TORNADO IMPACTS USI/ NHP COMMUNITY

An early morning tornado on Sunday, November 6, has forever changed the lives of many families who are residents of Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

A 1997 graduate of USI Dental Assisting, Cheryl Hay Warren, along with her husband, child, and unborn baby, was killed in Degonia Springs near Boonville. Dr. Phillip W. Kolb, DDS, of Boonville, Cheryl’s employer, is in the process of establishing an endowed scholarship to honor her memory that will benefit Dental Assisting students. Contributions can be made through the USI Foundation.

Shawna Ballard, slated to graduate in December with a bachelor’s degree in Health Services, was a resident of Eastbrook Mobile Home Park. Her home was destroyed along with all her belongings. She and her daughter are unharmed. Several other students’ homes in the Newburgh area were severely damaged. A number of fund raisers are planned on campus that will directly benefit victims of the last week’s disaster.

The thoughts and prayers of the College of Nursing and Health Professions faculty, staff, and students are with those who have suffered losses in the tornado.

Betty Brown Honored at USI Nursing Alumni Dinner

Elizabeth “Betty” J. Brown, president of the charter nursing class at USI in 1990 and a more recent recipient of masters’ degrees in nursing and business, was honored as the Distinguished Nursing Alumna at the annual dinner of the Nursing Alumni Association held October 18 in Carter Hall.

In addition to her leadership positions in area health care facilities, Betty is an adjunct faculty member in the graduate Health Administration program, she serves on the University Advisory Committee, has four national publications, and serves as editor to an area health care publication. Dr. Nadine Coudret presented Betty with a plaque and thanked her for her commitment to excellence, leadership, and for serving as an exemplar for nursing students.
Elizabeth Wheeler has joined the faculty of the College of Nursing and Health Professions as an instructor in Occupational Therapy Assistant. She is a licensed occupational therapist with a private practice in southern Illinois. Elizabeth is a graduate of 1994 Eastern Kentucky University. Her husband is a recently retired teacher; they are parents of a busy four year old daughter.

Michael Fetscher joined the technology team of the CNHP on October 12 as the coordinator of instruction broadcast. Mike is a 1996 graduate of USI with a degree in communications. While a student here, he was a star pitcher and many of his records still stand. For the past ten years, he has been working for a local television station and has done a lot of freelance work for national cable companies. Among other accomplishments, Mike’s music production companies the annual Fourth of July fireworks on the Riverfront. He and his wife, Angie are parents of four year old Shawn and one year old Ashley.

Faculty Notes

- Amy Wilson and Claudine Fairchild, radiologic and imaging sciences faculty, attended the annual seminar of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers in Dallas TX in early October. This photo appeared on the Society’s website; they are observing a vendor demonstration of a portable sonography machine.

- Colleen Walsh, nursing, is listed as a primary contributor to a nursing text, Strategies for Managing Multisystem Disorders, to be published next year. Her article entitled “Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome after trauma” appeared in the September/October issue of Orthopaedic Nursing.

Meet Creepy Lee, a seasonal employee of the Day Learning and Resource Center.

STUDY/TRAVEL 2006

Plans are underway for learning excursions to Annotto Bay, Jamaica in February and Harlaxton College, Grantham, England in June. University core curriculum credit is available for each travel experience. Renée Dugger, nursing, will lead the Harlaxton experience. If you are interested, contact her at 461-5241 or by e-mail. Dr. Roberta Hoebeke is the contact for Jamaica; contact her at 465-1171 or by email.
**Student News**

- **Dental Hygiene** students’ campus organization, SADHA, has had an active two months. The group has planned two service events: they will be sending packages to deployed men and women in Iraq and they are planning a gift giving for an area family this holiday season. Members attended the annual session of the Indiana Dental Hygienists’ Association in Indianapolis in early November.

- **Radiology Class of 2007** has cookie dough for sale until November 11. These products are of gourmet quality and come in a tub or in cookie portions. See class member or purchase at Diane Utley’s desk.

- **Health Services Organization’s annual Bake Sale** will be on November 8 beginning at 7:45 a.m. under the University Center Bridge. Buy a cookie!

- **Health Services Organization** donated over $360 for the local Alzheimer’s Association; they participated in a fund raising walk in October.

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**To the Nursing and Health Professions Staff**

The students of the Nursing and Health Professions floor would like to thank you for taking time to meet with us and discuss our intended majors. We appreciate the one on one time and, of course, the chili. We are lucky to have this great support system behind us and this relaxed atmosphere helped us to get to know you better. We had fun and the food was great. We hope to be able to do something like this again in the future. With your support we will all succeed and leave here with a respected diploma in a career we enjoy. Please accept our sincere gratitude. Thanks again,

*The Students of UNIV 101.004 (Fall 05’)*

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**Student Fundraisers**

- **Dental Hygiene** students are offering “Celestial Candles” for sale. They make great gifts for Christmas and they are available in seasonal fragrances. $8.00 at Barb Yates’ desk or in the Dental Clinic.

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**Building Better Health**

- **2005 USI Employee & Student Wellness Fair**

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**Snapshot Memories**
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Chili and Chat for Ruston Hall Residents
On Wednesday, October 26, faculty and staff members of the College of Nursing and Health Professions treated freshmen students who are Ruston Hall residents and participants in the Living Learning Community participants to an informal chili supper along with a question-answer session about course advising for the spring semester.

Twenty-three students attended the evening event and gobbled up five pots of soup and chili, crackers, and veggies.

Claudine Fairchild, radiologic and imaging sciences, and Cindy Goodwin, nursing, co-chair the committee that organized this CNHP event. The following faculty and staff contributed time and/or treats for the chili supper: Jennifer Bartek, Mary Lindsey, Cathy O’ Nan, Marilyn Ostendorf, Tony Schmitt, Dr. Ann White, Amy Wilson, and Dr. Kevin Valadares.

“INPUT FOR EXCELLENCE” Student Note — Thanks for unlocking some cabinets and drawers for student use. I understand the problems that can arise with a public refrigerator—it happens at my workplace … . I understand the TV/radio idea could be a problem for those trying to study as well. I do have one more suggestion—a second microwave. We have an unwritten policy of standing in line to use the microwave. Some days we spend a lot of time waiting to heat up lunch. Thank you very much for the computer. It’s very handy to have it there. Thanks again, L.W.
Dean’s Response — Thanks for your input. I am glad that our responses have been helpful. I will investigate the possibility of adding another microwave to the student interaction area. Dean Coudret

College of Nursing and Health Professions “Input for Excellence”

“INPUT FOR EXCELLENCE” offers students and staff an opportunity to make suggestions, offer praise, etc.
“INPUT FOR EXCELLENCE” boxes are located in the School Community Lounge HP 110, the Charles Day Learning Resource Center, and the Reception Desk in HP 2068. Use this handy tear-off to share your thoughts with us or email your comments to dgutley@usi.edu.