EMPLOYEES HONORED: Two employees were honored during an employee recognition luncheon, April 19. Sean Trammel, Surgery, was the 2003 Employee of the Year. His nominators say “he is the best at using available resources. Sean provides immediate support all the time.” Judy Armstrong, Coding/Posting, is the 2003 Supervisor of the Year. Her nominators say “she creates an atmosphere of teamwork and cooperation. Judy is understanding and can balance the needs of the individual with work requirements.” Also honored were 42 employees recognized for five years of service to the School, the eleven other Civil Service Employees of the Month and one A/P Employee of the Quarter. Congratulations to all.

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM WINNERS: The prize winners for the 2004 Combined Research Symposium were announced April 14. Medical student winners were: first place, Lindsay Jackson, sophomore; second place, Ryan Majcina, sophomore; and third place, Laurel Bailey, junior. Graduate student winners were: first place, Saif Lalani, Medical Microbiology/Immunology; second place, Vikram Jadhav, Pharmacology; and third place, Preeti Puntambekar, Pharmacology. Residents named were: first place, Lisa Little, M.D., Obstetrics/Gynecology; second place, Suman Gupta, M.D., Obstetrics/Gynecology; and third place, Lara Hammond, M.D., Surgery. This year’s judges were Robert Helfert, Ph.D., Jacquelyn Quin, M.D., Thomas Tarter, M.D., Ph.D., and Gayle Woodson, M.D., all Surgery; Mary McAsey, Ph.D., Obstetrics/Gynecology; Krishna Rao, M.D., Ph.D., and Laura Rogers, M.D., both Medicine; Michael Schneider, M.D., Pediatrics; and Ko Watabe, Ph.D., Microbiology/Immunology. The School and SIU’s chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha sponsored the 15th annual symposium. The Office of the Associate Dean for Research/Faculty Affairs coordinated the event.

Ryan Gobble, junior from Springfield, has received the Alpha Omega Alpha Student Research Fellowship for 2004. He will continue his research “Mechanisms to Explain Hypoxia Mediated Down Regulation of P1GF Preeclampsia” under the supervision of Donald Torry, Ph.D., Microbiology/Immunology.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIUM: “Chronic and Parastomal Wounds: Prevention and Management” is the topic for the ninth annual Wound Care Symposium, Thursday, April 29, at MMC’s Wedeberg Conference Center, and sponsored by the Department of Surgery and Memorial Medical Center. For information, call Carol Thomas, Surgery, 545-7133.

Barbara Bass, M.D., professor of surgery from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, will present “Surgical Training in the 21st Century” at Surgery Grand Rounds, 7:30 a.m. Thursday, April 29, in the South Auditorium, 801 N. Rutledge. For information, call Barb Carter, Surgery, 545-4401.

“Kidney Disease Management Review for the Primary Care Physician” is the topic for the 17th annual Nephrology Symposium, sponsored by the Department of Medicine. It will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at MMC’s Wedeberg Conference Center. The course director is Suman Mitra, M.D., Medicine. For information, call Continuing Medical Education, 545-7711.

“Current Issues in Orthopaedic Surgery” is the topic for the Illinois Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons meeting 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason St., Springfield. The course director is Gordon Allan, M.D., Surgery. For information, call Continuing Medical Education, 545-7711.
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ENOS UPDATE: Mary Kay Reed, Danny Hicks and Sharon Sanders all Surgery/ThinkFirst, held a bike safety rodeo at Enos School in April. The Enos committee is collecting books appropriate for kindergarten through 5th grade. The goal is to collect 250 new or gently used books by May 27. Most bookstore clerks can help select a book for a specific age, a classic novel or choose from a popular series (e.g. Goosebumps). Monetary contributions are accepted. Make check payable to SIU Foundation, Acct. 12-02420, and send to Public Affairs, MC 9621. For information, contact an Enos committee member. Drop off your book in the blue Enos bins around the School.

HOMETOWN HOUSECALL: Tune in to SIU’s Hometown Housecall on WSEC-WMEC-WQEC public television, 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, and the following Sunday at 5 and 10:30 p.m. Host Stuart Frank, M.D., professor emeritus, Medicine, will interview John Tomkowski, M.D., about anxiety. An interview with Kathryn Bohn, M.D., Bloomington community physician and class of 1983, is included. The series was funded by the Health Improvement Foundation and produced by SIU’s Educational Media Group.

SANGAMON COUNTY STUDENT ART EXHIBIT: Artwork created by Sangamon county elementary, middle and high school students will be exhibited Tuesday, May 4, through Friday, May 21, in the main lobby, 801 N. Rutledge. A reception for students, parents and teachers will be 4 p.m. Friday, May 7.

FACULTY UPDATE: Marina K. Russo, M.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of internal medicine. She previously was in private practice with Christie Clinic in Champaign (2002-03). Russo completed a two-year fellowship in endocrinology, metabolism and molecular biology at SIU (2002) and her internal medicine residency at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, (2000). She earned her medical degree at the Rostov State Medical School in Rostov-on-Don, Russia (1989). Russo is board certified in internal medicine and in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

BIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM WINNERS: The 10th annual Molecular and Cellular Biology Symposium for 2004 was held at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton on March 26-27. Winners of the oral presentations were: first place, Sajf Lalani, graduate student advised by Mary Pauza, Ph.D., Microbiology/Immunology; second place, Mohamedi Kagalwala, graduate student advised by Blaine Bartholomew, Ph.D., Biochemistry; third place, Bei Zhang, graduate student advised by Bartholomew; and fourth place, Chester Langin, graduate student advised by David Lightfoot, Ph.D., Agriculture.

PUBLIC RESOURCES ON HOMEPAGE EXPAND: Updates to the School’s homepage are making more resources available for the public to access medical and health information. The Office of Public Affairs has a news and information site (www.siumed.edu/news) with a variety of information available to the public including press releases about news from the School and a weekly radio health series. An events calendar lists public and medical related activities. Other information posted includes maps and directions as well as quarter statistics. On-line requests also can be made for tours of the medical school and speakers for community talks. For more information, email the staff at pubaffairs@siumed.edu.

ETHNIC MONTH CELEBRATION: Asia and the Pacific Islands are the focus of the next ethnic celebration 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the 801 lobby. Participants are encouraged to share ethnic food and artifacts. For information, call Patricia Davis, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7243.

NEWS BRIEFS

HONOR: Kathleen Miller, M.D., Family/Community Medicine-Decatur, received the YWCA Macon County Women of Excellence Award in Science and Medicine at their annual dinner in March in Decatur. This award is given to women who demonstrate individual excellence in or has made a significant contribution to the field of science or medicine through research, education and/or clinical practice.

PRESENTATIONS: Michael R. Pranzatelli, M.D., presented “Opsoclonus-Myoclonus Syndrome: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Considerations” and “Update on Childhood Dystonia” at the 30th annual meeting of the German Speaking Society for Neuropediatrics, which was held in March in Bern, Switzerland.

Kathleen Campbell, Ph.D., presented “Current Issues in Pharmacology, Otoxicity, and Patient Management” at the American Academy of Audiology annual convention preconvention workshop in March in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Andrzej Bartke, Ph.D., Medicine, presented “Overview: Impact of Hormones and Nutrition on Aging” at the 8th International HypoCCS Symposium in March in San Antonio, Texas.


Romesh Khadori, M.D., Medicine, and Mary Pauza, Ph.D., Medical Microbiology/Immunology, co-authored “Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus: Pathogenesis and Advances in Therapy” in International Journal of Diabetes in Developing Countries, Vol 23:106-119, 2003.

STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Judy Carter, office systems specialist, Surgery; Jennifer Hall, nurse, Surgery; Zee Holloway, nurse, Surgery; Mindy Marr, nurse, Surgery; Carol Pappas, ambulatory care aide, Surgery; and Peggy Raabe, clinical services coordinator, Psychiatry. Farewell to Linda Olsen, Cancer Institute; Sheila Marr, Research/Faculty Affairs; and Rena Smith, Medicine.