Student Workers Honored with Treats and Recognition

A table laden with sandwich fixings, doughnuts, home cooked green beans and ham, cookies, and salty snacks provided treats for the student workers of the School of Nursing and Health Professions on February 14 and 15. There are some sixty students who spend several hours every week working for faculty, staff, and in the Day Learning Resource Center.

Samantha Harper, a student employee for undergraduate nursing, is truly a seasoned veteran. “Sam,” as she is affectionately called by the staff, has become somewhat of a fixture here. A native of Covington, Indiana, Samantha initially attended Danville Area Community College, Danville, IL. She transferred in fall 2001 and began working here in September; Samantha graduates in May with a Bachelor’s degree in English with an emphasis in writing. She will be looking for a job in Kentucky or Tennessee. During the years she’s been a student at USI, she’s also worked in Admissions and in the English Department. Her computer and office skills and her friendly manner provide not only assistance to faculty and staff but also education to other student workers.

Stephanie Geraci, a senior, has been a student worker since her first month here. Stephanie said it is memorable because it was the day after September 11, 2001. During these four years, she has worked with Peggy Graul, director of continuing education. For Stephanie her experiences here have given her friends that have become family substitutes. When she completes her degree in education, Stephanie will return home to Cedar Lake, Indiana, where she hopes to teach in kindergarten or the primary grades. She is currently the coach of a junior high dance team and the assistant coach for the high school team.

Christina Bonham is also a senior at USI. She has worked with Gail Cummings and the graduate nursing program since she began her job her in 2001. Christina began her college career as an occupational therapy major; she had tried to find a job in that program but was steered by Career Services to the nursing program. She said it’s been a good fit for her. A native of Zenia, Illinois, Christina will graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a minor in special education. After graduation, Christina will be relocating to Colorado or the Carolinas where she will be looking for a teaching assignment.

All three young women have contributed much to our office with their hard work and friendly manner. We will miss them greatly; we wish them well.

“The world belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

—Eleanor Roosevelt
Student News

Occupational Therapy Students Vying for National Office

Miriam Soots and Meredith Bosley, occupational therapy students, are running for national office in the student legislative body of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Miriam is running for the office of Secretary; Meredith is seeking election as the Student Representative to the Commission on Practice, a body of the Representative Assembly. The election is scheduled for March 21. Good luck!

Dental Assisting Student Receives Scholarship

Nicole D. Hasenour is the recipient of the $2500 Marilyn Weimar Memorial Scholarship in Dental Assisting. She will graduate in December 2005 with an Associate degree in Dental Assisting. Her parents are Michael and Donna Hasenour of Huntingburg, Indiana. Congratulations.

Dental Hygiene Student Activities

Junior dental hygiene students are currently preparing to sit for their National Board exam on March 29. Members of the Student American Dental Hygiene Association (SADHA) are planning a end of year trip to Louisville, Kentucky. They will be touring the Colgate-Palmolive plant there. Candle sales are ongoing; spring fragrances are available from Mary Killian and Barb Yates.

USI Nursing Student Leads Convention

Malea Wolfe, nursing student and president of the Indiana Association of Nursing Students, will preside over the state convention on March 5. The day long meeting will be held in Indianapolis at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Un-

The student copier on the south end of SNHP 2nd floor now has an attached change machine.

Dental Hygiene Students Host School Children

On February 2, children from Chrisney Elementary School visited the CNHP Dental Clinic. Two students from Perry Heights Middle School participated in a shadowing day program; they observed Mary Killian, dental clinical administrative assistant, and students who were working with the students. At right, is Nicole Bitzer, dental hygiene, polishing a student’s teeth while a Perry Heights student observes the procedure.

The Circle of Life

Jamie Williams, a second year nursing student, gave birth on February 13 at 11:30 p.m. to a daughter named Riley Claire. She weighed 7lb. 4oz. And measured 19 1/2 inches long. Welcome to the world, Riley Claire!
Faculty News

- **Dr. Colleen Walsh**, nursing, has had an article entitled “Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome after multiple trauma,” accepted for publication in the *Orthopaedic Nursing Journal*. She will also be presenting four lectures at the National Orthopaedic Nurses Annual Congress in Phoenix, Arizona in May. Colleen has recently written six chapters on musculoskeletal nursing in a textbook that is at press.

- **Dr. Martha Sparks**, nursing, was recently inducted into the National Gerontological Nursing Association as a fellow “recognized for distinguished contributions to the field as well as for being leaders and valued members of the organization.” Dr. Sparks is also an at-large member of the board for the NGNA. She is a frequent presenter at area seminars on Alzheimer’s Disease.

- **Dr. Roberta Hoebeke**, nursing, has been recently awarded an *Excellence through Engagement Summer Research Fellowship*. Her work which is being funded through a grant provided by the Lilly Endowment, Inc will be during the first and second summer sessions. She will also be presenting a poster entitled, “Low Income Women’s Perceived Barriers to Physical Activity,” at an April Nursing Research Conference at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

—and more Faculty News

- **Kate Valadares**, health services, has been awarded a grant from Indiana Campus Compact. The stipend will be used for Students At Work with Wellness.

- **Dr. Kevin Valadares**, health services, has been awarded a grant from the IHETS/IPSE Course and Module Development Grant Program for the course entitled HP 457: Ethics, Genetics, Biotechnology, and Society.

- **Dr. Martha Sparks**, nursing, has been awarded a grant form IHETS/IPSE Course and Module Development Grant Program for online gerontology course development.

Iraq: A Multicultural Medical Experience

On Tuesday, March 1, the School of Nursing and Health Professions and the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, a nursing honor society, is sponsoring a presentation entitled *Military Medicine: a Multicultural Experience in Providing Health Care and Dental Care in Iraq.*

**Dr. David Carlson**, a general surgeon with Evansville Surgical Associates, Inc. and a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Medical Corps and **Dr. Ralph Matacale**, dental programs faculty and Lieutenant Colonel in the Kentucky Air National Guard were both deployed to Iraq last year to serve on medical teams that treated not only United States military and civilian personnel, but also Iraqi citizens. This was Dr. Carlson’s second tour of duty; he was deployed for stateside duty during the Persian Gulf War. They will share their experiences in a three hour presentation in Mitchell Auditorium.

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**SAVE OFTEN AND IN DIFFERENT PLACES**

When saving your work remember to save it often and in two different places. If you save your work to a floppy disk, then also save it to your “My Documents” folder. Don’t trust your valuable work to a floppy disk that costs less than one cent to make.

Happy Birthday

Dane and Cole (or Cole and Dane) Wilson, sons of **Amy Wilson**, medical diagnostic sonography, were one year old on February 18.
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**Dates of Note**

March 1   Military medicine, 8:00 a.m., Mitchell Auditorium

March 5   Indiana student nursing Association convention, Indianapolis

March 7   Spring Break begins

March 25  Good Friday, University closed

May 6     Pinning ceremony for ASN Grads

May 8     pinning & reception for bsn, msn GRADS

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School of Nursing and Health Professions “Input for Excellence”

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