CMN BASKET RAFFLE: The School is holding a fantastic basket raffle for Children’s Miracle Network (CMN). Thirty-five baskets donated by the SIU community will be on display October 24-28 in the 801 lobby in Springfield. Baskets include a gardening basket, spa basket, wine and cheese basket and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Raffle tickets are $1 each, 6 for $5, 12 for $10. For $25, a raffle ticket is put in each of the 35 baskets. Tickets will be available at the same locations as the baskets. For additional information, call Lisa McKennedy, Foundation/Development, 545-9402.

SCOPE ENTRIES SOUGHT: The deadline for entries for the spring 2006 SCOPE literary and creative arts magazine is Friday, December 2. Now in its 13th year, SCOPE is organized and produced by SIU medical students. You are invited to submit your original poetry, prose or artwork. Entries need not be related to medicine and can be submitted by anyone affiliated with the School. Entries should be sent to either Medical Humanities, 913 N. Rutledge St., P.O. Box 19603, Springfield, 62794-9603, or Jacqueline Scolari, Ph.D., Curriculum Affairs, Linddegren Hall (third floor) MC 6503, Carbondale, 62901. Details are available at www.siued.edu/pubs. Editors are Blaine Eubanks and Ben Cady, both sophomores.

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, November 4, and the following Sunday at 5 and 10:30 p.m. Host Stuart Frank, M.D., Medicine, will interview Dennis McManus, M.D., Neurology, for a program titled “Coping With Alzheimer’s Disease.” An interview with Michael Eling, M.D., Quincy community physician and class of 1994, is included. The series’ third season is funded by the School of Medicine’s Rural Health Initiative and SIU Cancer Institute and produced by SIU’s Education Media Group. The complete schedule is on-line at www.siumed.edu/news/HHhousecall.htm. The second season of Hometown Housecall continues to run at 3:30 p.m. Sundays on WSIU-TV in Carbondale. On October 23, Frank will interview K. Thomas Robbins, M.D., Surgery/SIU Cancer Institute, about head and neck cancer, and October 30, Mary Dobbins, M.D., formerly Pediatrics and now a Psychiatry resident, about mental health issues in children.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIA: The seventh annual Certified Nursing Assistants conference will be held 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, at the Northfield Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield. The conference is co-sponsored by the School’s Center for Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders, Dementia Caregivers Network and the Illinois Department on Aging. For info, call Leslie Randolph, Alzheimer Center, 545-7181.

Charles Price, M.D., from Nemours Children’s Clinic in Orlando, Fla., is guest lecturer for the 19th annual Mimi Covert Memorial Lecture Friday, November 4. He will present at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., in room G10A at Memorial Medical Center. For information, call Jenny Kesselring, Surgery, 545-6504.

“Team Management of the Spastic Upper Limb in Children” is the topic for the 5th annual Neuromotor Symposium 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 17-18, at the James T. Dove M.D. Conference Center at Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason St., Springfield. The symposium is co-sponsored by the SIU divisions of pediatrics and surgery and St. John’s Hospital. The course co-directors are John Fisk, M.D., and Keith Gabriel, M.D., both Surgery, Jeri Beth Karkos, M.D., Pediatrics, and Tara Nelson, St. John’s Hospital.
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS READ-IN: The teachers at Enos School are conducting a “read-in” from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Monday, October 31. They are looking for volunteers to read to one class for 20-30 minutes, kindergarten through fifth grade. Readers can bring a favorite book or a book can be provided. Volunteers should call Enos by Thursday, October 27, to sign up (525-3208) or email the reading specialist, Kathy Klemens, kklemens@springfield.k12.il.us. Remember, employees can participate in these kinds of activities with approval of your supervisor.

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS WEEK: As part of lung cancer awareness week and the Great American Smokeout, Alan Landers, the former Winston cigarette spokesperson, will present several talks to Springfield 7th- and 8th-grade students at Jefferson Middle School and Christ the King on Thursday, November 17, about the dangers of smoking. The talks are sponsored by the thoracic oncology program at the School. For info, call Annie Muller, Surgery, 545-7433.

HALLOWEEN PROGRAM SET: The School will join St. John’s Hospital for the Farmer’s Market 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, October 29, in downtown Springfield. Glo-lights will be given to all children who stop by the St. John’s booth, in addition to information about the new Children’s Hospital.

FACULTY UPDATE: Michael P. Sherman, M.D., has joined the faculty as a professor of pediatrics, specializing in neonatology. He is one of the new pediatric specialists recruited as part of St. John’s Children’s Hospital, a joint endeavor of SIU and St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. He previously was professor of pediatrics/neonatology at University of California Davis (UCD) Medical Center and now holds the title of professor emeritus. Sherman completed fellowship training in neonatal medicine at the University of California San Diego (1972) and at UCD (1976) and completed his pediatric residency at the University of Michigan (1971). He earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin (1969) and his bachelor’s degree in microbiology at California State Polytechnic University (1965). He is board certified in pediatrics and neonatal-perinatal medicine and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dharmendra J. Nimavat, M.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of pediatrics, specializing in neonatology. He also is one of the new pediatric specialists recruited as part of St. John’s Children’s Hospital. Nimavat came to SIU from Stony Brook University Hospital in Stony Brook, N.Y., where he completed a three-year fellowship in neonatal and perinatal medicine (2005). He completed his pediatrics residency at Brookdale University Medical Center (2002). He completed postgraduate training in pediatrics at B.J. Medical College (BJMC) (1996) and earned his medical degree at BJMC Gujarati University (1992). Nimavat is board certified in pediatrics.

RESEARCH UPDATE: Two faculty have been awarded funds by the Illinois Department of Public Health from the Penny Severns research fund – Laura Murphy, Ph.D., Physiology, for “Combining Anti-Cancer Ginsenosides to Treat Human Breast Cancer” and Sophia Ran, Ph.D., Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, for “Optimizing Response of Breast Tumors to Chemotherapy.” The grant budget for Murphy is $50,000 and $70,000 for Ran.

Michael Pranzatelli, M.D., Neurology, received a one-year contract from Genentech/Biogen to study “A Phase I Clinical Trial of Rituximab in Pediatric Osposclonus-Myclonus.” The grant budget is $108,000.

HONORS: Four Surgery faculty have been named Teacher of the Year for 2005. Andrew Lambert, M.D.; Thomas Tarter, M.D.; Michael Neumeister, M.D.; and Richard Brown, M.D., were nominated by residents and medical students in the department.

Patricia Drake, R.N., Pediatrics, was awarded the Woman of Excellence Award by the YWCA in September. She was nominated for her numerous charitable works in the community.

Careyana Brenham, M.D., Family/Community-Mستهل Springfield, was named to the board of directors of Sojourn Shelter and Services.

Penny Lorenzini, Surgery, is designer co-chair for Memorial Medical Center’s 2005 Festival of Trees.

Anna Mies Richie, M.D., Family/Community Medicine-Springfield, was named to a two-year term on the board of directors of The Parent Place.

Susan Helm, Surgery, was elected to the board of directors of Junior League of Springfield as sustainer president.


Kim Hodgson, M.D., presented “Angioplasty and Stenting for Mesenteric and Renal Artery Disease: Techniques and Results” at the University of California at Los Angeles Endovascular Symposium in Beverly Hills in September. Hodgson also presented “Techniques and Pitfalls in Renal Artery Stenting” at the American College of Surgeons postgraduate course in San Francisco in October.

Staci Becker and Robert Pary, M.D., both Psychiatry, presented “Instituting ED-2 Objectives in a Psychiatry Clerkship: One School’s Endeavor” at the Association of Academic Psychiatry conference in Chicago in September.


STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Dana Bankhead-Day, medical assistant, Surgery; Jovetta Brown, nurse, Pediatrics; Nichole Dawdy, medical sonographer, Pediatrics; Latricia Ousley, medical assistant, Psychiatry; Rebekah Kamnick, clerical assistant, Medicine; Marianne Ralph, office systems specialist, Surgery; and Mary Vitt, office systems specialist, Administration-Carbondale. Farewell to Randy Bailey, Family/Community Medicine-Springfield; John Buscicco, Psychiatry (retirement); Marilyn Chapman, Purchasing; Beckie Daniken, Psychiatry; John Huffman, Capital Planning/Service; and Denise Scheer, Family/Community Medicine-Quincy.