Welcome back to returning students and a special welcome to our new students. I hope your summer was enjoyable and that you are looking forward to this year. The school faculty, staff, and I have been busy during these past several months preparing for your return.

During the summer new teaching equipment was added to classrooms and additional computer and video programs are available in the Day Learning Resource Center.

We are pleased to welcome a new nursing faculty member who is introduced in this newsletter. She brings to our school a wealth of clinical experience and expertise.

The faculty, staff, and I are here to facilitate your learning and to support your efforts to prepare for a health professions career. In order to do this most effectively we need your feedback and suggestions. One method that has been developed to do this is the Input for Excellence boxes that are located in HP2068, the Day LRC, and in the School Community Lounge. I also plan to have some open meetings during the fall semester that I hope you will attend. At these meetings, I will update you on school happenings and hear your ideas on how we can better support you in your studies.

I encourage you to take advantage of the support available from both the faculty and staff. I also suggest that you get together with your classmates to share lecture notes, practice new skills, and enjoy each other’s knowledge, experience, and company.

We are here for you and eager to help out in any way that we can. Through hard work and by utilizing the assistance of those around you, this will be both a successful and enjoyable year.

Dean Nadine Coudret

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News You Can Use

The School of Nursing and Health Professions Radiologic and Imaging Sciences program has added a new area of concentration: Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Claudine Fairchild is the program coordinator. A bachelor’s degree in Nutrition will be reviewed by the University and submitted to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for startup in Fall 2005.

A photocopier for student use has been installed on the southeast corner of the second floor in SNHP. In the Eagle Access office, you can add cash to your card in order to activate the FLEX function of your card so that you can swipe it to pay for your copies.

There is a refrigerator in HP 110 for student use. A supply of labels is attached to the side of the fridge for marking your food and drinks. The fridge will be emptied every Friday at 1:00 and its contents will be discarded.

Locker space is available on the first floor of SNHP. See Mary Killian in the Dental Clinic to reserve a locker. Students must provide their own lock.

Café a la Cart, a coffee and sandwich shop, is being constructed in the Link (that area on the first floor between SNHP and the Science Center. It is scheduled to open at the beginning of the fall semester. This will provide a limited food and beverage offering to the north end of the campus.

“If you don’t ask, you don’t get.”

-Mahatma Gandhi
While You Were Away …..

WELCOME TO THE WORLD, LITTLE BABIES OF SNHP

Meet the new children and grandchildren of faculty and staff of the School of Nursing and Health Professions. All these sweet little faces appeared over the summer.

Morgan Wayne Dean is the son of Tabitha and Dr. Terry Dean, program director, Dental Assisting. Morgan was born April 26.

Kayla Anne Schoening is Barb Yates’ first grandchild. Kayla was born on July 13. Barb is an administrative assistant for Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, and Respiratory Therapy.

Jacob Evan McCullough, son of Steve and Dr. Julie McCullough, Nutrition, was born on July 29.

Lindsey Anne Reidford, daughter of Natalie and Jon Reidford, Coordinator of Computer and Internet Services, was born on May 1.

Faculty News

- Dr. Ralph Matacale, assistant professor, dental hygiene, returned home in mid-June from an Indiana Air National Guard assignment in Baghdad, Iraq. He served as a dentist in a medical unit and also assisted in a medical emergency unit.

- Dr. Eileen Morrison, assistant professor, health services, has accepted a faculty position in Health Administration at Texas State University.

- Dr. Judith Halstead has accepted the position of executive associate dean of nursing at Indiana University.

- Dr. Kevin Valadare’s, assistant professor, health services, was the recipient of the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology at the 15th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Florida in March.

- Jennie Hiam, instructor, nursing, along with four nursing students, performed 32 physical examinations for Boys Scouts in late spring.

- Julie St.Clair, nursing, was a co-presenter of a poster at the Fifth National Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Conference on August 14 in Washington, D.C.

- Dr. Karen Bawel, nursing, was married to a childhood friend on August 14 and she is moving to California.

- Robert Hooper, program director for Respiratory Care, completed a Master’s program in Liberal Studies in May.

- Tony Schmitt, respiratory care faculty, organized and participated in the Kettering National Board Examination Review at USI for respiratory care graduates and practitioners.

- Charlene Tripp, radiologic technology faculty, and her husband, John, share a laugh at the annual Fall Gathering, a social evening for SNHP faculty and staff. A cool August evening and a rustic picnic shelter house at nearby Burdette Park provided the perfect setting for a barbecue dinner.

- Charlene Tripp and Claudine Fairchild, radiologic technology faculty, will be attending the Indiana Society for Radiologic Technology meeting in Muncie, Indiana, September 23 through 25. Claudine is president-elect for the area district.

Tech Tip 04.90

Passwords, Passwords, Passwords. We all have many passwords, too many. To help keep those passwords straight it’s a good idea to keep a list in a place that’s handy but not too handy. Always write down your passwords and store the list in a place where you can remember where you put it. Places not to put a password—on your monitor, under your mouse pad or keyboard, in your middle drawer, on the backside of your phone list or any place you can’t keep an eye on the list. Have a good year!
Student News

- SNHP freshmen students will be residing in the lower level of the newly constructed Ruston Hall. The Student Housing Committee, in addition to providing welcome and move-in activities, will be hosting a welcome event on September 1. A light meal will be offered.

- Respiratory Care’s new fall class will have 12 students. Students in the respiratory care program will be participating in five health fairs performing pulmonary function screening and providing education about the hazards of smoking and environmental pollution effects.

- The Respiratory Care program purchased a new “state of the art” ventilator which will provide clinical practice for students.

- The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program purchased two ultrasound machines that will provide its students another state of the art learning tool.

- Susan Nesbitt, graduate nursing student, was recently selected as the recipient of a $2000 scholarship awarded by the Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives (IONE).

- Six Occupational Therapy Assisting students attended the National Conference in Minneapolis in May. Students also planted a sensory garden earlier in the year with the assistance of preschool children from the University Children’s Center.

Meet the Faculty

Cathy O’Nan, RN, MSN, CWS, has recently accepted a Nurse Faculty position in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. She obtained a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Evansville in 1993. She has 21 years of full-time working experience at Methodist Hospital, Henderson, KY where she worked for 10 years in acute care followed by 11 years in community health.

Cathy lives in Henderson with her husband, Bryan, and sons, Eric, a student at the University of Kentucky, and Stuart, a high school junior.

Cathy states that she looks forward to the challenges of both her new faculty position here and future doctoral studies.

Respiratory Care Graduates


Eleven students graduated from the Respiratory Care program on August 20, 2004. Jamie Harper received the Essa P. Goebel Academic Award; Christopher Roundtree received the Essa P. Goebel Leadership and Professionalism Award.

The Day Learning Resource Center is offering free student orientation sessions. If you would like to know more about Blackboard and other USI Internet Services, call 465-1153 to reserve a space. There are seven sessions available from Thursday, August 26, through Wednesday, September 1.

Bring your MyUSI Pin Number.
Classes are taught in the Day Learning Resource Center, HP 2028.

ALUMNI UPDATE

The fourth annual Nursing Alumni Dinner will be held on October 19 at 6 p.m. in Carter Hall. There will be special recognition of the classes of 1994 and 1999. Contact Victoria Pigott at vpigott@usi.edu or call 812/465-1148.

USI’s Nursing Alumni Association has established a scholarship fund. Details will be announced at the Nursing Alumni dinner in October.
Harlaxton College – Grantham, England
June 19-July 3, 2005

Spend Summer II at Harlaxton Manor!!

Classes offered include:
HP 498 Current Concepts
HP690 Special Topics in the Health Professions
N467 Undergraduate Nursing and Health Care Issues
N614 Graduate Nursing and Health Care Issues

Contact Julie St. Clair for more Information
jstclair@usi.edu or 812-465-1169

Renee’ Schofield, administrative assistant for undergraduate nursing, was married to Matthew Kast on May 15, 2004. She graduated from USI a week before her wedding with a Master’s degree in Business Administration. Busy girl!

Congratulations, Renee’ and Matt.

Dates to Note
September 6 Labor Day, No Classes
September 11 Dental Ethics Seminar, 8:30 a.m., Health Professions Center
September 18 Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses, 8:00 a.m., Health Professions Center

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.