Accepting used equipment to help with disability

Kansas Equipment Exchange is a project that accepts used equipment and matches it with Kansans who need it. Since April 2003, Equipment Exchange has saved Kansas taxpayers more than $2 million.

Since June 2002, durable medical equipment purchased by the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) is used by the recipients as long as they need it. When the equipment is no longer needed, it is returned to the Equipment Exchange. Items in good condition are refurbished and then reassigned to another Kansan with a disability.

Some items are received from individuals and families who no longer need them. "We need and accept donations of durable medical equipment and assistive technology that will enable people to live more independently", said Patty Black-Moore.

Equipment Exchange has added PDAs, hearing aids, navigational/GPS systems and electronic communication devices to its list.

Persons wishing to donate can all 800-526-3648 toll free. The project is guided by individuals with disabilities, family members and the KHPA. It is affiliated with Assistive Technology for Kansans, a program coordinated by the Kansas University Center on Disabilities at Parsons.
Cancer center fights infertility

LAWRENCE — A doctor at the University of Kansas Hospital is looking for a method to stave off the effects of cancer treatment on women.

Infertility or symptoms of menopause are common among women 30 or 40 years old. But Dr. Samuel Kim is working on an experimental procedure that has stopped early onset menopause and may soon prove that it can maintain fertility even after aggressive chemotherapy.

“This is emerging technology,” Kim said. “We have a long way to go. I’m one of just two people who started to develop this technology.”

The procedure involves removing a woman’s ovary, saving it, then re-implanting it after she’s been declared cancer free.
Alexandria Murnan, Pittsburg native, will be one of 49 University of Kansas students to volunteer at seven "Alternative Winter Breaks" sites.

The daughter of Robert and Monica Murnan, she is a Pittsburg High School graduate and KU sophomore majoring in political science.

The "Alternative Winter Breaks" program centers on service-learning trips that offer students an opportunity to make volunteer efforts part of their educational experience.

After students are selected for the program, they attend two-hour weekly class sessions to prepare them for their trip, which will run Jan. 6-13. Participating in this program counts as one unit for the University Honors Program.

Murnan will work with Mountain Housing Opportunities, Asheville, N.C., which provides safety-related repairs to residents of Asheville and Buncombe County in North Carolina. KU students will work with experience MHO staff in assisting low-income home owners in tasks such as building access ramps, installing hand rails, replacing rotted floors and repairing porches and stairs.
The University of Kansas chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society recently initiated 188 student members. Those from Jefferson County include Sarah Hemme, daughter of Susan Alexander, strategic communications, senior, from Perry; and Charles Erhart, son of Charles and Pamela Erhart, finance, junior, and Philip Rich, son of Donald and Theresa Rich, aerospace engineering, junior, both of Valley Falls.
More than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas will receive about $26 million in privately-funded scholarship support during the 2007-08 academic year. This is a 10.6 percent increase from the 2006-07 school year, in which KU students received $24.3 million in scholarship support.

So far, 7,603 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Area students to receive scholarships are as follows.


Onaga: Timothy Flattery, Dance Division Scholarship, Elizabeth Sherbon Scholarship, Patricia Joyce Ellis Art and Dance Scholarship.

Wamego: Christy Artzer, Emily V. Berger Scholarship; Anna Bailey, Jefferson Fund Scholarship; Megan Brooks, KU Scholarships; Amy Lindgren, School of Social Welfare Multicultural Scholars Program; Jessica Sain-Baird, William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications Scholarship; Brandon Taft, Nunemaker College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Scholarship; Blythe Wood, Edna Maude Smith Scholarship.

Westmoreland: Audra Zabel, Maude Landis Scholarship in Nursing.

Paxico: Danielle Broughton, Jessie Marie Cramer Scholarship.
Resident’s son commissioned as U.S. Navy Seal officer

Sean Ryan McIntosh, son of Sheryl Hay of Spring Hill, was commissioned as a naval ensign at a ceremony on Dec. 15 on the
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They are:

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**Kansas City:** Hugo Arnulfo Cabrera, Architecture, senior, son of Javier and Carmelina Cabrera, J.C. Harmon High School; Dustin Kirkman Dye, Anthropology B.A., son of Gerard and Janet Dye, Piper High School; Pamela L. Garvin, Social Work M.S.W.; Michael Anthony McCormack-Enriquez, History B.G.S., Paseo Academy of Fine & Performing Arts; Ian Frederick Miller, Nurse Anesthesia M.S., graduate; Heather M. Sambol, Nursing M.S., graduate, Piper High School; Ashley Marie Talley, Social Work M.S.W., graduate, daughter of Robin and Jeff Talley, J.C. Harmon High School, and Amber Lucille Thomas, Social Work M.S.W., graduate.

One of the two faculty initiates is Karen D. Miller, professor and dean of the School of Nursing, dean of the School of Allied Health and senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the KU Medical Center.

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Students draft bill to help veterans

Meryn L. Fogt, master’s degree student in accounting and information systems and a Shawnee Mission South High School graduate, helped draft proposed federal tax legislation to provide assistance to disabled veterans returning to school.

The assignment is part of a University of Kansas tax research class taught by Raquel Alexander, assistant professor of accounting and information systems.
WyCo students initiated into KU Phi Kappa Phi

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Graber initiated into KU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society

LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society recently initiated Jeremy L. Graber son of John and Karen Graber, of Kingman. Jeremy was one out of 188 student members initiated.

Don Steeples, vice provost for scholarly support and the Dean A. McGee Distinguished Professor of Applied Geophysics, was the keynote speaker at the Nov. 27 ceremony at Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union.

The two faculty initiates are James Mayo, professor and chair of urban planning, and Karen D. Miller, professor and dean of the School of Nursing, dean of the School of Allied Health and senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the KU Medical Center.

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At KU, only the top 10 percent of seniors, top 7.5 percent of second-semester juniors with more than 72 credit hours and top 10 percent of graduate students are asked to join. Phi Kappa Phi’s primary objectives are to promote the pursuit of excellence in all fields of higher education and to recognize outstanding achievement by students, faculty and others by election to membership and through various awards for distinguished achievement.

Marlesa Roney, vice provost for Student Success, is president of the KU chapter. Other officers are Angela Lumpkin, professor of health, sport and exercise science, vice president; Adolfo Matamorós, associate professor of civil, environmental and architectural engineering, secretary; Jim Miller, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, treasurer; David Darwin, the Deane E. Ackers Distinguished Professor of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering, scholarship and awards chair; Jill Hummels, public relations officer; and Reta Solwa, senior administrative assistant in the civil, environmental and architectural engineering department, administrator.