MATCH RESULTS ANNOUNCED: Seventy-one graduating seniors were given results from the National Resident Matching Program on Thursday, March 16. Fifteen seniors (21%) selected family practice residencies and another 11 (16%) selected internal medicine. Nine students (13%) matched in pediatrics, eight (11%) in emergency medicine and five (7%) in general surgery. Four (6%) students matched in orthopaedic surgery and three (4%) in plastic surgery. Two students each (3%) matched in anesthesiology, preliminary medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, ophthalmology and urology. One student each will train in dermatology, medicine/pediatrics, pathology, psychiatry, radiology and preliminary surgery.

Thirty-six seniors (51%) will be training in the primary care specialties of family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics. If the two students in obstetrics/gynecology are included, the total rises to 54 percentage. SIU and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield, Decatur and Carbondale attracted 14 SIU graduates for residency training. Another 18 medical students picked other Illinois programs and 20 selected Midwest programs, making a total of 52 students (73%) who will begin training in the Midwest.

Match results also were announced last Thursday for SIU’s residency programs in Springfield, based at the School’s two affiliated hospitals -- Memorial Medical Center and St. John’s Hospital. Fifty-eight first-year residents will join 157 senior residents and fellows already in training in Springfield. Thirty first-year positions were filled in primary care programs -- family practice (8), general internal medicine (12), general pediatrics (7) and obstetrics/gynecology (3). Twelve positions were filled in surgery -- general surgery (3), plastic surgery (2), orthopaedic surgery (3), otolaryngology (2) and urology (2). Sixteen other positions were filled -- dermatology (2), medicine-psychiatry combined (2), neurology (2), psychiatry (3), preliminary medicine (5) and radiology (2).

SIU also has affiliated family practice residency programs in Carbondale, Decatur and Quincy. Seventeen first-year positions have been filled for next year.

CARE-A-VAN ARRIVES: The Care-A-Van, a mobile health clinic, begins serving students at two Franklin County high schools this spring, thanks to grants totaling $425,000 from the Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation. The clinic will serve students at West Frankfort and Benton high schools, providing primary care, minor injuries treatment, school/sport physicals, immunizations, wellness and mental health counseling. Services will be provided by Penny Tippy, M.D., Family/Community Medicine-Carbondale, and a team of SIU medical school staff -- a physician's assistant, nurse, licensed clinical social worker and rotating resident physicians.

Tippy started the clinic initiative more than three years ago. During that time, an additional $250,000 has been contributed by the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Office of the Lt. Governor Patrick Quinn and SIU’s Rural Health Initiative.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIA: Robert Schwartz, J.D., professor of bioethics from the University of New Mexico, will present “The Rules of Engagement in the Bioethics Debate: Lessons from the Terri Schiavo Case” at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the SIU School of Law, Lesar Law Building, room 108, Carbondale. For information, call the Center for Health Law and Policy, 618-453-8636.
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: The committee is beginning to collect children’s books for distribution at the end of the school year. New or gently-used books are needed for kindergarten through fifth grade. Send them to Public Affairs, MC 9621, or look for the blue Enos bins. Also keep collecting your box tops from General Mills products and don’t forget to donate your new or gently used items.

DOCTORS’ DAY: The Sangamon County Medical Society is coordinating activities for Doctors’ Day on Thursday, March 30. Healthy Choices activities for children will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 300 S. 15th St., Springfield. A health fair and heart healthy dinner will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe St. SIU medical students are involved as volunteers. For information, call Isabel Manker, Sangamon County Medical Society, 525-0765.

NEWS BRIEFS

HONORS: Andrzej Bartke, Ph.D., Medicine, will join the editorial board of Aging Cell for a three-year term beginning in April.
Jerry Kruse, M.D., Family/Community Medicine, has been appointed to the Illinois State Board of Health.
Stephen Stone, M.D., Medicine, has begun a one-year term as president of the American Academy of Dermatology.

PRESENTATIONS: Kathleen Campbell, Ph.D., presented “Oxidative and Otoprotective Agents” at the Georgia Academy of Audiology in Marietta, Georgia, in January.
Sharon Hull, M.D., presented “Developing an Integrated, Problem-Based Curriculum in Population Health” at the American College of Preventive Medicine meeting in Reno in February.
Patrick McKenna, M.D., Surgery, presented “Pelvic Floor Therapy” at the University of South Florida in Clearwater in March.
Kim Hodgson, M.D., Surgery, presented “Endoleak Management in the Abdominal Aorta” at the Total Endovascular Symposium in Houston in March.
Robert McLafferty, M.D., Surgery, was the moderator for “Cerebrovascular Disease,” “AV Access” and “Vascular Other” at the Cinical Vascular Surgery Symposium in Las Vegas in March. At the same symposium, McLafferty presented “Results of a Comprehensive Follow-Up Program to Enhance Arteriovenous Fistula Maturation.”
Stephen Stone, M.D., Medicine, presented “Treatment of the Pregnant Patient with Scabies and Pediculosis” and “Innovative Therapy” at the American Academy of Dermatology meeting in San Francisco in March.

PUBLICATIONS: Gregory Brewer, Ph.D., Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, and Joel Reichensperger, Pharmacology, co-authored “Prevention of Age-Related Dysregulation of Calcium Dynamics by Estrogen in Neurons” in Neurobiology of Aging, 27:306-17, 2006. Brewer and John Torricelli, Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, co-authored “Age-Related Calcium Changes, Oxidative Damage, Caspase Activation and Nuclear Condensation in Hippocampal Neurons in Response to Glutamate and Beta-Amyloid” in Experimental Gerontology, 40:426-37, 2005.

STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Cheryl Ashburn, curriculum development specialist, Education/Curriculum; Andrea Bastin, nurse, Surgery; Terry Bolton, office systems specialist, Surgery; Mary Pat Madonia, nurse, Obstetrics/Gynecology; Valerie McLean, medical assistant, Medicine; Megan Porter, ambulatory care aide, Surgery; Marilyn Powell, applications analyst, SIU P&S; Chad Rankin, security guard, Capital Planning/Service Operations; Helen Seymour, nurse, Psychiatry; Lauren Veicht, ambulatory care aide, Pediatrics; and Paula Voth, nurse, Family/Community Medicine-Quincy. Farewell to Sherrill Beaty, Medicine; Vanda Cody, Psychiatry; Dawn Reese, Pediatrics; and Dainele Wise, Pediatrics.