DEAN SEARCH: The School’s dean screening committee is soliciting nominations for the dean and provost position. Nominations should include a brief (one paragraph) statement of the qualifications of the nominee. Nominations will be confidential. Send nominations to Nancy Travis at ntravis@siumed.edu or MC 9620.

CANCER INSTITUTE RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDS: Resources for construction costs of the SIU Cancer Institute are being bolstered with the addition of $800,000 in federal money, thanks to the efforts of Rep. John Shimkus (R, Ill.–20). The funds were included in the appropriations bill for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which passed in December. "The SIU School of Medicine is a superb asset for central Illinois," Shimkus said at a Springfield press conference on Wednesday. "The addition of a cancer institute will not only benefit the training of medical students and residents but will aid in the overall health of the region." The medical school has received an initial $14.5 million in construction funds from the State of Illinois. It is in the process of selecting an architect and looking at several site options for a new building in Springfield.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT: Seven employees have been Caught in the Act of Excellence. Tracy Bryant, Education Support–Carbondale, “successfully fixed the Harvard pump in Dr. Browning’s lab. Her behavior is exemplary and she is a valuable asset to the School’s researchers.” Robert Buzzell, M.D., Medicine, “helped solve a difficult problem with the ERAS computer program. He made himself available at all hours to tackle problems.” Jo Wiley, Neurology, processed insurance claims on behalf of a patient. She is competent, caring and extremely helpful.” Three employees are from Surgery – Cheryl Cain “spent several hours coordinating services so that a patient from Champaign could come to Springfield to see a doctor. She went above and beyond.” Mary Resch “paid a cab so that a patient could travel from the bus station to the hospital.” Anita Weinhoeft “helped to debug a computer allowing the ‘home copy’ of the residency credentialing materials to be available. Her team effort was greatly appreciated.” Stacy Miller, Medicine, “helped to get the ‘home copy’ of the resident application information up and running. She is a team player.” Go to http://intranet.som.siu.edu/forms.humanresources/ for the nomination form. Departments are reminded to forward a copy of the form to Public Affairs, MC 9621 and Clinical Marketing, MC 9639.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Construction fences will soon be erected in preparation for construction on the addition to the Springfield Combined Laboratory Facility. The small lot next to SCLF will be closed. Access to the large parking lot behind 911/913 will be from Calhoun or Reisch, not from Rutledge. Some spaces at the north end of the lot immediately west of 801 will be fenced off and access to that lot will only be from Rutledge. Additional spaces are available behind 911/913 and in the 400 block of Hay. If you have questions, contact Security, 545-5777.
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: Six bags of hats, mittens, coats, and sweatpants (in children’s sizes) were donated to the students at Enos School and will be collected through February. A donation of $20 will be used for winter items. Enos committee members can do the shopping for you—send your check made out to SIU Foundation to Public Affairs, MC 9621. For information contact Pat Hellmers, Obstetrics/Gynecology, 545-6498, or Cheryl Meyer, Purchasing, 545-1157.

Keep collecting your box tops from General Mills products. Enos redeems the box tops for 10 cents each and will use the money to purchase reading and computer materials. Look for the Blue Enos bins throughout the school to make your generous donations.

As you do your New Year’s cleaning, don’t forget to bring in your new or gently used items for Enos School, including your 2001 wall calendars for Enos art projects. Send them to Public Affairs office, MC 9621 or look for the blue Enos bins throughout the school.

 LOSING TO WIN: A new session of Losing to Win weight loss program is being offered by the Department of Internal Medicine. An orientation for the 16-week program will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday January 28, room 200, SIU Clinics, 751 N. Rutledge. Details including class times and fees will be explained and application forms will be available. For information contact Amy Olson, Medicine, 545-7985.

FACULTY UPDATE: Jacquelyn Quin, M.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of cardiothoracic surgery, specializing in adult cardiac surgery. Quin received her medical degree from the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine (1990). She completed her general surgery residency at St. Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury, Conn. (1991-96) followed by additional training as a cardiothoracic surgery resident and a cardiothoracic surgery transplant fellow at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas (1997-99, 1999-2000). She was a Winchester Fellow in Research in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Yale University (1996-97). Quin earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of California San Diego-Revelle College (1985). She is board certified in thoracic and general surgery.

MINI-MED SCHOOL: This year’s Mini-Medical School, sponsored by SIU medical students, will be held 7 to 9 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays, February 19 through March 26 in the South Auditorium. Topics include bioterrorism, headaches and headache management, evidence-based medicine, stroke rehabilitation, skin cancer, exercise and aging, geriatric evaluation, plastic surgery, reliable health information on the web, learning disabilities and ADHD, infertility, and pain management. For information contact Nancy Schuereman, Office of Associate Dean for Research/Faculty Affairs, 545-7936.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIA: Subhash Kukreja, M.D., University of Illinois-Chicago, will present “Glucocorticoid Induced Osteoporosis” at Medicine Grand Rounds at 8 a.m., Tuesday January 15, Memorial Medical Center, E72. For information call Nancy Cowan, Medicine, 545-2538.

William Banks, Ph.D., St. Louis University School of Medicine, will present “The Blood Brain Barrier as a Regulatory Interface and Therapeutic Conduit in Animal Models of Alzheimer Disease” at noon Friday, January 18, room 3313, 801 N. Rutledge. For information call Pharmacology 545-2185.

PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY: Members of the School of Medicine are reminded of the policy regarding patient confidentiality approved in 1997. Privacy is a basic right of every patient treated in programs of the School and must be observed by all faculty, staff and students. Except as permitted by Illinois law, information pertaining to a patient should not be released unless specific authorization is given by the patient or the patient’s legal representative. Patient files, medical records, medical transcriptions and accounts are not to be carried, transferred or disseminated outside the School without specific authorization. This includes information gathered for research or other scholarly purposes which could identify individuals personally. Discussion or disclosure of any information regarding a patient’s medical, financial or personal data for reasons other than the discharge of assigned duties is inappropriate. Any violation of this policy constitutes a serious breach of professional ethics and may result in disciplinary action by the School.

NEWS BRIEFS

PRESENTATIONS: Gary Dunnington, M.D., Surgery, presented “Surgical Education: No Role for a Minimally Invasive Approach” at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York in December.

HONORS: Radmila Bogdanich, Psychiatry, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by SIU Physicians & Surgeons for outstanding service, leadership and dedication as the Quality Council founding chair.

The School of Medicine was named Employer of the Year by United Cerebral Palsy-Land of Lincoln at their annual meeting in November in Springfield. The School was honored for “promoting independence and opportunities for people with disabilities.”

STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to John Almy, microcomputer specialist, Medical Microbiology/Immunology; Linda Anderson, medical assistant; Susan Deutsch, secretary, and Rhonda Koch, ambulatory care aide, all Surgery; Anne Barnett, secretary, Education/Curriculum; Mai Britt, secretary, Obstetrics/Gynecology; David Killman, researcher, Pharmacology; Diane Papp and Frank Szoke, both account technicians, both Patient Business Services; Lori Schooley, clerical assistant, Medical Records; Becky Tangman, chief clerk, Purchasing; Donna Toale, ambulatory care aide, Psychiatry; Terri Webster, ambulatory care aide, Medicine; Sarah Wilham, clerk, Pediatrics; and Michael Zagotta, safety officer, Environmental Safety/Security. Farewell to John Besch, Central Services; Christopher Bridgeman, Patient Billing Services; Geraldine Hembrough, Surgery; Bruce Herron, Education/Curriculum; Janice Holmes, Medicine; Gail Johnston, Laboratory Animal Medicine; Karun Tillett, Medicine; and Sherri Wadkins, Pediatrics.