CALENDAR

August
17 White Coats Ceremony / Carbondale

September
16 SIU P&S Softball Tournament
	SIU P&S, 782-3847
21 Doctors Fair, External Affairs,
	782-5770
24 Benefits Fair, Human Resources, 782-4538
29 Denim & Diamonds
	SIU Foundation, 782-2955

FYI

IN MEMORIAM: Lonnie Russell, Ph.D., Physiology, died July 11, at his vacation home in Brazil. Russell joined the medical school in Carbondale in July 1982. Donations in his memory may be made to the Lonnie D. Russell Memorial Fund in Physiology and mailed to the SIU Foundation, P.O. Box 19666, Springfield, 62794-9666.

SIU STATS AVAILABLE: Updated copies of the statistical listing – SIU Stats – are now available. This listing is maintained by Public Affairs and issued quarterly. There is an internal version (with contact person and phone number) and an external version (without those contacts) to share with others. For information contact Merle Shiffman, Public Affairs, 785-5616.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM: The telephone system conversion will begin on October 5. This will involve all telephone numbers changing to a new “545” prefix. New numbers will be available by August 5 from your department coordinator. Informational letters will be mailed to all employees by the middle of August giving details concerning the transition. For specific questions contact Carol Osborn, Information Resources, 785-1464.

A/P EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER: Who is eligible to be an A/P employee of the quarter? Any administrative/professional employee. Who can nominate? Any member of the University community. How? Just complete and submit the attached nomination form. Why? The recognition program gives the School community the opportunity to recognize A/P employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to go the extra mile. Nominate someone today! For information call Vicky Moore, Human Resources, 782-5693.

BATTER UP: Don’t forget the third annual SIU P&S and School of Medicine Softball Tournament is Sunday, September 16. So far, teams from P&S Administration, Pediatrics (defending champions), Orthotics and Prosthetics, and Security are signed up. To register a team, submit a preliminary team roster to the P&S administrative office, MC 9639. For information contact Dave Tkach, SIU P&S, at 524-3847.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT: Three employees have been Caught in the Act of Excellence. Claude D’Camp and Matt Lang, both Physical Plant, “went beyond the call of duty to dig through the trash to find a lost wedding ring.” Sean Trammel, Surgery, is “willing to listen, explore solutions, and keep people apprised of the status of their service requests. He makes an extra effort to explain and educate users about whatever the subject may be.” Go to http://intranet.som.siu.edu/forms.human_resources/ for the nomination form.

ATTENTION DEFICIT STUDY: Children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) are being recruited by SIU’s Vestibular Clinic, part of the Division of Otolarynology (ENT), as part of a study comparing balance and eye movements in them and children without ADD. Marian Girardi, Surgery, is coordinating the study. To be eligible for the study, patients must be between the ages of 6 and 13 and have a diagnosis of ADD. Age-matched individuals, without ADD, are also being sought. There is no charge to the participants for a series of non-invasive tests, which will take about two hours. Results will be shared with the participant’s personal physician. Call Marcia McCann, sophomore, at 524-6099, about the study.
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: It’s time to begin our annual support of our School-Business Partner, Enos School. Many of the 300-some students need our help in getting off to a good start in the new school year, which starts August 29. SIU’s Adopt-a-School committee is collecting school supplies because many families can’t provide them -- 80% of the students come from economically disadvantaged homes. Deliver your donations or checks (payable to SIU Foundation Acct. 9-92420) by August 27 or look for the Blue ENOS bins throughout the School. For information call Mary Aiello, Education/Curriculum; Cathy Brower or Angela Krutsinger, Medicine; Donata Eggers, Pediatrics; Shirley Folkerts, Clinical Affairs; Rebecca Antonacci, Pat Hellmers or Tracey Smith, OB/GYN; Jean Kirchner, Medical Humanities; Cheryl Meyer, Purchasing; Julie Robbs, Family/Community Medicine; Karen Torricelli, Mgmt./Budget; or Merle Shiffman or Nancy Zimmers, Public Affairs.

STATE FARM RAIL CLASSIC: Volunteers are needed Thursday through Sunday, August 30-September 2, to help at the State Farm Rail Classic LPGA Tournament at The Rail Golf Club in Sherman. Contact Erik Constance, M.D., Student Affairs, 782-2860, or the tournament office, 528-5742. Five ticket packages are available, ranging from individual for $16 to $750 for a package, from Memorial Medical Center Foundation at 788-4700.

CORRECTION: Kim Hodgson, M.D., Surgery, was left off the list of Top Doctors in Springfield Magazine as reported in the last Newsletter. Our apologies.

WE WELDED YOUR CHILDREN: Forty-plus children of Springfield employees participated in a successful “Take Your Child to Work” day July 18. After a welcome from Brenda Williams, SIU P&S, the visitors heard talks from Barbara Mason, Pearson Museum, Danny Hicks, Risky Business and George Tomecky, senior. In the afternoon Robert Buzzell, M.D., Medicine, spoke about skin cancer. Tour stops were hosted by Rhona Kelley, Library; Janet Ketchum, surgical skills laboratory; Karen Reynolds, proper hand washing technique; Terri Cameron, clinical skills lab; Waneta McKemie, incentive spirometry; Carla Donoval, smell study; Aruna Weberg, electron microscope; and Sandy Vicari, stress reduction. The CQI workgroup Kids Count who planned the event, was chaired by Williams and included Ann Collins, SIU P&S; CanDee Lutrell, Family/Community Medicine; Terry Stout, Psychiatry; Merle Shiffman, Public Affairs; Debbie Clayton, Institutional Planning; Carol Phillips, Neurology; Waneta McKemie, Medicine; Vicky Moore, Human Resources; and summer interns Robin Funksh, SIU P&S, and Lindsay Megginson, Human Resources.

ARTWORK PURCHASED: An original landscape painted by Gerard Erley is temporarily hanging outside the Harbinger Conference Room. If you are interested in having this artwork hang in a public area in your department, contact Carl Getto, M.D., Dean, 782-3615 or Nancy Zimmers, Public Affairs, 785-2155.

HONORS: Anil Minocha, M.D., Medicine, has been named a medical editor of the Gastroenterology Journal of eMedicine, an online, peer reviewed medical reference library. The website is found at www.emedicine.com.

Maureen Daoron, Anatomy, received Histotechnologist of the Year, and Corrie Holbrook, student worker, received Student of the Year, both at the Illinois Society of Histotechnology symposium in Champaign in May.

Laura Gruneiro, M.D., Surgery, was selected as one of Springfield Business Journal’s Forty Under 40. This highlights 40 local business leaders who are under the age of 40. She was featured in the July issue.


Gregory Brewer, Ph.D., Microbiology/Immunology, Jose Espinosa, M.D., Michael McIlhaney, M.D., and Terrence Pencek, M.D., Ph.D., all Surgery, Dennis McManus, M.D., Neurology, J. Patrick Kesslak, Ph.D., and Carl Cotman, Ph.D., both from University of California at Irvine, and John Viel, Ph.D., 2000 SIU alumnus, co-authored “Culture and Regeneration of Human Neurons After Brain Surgery” in Journal of Neuroscience Methods, 107:15-23.

Chris Hobrock, Education/Curriculum, wrote “Evening Repose,” published in Poetry’s Elite, the Best Poets of 2000. The same poem was part of a 3-volume set of recorded poetry entitled “The Sound of Poetry” produced by the International Library of Poetry.

NEWS BRIEFS


Margie Parr, Ph.D., Anatomy, presented “Vaginal Delivery of Vaccines” at the International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials in San Diego in June.


Barbara Mason, Pearson Museum, presented “Women in Medicine and Science” to the newly formed SIU women’s faculty group in July.

SIU PARKING STICKERS: The new SIU parking stickers are available for purchase at the Security Office, 801 first floor, which is open 24 hours a day. Cost for the first sticker is $40; additional stickers are $10 for each vehicle. Current stickers are good until September 1. For information, call Security, 557-7777.

STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Rhonda Berry, secretary, Pediatrics; Stacy Dunn, account technician, Office of the Comptroller; Melanie Long, nurse, Medicine; and Elizabeth Tate, nurse, Pediatrics. Farewell to Carol Lee, Medicine; Rebecca Sue Jones, Medicine; Renata Rinkus, Medicine; and LaStella Wartenbe, Surgery.