



# The Harbinger Society

## Signs of Good Things to Come

The Harbinger Society was established in 1985 as a way for SIU supporters to join forces and demonstrate a commitment to the future. Since that time, more than 270 memberships have helped SIU School of Medicine provide for the region's present and future health needs. To become a member, individuals contribute \$10,000, and businesses contribute \$25,000, either as a single contribution or over a period of up to 10 years.

Members can direct their gifts to specific areas to support a variety of areas at the medical school: student scholarships and loans, scientific research projects, library development, special equipment, and areas where the need is greatest. The potential to help is unlimited.

The members will continue to be harbingers of outstanding health care for the future.



### JOHN AND GAIL RECORD

Members since 1996, their gifts support Camp COCO and the Friends of the Pearson Museum program. John joined the School of Medicine in 1976 and is now assistant dean of Rural and Alumni Affairs.

*"To me, the Pearson Museum represents the importance that medical history and the humanities in general play in our role as educators of medical students and residents and as a resource to the larger community. Camp COCO shows the extra degree of patient care that this institution achieves. Joining the Harbinger Society has both the tangible benefit of providing much needed financial resources to the School but also is an important symbolic statement of a person's belief in the value of our collective efforts."*

### DR. RON AND THERESE ROMANELLI

SIU alumnus Ronald R. Romanelli, M.D., '83, spearheaded the E. Shannon Stauffer Orthopedic Alumni Endowment Fund in 1995, which honors Dr. Stauffer's 20 years as program director for orthopedic surgery and residency programs. Dr. Stauffer passed away May 16, 2002. The fund supports resident research projects. Dr. Romanelli is president of the Orthopaedic Center of Illinois.

*"Dr. Shannon Stauffer trained me, and I wanted to give back to him and the betterment of orthopedic residency. He helped me discover that I wanted to spend my career in orthopedics. Our relationship grew while we served on the medical school admissions committee. Later, he became my mentor for orthopedics. Through the Harbinger Society, I can give back to orthopedic residency and to the School of Medicine."*

