Third Floor

21 School of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Dean’s Suite

22 Mid-South Conference Office,
Given by Kim and Hal Price

23 International Paper Nursing Science Research Suite

24 The Kelly Leanna Smith (KLS)
Nursing Student Counseling Center, Given in Her Memory
by Travis Smith and Kaci Billings

25 Gift of Gayle Shiba and Winfred Wang

26 Methodist Le Bonheur
Simulation Suites (5 of 6)

27 Loewenberg College of Nursing Skills Labs

Fourth Floor

28 School of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Anechoic Chamber

29 Community Health Building
Computer Lab

30 Loewenberg College of Nursing
Health Assessment Labs,
The Schadt Foundation

Community Health Building
Home of the Loewenberg College of Nursing, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Memphis Speech and Hearing Center, and future Autism Center
As one of the largest facilities for community health-related education and research in the Mid-South, the nearly 200,000 square feet, $60 million Community Health Building unites the faculty and facilities of the Loewenberg College of Nursing and the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Important facts about the facility:
- Designed using the State of Tennessee’s Sustainable Design Guidelines (with a focus on preserving our natural resources and protecting the health and well-being of occupants and visitors) so the building meets or exceeds minimum standards established by recognized sustainable and energy efficient design organizations such as LEED®, Green Globes®, and Energy Star®.
- Approximately $30 million of the work was performed by Memphis based contractors or vendors. It was a goal of Hoar Construction to utilize as much local participation as possible and we feel we accomplished that goal.
- Equipment of note in the building
  - 11 research sound suites on the western “wing” of the building, for Audiology researchers in CSD
  - An additional six clinical sound suites in the Memphis Speech & Hearing Center, doubling its former capacity
  - Six simulation suites on the eastern “wing” of the building for the Loewenberg College of Nursing
  - $5 million in A/V and IT through the building
- People
  - CSD: 111 total students (95 in the professional programs and 16 in the PhD program) and 19 faculty supported by 7 staff
  - LCON: 1,075 total students: 725 BSN (Memphis & Lambuth), 75 RN-BSN, and 275 MSN; 59 faculty supported by 12 staff

Significance of the Site
Kennedy General Hospital opened at the intersection of Park and Getwell on January 26, 1943 and was named for the late Brigadier General James M. Kennedy, distinguished Army surgeon and veteran of both the Spanish-American War and World War I. Three years after opening, the hospital grew to be the largest Army general hospital in the nation. Kennedy had an emergency capacity of 5,300 beds and a peak of 6,000 patients in June and July, 1945.

At the height of World War II in 1944, Army hospitals around the nation were filling with thousands of seriously wounded soldiers. More than 40,000 soldiers had been treated at Kennedy, all transported by train from the Normal Depot at the Memphis State College campus. Duty personnel included 200 officers, 400 nurses and over 1,200 enlisted men and women in service. One of the greatest services to be initiated at Kennedy that year was the Reconditioning Program through which convalescing patients were retrained and reconditioned for return to duty through planned exercises and athletics and by the constructive use of leisure time in educational pursuits.

- by Memphis historian Jimmy Ogle