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Manhattan 4th & 5th graders visit Dr. Denell's lab.

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DEDICATION CEREMONY A TRIBUTE TO TERRY C. JOHNSON

The Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research was dedicated April 3, 2004. More than one hundred people attended to honor the dream, perseverance and personality of Terry C. Johnson, founder and former director of the center. Terry's vision was to build a center devoted to basic cancer research at K-State.

"Surround yourself with winners," was one of Terry's favorite mottos. The leadership of K-State recognized a winner in Terry! They enlisted his help to find financing for a research facility. Dedicated to his dream for the cancer center, he raised over \$4.5 million dollars to help make Chalmers Hall a reality, and to provide the cancer center with a home base on campus.

Terry pursued his dream for more than 20 years, losing his personal battle with cancer shortly after the center relocated to the new facility. Between 1980 and 2002, he had built a strong *team* of scientists, students, survivors, and compassionate and motivated citizens to ensure continued success and development of the center. This dedication ceremony provided an opportunity for his *team* to salute him.



Presenters for the ceremony (left to right): Dr. James Coffman, University Provost; Rob Denell, Cancer Center Director; Richard Consigli, University Distinguished Professor Emeritus; and Stephen White, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences.

PHIL & MARGARET HOWE CANCER RESEARCH FUND ESTABLISHED

Phil & Margaret Howe, Manhattan, KS, have pledged \$100,000 to the KSU Foundation to establish an endowed fund for the cancer center.

"The cancer center has pledged the first \$25,000 of their gift as part of the K-State match for a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation," said Rob Denell, director.

"If successful, this grant will provide our cancer scientists with over \$400,000 in state-of-the-art equipment to enhance their capabilities in the area of molecular biology. In this way, this generous gift can be leveraged to make an even greater impact on our fight against cancer."

The center is grateful for their commitment!

SHEILA WALKER JOINS THE TEAM



Sheila Walker will serve as Development Officer for Life Sciences and Cancer Research. She will be working with Mike Harders and Llewellyn Crain as the third member of the development team for the College of Arts & Sciences.

Sheila is a native of Moundridge, KS, and a 1991 graduate of K-State, with a degree in journalism and mass communications. She anchored the news for WIBW AM & FM and the Kansas Information Network until 1995, when she became the Public Information Officer for the Kansas Department of Revenue. In April of 1999, Sheila was appointed as the Director of the Division of Vehicles for the State of Kansas. In October of 2003, Sheila and her family moved to Manhattan where she served as the Business Development project manager for the Department of Commerce.

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7TH ANNUAL ROB REGIER BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD JUNE 19, 2004

It is time to register for this year's tournament, organized by the Regier family. They are seeking your support in the form of sponsorships at the following levels: **Diamond** (\$1,500), **Gold** (\$1,000), **Silver** (\$500), or **Hole Sponsor** (\$150). They welcome other donations to the event as *Friends of the Cancer Center* and encourage you to come spend the day at Colbert Hills playing golf (\$150).

The day will begin with registration, lunch, and the silent auction, and end with the post tournament awards banquet.

Don't miss the opportunity to participate! If you haven't received your registration form, just call the center (785-532-6705) to register or get more information.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD CANCER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AT K-STATE.



CANCER CENTER AWARDS

Each year, the cancer center provides a variety of awards to assist our researchers and students as they move forward in the search for new ways to approach the challenges of cancer. The following awards have been made this year:

- **CANCER RESEARCH AWARDS** allow undergraduate students to work with seasoned researchers. On April 2nd, at the annual awards banquet, thirty-one students received their awards. Over 180 people, including the students and their families, faculty, donors, university administrators, and friends of the cancer center, attended the banquet. This event highlights students conducting research in laboratories all over campus. The center provided \$31,000 for CRAs this year.
- **EQUIPMENT AWARDS** allow K-State researchers to keep up with the latest technology. Researchers are encouraged to network and get the most benefit from these new items. This spring Dr. Duy Hua, Dept. of Chemistry, was awarded \$10,000 to purchase a *DRYBOX* to be able to synthesize anti-cancer drugs in an oxygen free environment.
- **GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS** permit graduate students to attend national and international professional meetings to present their work and learn from peers in their fields. These opportunities are a significant part of their graduate student experiences. The center awarded twenty-seven students more than \$10,000 this spring for travel.
- **INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS** help scientists pursue new directions and do baseline studies that may enable them to win other, much greater extramural funding. This spring the center awarded \$50,000 to the following: Lisa Freeman, Anatomy & Physiology; Silvia Mora, Biology; A. Lorena Passarelli, Biology; Thomas Schermerhorn, Clinical Sciences; and Richard Baybutt, Human Nutrition.