SIU CANCER INSTITUTE DESIGN BEING FINALIZED: The permanent facility for the SIU Cancer Institute has been designed to serve as a center of care and hope for patients from around the state as well as a dramatic new front door entrance to the School's campus in Springfield. The SIU Cancer Institute will face east on a partial city block (two-plus acres) bound by Carpenter, Rutledge and Miller Streets. The building for the institute will be three stories tall with its main entrance on the corner of Rutledge and Carpenter. It will consolidate the School's multi-disciplinary cancer clinics, now located in several hospital buildings, along with research and outreach service programs. SIU faculty, staff and patients helped finalize building details with architects from BSA Life Structures of Chicago and Hanson Professional Services of Springfield. Detailed building drawings and specifications are now being prepared and construction bids will be requested late this summer. It is hoped that construction would begin in the fall of 2005 and be completed in 2007. More information and two JPG images are available on the School's web site http://www.siumed.edu/news.

DIALOGUES WITH THE DEAN: A series of employee dialogues with Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., dean and provost, have been scheduled this month. Dr. Dorsey will provide an update to employees; comments and questions are encouraged. The sessions will be 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, Life Science III, room 1059, Carbondale; 10:30 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. in the South Auditorium, Springfield, Thursday, February 24; and 8:15 a.m. in Carol Jo Vecchie Women and Children's Center, conference rooms A and B (4th floor), and 1 p.m. in the South Auditorium, both Friday, February 25. The 10:30 a.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Friday sessions will be videoconferenced to the family medicine centers in Carbondale, Decatur and Quincy and Lindegren 310 in Carbondale. To submit questions, send them to Dialogues with the Dean, MC 9604, or drop them in the box in the 801 lobby.

PUBLIC PROGRAM: Brad Schwartz, M.D., and Stephen Hazelrigg, M.D., both Surgery, will present “Robotic Surgery” at Lunch with the Doctor, noon, Tuesday, February 23, at Prairie Heart Conference Center, 619 E. Mason St., Springfield. The first 15 people to register will receive a free lunch; all other lunches are $5. To RSVP, call Carol Thomas, 545-7133.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIA: G. Alexander Patterson, M.D., professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, will present “Current Status of Lung Transplantation” at Surgical Grand Rounds, 8 a.m. Thursday, February 24, in room G10 at Memorial Medical Center. For information, call Barbara Carter, Surgery, 545-4401.

David Mayer, M.D., assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Illinois, will present “Is Quality Health Care Really in the Curriculum? A Non-Educator’s Perspective” at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, in the Pearson Museum, 801 N. Rutledge. For information, call Linda Sigrist, Education/Curriculum, 545-7932.

“Updates In Primary Care” is the topic for a CME conference 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at John A. Logan College, 700 Logan College Road in Carterville. Kyaw Naing, M.D., Ph.D., Family/Community Medicine-Carbondale, is the course director. For information, call Continuing Medical Education, 545-7711.

Go to www.siumed.edu/news/calen.htm to submit public or School events for the on-line Calendar.

FYI

CPR RENEWAL: CPR re-certification classes will be held 8:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Friday, February 25, in room D229 at Memorial Medical Center. This will be the only renewal training until fall 2005. For information, call Brenda Vilayhong, SIU P&S, 545-8850.

BLACK HISTORY EVENT: Activist Dick Gregory will present “An Evening with Dick Gregory,” jointly sponsored by the School, Lincoln Land Community College and the University of Illinois at Springfield, 7 p.m. Friday, February 25 in the South Auditorium, 801 N. Rutledge, second floor. For info, call Wesley McNeese, M.D., Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7334.
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: Artwork by Enos students will be displayed March 8 through March 22 in the 801 lobby. This is the ninth year for the exhibit. A reception for the young artists and their families will be held in the lobby at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. The exhibit is coordinated by Karen Torricelli, Purchasing.

Box tops from General Mills products, new or gently used clothing, old 2004 wall calendars, videos, music CDs and recycled items—egg cartons, coffee cans, margarine tubs—are still being collected. Send them to Public Affairs, MC 9621 or look for the blue Enos bins throughout the school.

CAMP COCO WISH LIST: Camp COCO, a summer camp for children with leukemia, other cancers and blood disorders, sponsored by the pediatrics department at SIU, is looking for help with arts and crafts supplies. Items needed are large sequins; extra-large wooden beads; cans and plastic jars with lids in all sizes; feathers; jute cord and ribbons, any size or color; scraps of material; fabric markers; and poster board. These items will be used to decorate the camper cabins. Also needed are three large stuffed snakes (4-5 ft long), stuffed monkeys, toucans or parrots, or other animals found in the Amazon jungle for the counselor cabin. The theme for this year’s camp is Survivor 2005. For info, call Sheryl Lloyd, Development, 545-8515.

FACULTY UPDATE: Pat D. O'Donnell, M.D., has joined the faculty as professor of urology. He completed a fellowship in female urology and urodynamics at the University of California Los Angeles Center for Health Sciences (1980). He completed both his urology and general surgery residencies and earned his medical degree at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock (1977, 1974, 1972). O'Donnell is board certified in urology.

Shyam K. Bhat, M.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of medicine and psychiatry. He completed a five-year combined internal medicine and psychiatry residency at SIU (2004). He previously was a senior house officer at All Saints Hospital in Birmingham, England (1999). He earned his medical degree at Bangalore Medical College in Bangalore, India (1996).

RESEARCH GRANT: Joseph Henkle, M.D., Medicine, has been awarded a one-year grant from the American Lung Association for “FDG-PET for Mediastinal on Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer in a Histoplasmosis Endemic Region.” The grant budget is $25,000.

Janak Koirala, M.D., Medicine, has been awarded a three-year grant from the American Lung Association for “Interferon-Gamma Macrophage Functions Against Mycobacterium Avium Complex Infection in HIV-Infected Patient.” The total grant budget is $105,000.

HOMETOWN HOUSECALL: You can tune in for a generous dose of medical information when the School presents Hometown Housecall on Network Knowledge (WSEC-WMEC-WQEC) public television 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, and the following Sunday at 5 and 10:30 p.m. Host Stuart Frank, M.D., Medicine, will interview Gary Dunnington, M.D., Surgery, about breast cancer. An interview with Amelia Dean, M.D., Pittsfield community physician and class of 1997, is included. The series was funded by the SIU Cancer Institute and the School’s Rural Health Initiative and Continuing Medical Education.

Hometown Housecall programs from the first season have been added to the schedule for WSIU-TV (Carbondale). The program on skin problems will air at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, and feature Frank and his guest, Stephen Stone, M.D., Medicine. An interview with Ron Johnson, M.D., Pittsfield community physician and class of 1977, is included. The first season was funded by the Health Improvement Foundation and SIU’s Rural Health Initiative.

NEWS BRIEFS

PRESENTATIONS: Thomas Robbins, M.D., Surgery, participated in three panels at the 4th international symposium on Advances in Head and Neck Cancer in January in Marburg, Germany—“Palliative Therapy in Head and Neck Cancer Patients,” “Resectability/Operability” and “Radiochemotherapy in Head and Neck Cancer—Future Perspectives.”

Amber Barnhart, M.D., and Julie Robbs, both Family/Community Medicine, presented “A Comprehensive Evaluation Process Made Objective” and “Lessons We Have Learned in the Computer Age: Four Years Experience” at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in January in Albuquerque, N.M.

Michael Neumeister, M.D., Surgery, gave the Godina Lecture at the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery’s annual meeting in January in Puerto Rico. He also was the 2004 recipient of the Godina Traveling Fellowship and the lecture marked the conclusion of the fellowship.


STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Gregory Bishop, information technology associate, Alzheimer’s Center; Margaret Cain, medical assistant, Medicine; Danyelle Martin, researcher, Pharmacology; Mae Schoenherr, ambulatory care aide, Family/Community Medicine-Springfield; Carolyn Skouby, Educational Support Center-Carbondale; and Bridgett Trumbo, nurse, Medicine. Farewell to Eva Becker, Patient Business Services; Maureen Horstmann, Obstetrics/Gynecology; and Robin Hutchins, Pediatrics.