

Welcome to Medicine

Stained Glass Panel Shines in Lindegren Hall

From the outside, Lindegren Hall looks like any other university building on SIU's Carbondale campus. Before now, there were few clues that the life sciences building housed the world of medicine for first-year students.



The Hansons

That all has changed thanks to the generous donation of a stained glass panel depicting the Aesculapian, the ancient symbol of medicine, which is now the focal point of the lobby of Lindegren.

The panel, designed by Yukio Nomoto, an SIU graduate student in curriculum and instruction, was fabricated over the course of two months by Homer Hanson, M.D. Dr. Hanson and his wife, Amber Hanson, B.S.N., donated the art to the School.

"Originally we commissioned the work from Dr. Hanson," says



Dr. Dorsey talks with the Hansons.

Sara Merideth, the School's Year One Curriculum Coordinator, a former patient of the pediatrician. "But he and Mrs. Hanson were very generous and decided to donate the piece."

Merideth, along with Jacqueline Scolari, Ph.D., recognized the need for a medical marker for a glass case in the building's foyer. "For a long time, we've wanted to have something that let people know they were in the School of Medicine," says Dr. Scolari, assistant professor in curriculum affairs in Carbondale. "The panel is wonderful addition."

The Hansons even helped deliver and hang the 18-



Top: Dr. Homer Hanson and Dr. J. Van, medical director of Choate Medical Center, look at the stained glass panel during a reception at Lindegren Hall.

pound panel to the Lindegren lobby. "We're both graduates of Southern Illinois University, and we love to support it," says Mrs. Hanson. The couple's generosity previously had extended to the medical school's Springfield campus with the donation of circa 1920s surgical tools. "The tools were the property of the physician who delivered me," says Dr. Hanson.

Dr. Hanson has been creating works of stained glass since his retirement from the Carbondale Clinic in 1977, where he was a pediatrician for more than 20 years. He has created numerous pieces, even decorating the windows of his garage door with stained glass musical notes.

At a reception in the Lindegren lobby, Dean and Provost Dr. Dorsey praised the work of Dr. Hanson, the first board certified pediatrician in southern Illinois. "This exemplifies the kind of relationship that I hope will continue not only between members of the local medical community and the School of Medicine, but also with the community at large. We are very grateful." ■

A Message from Foundation Director June Lang

Dear Aspects Readers,

Greetings from 927 Rutledge Street in Springfield! September 9 was my move-in day to this cozy Cape Cod house, the headquarters for the SIU Foundation offices on the medical school campus. I'm happy to be a part of the SIU School of Medicine family.

As Director of Development, I'll coordinate and implement fundraising programs with students, alumni, parents, SIU friends, corporations and foundations, with the objective to ensure continued excellence in medical education, patient care and research.

An important aspect of planning our fund-raising programs is tracking past and present giving. I am delighted to find that all donors, alumni and friends alike, have been most generous when investing in the School of Medicine. A big "thank you" is in order for your strong support thus far.

This year, 29 percent of alumni are giving back to SIU School of Medicine. I would like to invite SIU alumni who have not contributed to make a gift now, and for those who do give to continue their tradition, as well as consider increasing this year's gift. With this plea, the Dean and I hope to see our December 30, 2002, statistics on alumni giving increase by five percent.

To achieve that goal, I'll need your help. Private gifts allow the School of Medicine to fund programs, scholarships, professorships, research, campus renovations and new facilities. Please remember that all gifts, regardless of size, make a significant impact. You can designate your gift to benefit any of the programs mentioned above, or direct it to the discretionary fund for the Dean to use where the budget challenge is greatest.

When you give to SIU School of Medicine, you further the cause of higher education and promote the quality of health care, — elements vital to this community and the nation. For alumni and friends alike, we can accept gifts of cash or appreciated assets. In most cases, your gift is tax deductible.

I look forward to meeting all of our donors in the upcoming months. Please contact me at any time with your questions, opinions, or suggestions regarding fund-raising for the SIU Foundation. I sincerely want to hear from you.

Thank you,



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