

# 50 Years in Medicine

Former SIU surgery faculty inducted into medical society club

Four “fathers” of SIU School of Medicine’s Department of Surgery were inducted into the Illinois State Medical Society’s 50-Year Club last May.

**Alan Birtch, M.D.**, professor and assistant chairman, Department of Surgery (1972-1996), **J. Roland Folse, M.D.**, first chairman of the Department of Surgery (1971-2000), **David Sumner, M.D.**, distinguished professor and chief of Peripheral Vascular Surgery, (1975-1998), and **David Beck, M.D.**, professor and chairman of the Division of Urology (1973-1981), all marked 50 years since graduating medical school.

Drs. Birtch, Folse, and Sumner were all classmates and friends at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where they graduated in 1958. Dr. Beck graduated the same year from Otago University School of Medicine, New Zealand.

Now retired, the physicians all live in Springfield.



From left: Dr. Birtch, Dr. Folse, Dr. Sumner and Dr. Beck at the Sangamon County Medical Society General Membership Meeting.

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