



## DENIM & Diamonds

Wrinkle your jeans and brush off your tuxedos: Denim & Diamonds is coming back this fall!

The sixth Denim and Diamonds gala event, slated for Sept. 30, will benefit cancer programs. The event, to be held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, will celebrate the accomplishments of cancer research at the School of Medicine, raise awareness of the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute and build resources to advance cancer care in the region.

Co-chairs of the event are Mark Townsend and Letitia Dewith-Anderson. The evening will include dinner, a silent and live auction, and entertainment.

We hope you will plan to be a part of this special event. Event and table sponsorships are available, so please call the Development office.

For any Foundation questions, call our toll-free number: 1-877-HELPSOM (Help School of Medicine) /1-877-435-7766. [www.siumed.edu/foundation](http://www.siumed.edu/foundation).

## Distinguished lectureship honors Ted LeBlang

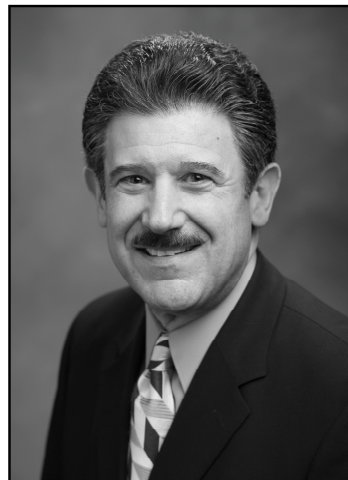
After 31 years of service, Professor Ted LeBlang, J.D., is retiring. To honor his contributions, the School of Medicine is creating a Distinguished Lectureship in Law and Medicine "to help carry forward his legacy of creative, timely and accessible teaching about important issues at the interface of law and medicine," said J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., Dean and Provost.

Among his numerous contributions, Ted instituted the annual Mock Trial and worked with the School of Law to implement the M.D./J.D. Dual Degree Program at SIU. He was editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* for 22 years, one of the only lawyers ever elected to serve

as president of the American College of Legal Medicine, and lead annotator of the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs *Code of Medical Ethics: Current Opinions With Annotations*.

"Professor LeBlang's career has been a remarkable one, touching students and influencing the content of law and medicine curricula nationwide for more than three decades," Dr. Dorsey said. "We invite alumni and friends to join in establishing a lectureship in his name."

To contribute to the fund, mail a check payable to SIU Foundation, note LeBlang Lectureship, and mail to P.O. Box 19666, Springfield, IL 62794-9666.



Ted LeBlang

### A gift to grow on

Understanding the healing and uplifting properties of nature, Evelyn Brandt Thomas wanted a garden to provide a place for peaceful reflection and support for patients and their families at the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute. Evelyn's gift will name the garden, "The Gordon and Evelyn Brandt Thomas Garden of Hope, in memory of Gordon Thomas."

Evelyn Thomas is a longtime patient of the School of Medicine's family practice clinic in Springfield. Dr. Janet Albers cares for her and cared for the late Gordon Thomas for more than 15 years. Evelyn cherishes her relationship with Dr. Albers.

Evelyn Brandt Thomas and Brandt Consolidated also give strong support to the School's Camp COCO and to other cancer programs. We thank Evelyn for her gift and her inspiration to give back to our School.

