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School Welcomes Nursing and Dental Programs Accreditation Site Visitors

The University of Southern Indiana baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs are hosting a Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE) site visit on February 16-18 for re-accreditation of the nursing programs. The accreditations team is led by Dr. Tim Gaspar. Other team members are Drs. Susan Chaney, Kathleen Thompson, and Edna Moore-Burke. The accreditation visitors will meet with students, alumni, the nursing advisory council, faculty, staff, and university administrators. Clinical site visits will be made to student practice agencies. The accreditation site visitors’ report will be presented on Wednesday, February 18 at noon in HP 1079.

The Dental Programs’ re-accreditation site visit conducted by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation will occur one week later on February 25-27. The dental accreditation site visitor team is composed of Darice Carroll, Dr. James Watkins, Janet Wilburn, and team leader, Mary Kaz. During the site visit team members will review policies, procedures, facilities, and meet with students, faculty, staff, and the dental programs’ advisory committee.

Professional accreditation provides an overall assessment of an educational program’s quality and reflects the program’s commitment to educational excellence.

Dean-Student Council Meeting Report

Dr. Nadine Coudret, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions met with students in the school interaction room HP110 on February 2. Dr. Coudret provided students with updates on school happenings and responses to suggestions made by students at prior meetings in the fall semester. A brief report on several of the discussion items follows.

Information about locker availability was posted in the January Learning Caring Community issue. Lockers are still available; if interested in a locker, see Mary Killian, Administrative Assistant in the Dental Clinic reception area.

A small refrigerator has been placed in the vending machine area outside HP110 for students’ use. A microwave oven is also available in this area. The placement of the refrigerator is being done on a trial basis. The honor system will be the only security for refrigerator contents. It will be cleaned out every Friday afternoon. Let us know if you have any additional suggestions for this area that would enhance your use of the interaction room.

A location for a copy machine in the HP Center has not yet been identified. Copy machines are available in the third floor lounge in the Education Center and the Wright Administration Building by the Redwood Lounge.

The Physical Plant has been contacted to fix the electrical service in the Occupational Therapy lab. The Computer Center has been notified that the wireless connection in the OT lab does not have a strong signal. Corrective action by the Physical Plant and the Computer Center has been promised.

The next meeting of the Dean-Student Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, at 11:30, HP110.
SNHP Welcomes New Faculty

Jessica Macleod joins us as a Nursing Instructor in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. She received a Bachelor’s Degree from Fairfield University in Connecticut and a Masters’ Degree in Family Nursing from Indiana University. Jessica is enrolled in a Ph.D. program with plans to complete in 2006. Her work experience has found her in college health nursing, long-term care of elderly dementia patients, and adult renal medicine. Jessica is currently the Family Nurse Practitioner at Family Medicine Associates North. She and her husband, James, have a one year old daughter named Eilidh (pronounced A-lee). She enjoys running, swimming, the outdoors, and movies. Her office number is HP2108.

Jennifer Bartek has been a familiar face in the Department of Dental Hygiene; she has worked as adjunct clinical instructor since 1989. She graduated from USI in 1985 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Dental Hygiene Education. She is pursuing her Master’s Degree in Education here at USI. Jennifer’s husband, Bill, is an employee of Bristol Myers-Squibb; they have three children, Logan, Connor, and Jordan. In addition to work and school, she spends her spare time running, reading, and enjoying the activities of her children. Jennifer’s office is HP 1046.

Student Notes

- Member of the student Dental Hygiene Association (SADHA), will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri, April 15 and 16 to attend the Dental Health Theater. Candy sales, SADHA’s fundraising project, continues with new spring fragrances available.
- Lisa Beck, graduate nursing student, has been selected as one of eighteen registered nurses in Ontario, Canada to receive an Advanced Clinical/Practice Fellowship. She will spend three months in Hamilton, Ontario with her CNS mentor working in a cardiovascular intensive care unit.
- HSO, the student organization for Health Services, is continuing to work on an information project for the Salvation Army. Members are gathering health-related pamphlets and brochures to stock a new display case that they have purchased for use in the Salvation Army offices.
- Angela Jones, undergraduate nursing student, will preside as president at the Indiana Association of Nursing Students’ (IANA) state conference in Indianapolis on February 21.
- USANS is inviting members to run for elective office for 2004-2005. If interested, contact Linda Evinger for more information. Deadline is February 18.

SNHP Hosts Visiting Scholar and Research Conference April 13-14

Dr. Joyce A. Verran, a nationally recognized expert in nursing leadership and management will address the topic of interdisciplinary, intradisciplinary, and multidisciplinary health care teams at the School of Nursing and Health Professions’ sponsored “Visiting Scholar” Program. Her presentation will be followed with presentations from two area health care practitioners who will share their multidisciplinary health team experiences.

The program will be in Mitchell Auditorium, Tuesday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m.

The Eighth Annual Research and Health Care Issues Conference follows on Wednesday, April 14. Students can register for the conference for $10; the cost includes materials and a continental breakfast. Registration forms may be submitted, along with payment, to Julie Weinzapfel in HP2145. After April 9, the fee increases from $10 to $20.

Heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are the Valentine’s Day gift of choice. More than 36 million boxes are expected to be sold this year.

Tech Tip 04.20

Be sure to ready your Blackboard Announcements at your personal Blackboard home page and also at the log-in page. The Blackboard Administrator will post notices and new information here. You may find immediate answers to a Blackboard problem you are having and not have to place a call for assistance.
Faculty Notes

- Dr. Martha Sparks, associate professor in nursing, shared her experiences in caring for her husband and father, victims of Alzheimer’s disease, in a series of area workshops held for church leaders. “The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer’s,” a PBS documentary about the illness, provided the basis for a WNI-TV on-air discussion. The workshops were planned to help the faith community learn to identify the warning signs of the disease, to discuss successful methods of intervention, and to provide knowledge about local resources. The Learning Resource Center in HP 2028 has a copy of the WNI presentation that Dr. Sparks participated in last week; the tape number is SC.0.027.0.

- Dr. Barbara Davis, associate professor of nursing, along with five graduate nursing students have authored an article that has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Nursing Care Quality. The article is entitled “Patient Satisfaction with Triage Nursing in a Rural Hospital Emergency Department.” It is based on the students’ class research project.

- Fred J. England, adjunct faculty member in the Health Services Program, recently received the 2003 Regent’s Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives in recognition of significant contributions toward the achievement of the goals of the College and the advancement of healthcare management excellence. He also received the 2003 Meritorious Service Award from the Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (IAHSA) for contributions made in the provision of long term health care services.

Radiologic Technology Program
Choosing Class of 2006

The Radiologic and Imaging Science program, under the direction of Dr. Martin Reed, is in the process of selecting its next class which will begin in the 2004 Summer Session I.

Interview invitation letters will be mailed to qualifying students on February 16 with interviews being held on March 2-5. In addition to filing an application, students submit a letter of intent, transcripts, a record of hospital site visits and volunteer service. Candidates for admission to the program have completed 30 hours of pre-radiology core curriculum studies. Seventeen students will be selected to enroll in the rigorous and continuous 24 month Radiologic Technology Program. Students completing the three years of course work will be eligible to sit for the Registry in 2006 prior to the completion of the 4th year baccalaureate courses.

Summer at Harlaxton

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For those of you who might like to spend a summer aboard, there are a few spaces remaining in the USI-Harlaxton College Summer Session II, June 12-17, 2004. Dr. Ann White, graduate nursing, and Mary Ann Wehmer (photo above), undergraduate nursing, leaders of last year’s excursion, presented a slide show and question-answer session for SNHP’s student nursing organization, USANS. Three credit hours are offered for enrollment in HP 498, HP 690, NURS 567, and NURS 614. There are also opportunities for travel to Scotland, France, and other areas of the United Kingdom. Please direct questions to Deborah Carl, Dental Hygiene, lead faculty for 2004. Her email address is dcar@usi.edu. For more information, go to the SNHP website www.health.usi.edu and click on the Harlaxton photo.

Nursing and Health Professions
International Study Opportunities

Jamaica 2004
USI and Deaconess Hospital are again partnering to provide a learning/travel opportunity to a clinic in the hills of Annotto Bay, Jamaica, May 2-8. Spaces are limited; reservations are essential. The cost is approximately $1600. The cost includes tuition for HP 492, Transcultural Heath Care in the Global Community. Contact Carol Hermes, program director of Health Services, for updated information. She can be reached at 812/465-1183 or hermes@usi.edu.
February Dates of Note

2/2-3 Nursing Graduation Photographs
2/3 Dean-Student Council, 11:30, HP 110
2/4 Birthday luncheon for LCC, 11:30
2/14 Valentine's Day
2/16-18 Nursing Accreditation Site Visit
2/18 SADHA meeting, 12:00
2/21 2004 Indiana Association of Nursing Students' State Conference, Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis, IN 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
2/27-29 Dental Programs Accreditation Site Visit

The Color Diet

Bright-colored fruits and vegetables are certainly pretty; now researchers are saying in popular books like The Color Code that eating a rainbow of hues is the best way to get a range of nutrients—antioxidants and other healthful compounds—are often also natural pigments, and different colors correspond to different varieties. Red tomatoes and watermelon contain lycopene, which can help prevent strokes. Orange-yellow winter squash and sweet potatoes have beta-carotene, which protects the eyes. Purple Concord grapes offer flavonoids, which lower “bad” cholesterol, while blueberries may help keep the brain young. Green broccoli contains sulforaphane, found to fight cancer.

—From “Food & Wine,” February 2004

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.