CALENDAR

February

2 National Wear Red Day, Women’s Heart Health Awareness American Heart Association, 698-3838

10 Winter Ball, 6:30 p.m., Northfield Inn, Springfield, Student Affairs, 545-2860

10 Trivia Night for Children’s Miracle Network, 7 p.m., James T. Dove Conference Center, $10 per player, up to 10 players per table; CMN, 544-5437

12 Black History-Harry Edwards, Ph.D., 6 p.m., South Auditorium (2nd floor), 801 N. Rutledge, Wesley McNeese, M.D., Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-6012

FYI

TV PROGRAM: The American Cancer Society program, Informing You, airs monthly at 8:30 p.m. on Springfield cable channel, Access 4, and is sometimes repeated at other times throughout the month. Bradley Schwartz, D.O., Surgery, will discuss kidney cancer on January 30. The series producer is Ruth Slottag, Public Affairs.

CANCER WEB CAST: The Simmons-Cooper Cancer Institute at SIU continues its free monthly Web casts on cancer related topics. John Godwin, M.D., Medicine, will discuss clinical trials at noon on Wednesday, February 7. To register, go to www.siumed.edu/cme or call Continuing Medical Education, 545-7711.

SIU STATS AVAILABLE: The quarterly update of SIU STATS is available. This listing is maintained by Public Affairs and issued quarterly. STATS is also available on the SIU home page under About SIU and on the News/Info page. For info, call Merle Shiffman, Public Affairs, 545-5616.

NEW MASTER’S OFFERED: SIU’s Department of Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), now offers a master’s in public health laboratory sciences. Hands-on, practical experience in state-of-the-art state public health laboratories is provided by IDPH. Classes are available in person or via teleconference in Springfield, Chicago and Carbondale. Registration deadline is March 30 for fall 2007. For more information, contact David Carpenter, Ph.D., Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, 545-8465 or dcarpenter@siumed.edu. Their Web site is www.siumed.edu/imi/plhs/phls.htm.

EMPLOYEE HONORS: Sue Houston, Medicine, is the principal/administrative employee for the fourth quarter. Her nominators said “Sue exhibits professionalism in all aspects of her position. She is an example of a ‘can do’ professional who has a positive work ethic.” Six employees and one department have been Caught in the Act of Excellence. Karen Duckworth, Medical Library, “was extremely prompt, professional and pleasant in helping reserve a library conference room.” Education/Curriculum “volunteered their time and money to help with Christmas gifts for Enos students.” Jamie Law and Andy Wheeler, Capital Planning/Service Operations, “assisted in the total reorganization of the main file room in Human Resources.” Barbara Nowack, Cancer Institute, “swiftly and efficiently administered the Heimlich maneuver to a fellow employee who was choking during a lunch meeting.” Stacy Bond, Human Resources, “assisted in preparing binders for new employee orientation so that her co-workers wouldn’t have to come in during the holiday break.” Britney Baird, Surgery, “adjusted her schedule to see a patient who had previously cancelled an appointment.” Congratulations, all.

JUNIORS ELECT OFFICERS: Fifteen third-year medical students have been elected officers, representatives and committee members for the Class of 2008. Richard Bryant of New Berlin and Alexia Hillard of Monticello were elected co-chairs of the junior class. Jennifer Grusby of Abingdon, Organization of Student Representatives; Sapa Pham of Pearland, Texas, admissions; Pritesh Patel of Rolling Meadows, educational policy; Patrick Rheaume of Carrier Mills, information management policy; Victor Stams of Chicago, library advisory; Jacqueline Harris of Macon, Ga., student progress; Jennifer Hardwick of McHenry, student advisor; Catherine Rapp of Columbia, Year 3 curriculum; and Holly Hoefgen of Martinsville, Year 4 curriculum.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIUM: Regina Rabinovich, M.D., director of infectious diseases global health program for the Gates Foundation in Seattle and class of 1982, is this year’s Sergio Rabinovich Distinguished Lecturer and will present “Confronting the Challenges of Global Health” at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, at Medicine Grand Rounds in MMC’s room E72. For information, call Kay DeFord, Medicine, 545-4383.

Mark Albanese, Ph.D., professor of population health science at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, will present “Medical School, Licensure Exam and Residency Performance of Students with Discrepant MCAT Scores and Premedical Undergraduate GPAs” at 5 p.m. Thursday, February 8, in the Dirksen Conference Room and teleconferenced to Lindegren Hall, room 303, Carbondale. This presentation is sponsored by the Academy for Scholarship in Education. For information, call Donna Peterson, Medical Education, 545-2103.

Red Dress Day
Women’s Heart Health Awareness
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: Winter clothing items, including hats, coats, mittens, sweatpants, socks and underwear, will be collected through the end of February. For information, call Cheryl Meyer, Purchasing, 545-01157, or Julie Robbs, Family/Community Medicine, 545-0200, or drop items off at the snowman figure in the 801 lobby.

VIDEO CONFERENCE: Stewart Massad, M.D., Obstetrics/Gynecology, will present “Cervical Cancer Screening: Latest Guidelines” at a rural women’s health training program at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, February 8, at 913 N. Rutledge, room 1252. The program is co-sponsored by the Illinois Rural Health Association (IRHA), Illinois Department of Public Health, Western Illinois AHEC and the School. To RSVP, call the IRHA at 1-800-500-1560.

COMMUNITY TALKS: Ron Zec, Ph.D., Neurology, spoke about the aging brain to members of the G.V. Black Dental Society in Springfield in January. Senior medical students presented Tar Wars, a smoking prevention program, to several local schools in November and January. Bridget Bilyeu and Lauren Katz, Little Flower Grade School; Kate Emmerich and Katz, Cathedral Grade School; and Sarah Graham, St. Joseph School. Wesley McNeese, M.D., Diversity/Minority Affairs, and Cynthia Thomas, M.D., Family/Community Medicine, participated in a local panel discussion on children’s health coverage in Springfield in January as part of the national town meeting sponsored by the Catholic Health Association and Campaign for Children’s Healthcare.

FACULTY UPDATE: Mei Chris Huang, M.D., Ph.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of internal medicine, specializing in gastroenterology. Huang completed a three-year fellowship in gastroenterology at Washington University (WU) School of Medicine in St. Louis (2005) and then joined the WU faculty as an instructor in internal medicine (2006). She completed her internal medicine residency at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis (2002) and earned her medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis (1999). She completed her graduate degree as well as a postdoctorate research fellowship in molecular biology at Vanderbilt Medical School in Nashville, Tenn. (1988-95). She completed her undergraduate studies in biology at Peking University in Beijing. Huang is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology.

RESEARCH UPDATE: The School of Medicine has received two national grants to study cancer. A one-year grant has been awarded by the U.S. Army Medical Research for $108,375 and a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health for $98,455. Yin-Yuan Mo, Ph.D., Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, is the principal investigator for both projects.

HOMETOWN HOUSECALL: Learn more about important health issues and get a closer look at SIU School of Medicine when the School presents a fourth season of Hometown Housecall on WSEC-WMEC-WQEC public television. Host Stuart Frank, M.D., Medicine, brings together medical school colleagues to talk about important topics in medicine. The programs this year will be divided into three segments. The next program is at 8:30 p.m. Friday, February 2, and the following Sunday at 5 and 10:30 p.m. Guests and their topics are Bradley Schwartz, D.O., Surgery, “Kidney Cancer: Improving Survivability;” Amy Olson, R.D., Medicine, “What Do You Get for 100 Calories;” and Joni Clark, M.D., Medicine, “Stroke: Brain Attack.” The series is funded by the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU and the School’s Rural Health Initiative. It is produced by SIU’s Educational Media Group.

HONOR: Frank Aguirre, M.D., Medicine, has been elected president-elect for a two-year term on the medical executive committee at Memorial Medical Center.

SUPPORT GROUP: WISER, Women in Support of Each Others Recovery, is holding a program to train volunteers from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, February 3, in the Plastic Surgery conference room, third floor, Baylis Building. Women who have experienced breast cancer and want to share their experiences are encouraged to attend this training program. For information, call Lin Vautrain, Surgery, 545-7434.

“What are Breast Cysts and How Do We Treat Them” is the topic for the breast cancer support group meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, in the Plastic Surgery conference room, third floor, Baylis Building. RSVP to Vautrain.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: The School’s Newsletter accepts news of recent academic or professional publications, presentations and honors and other highlights from School employees, students and residents. An on-line form for submitting this information has been added to the News/Info Web page, maintained by Public Affairs at www.siumed.edu/news/NewsSubmissions.html. Also featured on the School’s main Web site is a public events calendar, listing events open to medical audiences or the public. The link to submit items for the calendar is www.siumed.edu/news/calendarform.htm. You also can send information via mail, email or fax to Merle Shiffman, Public Affairs, MC 9621, mshiffman@siumed.edu or 545-0580.

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