

Jason Gillihan, M.D., was chair of the class of 2006.

Thanks to his class' donation, future students will have a new place to study.



Class gift

Even though students are working hard in classes, clerkships and interviews, they still give back to the School with a class gift.

The Class of 2006 donated \$1,500 from its account to purchase a study table to be placed in the future building of the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute.

Each class works hard to raise money in their student account, selling items such as

candy bars and clothing. Much of that money is used for fun activities, including an annual 5K run in the spring, the year-book production, and events for senior week.

For his class' senior week, Jason Gillihan, M.D., class of '06, recalls a trip to a baseball game in Peoria, a picnic and a cocktail party. Even after all the fun, money still was left in the class account. "We wanted to give something to the

School that hadn't been given before," Dr. Gillihan says. And the class wanted to give something to benefit future students.

"Plus," he says, "We wanted to give something that will be here when we come back for our reunion.

"Most of our class knows somebody that has cancer. Giving to the cancer institute seemed like the right thing to do."

Annual Fund

Along with the contributions from alumni, the School of Medicine needs your financial help, too. Staff members, faculty, community members and businesses, please consider a charitable contribution to the 2006-07 Southern Illinois University Annual Fund.

Areas to give to include: the Student Resource Fund, which assists students with needed items and extra activities; the Dean's Excellence fund, which allows Dr. Dorsey to allocate

money to areas of the greatest need, such as research support, new equipment or the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute. Any department at the School also welcomes contributions for endowments and projects.

Dr. Dorsey kicked off the 2006-07 annual alumni fund drive by sending an inspiring letter to all alumni. "To those who continually support the School, I thank you for your commitment and your generosity," says Dr. Dorsey. "If

this is your first time to make an annual gift, I appreciate your making this important decision on behalf of the school." The drive continues throughout the spring.

To contribute, use the attached envelope, donate online at www.siumed.edu/foundation or call Lisa McKennedy, director of annual giving, at 217-545-9402.