The KU School of Medicine this week unveiled a proposal to build an eye-catching new facility for students.

The Medical Education Building would be located at the northeast corner of 39th Avenue and Rainbow Boulevard – currently a Blue parking lot in front of The Robert E. Hemenway Life Sciences Innovation Center.

“We have proposed a new Medical Education Building because Orr-Major is obsolete,” said Barbara Atkinson, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor and the school’s executive dean. “It’s important for our school’s accreditation. We need to begin making plans to update our medical education space to match our innovative curriculum.”

The building would allow the school to recruit 50 more students per year. Features include a medical simulation center and class settings that promote more team-based education.

The proposal is preliminary and has yet to be approved by the Board of Regents.

Most of the cost of the approximately $78 million facility would be covered by tuition from the increased number of students. University leaders also are exploring ways to generate the necessary funding until four years of additional students are enrolled.

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Final big push for United Way

Hundreds of employees have made generous donations, but there’s still a ways to go before the hospital meets its United Way fundraising target for the year.

As of noon Oct. 26, the hospital had raised about half its $175,000 goal. The hospital’s campaign ends Monday, Oct. 31, so a big push is projected over the final few days.

The medical center’s United Way campaign wrapped up Oct. 21, though donations are still being accepted. The number of donors doubled this year. Other results will be shared directly with staff.

The hospital’s United Way campaign co-chair, Michelle Keller, Communications Services, said United Way ambassadors have been meeting with departments and holding fundraisers throughout the hospital in an effort to raise the much-needed funds.

"Many of our neighbors are living without their basic needs being met," she said. "United Way agencies are working hard to change that." Pledging takes just a few minutes.

During KUMC’s United Way closing rally Oct. 21, former Chiefs star Anthony Davis signed autographs for Kirmayer Fitness Center’s Mary Saunders (center) and Student Services’ Fonda Briles.

We ♥ teachers: Support for KCPT opens school doors

The hospital has received the Outstanding Corporate Support award from KCPT, a partnership that has led to a new community outreach program.

It started last February during pledge night for KCPT, the region’s public television station. As pledge night sponsor, the hospital promoted its A Change of Heart services to viewers.

People who called in that night to pledge at least $250 to KCPT also received a variety of heart-healthy educational materials and A Change of Heart items, including a heart health assessment.

Then came the twist: An anonymous donor pledged $10,000 but generously suggested all the heart health assessments – 40 of them – be donated to others.

KCPT is a major supporter of education and teachers. And so the 40 heart health assessments were offered to area school districts, who gave them to 40 of their teachers.

Most of those teachers since have received their assessments and are still engaged with nurse educators and caregivers at Mid-America Cardiology. Their response was so enthusiastic the hospital has decided to continue the heart-healthy outreach to schools by continuing our partnerships with teachers.

‘Teachers are some of the communities’ most influential advocates and role models for health education. Let’s do our part to support them!"
KUMC named to national neurological trials

KUMC was selected as one of just 25 sites nationwide to participate in a new group working to speed up the development of new treatments for neurological disorders.

The group is called Network for Excellence in Neuroscience Clinical Trials (NeuroNEXT). KUMC will be funded by a seven-year $2.1 million grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health.

KUMC will work with research institutions nationwide to test new medications and treatments in diverse populations around the country.

“We have patients in the region who are committed to participating in national studies that will lead us to better treatments for neurological disorders,” said Richard Barohn, MD, Neurology chair.

Some trials will take place in KU’s Clinical Research Center in Fairway, opening early next year. The center was created specifically to house early phase clinical trials.

The award adds to KUMC’s string of success raising its national research prominence:
• KUMC in June joined an elite group of 60 universities when the NIH awarded it a $20 million Clinical and Translational Science Award.
• In August, KUMC was awarded a $6 million grant designating it as an Alzheimer’s Disease Center, one of just 29 institutions in the country.

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Topping off great news
Hospital staff were treated to ice cream sundaes last week, a sweet recognition of their outstanding accomplishments this year.

Mid-America Cardiology’s Steve Owens, MD (above), and Renee Walters, RN, Cardiovascular Progressive Care Unit, loaded up on whipped cream and caramel. Rehabilitation Services’ Megan Edwards (left) and Tamie Gardenhire went for the chocolate. This year’s accomplishments include Magnet redesignation, U.S. News & World Report rankings and UHC rankings and outcomes.

Open enrollment under way for hospital staff

Open enrollment for hospital employees began Oct. 24. It’s the time of year to review your current benefit choices and consider changes for 2012 plan elections.

Enroll online for your medical, dental and vision plans; Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA); and some voluntary benefits. Open enrollment ends noon Nov. 15.

One big change this year: No HMO plan. It will be discontinued due to decline in enrollment, high cost of the plan and the current trend to drop HMOs from employer-offered health care programs.

If you are enrolled in the HMO plan and want to continue medical coverage in 2012, you must enroll in one of the PPO plan options. If you take no action, your HMO enrollment will be transferred into the Premier PPO Plan.

Access online enrollment through BenefitsConnection on 24/7 or at bluesenroll.com from any computer with Internet access. Details are on 24/7.
Friday, October 28
NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: “Adult Children of Mothers with Alzheimer’s Disease: Are They at Higher Risk and Why?” Robyn Honea, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Confusing Patients Less: Health Literacy as a Public Health Priority,” Michael Wolf, PhD, MPH, 8-9 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.

LANDON CENTER on Aging’s Annual Chili Feed: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., second floor. Tickets are $5. Proceeds benefit Landon’s Adopt a Senior program, which provides gift baskets and gift cards to a dozen local “forgotten” older adults at the holidays. Buy tickets in advance from Deborah Barton, 8-0798, or at the door.

Monday, October 31
PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY Medicine Grand Rounds: “Antibodies and C4d in Liver Transplantation: Using Digital Pathology & Laboratory” Rubin Reyes, MD, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

Wednesday, November 2
INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: “Thrombotic Microangiopathy,” Rubin Reyes, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

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KUMC AUXILIARY Grant Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 1. Proposed projects should be less than $3,000 and benefit patients, employees, students or staff. The proposal form, instructions and other guidelines are at kumc.edu/auxiliary. Information: Diane Lee, diandlee@att.net.

CAMPUS FLU SHOTS Flu Stop Clinics: Tuesday, Nov. 1: 7-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m., 1116 Bell, hospital; Friday, Nov. 4: 1-3 p.m., Multipurpose Room, Westwood Campus

KUMC Student Health (1012 Student Center): Thursday, Oct. 27: 8:30-10 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 28: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 29: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m.

Thursday, November 3
HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE Care Lecture Series: “Cultural Issues at End of Life, Parts 1 and 2,” Ann Allegre, MD, 8-10 a.m. Registration for each program is $15. Series continues every Thursday morning. Register and select an ITV viewing site: coa.kumc.edu/epgec/palliative.

Friday, November 4

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Diabetes Management in Youth: What’s Behavior Got to Do with It?” Susana Patton, PhD, CDE, 8-9 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.

Hospital PTO Buy-Back begins Friday
The hospital’s next Paid Time Off (PTO) Buy-Back program begins Friday, Oct. 28.

The Buy-Back program allows eligible employees to sell back PTO twice a year. Highlights of the program:
• You can sell up to 40 hours of PTO.
• Eligible employees must have at least 80 hours of PTO as of their Oct. 28 pay stub to sell future PTO.
• To submit your request, fill out the PTO Buy-Back form on 24/7.

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Volunteers ready for Drive-Thru Flu Shot Event
Another big crowd is expected for the hospital’s 17th annual Drive-Thru Flu Shot Event this Saturday, Oct. 29, on campus. Plenty of staff and students have volunteered. Now help spread the word to family and friends!

The event is 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Adams Street and Rainbow Boulevard. Shots are available on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone 8 and older. Parental consent is required for children 8-17.

Flu shots are free.

Your donation to support Harvesters, the Community Food Network, is appreciated.

Remember: Staff, physicians and students are urged to get their vaccines at Flu Stop Clinics or at KUMC Student Health, not at the drive-through event.

BlueKC covers flu shots for dependents
Are you a hospital employee whose family members need flu shots? If they can’t make it to the Oct. 29 drive-through event, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC) again will cover 100 percent of the allowable charge for the cost of a flu shot, if:
• Your family member is on your medical plan
• The shot is administered by an in-network provider

Flu shots from out-of-network providers are subject to charges.

If you get a flu vaccine from a provider other than the hospital or university, remember to provide documentation to hospital Employee Health or KUMC Occupational Health. This will help the hospital track the number of employees vaccinated and will qualify you for the 2012 Wellness Challenge.

Spencer Chapel services next week
Special services for the Feast of All Saints Day will be next week in Spencer Chapel. The services are 4:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, and 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Choke bad habits with Cold Turkey Challenge
The hospital’s last wellness challenge of the year, the Cold Turkey Challenge, is Nov. 7-Dec. 2.

In the challenge, participants give up one bad habit during November, such as smoking, mid-afternoon candy snacks or their TV remote.

You choose a goal that’s best for you and log your progress on a designated tracker. Signup deadline is 5 p.m. Nov. 4. To sign up or for more information, email ColdTurkey@kumc.edu.
Vehicles
2006 SUZUKI GSXR 600, 19K miles, $3,600. 913-219-0481.
2003 PONTIAC SUNFIRE, 153K, black, 4-cylinder, automatic, AC, new fuel pump/brakes/rotors, mostly highway miles, non-smoking owner, regular oil changes, normal wear, $3,500 OBO. 913-980-5896.

For Sale
CHIEFS TICKETS for Halloween game vs. Raiders, section 324, row Nov. 6 game vs. Dolphins, Dec. 24 cond., works perfectly, $300 21, seats 11 and 12, $69/pair.

2 PAIRS of tap shoes, toddler size 2, black patent leather, used bicycle and 10 skirts, young girl's sizes some new/never worn, $50 for everything. 913-687-1239.

DINING TABLE, glass top, black metal frame, 4 chairs (never used), 6 months old, matching accessories, $150. 913-909-5676.

SMART CYCLE, hook to TV, teaches colors, letters, shapes, and numbers, possibly, like new, photos, $35. 913-475-4036.

Housing
HOUSE and 10 acres near Louisburg, 3 BR, 1 large BA, new windows/carpet/paint, large kitchen, detached 4-car garage, $785-248-9368.

DANSKO SHOES, brown, worn 1 time, like new, photos, paid $135, asking $70. 870-219-5514.

PANDIGITAL NOVEL 9" color multimedia eReader, powered by Android, 1 million-plus books from Barnes & Noble, newspapers, magazines, music, like new, in box, photos. $80. 816-419-8263.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, $350 OBO; dining table with 4 chairs, $100; photos. 913-710-0783.

WHIRLPOOL WASHER and extra-large capacity dryer, great cond., photos, $300 OBO, you pick up. 816-728-6697.

3 PAIRS of tap shoes, toddler size 2, black patent leather, used bicycle and 10 skirts, young girl's sizes some new/never worn, $50 for everything. 913-687-1239.

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For Rent
HOME, 9100 Walnut, KCMO, 2 BR, 1 BA, new paint/carpet, off-street parking, $650/month. 816-523-7822.

DUPLEX, 2921 W. 45th Ave., 2 BR, renovated full bath, remodeled kitchen, hardwoods in living room/bedrooms, 1-car garage, individual basement space, patio, fenced backyard, $700/month. 913-488-8899.

WALK TO WORK: 1713 W. 34th Terr., 3 BR, 2.5 BA, appliances, washer/dryer, off-street parking, $1,300/month. 816-536-3458.

ROELAND PARK/FAIRWAY home, charming, well-maintained, 3 BR, 1 BA, large deck, screened-in porch, hardwoods, fireplace, remodeled kitchen, washer/dryer, finished walkout basement, $1,200/month. 913-526-7688.

Please send classified ads to centersexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be 25 words or less and received by noon Monday. Ads are for staff and students only. You cannot promote personal businesses or commercial ventures. Ads run on a space-available basis.

October annual conference. “Selection for membership in the academy is one of the most prestigious honors in the field of nursing,” said academy President Catherine Gilliss, FAAN. “Academy fellows are truly experts. The academy fellowship represents the nation’s top nurse researchers, policymakers, scholars, executives, educators and practitioners.”

Fellow selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care. Each nominee must be sponsored by two current academy fellows.

Designation as an honorary fellow is awarded to individuals not eligible for regular fellowship who are dedicated to the nursing profession.

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The American Academy of Nursing has inducted KU School of Nursing’s Cynthia Teel, RN, PhD, as a fellow, and Nancy Dunton, PhD, as an honorary fellow.

Teel is the school’s professor and associate dean for Graduate Programs. Dunton is research professor at the school. They were inducted as the academy’s