CALENDAR

May
25 Ethnic celebration - Asia and the Pacific Islands, 11 a.m., main lobby, 801 N. Rutledge, Patricia Davis, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7243

June
15 Ethnic celebration - Italy, 11 a.m., main lobby, 801 N. Rutledge, Patricia Davis, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7243
23 Camp COCO golf outing, The Rail, SIU Foundation, 545-2955

July
23 Take Your Kids to Work day, Merle Shiffman, Public Affairs, 545-5616

Use the on-line form at www.siumed.edu/news/calen.htm to submit public or School events for the on-line Calendar and the Newsletter.

FYI

HOMETOWN HOUSECALL: Tune in for a generous dose of medical information when the School presents Hometown Housecall on WSEC-WMEC-WQEC public television, 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, and the following Sunday at 5 and 10:30 p.m. Host Stuart Frank, M.D., professor emeritus, Medicine, will interview Robert Bussing, M.D., about men’s health. An interview with Jerry Suchomski, M.D., Chatham community physician and class of 1977, is included. The series was funded by the Health Improvement Foundation and produced by SIU’s Educational Media Group.

LECTURES AND SYMPOSIA: The 24th annual American Society for Reproductive Immunology meeting will be held June 3-6 at the Hyatt Regency at Union Station in St. Louis, Mo. The course director is Morris Cooper, Ph.D., Microbiology/Immunology. For information, call Continuing Medical Education, 545-7711.

2004 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: Commencement exercises for the 30th graduating class will be held in Springfield Saturday, May 22. Erik Constance, M.D., Student Affairs, will present the medical students for degrees and Edward Moticka, Ph.D., Research/Faculty Affairs, will present the doctoral candidates. Walter Wenderl, Ph.D., SIUC Chancellor, will confer the degrees. J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., dean and provost, will award the diplomas to the medical students and John Koropchak, Ph.D., vice chancellor for research and graduate dean for SIUC, to the doctoral candidates. Peter Alexander, J.D., dean of the law school, will present diplomas to the law students. The graduates honor two of their teachers with roles during the ceremony. John Murphy, M.D., Pathology, will read the Hippocratic Oath and David Steward, M.D., Medicine, will hood the graduates. The class previously honored Jaime Estavillo, Ph.D., Anatomy, for his contributions during the students’ first year. Zita Surprenant, M.D., class of 1981, will receive the School’s distinguished alumni award from the School’s Alumni Society Board of Governors for her efforts in the field of domestic violence, both nationally and in the Kansas City area where she practices.

SCOPE PUBLISHED: The eleventh edition of SCOPE, the School’s literary magazine, was introduced during a reading of selected excerpts April 29. The magazine, published by the medical students, contains 30 short stories, poems, drawings and photographs. Poetry prizes were: first place for “To Safely Say” by Jeremy Anderson, Medical Records; second place for “Ode to Oedegonium” by Nancy Graves, junior from LaGrange Park; and third place for “To Catch a Breeze” by Stacey Allison, Educational Support. The prizes for prose were: first place for “Raining Stethoscopes” by Tony Miksanek, M.D., class of 1980 now in Benton; second place for “Lunch” by John Grace, M.D., class of 2000 now in Tampa, Fla.; and third place for “Leon” by Stewart Massad, M.D., Obstetrics/Gynecology. The art awards were: first place for “The Biologic Clock” to Craig Sweet, M.D., class of 1985 now in Fort Myers, Fla.; second place for “Colorado Moonrise” (featured on the cover) to Anne Elliott, sophomore from Springfield, and third place “Staff of Aesculapius” to James Elliott, Anne’s brother. The People’s Choice Award went to Peter Somers, M.D., Ph.D., class of 2000 now in DeSoto, Ill., for his photo “Abstract Arch.” Shalandra Ross, sophomore from Chicago, and Julie Lewis, sophomore from Lockport, served as co-editors in chief. Phillip Davis, Ph.D., External Affairs, and Jacqueline Scolari, Ph.D., Curriculum Affairs-Carbondale, served as faculty advisors. Karen Carlson and James Hawker, both External Affairs, served as staff advisors. Copies of SCOPE are available from Carlson, 545-0870, or on-line at www.siumed.edu/pubs/.

RELAY FOR LIFE: The SIU Cancer Institute is again the Circle of Hope sponsor for this year’s American Cancer Society Relay For Life. This year’s event will be held from 5 p.m. Saturday, June 26, until 7 a.m. Sunday, June 27, at the Illinois Department of Transportation on Dirksen Parkway. The first three teams formed are Pediatric Oncology, Justine Morgan, captain; Microbiology/Immunology, Torrie Jones, captain; and Pediatrics, Tanni Lovelace, captain. If you’re interested in having your own team or want to join a team already formed, contact Tanni Lovelace, Pediatrics, 545-0577.

BENEFIT CHOICE REMINDER: The benefit choice period for the State of Illinois insurance programs ends May 31. Please review your current plan sent via campus mail. For information, call Human Resources - Lisa Adams, 545-7570, Gloria Fader, 545-5641 or Vicki Benson, 545-8035.
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: Barbara Mason, Pearson Museum, and Katie Stealy, senior, Cecelia Powlless, junior, and Marthe Phelps and Erin Stock, both sophomores, hosted students from Enos School in May. The event was organized by Mary Aiello, Education/Curriculum.

The Enos committee continues to collect books appropriate for kindergarten through 5th grade. The goal is to collect 250 new or gently used books by the distribution on May 27. Most bookstore clerks can help select a book for a specific age, a classic novel or you can 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 info, contact an Enos committee member. Drop off your book in the blue Enos bins around the School.

CMN NEWS: The 2004 Children's Miracle Network Radiothon on WNNS LiteRock 99 (98.7 FM), broadcast 6 a.m. Thursday, June 3, through noon Saturday, June 5, will take place in the lobby of the Carol Jo Vecchie Women & Children's Center at St. John’s. The telethon will run 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, through 6 p.m. Sunday, June 6, on WICS NewsChannel 20. SIU employees will be featured as a Grand Giver at 10 a.m. Sunday. For information or to volunteer, call Donna Crebs, CMN, 544-6464, ext. 44700.

HONORS: Jeff Karnes, M.D., Surgery, received the 2004 American Urological Association (AUA) Yamanouchi best abstract prize as co-author of “A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of Alpha-Adrenergic Blockers for Treatment of Voiding Dysfunction in Children” at the AUA annual meeting in San Francisco in May. Karnes also served as discussion leader for the poster “Bladder Cancer: Detection and Screening/Supervision” at the same meeting.

Quincy Scott, D.O., and Ralph Latta, M.D., both Southern Illinois Family Medicine-Carbondale, have been selected to participate in the American Medical Student Association Foundation’s year-long Leadership Rural Health Seminar Series. The Leadership Seminar Series established by the Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration is designed to provide residents and faculty from primary care medicine and dentistry with the necessary skills to become public health leaders.


STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Kimberly Abein and Sandra Erickson, both clerical assistants, Medical Records; Anh Dinh, researcher, Medical Microbiology/Immunology; Deborah Hale, nurse, Obstetrics/Gynecology; Susan Klug, nurse, Medicine; and Tasha McMasters, medical assistant, Surgery. Farewell to Jennifer Knuffman, Foundation, and Rowena Neumann, Pediatrics.