Good food and good friends meant good times during reunion weekend at SIU School of Medicine, held June 28-29. A Friday night cocktail reception at the Springfield Hilton preceded a Saturday tour of the School of Medicine. Saturday afternoon, alums enjoyed a picnic at the Island Bay Yacht Club. Closing the festivities was dinner at Maldaner’s Restaurant.

Jerry Clark, M.D., ’77 thoroughly enjoyed the reunion after 25 years away from the School. “The changes are remarkable!” he writes. “SIU School of Medicine truly deserves the national reputation it has earned in medical education. I would strongly encourage all alumni to visit the School of Medicine at these reunion events... but do not wait 25 years to do so. Thank you for making me proud.”

Classes of ’77 ’82 ’92 Celebrate During a Weekend of Fun

From top: 1: Amy Bishop Kewin, M.D., ’92 at the Friday night reception at the Springfield Hilton; 2: Sam Gaines, M.D., ’77, and Jerry Clark, M.D., ’77 reminisce; 3: At the Island Bay Yacht Club: Judyann Krenning, M.D., ’92, and Phil Kladar, M.D., ’92; 4: Kathy Gallion, Todd Gallion, M.D., ’92, Kelly Black, M.D., Dave Chapman, M.D., ’92; look out on Springfield at the Hilton; 5: Ronald Martin and Doris Williams, M.D., ’92 at the picnic; 6: Mary Weatherington, M.D., ’82 (standing) and Hope Gooding, M.D., ’92 (seated); 7: Mark Smith, M.D., ’82, and Bert Dech, M.D., ’82 check out the class photos; 8: Eric Munn, ’92 and Nicole Munn and their children enjoyed the picnic.
REBECCA JOHNSON, M.D., was elected trustee of the American Board of Pathology, the only certifying agency for all U.S. pathologists. During her three-year term, Rebecca will help set policy for the organization and standards for certification of pathologists.

KENT HYMEL, M.D., retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years. He works in forensic pediatrics and child abuse at a pediatric trauma center outside Washington, D.C.

EVAN JACKSON, M.D., writes "it was time for a change." He and his wife, Angela Shelton, have moved from Maryville, Tennessee to Avon, Connecticut, and love New England. Both work for Cigna Behavioral Health in Holyoke, Mass.

GREG POLAND, M.D., has several new responsibilities. He is vice chair in the Department of Medicine for Research, editor of the scientific journal Vaccine, chair of the American College of Physicians Immunization Task Force, and president of the International Society for Vaccines. He resides with his wife, Jean, in Rochester, Minn., where he works at the Mayo Clinic.

DALE BRAMLET, M.D., patented and developed a new type of hip pin called the Talon Hip Compression Screw. This device and a new version called the Talon Intramedullary Hip Pin, are dramatically improving the results of hip fracture in difficult to treat osteoporotic patients.

RANDOLPH MCCREA, M.D., writes "Life is good!" He works in a group of five medicine/pediatrics physicians, two family practitioners and two family nurse practitioners. He and his wife, Laurie, have two children, Evan, 12 and Ellie 10. He says "Hi" to the class of 1986.

LAURA K. SHEA, M.D., and her husband, Gary Lamsargis, live on a farm near Hillsboro, Ill. She is a unit psychiatrist at the state hospital in Springfield. Their son, Grant, is 16; daughter Hannah is 12. Laura would love to hear how her classmates and their families are doing.

JANET ALBERS, M.D., writes that she is enjoying being back in Springfield as program director for the family medicine residency at the School of Medicine.

BRUCE YOUNG, M.D., changed his practice last year to an independent family practice group in Olathe, Kan. In July, he began a one-year sabbatical in Rwanda, Africa. He and his wife, Judith, have four children: Clare, 12, Lily, 7, Theo, 4 and Hudson, 1.

SCOTT EHMEN, M.D., and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to Niles, Mich., where he has joined Family Care of Niles.

BRENDA FREEMAN, M.D., is medical director of addiction programs at Mercy Behavioral Health Center in Pittsburgh, Penn., where her role has expanded to direct a new community-based treatment program. The mobile, 10-member team serves 100 persons with mental illness, drug and alcohol addictions and medical problems.

VERA GUERTLER, M.D., and her husband, Wendell Bepple, have three children, Serenya, 8, Victor, 5, and one-year-old Harmony Rubymoon Bepple. Vera is board certified in family medicine and works at Rothsville Family Practice in Lititz, Penn.
HENRY J. KONZELMANN, M.D., reports that his practice in Carlinville is going well. He and his wife, Cathy, have two children, Renee, who just graduated from nursing school, and Jason, who has completed his first year at SIU School of Medicine. The Konzelmanns are the host family for Milene, an exchange student from Brazil.

TARIN (SCHMIDT) DALTON, M.D., and her husband, Steve, have a one-year-old son, Lance. Tarin works at Southeast Family Medicine in Roanoke, Va.

DIANE SHIRLEY, M.D., completed her residency at Baylor College of Medicine. She started a private practice in July with a single-specialty group in Houston, Texas. Diane is engaged to Glenn Davis, M.D.

MATTHEW DOLLINS, M.D., and his wife, JULIE LUND, M.D., ’96 welcomed a daughter, Madeline Elizabeth Dollins on Oct. 1, 2001. Matthew has completed a nephrology fellowship and has begun a critical care fellowship.

FRANK JAMES, M.D., finished as chief resident of a child and adult psychiatry fellowship at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He is an attending psychiatrist at The Children’s Hospital and medical director of Forensic Services for the Philadelphia County Youth Detention Center. He has begun a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati.

ROBERT JONES, M.D., and his wife, Navina, report that they are enjoying the snow in Rochester, Minn., with their two daughters, Sydney Grace, 3, and one-year-old Lauren Talbot. Robert works three days in family medicine and two days in sports medicine. Navina is a part-time dentist.
ELIZABETH ROLL-WHITNEY, M.D., reports that she was elected to her second term as medical staff president for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation in Bethel, Alaska. She writes that she is enjoying its challenges and responsibilities.

MARCI WELL, M.D., and her husband, Jeff Heffren, welcomed twin daughters Carli Reece and Anna Elyse on Jan. 27, 2002. Marci is practicing pediatrics at the Coleman Clinic in Canton, Ill.

DOROTHY T. GRUNES, M.D., opened a private psychiatry practice in Chicago, Ill.


ELIZABETH J. KOSTREY, M.D., completed a geriatric psychiatry fellowship program at UCLA in June. She has joined a private practice affiliated with Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles.

MARCIA SAWA, M.D., completed her psychiatry residency at Northwestern University in Chicago. She has begun a private practice and community clinic in Hinsdale, Ill. Marcia and husband David Shevenaugh celebrated their first anniversary this past March.

STACY L. STRATMANN, M.D., will begin a private practice in general surgery in August at Baylor University in Dallas, Texas. She is married to Brian Gogel, M.D.

MICHAEL ADAMS, M.D., has started a solo practice in Marion, Ill. He and his wife, Lorie, have bought a farm in the country, "so everyone is welcome to come visit in the woods!"

DAVID GREGORY, M.D., works in an independent partnership with ROBERT SMITH, M.D. ’87, in Decatur, Ill., that provides medical care for the Millikin University Health Service. David is active in community education and his church.

CHRISTOPHER HUGHES, M.D., has a practice with Town and Country Health Care in Eureka, Ill. He and his wife, Laura, have a one-year-old son, Raymond Weaver.

JOHN SCANDRETT, M.D., is a Young Physicians member of the Indiana State Medical Association’s Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Andrea, reside in Scipio, Ind.

KARINA VOLODKA, M.D., spent two years in the U.S. Navy as a General Medical Officer. She met and married her husband, Christopher Pflanz, during her family practice internship at Fort Benning, Georgia. She is completing a residency in pediatrics at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

JOSEPH DAVID CONLON, M.D., and his wife, Kathryn, have three children: Claire, 4, Michael, 2, and one-year-old Grace. Joseph accepted a pediatric dermatology fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin for 2002-2003.

KRISTIN CURTIS HERMAN, M.D., completed his residency in pediatrics in July. She will be taking a research position at the M.L.N.D. Institute at the University of California at Davis Medical Center for one year before starting a medical genetics fellowship.

NADA LEE HUSSEIN, M.D., married Andrew Sherman, M.D., on May 11. Nada began her hematology/oncology fellowship at the University of Illinois in July.
CHRISTINE ROUSE, M.D., married MARK BARNETT, M.D., ’00, on Sept. 7, 2001, and spent the six weeks following the wedding working in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

JENNIFER SETTERDAHL, M.D., married Keith Schroeder on April 6, 2002. She is a family practice resident at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

MICHAEL FRANCIS HEGARTY, M.D., and his wife, Diane, have a daughter, Naomi, 2. Michael is an emergency medicine resident at OSF St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Ill.

In Memory

MICHAEL PACYGA, M.D., ’91, died August 5, 2002, in Iowa. Mike specialized in obstetrics/gynecology and had practiced in Decatur, Ill., before recently transferring his practice to Fort Madison, Iowa. The cause of death was not determined at press time.

DARIUSH SAM TAKHTEHCHIAN, M.D., finished his internal medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic in June and began a cardiovascular diseases fellowship at Loyola University Medical Center in July. He is engaged to Rita Dianati, M.D.

CHRISTOPHER KEVIN WYATT, M.D., and his wife, Charla Ann, welcomed Griffin Brock Wyatt on Sept. 26, 2001. Proud sisters are Jessica, 10, and Maggie, 6. The family resides at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. After fulfilling his military obligation, Christopher will begin a psychiatry residency.

JENNIFER (COOK) PEURA, M.D., was Intern of the Year for 2000-2001 at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she will be chief resident for 2003-2004. She plans on pursuing a cardiology fellowship.

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