Club honors KUMC scientist

Glen K. Andrews, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at KUMC, received the 2000 KU Chancellors Club Research Award at ceremonies in Lawrence on Oct. 27.

Andrews is a pioneer in gene research and is known internationally for his work on gene regulation, metal toxicology and the functions of the zinc-binding protein metallothionein.

Andrews said he was grateful for both the financial support the award provides for his work and the personal honor. “It means a lot to receive the recognition of your peers and know they appreciate your research,” he said.

Last month, Andrews received KU’s Dolph Simons Sr. Research Award in Biomedical Sciences. Emporia State University has honored him as a distinguished alumnus.

The Chancellors Club, established by the Kansas University Endowment Association, is KU’s major-donor organization. The $5000 annual Chancellors Club Research Award honors a KUMC researcher whose work has led to significant scientific discoveries.
Halloween @ KUMC

Ann Clemens, Public Relations, a.k.a. Dr. Fine.

Winners of the pumpkin decorating contest are:
First prize - Unit 15, right. Second prize - Sterile Processing, left. Third prize - NICU, front. Prizes included dinners and popcorn for the staff. The contest was sponsored by the department of nursing.

Judy Mitchell, Kansas Cancer Institute, shows her best side.
Kelle Clark, left, Julie Morrison and Kara McNally, all of dietetics and nutrition, enjoyed a Halloween lunch in the Auxiliary garden.

Jane Cline, RN, as Nurse Nancy.

Miranda Rosenberger, department of Preventive Medicine, pizza delivery guy from the movie “Blue Streak.”

Julie Koepke, RN, on a bad hair day.

The Dialysis Center provided popcorn for its staff, patients and drivers. Nancy Ruzich, left, receptionist, and Wendy Jones, dialysis supply technician.
Researcher exhibits in Washington, D.C.

Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, MD, acting chair of the KUMC’s department of Preventive Medicine, was one of 12 poster exhibitors at the launch of a nationwide initiative called the “Decade of Behavior” in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11. The exhibit was held to showcase the best research in the behavioral sciences and was aimed at members of Congress, their staffs and the science media.

Dr. Ahluwalia presented a poster on his extensive research on smoking cessation among African Americans. He is currently investigating the effectiveness of a nicotine inhaler for smoking cessation in comparison to dietary intervention and counseling among African-Americans living in public housing.

Sponsored by the American Psychological Association, the initiative has five major themes: improving health, increasing safety, improving education, increasing prosperity and promoting democracy. Planned activities throughout the year include a public television series and a web site.

The diversity initiative: a road map to the future

Diversity is each of us and all of us . . . individually and collectively. Diversity is everything that makes each of us different and those things about all of us that are similar. Diversity is what we can see and what we cannot see in each of us and all of us, at any time, anywhere.

Diversity is reflected in the many ways each of us and all of us walk and talk, think and behave. Diversity includes, but is not limited to: culture, gender, age, ethnicity, nationality, geography, lifestyle, education, income, health, physical appearance, pigmentation, language, personality, beliefs, faith, dreams, interests, aspirations, skills, professions, perceptions and experiences. These are just a few dimensions of diversity in each of us and all of us.

This is the first in a series of articles about the diversity initiative at KUMC unveiled Oct. 12. The information in this article can be found on the diversity web site at www2.kumc.edu/div. In the weeks to come we will be providing information to help KUMC employees understand and incorporate the principles of the initiative into their daily interactions with each other.
Federal grant funds mentoring program for cancer researchers

A five-year, $9.9 million Center of Biomedical Research Excellence grant from the National Institutes of Health will fund experimental cancer research among junior faculty at KUMC and three other state institutions. The grant, submitted and administered by KU’s Higuchi Biosciences Center, brings together nineteen researchers from KUMC, KU, Kansas State University and Emporia State University. The grant pairs an established senior researcher who has a proven track record of grant funding with a junior faculty member or a faculty member who may be making a change in research direction. The junior faculty member has the opportunity to conduct research while learning how to become more competitive when applying for grants.

One of KUMC’s junior faculty members who will benefit from the grant is Kathleen Roby, Ph.D., research assistant professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology. Dr. Roby is conducting research to find a way to genetically inhibit an enzyme that promotes cell growth in ovarian cancer. The mentor on this project is senior scientist Paul Terranova, Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative biology. “This grant provides a training ground for researchers with high potential to attract major grants of their own,” said Terranova.

Other areas of research funded by the grant include lung cancer, a strain of childhood leukemia, tumor growth and methods to improve the delivery of anti-cancer drugs. The principal investigator of the grant is Gunda Georg, university distinguished professor in medicinal chemistry at KU.

Hoglunds have strong ties to KU

Forrest and Sally Roney Hoglund (see page one for story) describe themselves as “KU’s number one cheerleaders.” Over the years they have provided support for many areas at KU.

Hoglund Ballpark, the home of the Jayhawk baseball team, is named for them because of a gift that allowed the ballpark to be refurbished. They have also funded the Hoglund Fellowship in Engineering, and with Forrest’s brother Barton Hoglund, they supported the Barton and Forrest Hoglund Laboratory for engineering.

Both are native Kansans and 1956 KU graduates. Forrest worked for Exxon Corp. for 20 years and later became president of what was known as Enron Oil and Gas Company. He retired in 1999. A KU Endowment Trustee, he is the chairman of the major fundraising campaign at KU. He was the recipient of the KU Alumni Association’s Fred Ellsworth medallion in 1996 and was awarded the Distinguished Engineering Service Award by the KU School of Engineering in 1992.

Sally has participated in fundraising activities for several Texas philanthropic organizations including the Arthritis Foundation of North Texas, the Dallas area Alzheimer’s Association and the Family Place, a national family violence agency.
For Sale:
OfficeJet R40 printer/copier/scanner, like new, cables and drivers included, $2500. 816-318-1687.

Automotive:
1994 AeroStar van, V-6, 139K, good condition, new starter and tires. Marissa at 816-331-3329.
1999 Dodge Ram truck, 1500 sport package, 32K miles, Magnum V-8, automatic, 4 x 4, dual exhaust, red w/gray tweed interior, quad cab, bedliner, CD player, tinted windows, showroom condition, $27,000. 913-768-6527.
1990 Grand AM Q-4, 89K miles, power everything, nice car, must sell, reduced to $2850. 913-722-9279 evenings.
1989 Isuza Trooper, red, 4 x 4, V-6, 5-speed, 4-dr., cassette, 156K miles, good condition, $3500. 913-648-8035.

For Rent:
Rommate needed to share large 2 BR/2 BA/2shower apt. in Shawnee with easy I-35 access. Rent is $360/mo. including utilities. Prefer female, non-smoker, student. Leave message for Mandy at 913-268-7291.
Female, 26, looking for M/F student to share 2BD/1BA, W/D, D/W, C/A. Roomy apartment with hardwood floors, front porch and nice neighbors, $315/mo. plus 1/2 utilities. Please drive by 3944 Bell, then call 816-753-2935.

For Sale:
20 Precious Moments figurines, many retired or suspended, boxes for most of them. 816-900-4686.

Free to Good Home:
One-year-old black and white female pointer, has shots. Larry at 816-353-2751 after 6 p.m.

Study Subjects Needed:
Morphine-infused gel study. Subjects must have Stage II or greater pressure of venous stasis ulcers with moderate to severe pain. The study requires five visits and lasts for two weeks. Subjects will be compensated for travel. Participation is free and study medication will be provided at no cost. Contact Shantelle Coe at 81314.

+++ A special thanks to Volunteer Services for their help stuffing bags for the recent drive-thru flu shot event. +++

Monday, November 6
- Final oral examination for the Ph.D. in anatomy for Brooke M. Steenhard, 2 p.m., Lied auditorium.

Tuesday, November 7
- Grief Support Group, 1-2:30 p.m., Armourdale Community Center, 730 Osage, Kansas City, Kan. Call Linda Barth at 81548 to register.
- Last day to buy tickets for KUMC night at the Missouri Reperatory Theatre. "A Christmas Carol", Firday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Tickets are $21, adults and $13, children under 18. Purchase tickets at 1024 Murphy.

Wednesday, November 8
- KUMC Interfaith, noon-1 p.m., 2023 Wescoe.

Got stories?
If you have a story idea, question or comment call the In the Center hotline at 81454.