Before a standing-room-only crowd in Battenfeld Auditorium, faculty and staff of the University of Kansas School of Medicine officially welcomed the Class of 2007 into the medical profession and medical community during its annual White Coat Ceremony Aug. 8.

Following opening remarks by S. Edwards Dusmuke, MD, dean of the SoM in Wichita, Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive dean and vice chancellor for Clinical Affairs, SoM, gave the keynote address.

She noted that the students were joining the SoM at a very exciting time in its history. It will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2005. As the class was welcomed into the six academic societies named for prominent leaders in the school’s history – Delp, Major, Murphy, Orr, Wahl and Wescoe – Atkinson asked the students to ponder what legacy they will leave the SoM for its next 100 years.

In her message, Atkinson emphasized the ideals of medical professionalism – maintenance of patient interest above physician self-interest, altruism, accountability, excellence, duty and service, honor and integrity, and respect for others.

“You are embarking on an incredibly rewarding career – to serve mankind,” she said.

“Our job as educators is not to make your stay here easy, but to make sure that you have a strong competency in medicine and a strong sense of professionalism.”

As Sandra McCurdy, assistant dean for Admissions, read their names, students walked to the stage to receive their white coats, presented by members of the SoM faculty. Students also received pins, presented by the academic society directors, and the book “On Doctoring,” presented by Mark Meyer, MD, associate dean for Student Affairs, KUMC, and Garold Minns, MD, associate dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Wichita.

Belinda Vail, MD, assistant professor and vice chair of Family Medicine and 2003 Rainbow Award recipient, led the class in reciting the Oath of Commitment. It reaffirmed the students’ responsibilities to their teachers, their patients, their colleagues and their profession.

The oath concludes with a commitment to continuous self-improvement: “I promise never to put an end to my studying and learning, that I might improve myself every day of my practice, in all the years to come.”
With new students and faculty on the KUMC campus, it’s a good time for everyone to review tips on crime prevention and reporting suspicious activity.

KUMC crime statistics, particularly for violent crimes and auto theft, are down from previous years. Crime statistics are also far lower than those reported in the surrounding areas of Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., according to Rick Johnson, director of Public Safety.

The KU Police Department is authorized by state law to provide law enforcement protection at the University of Kansas Medical Center, including the hospital. In fact, KU Med is the only hospital in the Kansas City area to have its own police department. Because of the dedicated police presence, response time to calls is significantly enhanced for the entire campus and surrounding areas.

KU Police take many measures to ensure your safety. They patrol all parking lots on a random schedule 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Emergency “blue” telephones are located in all parking lots. And police escorts are available from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. to pick up employees, students and visitors from parking lots, garages or area residences within specified boundaries. These include Chester to the north, State Line Road to the east, 43rd Street to the south and Fisher to the west. Call 8-5030 to schedule an escort.

In addition, all shuttle bus drivers are security officers and trained to report any suspicious people or activities to the KU Police. Shuttle buses visit each parking lot and make stops throughout the campus approximately once every 20-25 minutes.

However, staying alert and being aware of your surroundings at all times is still the best way to avoid becoming a crime victim, Johnson said.

“Safety is everyone’s responsibility,” he added. “KU Police can’t function effectively without the assistance of everyone – students, faculty and employees. We are depending on you to call and tell us whenever you observe suspicious persons or activity. “There’s no harm done if your suspicions are unfounded. And you might just prevent something from happening.”

The KU Police Web site, www.kumc.edu/police, provides monthly and annual crime reports and information on police escort and satellite shuttle bus services. It also offers these and more tips on how to avoid becoming a crime victim.

- Stay alert for the unexpected and don’t take unnecessary risks.
- Keep your mind on what is going on around you while you are walking.
- Walk confidently.
- Be extra alert; know who and what is around you at all times.
- Walk with another person whenever possible.
- Stay near people; walking in deserted areas invites trouble.
- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Avoid shortcuts.

“Many crimes are crimes of opportunity,” Johnson said. “Take personal security measures that make you a less vulnerable target.”

For all emergencies, dial 911. For all non-emergencies, call 8-5030.

### Special Psychiatry Presentation

There will be a special Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation Friday, Aug. 22, 10:30 a.m.-noon, in the third-floor Sudler Auditorium.

Frederick K. Goodwin, MD, research professor of Psychiatry at George Washington University Medical Center and director of the Center on Neuroscience, will speak on “Long Term Management of Bipolar I Disorder.”

Goodwin is co-author of the standard medical text “Manic-Depressive Illness.” He is also the former director of the National Institute of Mental Health.

The presentation is funded by an unrestricted educational grant from the GlaxoSmithKline Company. For more information, contact the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at 8-6463.
First-year students in the KU School of Medicine learned more about the community in which they will live, work and study during orientation week, Aug. 4-8. Nearly 120 students dedicated Aug. 7 to a variety of community service projects, such as cleaning up yards, building homes, making parade puppets, feeding the homeless and packing school supplies for several Wyandotte County agencies.

Habitat for Humanity, YouthBuild, Rosedale Development Association, Cross-Lines Cooperative Council and the Autism Asperger Resource Center were the five non-profit organizations benefiting from the day of service.

“Most of our students live in the areas adjacent to the medical center. They are interested in improving the quality of the local neighborhood and making a difference,” said Donald Hagen, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor.

“This orientation week activity provided an early opportunity for new students to become active members of the Rosedale community and Wyandotte County,” said Sandy McCurdy, SoM assistant dean. “It also enabled them to connect with one another as they worked side by side achieving worthwhile objectives.”

McCurdy hopes that, in addition to providing the students a day of fun, the community service day plants a seed for future volunteer opportunities to develop during their next four years on campus.
Creating Satisfied Patients

Celebrating their recognition as one of the KU Med nursing units with the highest patient satisfaction scores during a four-week period are staff from Unit 51, which serves trauma and general, plastic and vascular surgery patients. Team members include (front row) Sally Bozarth, Eduardo Campos and Carmen Gutierrez, and (back row) Angela Holt, RN, Megan Schmitz, RN, Angela Folsom, Kristin Clark, Cyndrea Powell, Denise Johnson, RN, nurse manager, and Laura Mikkelsen, RN.

Trip to the Emerald Isle

As immediate past president of the Mid-Central States Orthopedic Society, Kim Templeton, MD, assistant professor of Orthopedics, was invited to a combined meeting of the Eastern and Southern Orthopedic Societies, held in Dublin, Ireland, July 30-Aug. 2. Pictured, from left, are Shep Hurwitz of New York, president of the Eastern Orthopedic Association, Kim Templeton, MD, Michael Donnelly, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and Champ Baker of Georgia, president of the Southern Orthopedic Association.

Nursing Scholarship Winners

Three KU School of Nursing students recently received scholarships from the AMVETS Sad Sacks/Sackettes #59 Scholarship Fund. Pictured (back left) are Heath Scheibmeier, senior, Rita Clifford, RN, PhD, associate dean of Student Affairs, (front left) Kristina Delaney, senior, and Krista Annan, junior. The Sad Sacks/Sackettes raise money each year for nursing scholarships.
SoM Activities Fair

During orientation week, first-year medical students learned how they can get involved in student organizations. The Activities Fair was held Aug. 7 in the Kirmayer Fitness Center gym.

Those staffing booths at the Activities Fair included (from left) Katherine Stroupe, second-year Physical Therapy student, and Eddy Hart, second-year medical student, co-presidents of the Student Governing Council, and Jana Zaudke, second-year medical student, president of the Student Interest Group in Neurology.

A Family Tradition

Chris Page-Goertz (center) was congratulated by his parents Sally Page-Goertz and Kenneth Goertz, MD, KUMC associate professor, Pediatric Cardiology, following the White Coat Ceremony Aug. 8. Chris, a first-year medical student, is following a family tradition. His father graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, as did his grandfather, Leo Goertz, MD, class of ’52.

“I took the same approach with Chris as my father did with me,” Goertz said. “I tried not to influence his thoughts or decisions. But I’m very happy and proud he decided to go into medicine.”

Race for the Cure

The 10th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure attracted more than 12,800 participants Aug. 10 to its Union Station starting point. Of those, more than 1,100 were cancer survivors. In the photo above, a large group gathered in front of the KU Med team table. About 160 KU Med team members participated in the race. The 5K run/walk raised $400,000 for breast cancer research.
Physician Finds Personal Expression Through Art

Science and medicine were always his first calling. With his father and grandfather both doctors, he never seriously considered doing anything else.

Lately, he has been replicating a work by the great French sculptor Auguste Rodin, “The Hand of God.” Like Rodin, Moriarty believes “There is a statue in each block of marble – it is just a question of divining it and bringing it out by removing all that is excessive.”

Patrick Moriarty, MD

But when not treating patients or conducting research, Patrick Moriarty, MD, director of Clinical Pharmacology and the Atherosclerosis Prevention Center, can often be found on the patio of his home chipping away at a large block of Italian white marble.

Since he took up sculpting to fill a course requirement in college, Moriarty has found art to be a creative outlet that helps him cope with daily stresses and a demanding career. Over the years, he has created sculptures for family members and close friends.

“This piece is different than anything I’ve done before. It’s from a quarry in Carrara, Italy, where Michelangelo obtained most of his marble for such pieces as the ‘David’ and ‘Pieta.’ It has a connection to my life’s travels,” Moriarty said.

The Irish-born Moriarty loves all things Italian. He learned to speak Italian and studied Italian literature, poetry and history during a one-year crash course that enabled him to enroll in medical school in Rome as an Italian student. He lived in Italy for seven years. He met his wife, Lucille, a New Yorker who was vacationing in Italy, in Rome at St. Peter’s Cathedral.

Moriarty uses words like relaxing, stimulating and satisfying when describing his love of sculpting.

“I find medicine in art and art in medicine,” Moriarty added. “There is a scientific protocol to creating art, and emotions such as faith and love play an important role in health, just as they do in art.”

This article is the first in an occasional series of stories on physicians and other health care professionals who find creative expression in photography, sculpture, painting, music and other forms of art.

Center Stage

Coupon Book Sale

Want to save money and support a good cause at the same time?

The KUMC Auxiliary will have a fund-raiser Friday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., outside the cafeteria. Members will sell Price Chopper coupon books for $5 each. Inside each book is a $5 coupon off your next grocery purchase at Price Chopper, so the book easily pays for itself. Other coupons in the book are good for up to $70 in savings. Coupons may be used through Dec. 31, 2004.

All proceeds will benefit the KUMC Auxiliary, which sponsors six student scholarships each year and also funds special projects for departments requesting support.
Doctor Writes Guide to Dining Out in Kansas City

David Meyers, MD, professor of Cardiovascular Diseases, has just published a guide to Kansas City-area restaurants. In it, he ranks what he believes to be the top 130 restaurants from among more than 2,000 dining establishments.

He will sell and sign copies of his book, “The Kansas City Restaurant Guide,” 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 19 and 20, outside the cafeteria. A portion of the proceeds from each book will go to the JayDoc Free Clinic, which opened Aug. 13 and is operated by KU School of Medicine students.

Meyers admits to being an expert on dining out, only by virtue of frequency.

“I eat dinner out most nights,” he said. With this in mind, he has included the opinions and observations of others, including both friends and professional critics.

“I love fine dining,” Meyers added. “The ultimate dining experience is a formal three-hour, multi-course meal in stunning surroundings, with quiet music allowing dancing between courses, old and balanced wines, stimulating table conversation and tuxedoed, attentive servers who never intrude.”

He hopes his guide will be helpful to new Kansas Citians and tourists, as well as veteran diners.

The book includes Meyers’ top picks and restaurant reviews with overall ratings from one to five stars based on food, ambience and service. The guide also provides the average price ranges for lunch, dinner and wines, and offers helpful information, such as days and hours of operation and whether reservations are accepted.

Research Awards Funding Deadline

Oct. 21, 2003, is the application deadline for the National Institutes of Health COBRE (Center of Biomedical Research Excellence) First Award grants from the Center for Cancer Experimental Therapeutics.

The earliest award date is January 1, 2004. COBRE Awards are designed to help faculty attain competitive funding early in their careers. Faculty members who have not served as principal investigators on an NIH RO1 research grant and who are early in their careers are eligible to receive up to $100,000 over two years.

Research related to cancer, which falls primarily under the umbrella of the National Cancer Institute of the NIH, other relevant NIH agencies and the COBRE Center for Cancer Experimental Therapeutics, will be considered for COBRE First Awards.

For more information and application guidelines, visit: http://www2.kumc.edu/cobre or contact the COBRE director at 785-864-4498 or georg@ku.edu.
Saturday, Aug. 16
• KUMC Fun Night, picnic
  3-4:30 p.m., Worlds of Fun and
  Oceans of Fun.

Monday, Aug. 18
• Student Activities Fair, 2-4 p.m.,
  Francisco Lounge.
• Blood glucose meter clinic,
  11 a.m.-noon, Cray Diabetes
  Center. Also on Tuesdays,
  Wednesdays and Fridays.

Tuesday, Aug. 19
• Cognitive therapy addiction
  treatment, 1-2:30 p.m.,
  Family Medicine.

Thursday, Aug. 21
• “Look Good – Feel Better,”
  cancer management seminar,
  2-4 p.m., Cancer Center.
• Burn patients support group,
  6-7 p.m., Burnett Burn Center.

Automotive:
1991 Red Dodge pick-up, 2-door, hatch-
back, excellent condition, A/C, $2,000.
816-241-6116, leave message.

1997 Saturn SL2, dark green, leather,
premium sound, sunroof, new Jansen
speakers, alloy wheels, fog lamps,
spoiler, car cover, 33 miles per gallon

1984 IMP speed boat, inboard/outboard
motor, 140 HP, 515 hours, with trailer,
$2,500 OBO. 913-438-0553.

For Sale:
4 Chiefs tickets and parking pass to
Aug. 16 game vs. Vikings, section 331,

3 BR, 2BA house, 10 min. from KUMC,
3817 Ruby, KCK, large walk-in pantry,
double lot, 1 metal shed, 1 wooden
shed, large fenced backyard, $62,000.
913-384-3175 after 5 p.m.

Ride Wanted:
For one week, Aug. 29-Sept. 5, from
KUMC to home near 18th and
Taumtee, KCK, leaving KUMC from
4-5 p.m., will pay $35. 913-206-0501.

Children’s Miracle Network Day at Chevy’s
Stop by Chevy’s Fresh Mex today, Aug. 14, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., and
20 percent of your purchase will go to the Children’s Miracle Network.

Restaurants are located in Merriam off Shawnee Mission Parkway
and I-35 at 6465 E. Frontage Road, in Olathe off 119th and I-35 at
11969 S. Strang Line Road, and in Independence off 39th Street and
291 Highway at Bolger Drive.

Tell your server you are there helping hospitals help kids by
supporting Children’s Miracle Network. Please call ahead for
groups of 10 or more. If you have questions, contact Children’s
Miracle Network at 8-9107 or snolte@kumc.edu.

Children’s Miracle Network is dedicated to helping kids by
raising funds for 170 children’s hospitals across North America.
Children’s Miracle Network contributed $400,000 to pediatric pro-
grams at KUMC last year.

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Web site at www.kumc.edu/publications/inthecenter. It is also available on
the KU Med intranet site at http://intranet.kumed.com. Click on “employee
info” and “newsletters,” then type in the date of the issue you wish to view.