The chip is about the size of a grain of sand and doesn’t cost much to make. But it can make a world of difference in keeping track of valuable products of all sizes.

Radio frequency identification, or RFID, tag technology developed at KU will soon be in the marketplace, keeping track of everything from computers to retail supplies to valuable liquids.

The Information and Telecommunication Technology Center has signed an agreement with Kansas City-based Starport Technologies that grants Starport the right to manufacture and market the patent-pending RFID tags.

“KU has a mission to move innovations stemming from our research into the marketplace,” said Jim Roberts, vice provost for research. “This license to Starport Technologies stems from an ITTC researcher Dan Diavours’ RFID research and is a tremendous example of the process. KU is pleased to partner with CEO Jeff Nedlyke and Starport Technologies.

RFID identifies tagged items through radio communication between electronic readers and tags that contain data on microchips. RFID tags have advantages over bar codes in that they provide a large, unique identifier, they do not require line-of-sight to be read and multiple tags can be scanned simultaneously. Plus, RFID tags, specifically those that use industry standards and operate in ultra-high frequency, can be read from more than 25 feet away. These capabilities and relatively low cost have spurred the widespread adoption of RFID in supply chain management.

Typically when RFID tags are placed on or near metal or liquids, performance degrades to the point where tags are no longer usable. But at KU, Diavours developed an innovative antenna and system that uses readily available components and processes.

KU has unveiled an unprecedented proposal that offers incoming first-time freshmen no tuition increases for four years. The proposal, which the Kansas Board of Regents will vote on June 27 or 28, would fix tuition rates for freshmen and set fees for four years in advance for all students.

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KU technology
hits marketplace

The arrow points to the
microscopic memory
drop in the KU-Tag.

Dan Diavours, ITTC research assistant professor, displays the KU-Tag, a radio frequency ID tag developed at KU that will be in the marketplace soon. In the tiny chip in the KU-Tag we can contain a wealth of information about a given product.

KU-Tag system contains four U.S. patent-pending technologies that make it one of the best-performing, thinnest and cheapest RFID tags specifically designed to work near metal or liquids.

The KU-Tag is at its best when it’s on metal. “Some of our tags work better on metal than most other tags do in air,” said Diavours.

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Im receives coveted Sloan honor

Because the good news arrived by letter, Winpiti Im, assistant professor of molecular biosciences, was surprised to find that he was the recipient of a 2007 Alfred P Sloan fellowship. “A letter usually means rejection,” said Im. “I got the Sloan fellowship news by mail, so when I opened it up, I was quite shocked to read that first sentence, ‘It is a great pleasure...’ ”

Im is one of only 12 molecular biologists in the nation to receive the fellowship this year. Sloan Research Fellowships are designed to boost the careers of the most promising university faculty members involved in scientific investigation. In the past, 35 Sloan fellows have gone on to win Nobel Prizes.

For Im’s colleagues, news of his fellowship came as no surprise at all.

“I am fast becoming a leader in bioinformatics on the KU campus and in the country,” said Kathy A. Supreme, chair and professor of molecular biosciences at KU. “His research is at the cutting edge and we don’t know where it’s going, but we’re...”

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BOOK SHELF

PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE: In his book "Public Power, Private Farms: The KU's Cannon High Dam Controversy," Karl Braid Brooks, assistant professor of history and environmental studies, explores the environmental history of the United States by focusing specifically on a proposed dam on the Snake River in Idaho's Hell's Canyon. Brooks tells the story of the controversy surrounding what was proposed to be the world's largest dam, and how the project became a referendum on public power expansion as well as environmental implications of the New Deal's natural resources and economic policy.

WEB WORKS

NEW RESOURCES: Human Resources and Equal Opportunity has revamped and redesigned its Web site. The new site has a "For New Faculty and Staff" section that highlights services available on campus and in the community, key policies and an electronic version of the "new employee packet." The calendar has new capabilities, and is a feature for prospective faculty and staff will be added soon.

HEADLINERS

DATABASE OF DIABETES: Some diabetics and dieters are immediately recognizable, some are, well, not. A Minneapolis Star Tribune article this spring mentioned Paul Meier, professor of theater and film, and a database of region-al diabetics he has developed. The database, web based and idea, is included in the article about online quizzes and resources to determine how a person's diabetis and pronunci- ation can pinpoint a person's origins.

CAMPUS ROUNDUPT

KU MEDICAL CENTER: Researchers at the KU Medical Center have been selected in a nationwide trial funded by the National Institute on Aging to see if DHA and omega-3 fatty acid found in fish can have an impact on the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Jeffrey Burn, director of the Alzheimer and Memory Center at the medical center is conducting the study locally. Researchers are also evaluating whether taking DHA supplements can have a positive effect on physical and biological markers of Alzheimer's. KU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA: The graduate medical education recently received full four-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. A letter to the department said, "The committee reserves commendations for its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME's institutional requirements." EDWARDS CAMPUS: Nancy Burkh, founder and former director of the Regents Center Library at the Edwards Campus, will retire at the end of June. Burch began her career with KU in 1976 when the university decided that it needed a library for the Overland Park campus to support the courses offered there. A reception will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. June 20 in 170 Regent Hall to honor her.

SNAPSHOTS

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KU 10: To submit your cell phone number to receive emergency text messages from the upcoming emergency contact system, go to the KU home page and click on the "emergency contact" link. Log in to the secure site using your university ID to provide a cell phone number and provider as well as primary emergency contacts, updated phone numbers and addresses. As of June 4, a total of 8,850 students, staff and faculty had signed up and submitted their cell phone numbers.

CAMPUS CLOSEUP

Bayliss Harsh
Undergraduate initiatives coordinator — KU Libraries

Years at current job: For the past 34 years I have held a number of different positions at the KU Libraries. I have worked with undergraduate library instruction and reference services for the last 11 years.

Job duties: I coordinate and teach many single- session library research skills classes each semester for English 101 classes, PSE 101 classes and COMS 101 classes. As the coordinator I have the opportuni- ty to work closely with many members of the KU Libraries staff, as well as staff and instructors from academic departments, to plan curriculum and ensure that our classes meet students’ research needs and the goals of the faculty members or instructors.

Each semester I also work with a number of high school classes from around the area that come to the KU Libraries to do research. I am on the team of library staff who represent the Libraries at, and sometimes assist in planning for, information fairs and special events. I can also be found assisting stu- dents, staff and faculty at the reference desks in Wescoe and Anschutz Library.

You coordinate several undergraduate instruc- tion courses. How does this differ from what a professor teaching a class does? Library instruction is conducted to support the curriculum of specific classes and programs and to create the self-sufficien- cy of all library users. Library instruction may range from library tours to the use of advance research materials and critical evaluation techniques. In addition to improving the quality of student research, our goal is to promote life-long learning by teaching information literacy skills. Working with KU instructors and helping them teach the process of research to students — how to find information and think critically about it — developing the skills stu- dents will need to be information literate in the edge-based society.

You’ve had a long career at KU. What would you say is the key to your longevity? Working at the KU Libraries has been a perfect fit for me in many ways. Education is something I value highly, and I love teaching and coaching, working with people and sharing information. My fea- mers are filled with those duties, I have always loved libraries — what they do to be when I was young and what they have become in the 21st cen- nury. It’s hard to beat the stimulating, artistic and diverse environment of a college campus. By the time I started at KU as a freshman, I knew I wanted a career that was people-oriented. I received a degree in education and quickly learned that I wanted to work in a library setting. I have been here ever since. It’s a pleasure to work with the students, staff and faculty — people of all ages and backgrounds — who are engaged in the arts, in ideas, in improving the lives of peo- ple and the planet.

Bayliss Harsh has been with KU Libraries for 34 years. She is currently the undergraduate initiatives coordinator.

Senior administrative fellows named; new Staff Fellows Program started

Six faculty members have been named senior administrative fellows for 2007-08, and a new Staff Fellows Program has been initiated. Senior administrative fellows are: Lori Messinger, pharmacy; Nancy Muma, science; Garth Myron, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; David Perlmutter, journalism; Chris Petry, social welfare; and Michael Vitvich, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Staff Fellows Program is coordinated by the Office of the Provost and is modeled after the successful Faculty Senior Administrative Fellows program, now in its 25th year. The program allows selected Lawrence campus staff the opportunity to further their education and work in the fields during regular work hours. For more information visit www.provost.ku.edu/policy/staff/fellows.shtml.

A group of eight to 10 staff fel- lows who have been employed by KU for two or more years will be selected from applications to work together for approximately four hours per week during the academic year. A portion of the time will be spent exploring vari- ous aspects of the larger administra- tive structure at KU. A large part of the program will be devoted to working in small teams on individual projects of interest that will benefit the staff member's unit.
KU group visiting China, fostering exchange

Chancellor Robert Hemenway is leading a delegation of KU educators to China to develop more academic-exchange programs and potential research collaborations for KU and Chinese universities.

The delegation left June 10 and will return June 17. They will visit seven Chinese universities, including Peking University, regarded as the "Harvard of China." There they will try to develop new study-abroad destina-
tions. They will also stop at Huazhong Normal University in Wuhan, the partner institution for KU's Confucius Institute. Hemenway will give a lecture on the Harlem Renaissance while at Huazhong Normal.

The delegation will meet with Kansas' trade representative in Beijing and several Kansas-con-

nections companies doing business in China. Visits may include engi-

neering giant Black & Veatch, an

Overland Park-based company founded by two KU students, and YRC Worldwide (formerly Yellow Freight), a Fortune 500 company also based in Overland Park. The delegation will also meet with leaders of the Chinese Scholarship Council to discuss Chinese government-sponsored students that the council sends to U.S. universities, and attend a briefing at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Delegation members are:

• Jack Gianbre, dean of the School of Education, will visit East China Normal University, a top school in special education, to explore potential exchanges. Notably, China is decades behind the United States in developing special education programs for students with developmentally delayed or delayed students and KU distin-
guished professor Rod Turnbull has been working with the

Chinese to write special education standards for the nation's schools. KU's special education program is ranked first in the nation among public universities by U.S. News & World Report.

• Joseph Steinmetz, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Holly Greed, assistant professor of public administration, will visit top un-

iversities to finalize plans initiated last year for KU to train Chinese government officials in urban management. KU's urban man-

agement graduate program is ranked No. 1 in the nation by U.S. News. Steinmetz will pursue potential collaborations with Chinese institutions that are espe-

cially related to the social sci-
ences.

• Allan Rawitch, dean of the School of Medicine, will visit Chinese schools that send students to KU to study medicine.

• Stephen Maza, professor of political science, will develop a KU program that trains Chinese attorneys for practice in the United States.

• Bob Honan, director of the Taiwan Studies Program, will visit several universities, including Qinghua University, considered China's counterpart to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Confucius Institute will involve several research projects, Steinmetz, Greed, and Rawitch also will visit Qinghua.

• The Confucius Institute's Bill Tustilki, director, and Sherri Willis, associate director, will work with KU's education department to develop Chinese programs.

Committee on Distinguished Professors from many very distinguished and accomplished KU col-

leagues from fields across the uni-

versity. The awards recognize the impact of their disciplines, and their appointment to this professorship is a reflection of that impact.

More information about KU's most distinguished professors can be found at ou.edu.

Kudos

David Perlmutter, associate dean and professor of journalism, recently pub-


Ola Faucher, director of Human Resources and Equal Opportunity, attended the Midwest Region College and University Professional Association for Human Resources Conference in Wisconsin last month. Faucher and KU were the recipients of a 2007 CUPA Midwest Region Best Practice Award for the project to remove KU support employees from under the human resource and service system and the creation of the university support staff classification.

Keith Russell, librarian and member of the KU Libraries' science and technol-

ogy council, presented a workshop titled "Cite This for Me: How to Use Online Databases" to the 53rd annual meeting of the Association of College and Research Libraries March 20-24 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Information Services hosted the Big 12 spring meeting on April 22 and 23 on the campus in Kansas City, Kansas. Stephens, vice provost for information services, chaired the event. The issues discussed were IT's role in emer-

gency management, promoting tech-

ology and information projects and inter-institutional IT collaboration.

Richard W. Clement, head of special collections for the KU Libraries, was invited to present a lecture titled, "The Future of the Book and Academic Libraries" on April 27 at the University of Cagliari in Sardinia, Italy.

Rhonda Houser, KU Libraries' GIS specialist, contributed mapping expertise to a recent Journal of Ecology article on disease and predation in the forest sedge, Carex biseta. Other authors include Helen Alexander, Sarah Price, Debra Finch and Michell Toutellouf of ecology and evolutionary biology.

Mark Mort, assistant professor of ecol-

ogy and evolutionary biology, received the 2007-08 J. Michael Young Academic Award in the National Science Division.

Charles L. Stansbury, professor emeritus of history, presented a paper at the "<em>Great War & the Habsburg State</em>" conference at the NATO's 1918-1920 Centenary Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica. The paper, delivered April 20, was titled "E. George Squire's Mysterious Book of "<em>Anna</em>". At the end of the conference he gave a walking tour of "<em>Old San Jose</em>.

Ferrell Pierce, assistant professor of music composition, recently received a fellowship by the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Pierce will be among approximately 20 fellows who will focus on their own projects at this working retreat for visual artists, writers and composers.

Carsten Timm, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, attended the American Physical Society March meet-

ing in Denver and gave a talk titled "Spin-dependent electronic transport through magnetic molecules." He also organized a focus session on Transport and Timp also presented a colloquium at Technical University in Aachen, Germany, titled "Transport in magnetic systems: Semiconductors and mole-
cules." He also presented a colloquium at the University of Missouri-Columbia on "Tunneling through magnetic mole-
cules.

Pau D'Arien, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recently took part in a "Humanities Day on the Hill" in Washington, D.C., and met with the Kansas congressional delega-
tion to encourage them to sign a let-
ter recommending a $37 million increase in research funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Anne Cudd, professor of philosophy and director of the women's studies program, received the 2006 Byron Caldwell Smith Award for an outstanding book published by an author living or working in Kansas. She published "Analyzing Oppression" in 2006. Cudd is the first philosopher to receive this award and the second women's studies director.

New research initiatives into "U.S. Security Countermeasures" by Holly T. Goerdel, assistant professor of public administration, have led to an invitation to the Army War College this fall. "I am so excited," Goerdel said. "This is a perfect opportunity for me to continue to research areas that are critical to the military's success." Okeeffe is an expert in the area of countermeasures and would like to study the military's success with these measures.

Susan Craig, art and architecture historian, recently won the World Book Award for her book, "<em>The Art of Architecture</em>". The award has been given since 1946 to artists who have "made a century-long effort in creating the "Biographical Directory of Kansas Artists" active since 1946." A KU Scholarworks e-book featuring 1,700 Kansas artists.

William Carless, associate professor of anthropology and associate of the "<em>The Nature of the Comedic in Strachiewiczian Design</em>" at the annual meeting of the American Culture Association, April 4-7 in Boston. He also chaired the session "Architecture and Visual Culture."
Claire makes 10th annual trek

One might think that after 10 years, the West state Whitewind Tour has seen all Kansas has to offer, but the 2007 tour was full of firsts.

In Dodge City, the decade-old tour experienced its first hail delay. In Hutchinson, the group toured a brand new underground tunnel to the area’s salt mining history. In Barnes, bus riders dined at a family restaurant that has won acclaim far beyond the city limits.

And, of course, there were about 50 new faces on the bus.

The 11th version of the tour took faculty and staff, many of them new to KU and Kansas, on a trip to the far corners of the state, stopping to see unique, proud communities and to learn more about the state’s history, landscape and a little of its past.

Chancellor Robert Hermann, who himself traveled with the tour, joined the group for an alumni dinner in Colby and traveled with the group through western Kansas, eventually departing from Dodge City.

As the bus rolled through 36 counties, participants got a better feel for where the bulk of KU’s World War II veterans from Kansas.

KU History Galleries Kansas Union. Call 864-4651. Located on each level of the Kansas Union, the galleries and displays bring to light various aspects of KU’s rich history, such as the university’s first faculty, the Rock Chalk band, traditions and lore.

Natural History Museum 1450 Jayhawk Blvd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat. Explore Evolution

Special Items Art 1301 Missouri St. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sun.

Wed., 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thurs., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Employees of the month named

Teresa Pepper

Excellence employee

Current title: Programmer III and technical analyst, Information Services

What that means: Pepper writes programs for the student financial aid and analyzes and solves system problems. She supports and works closely with the staff who process student refunds in the Lawrence campus Bursar’s Office and in the Student Accounting Office at the KU Medical Center.

Notable: "The Bursar’s Office on the Lawrence campus processes approximately 20,000 refunds worth more than $40 million each year. Many of them go to students who are on financial aid and need their refunds for living expenses. My Programming project reduced the number of processing steps from 27 to five in just 30 minutes. This reduced the overall processing time by more than 95 percent. The resulting system is now nearly fully automated.

A whirlwind gallery for more photos of the 2007 West State Whitewind Tour, visit www.news.ku.edu/2007/may31/gallery.shtml

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15 Sunday


EXHIBITS

Art and Design Gallery 302 Art and Design Building. Closed for summer.

Boult Family Hall of Athletics 1651 Naismith Drive. Monday-Saturday. Call 844-7570. Exhibits on KU’s athletic history, coaches and student-athletes, past and present.

Dole Institute of Politics 2500 Pierce Drive. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call 844-4800. Exhibits, a soaring stained-glass American flag, a World Trade Center memorial and a memory wall honoring Spirituality," S. Daniel Breitlaumer, 2 p.m. 251 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus, 12060 Quivira Road, Overland Park, sponsored by Continuing Education. Call 864-5825.

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Gonzales, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese, has several students who are refugees from South America. Gonzales mentors these students from the first day they arrive on campus. He has held the position at KU since 1986. He is known for his personable approach and his ability to relate to students on an individual level. Gonzales also teaches courses in Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American studies.

Gonzales, who received the 2006 Staff Merit Award, is known for his dedication to his students and his commitment to making sure they are successful during their time at KU.

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on a forklift, which can read the tags on the products it moves. That data can be observed by a supply chain manager, showing where the product goes on its way through the chain. The tags are durable, and can be used for stacking of products and general use that could wear inferior systems out.

The tags can save time by eliminating the need for a person to scan a barcode every time a product is moved. They can also be reprogrammed thousands of times. "Bar codes are basically a free, but scanning them without any human intervention." The KU-Tag has reported read ranges in excess of 30 feet, yet it is only a little thicker than a coin.

"The KU-Tag is another important tool in our expanding range of solutions," said Ned Blake, Starport Technologies. "KIC researchers have designed an innovative system of managing part inventory, the metal/liquid problem, which is a common problem we keep encountering. This technology will give our customers a variety of terrific new tools to manage their assets."

Starport will introduce two new RFID tags that leverage the KU technology and that will be particularly well suited for asset tracking and inventory or liquids are involved. Commercial produc-
tion of the tags is expected to ship this month, and produc-
tion samples of the products were available for importers at RFID Journal Live, held April 30-May 2 in Orlando, Fla.

KU HISTORY:

On June 15, 1911, lightning struck Hoch Auditorium, burn-
ing it to the ground in less than four hours. The building had been a target of lightning before, and works to actually install lightning rods on the building that summer had been done to KU basketball games from 1927 to 1955, hosted on the Rocky Chalk Revue for 40 years and was home to archival material of the university's KM radio station KANU. The structure was rebuilt and dedicated as Budig Hall in 1977. For more, visit www.kushistory.com.

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hopeful it will allow us to provide new drugs. This Scholl fellowship is a fantastic honor for them. They're very competitive awards.

The $45,000 fellowship will continue for two years, with a possible two-year extension. Sloan Research Fellowships may be used for equipment pur-
chase, technical help, business travel, trainee support and other costs directly related to his research.

"These funds are critical to support the people in my research group," said Im.

In his team of KU students and postdoctoral researchers who study protein interactions in biological mem-
branes and determine the structure of biological macromole-
cules. They also are developing a

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Hemmenway. "Now we are providing additional help to give them the contact to make financial plans without worrying about sudden tuition for their students."

In addition, offering parents and first-time freshmen a fixed tuition rate for four years, the tuition compact also serves as an incentive for students to complete their degree programs on time. "Completing four-year academic programs in four years is a high priority," said Hemmenway. "By offering no tuition increases for four years, we are giving students a powerful incentive to finish their degrees on time."

Under the proposal, the per-credit-hour tuition rate for first-time freshmen will be fixed for four calendar years from the day they start taking classes at KU. Four years later, it will be fixed for student taking 36 credit hour a semester to graduate with a bache-
lor's degree. All four KU bachelor degrees can be complet-
ed at the reduced rate. The compact also would set course fees for the next four years. Our students typically enrolled in these schools in their junior and senior years. However, almost 20 percent of KU students who are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and business schools most won't pay any course fees while earning a degree.

"Retraining or transfer students are not eligible for the compact tuition rate," said Hemmenway. "This will pay the typical standard tuition rate, which is set every year by the regents. However, these students will pay the same set course fees as first-

And the University is also working to establish a fellowship program for the KU alumni. The annual

Rec center expansion under way

Construction has started on a $6.6 million expansion project that will add 45,000 square feet to the Student Recreation Fitness Center.

"If all goes well, the expanded space will be added to the northeast corner of the building, located just off 18th Street between Kansas and Alabama streets. Work on the proj-
ettechnology and pharmaceuticals.

"The aim of our work is to understand human disease at the molecular level," said Im. "If you look at the drugs that we're using now, about 50 percent of commercial drugs are targeting mem-
brane proteins. As our research progresses, we hope to help make a map to develop the drugs of the future."

A committee of researchers reviews more than 300 nomin-
tions each year to determine a final selection of 15-20 KU students in two specific fields.

Social Welfare earns kudos

The KU School of Social Welfare ranks ninth in the nation for scholarly productivity, the Journal of Social Work Research reports in its current issue. The school was previously ranked 30th.

The journal, which has com-
menced the ranking every five years since 1979, bases its list on the number of faculty publications in high profile social work jour-
nals.

The current ranking is for the period from 1999 to 2003. The journals considered include

Grant to help faculty teach overseas

A new grant is available to KU faculty members interested in teaching at an overseas institution during the 2008-09 fiscal year. Applications are due to the Department of Humanities and the Branks of Arts in the head of the department during the grant period must have practical use for the best candidates. Applicants should be faculty members who have a full-time college or university teaching appointment with the teaching load equivalent of a full-time faculty member who is not on a sabbatical leave and are not consider-
ing a tenure-track appointment. Applicants must have at least one year of teaching and service in a low-income nation. The applications are due by May 1, 2008. Contact Professor Mary Ellen Kondrat, dean of the School of Social Welfare, for more information.

Applications must be spon-
sored by the KU Faculty Club with a maximum period of $10,000. The deadline for applications is Oct. 15, 2008. Contact Cynthia Patton, director of the program, in 786-2644. The information is available at www.ku.edu/faculty/overseas.html.
Role of the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri, in Cancer Research and Treatment. The center's mission is to provide comprehensive care to patients with cancer, focusing on personalized treatment plans and state-of-the-art research. The center is part of the University of Kansas Health System and is located on the campus of Kansas University Medical Center. The center collaborates with other institutions across the country to advance cancer research and care. The University of Kansas Medical Center is committed to improving the lives of patients with cancer through cutting-edge research and innovative treatment options. The center's success is attributed to the collaboration between the faculty, researchers, and clinicians who work tirelessly to find new ways to prevent, detect, and treat cancer. The University of Kansas Medical Center is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of patients and contributing to the advancement of cancer research and treatment.
Robertson to lead student housing

Diana Robertson has been named director of the Department of Student Housing. Robertson has been interim director since February 2006 and at KU since 1999.

One of Robertson’s first official duties will be to recruit Jennifer Wamell as associate director for residence life. Wamell has been with the school since 1997 in progressively more responsible roles.

Since April 2006, Wamell has been interim associate director for residence life.

Kuh named dean at U. of Montana

Peggy Kuh, Knight Chair in Journalism since 2002, has been named journalism dean at the University of Montana. Her research has focused on improving community journalism and press credibility.

Prior to coming to KU, she worked at the Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Wash.

KU Libraries celebrate opening of new reading area in Watson

KU Libraries celebrated the opening of a new reading area in Watson Library on March 30.

The reading room collection offers 200 fiction and nonfiction best-sellers that patrons can take home in a one-week period. The collection and renewed area are paid for by the Watson Campaign, a fundraising effort by KU Libraries and KU Endowment.

Office changes name to University Advising Center

The Freshman-Sophomore Advising Center has been renamed the University Advising Center. The change is part of an effort to better meet the individualized needs of all undergraduate students.

The center will continue to serve students as they begin their academic careers through participation in new student orientation programs, in addition to unregistered students at all levels. Upon declaration of major or acceptance into a program within the College of Arts and Sciences, students will be referred to their appropriate departments or schools for continued support.

KU raises more than $29,000 for Greensburg

The KU community has donated more than $29,000 to help the citizens of Greensburg recover from a devastating tornado that destroyed the town May 4. The KU Alumni Association and its Student Alumni Association have announced.

In addition, KU Dining Services’ “Dine to Donate” campaign raised $2,500 for Heartland’s relief efforts in Greensburg, and the School of Engineering is offering full scholarships to any student from Greensburg who enters the School for summer engineering camps at KU.

Symposium to focus on taking research to public

The Dwight Brie Bionesciences Center is hosting a half-day-symposium exploring the potential to move university-based research into the marketplace June 18 at the Adams Alumni Center. The symposium will begin with lunch and include a presentation by Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere. The afternoon will continue with presentations by David Wong, a scientist from UCSC, and Karen Studios-Raviner, the associate director of new business development at the University of Michigan’s Office of Technology Transfer. It will conclude with a discussion regarding resources that are available in Kansas to assist with the business development process.

University to compete for math, science grant

KU has been selected to compete for a National Math and Science Initiative grant. KU will join 49 other institutions in competition for a total of $320 million of available funds.

O’Dell new president of national project

Julia O’Dell, associate director of the School of Education’s Veteran’s Upward Bound, was elected to a two-year term as president of the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound at the organization’s annual conference in Reno, Nev. Her term as president-elect begins Jan. 1, 2009, and she will serve three additional years.

Wyman elected to board of Chicago firm

David Wyman, former KU history professor, has been elected to the board of directors of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, which oversees the USHMM.

Wyman was a professor at KU from 1978 to 1982. He has been an intern director of CAPS since April 2006.

Lynch Maestas hired as head of CAPS

Michael Lynch Maestas, a licensed psychologist, has been named director of Counseling and Psychological Services at KU.

Lynch Maestas is interim co-director of the Counseling Center at the University of Missouri. He will begin at KU in July. The position will be filled by the end of the summer.

In memory

The University of Kansas announces the passing of the following individuals.

Joseph Sheridan Begando

Michael Lobell

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