

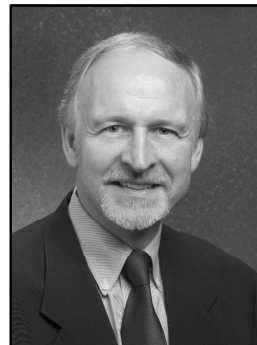
# Robbins named Cancer Institute director

K. Thomas Robbins, M.D., has been named director of the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU School of Medicine, having served as interim director since January 2004. The SIU Board of Trustees approved his appointment in November.

“Dr. Robbins has proven himself extremely well qualified to take on this leadership position permanently. He has made tremendous strides moving our developing cancer institute forward, including starting the development of a strategic plan,” said J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., dean and provost. “As both a clinician and a researcher, he brings experience to this position that will serve him well, working with those in the medical school, on the SIU campuses in Carbondale and Edwardsville, and throughout the entire downstate region to develop ongoing programs and new initiatives.”

Robbins joined SIU in July 2003 as professor and chair of the otolaryngology head and neck surgery division and associate director for clinical services for the SIU Cancer Institute. He has gained international recognition for his contributions to the field of head and neck oncology and has served as an invited guest lecturer in many countries on six continents.

Before coming to SIU, Robbins was professor and chair of otolaryngology at both the University of Florida in Gainesville and at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He previously was director of head and neck oncology at the



University of California San Diego and on the faculty of the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and subsequently at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Robbins served a fellowship in head and neck surgical oncology at the Institute of Laryngology and Otolaryngology and Otolaryngology at the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada (1981). He received his medical degree from Dalhousie University Medical School (1973) and completed his undergraduate education at Memorial University of Newfoundland (1969).

He is board certified in otolaryngology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. The author of more than 165 scientific publications, Robbins has edited several books, including the 2004 edition of the Cumming's textbook, *Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery*. He is participating in two national clinical trials studying squamous cell carcinoma. His appointments include serving as the regional delegate director to American Cancer Society's Illinois division board of directors.

The SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU ([www.siumed.edu/cancer](http://www.siumed.edu/cancer)) is focusing the School's efforts in cancer research, physician and public education, and treatment for patients from across central and southern Illinois.

*Cancer Institute receives \$10.2 million pledge.*

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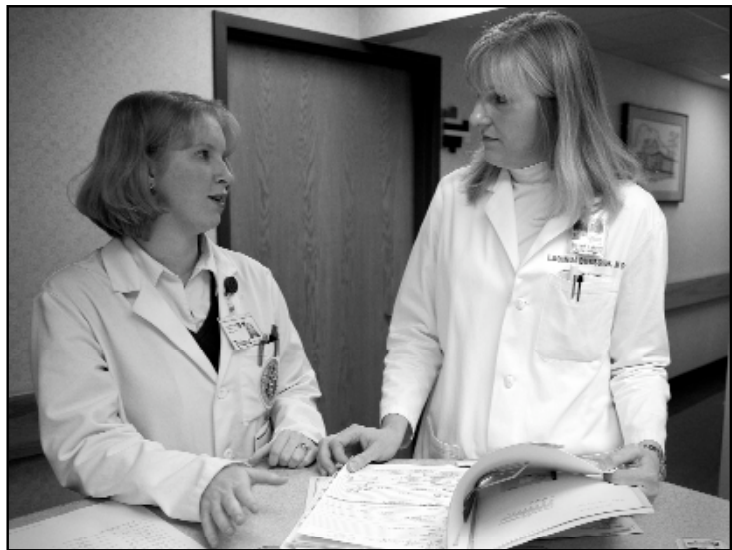
## SIU medical school enrolls student from Tulane University

A fourth-year medical student from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans has temporarily enrolled in the School of Medicine.

Jamie (Martin) Macklin, daughter of Dick Martin and Donetta Martin, both of Effingham, began her studies at SIU in October with a four-week family medicine preceptorship working with Jeffrey Crowell, M.D., and Jeffrey Brummer, M.D., at Family Care Associates in Effingham.

In December, she finished a clinical elective with Lucinda Buescher, M.D., associate professor of dermatology, and other faculty and resident physicians in SIU's dermatology division.

From January through April, Macklin will enroll in infectious diseases and SIU electives. She plans to return to Tulane and graduate in May.



Jamie (Martin) Macklin talks with Dr. Lucinda Buescher in the SIU Dermatology Clinic.