Ellisa Hall, nursing, joins SNHP this semester. She received her BSN (1982) and MSN (1995) from Indiana University. For the past ten years, she has been working as a nurse practitioner in a rural clinic. Melissa and her husband have two college age children and one spoiled Chihuahua named Liesl. She loves the outdoors and is adjusting to her new home in Evansville.

Kathleen French, occupational therapy assisting, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from Indiana University in 1985. For ten years, she worked in the field of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse before obtaining a Masters degree in Health Administration from IU in 1996. Since that time, she has been employed as the director of Rehabilitation for Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana. Now residents of the St. Phillips area, she and her husband, Todd, care for their three children, Lauren, 6, Luke, 4, and Audrey, 2. She is the Indiana representative of the American Occupational Therapy Association’s Representative Assembly and the Brownie Scout leader for her daughter’s troop.

Amy Wilson, diagnostic medical sonography, is an Evansville area native; she grew up on a water-ski lake near St. Phillips. A graduate of Indiana University, she was a member of the school’s water ski team. Amy received her Associate and Bachelor degrees in Radiologic Technology. She and her husband, Dusty, are the parents of Jake, 4, and Dane and Cole, 11 month old twins. She says that her hobby is her family since she has time for little else! Amy has most recently been employed by Women’s Health Care Center, P.C., doing OB/GYN ultrasound. She was employed for six years prior to that time at Evansville Surgical Associates as a vascular sonographer, her specialty. Amy is a registered radiologic technologist; she is also registered by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers in Abdomen, OB/GYN, Breast, and Vascular sonography.

Ivan Barrick, health services, comes to USI from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was employed with Parente Randolph, where he served as director of health care operations improvement practice. Ivan is most recently retired as a commander in the Naval Reserve Medical Service Corps, having served as CIO for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for the U.S. Navy. A graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania State, Ivan is pursuing a doctorate in Education. He and his wife, Patricia, now live in Evansville.

Breaking News!
The College of Nursing & Health Professions

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees on Thursday, January 13, approved designation of the five academic schools as colleges. The designation of colleges more appropriately communicates the breadth and multidisciplinary programs offered within the university.
Second Annual Residency Symposium and Hooding Ceremony

The Master of Health Administration Program held its second Residency Symposium and Hooding Ceremony on December 2, 2004 in Mitchell Auditorium. Members of the class began work toward their Master degrees in August 2002, and completed their coursework while employed in their chosen health care fields. The capstone course for the Program is an administrative residency that places a student with a management mentor in a health care organization.

During the Residency Symposium, each class member presented a synopsis of his/her residency experience. In attendance were other MHA students, business mentors, MHA advisory council members, faculty and staff from the School of Nursing and Health Professions, and family and friends of class members.

The Hooding Ceremony that followed the Symposium was hosted by Carol Hermes, director of the MHA program. New graduated students received their ceremonial hoods from Dr. Linda Bennett, provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Peggy Harrel, Director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, and Dr. Nadine Coudret, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions. The class will receive diplomas at the Spring 2005 commencement ceremonies.

Class members of 2005 include Shelby Collins, Scott Krodol, Michael Madden, Barbara Michels, and Laura Murphy of Evansville, Vicki Sprengel and Barbara Zellerino of Newburgh, Donna Neufer of Poseyville, Sarah Titzer of Greenwood, and Liesel Wingert of Olney, IL.

Scholarship Opportunities Available for Health Professions Students

- **USI/Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies**
  Applicant must 1) be enrolled in at least three hours in spring semester. 2) have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours at USI, and 3) have at least a 2.7 GPA (undergraduate) or 3.0 GPA (graduate) in all USI courses. **Amount:** $1000. **Deadline:** January 21.

- **Deaconess Hospital Nursing Scholarship**
  Applicant must be entering final pre-RN licensure year of nursing education, must be in good standing with accredited school of nursing, and must agree to complete the required course work to achieve necessary licensure. Applicant must graduate and be eligible to sit for boards in 2006. Applicant must sign an employment agreement with Deaconess. **Amount:** $7000. **Deadline:** February 1. Applications are available at the desk of Renee Kast in HP 2068.

**More Nursing Scholarships**

- **USI Nursing Alumni Society Scholarship**
  This is a new scholarship provided through alumni and faculty contributions. Applicant must 1) be currently enrolled in USI. 2) must have completed 12 semester hours and have 2.8 GPA (undergraduate) or 6 semester hours and 3.5 GPA (graduate). Consideration given to students who demonstrate community leadership and service, and to students personal and employment obligations. **Amount:** $250. **Application is available online at SNHP’s nursing program’s scholarship website.**

- There are a large number of scholarships available to undergraduate nursing students for 2005-2006. To check eligibility criteria for each of the following scholarships, visit the USI Nursing Scholarship website: [http://health.usi.edu/acadprog/nursing/scholarselect.htm](http://health.usi.edu/acadprog/nursing/scholarselect.htm).

Charles F. Day and Nancy Day Memorial Scholarship, Deaconess Hospital Medical Staff Nursing Scholarship, Edward F. Harrison Scholarship, Elizabeth Ann Metzger Memorial Nursing Scholarship, Drs. William H. and Trudy Mitchell Nursing Scholarship, Sigma Alpha Sorority Gamma Beta Chapter Scholarship, Nursing Alumni Scholarship, Welborn Clinic Nursing Scholarship, Claude Wertz, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, West Side Kiwanis Nursing Scholarship, and Ruth Whipple Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be completed, signed, and returned no later than Friday, January 21, to Mary Lindsey, HP 2097.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Student News

- **Nancy Koetter**, president of USIANS, along with her grandmother, designed and stitched the Nursing block for the USI “Threads” quilt. Mrs. Ruth Wolters, who has been a quilter for many years, thought it might be fun to work with Nancy on this project. Nancy says that her grandmother sewed the pink heart that is the focal point of the block; Nancy created the diverse characters who appear on the block. Although Nancy indicates that this project was easy and entertaining, she most enjoyed it because of the time she spent with her grandmother on the project. The “Threads” quilt hangs in an exhibit in the Multicultural Cultural Center in the University Center. Nancy’s twin, **Nicole**, is a first-year Radiologic Technology student here at USI.

- The Student American Dental Hygienists Association Spring meetings will be held at noon on January 25, February 22, March 22, and April 19. On Saturday, January 22, **Jessie Worth**, SADHA president-elect, will be attending “Leadership USI: Engendering Team Spirit.”

Graduate Nursing Student’s Paper To Be Published

Tonna McCutcheon, MSN student, learned recently that her research paper, co-authored with T. Knepp, N. Richards, and M. Sparks, *Comparison of Quality of Life of Persons Who Have Experienced Amputations and Persons Who Have Had Bowel Resections*, will be published in the May-June 2005 issue of *Gastroenterology Nursing*.

Fundraisers

- First Year Radiology students are selling Turoni’s frozen Pizza. Place your order with Diane Utley, HP 2068.

- Nursing sweatshirts are still available to interested buyers. The price has been discounted 20%. Email Malea Wolfe at mdredfain@usieagles.org.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Debut

Ten SNHP students began their studies on Tuesday, January 11 in the new bachelor’s degree program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

**Claudine Fairchild** and **Amy Wilson** will be teaching most of the coursework with assistance from adjunct faculty, **Dr. Keith Phillips**.

Pictured in the photo to the left are **Paige Johnson, Ceslie Stringfellow, Brooke Yocum, Kara Dyhrkopp, Crystal Henry, Lindsay Byers**, and **Amanda Butler**.

**Brandie Riesenbeck, Jodi Beckman**, and **Meghan Harms** were unavailable for the photo session.

Flu shots are currently available at the USI Student Health Center. The cost is $20.

9th Annual Research and Health Care Issues Conference—April 13

SNHP students can attend the Research Conference on April 13 in Cater Hall for $10. To be eligible for the reduced cost, you must register by April 4. The agenda and additional information is posted on the SNHP website [http://health.usi.edu](http://health.usi.edu) in late January.
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Calendar of Events

Jan 21  Deadline for Epi-Hab Center Scholarship Application
Jan 21  Deadline for All Nursing Scholarships
Jan 30  Deadline for Radiologic Technology Program Application
Jan 31  Nursing Graduation Photos
Feb  1  Nursing Graduation Photos
Feb  1  Deadline for Deaconess Hospital Nursing Scholarship Application

Nursing Graduation Photos
Monday, January 31 & Tuesday, February 1
Visit or Call the Learning Resource Center for appt.
465-1153

Tech Tip 05.01
More on Firewalls
There are two types of firewalls—hardware and software. A hardware firewall is just that—a box that sits between you and the internet that performs the filtering function. Traffic that is filtered out never reaches your computer.
Broadband routers perform the function of a firewall quite nicely, and are typically what is recommended. The downside for a hardware device is that most will not filter outgoing traffic. A software firewall is a program that runs on your computer, and at the very lowest level, monitors your network traffic. The firewall prevents filtered traffic from getting through the operating system. All network traffic reaches your computer, but the firewall prevents your system from actually doing anything with it.

If you are running Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2), your firewall is turned on automatically.

School 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.