Debbie Bookout's office is small and simply decorated. From her spot on the second floor of the Nursing and Health Professions building she pulls together that phenomenon called advising. Debbie has been the coordinator of student affairs here since 1994 and a large part of her time is devoted to advising.

Beginning November 3, University of Southern Indiana students will be involved in a two week process of registration for the spring semester. These days are also devoted to advising and counseling students.

Debbie's role as the coordinator of advising is multi-faceted. She works with faculty to provide them with the tools they need to guide students to make choices in their academic lives. She frequently meets with students during the semester, answering questions and posing alternatives, trying to keep them moving forward in their academic pursuits.

Her "advice" to both new and seasoned advisees is this: become familiar with degree requirements for your program; read the USI 2003-2005 Bulletin; make an appointment with your advisor; have a tentative plan for the coming semester, write down questions beforehand so that you can obtain the answers you need.

You can find Debbie in her office Monday through Thursday, 8 o'clock to 4 o'clock. She's available to anyone who needs her help; her knowledge of all of SNHP's programs seems limitless. Take advantage of her talents; she might be the best friend you can have as you travel along in your years at USI.

SNHP Students in action at Healthy Hoedown

Erin Herring, Nursing student, prepares client for cholesterol screen

Stephanie Earl, RT student, reads pulse rate of Fair attendee

Melissa Bayer and Spicy Emmons, HP students, entering data for Body Mass Index

MEET WITH THE DEAN

Pizza & conversation

Tuesday,
November 25
11:30—12:30
Meet Our Faculty and Staff

Barbara J. Williams joins us as full-time faculty in the Occupational Therapy Program. An graduate of USI, Barbara completed her master's degree at Belmont University in Nashville, TN, in 2002. She will complete her doctorate in occupational therapy at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL, in August 2004. In addition to being adjunct faculty here since 2002, she is a practicing occupational therapist at Heath South Rehabilitation Hospital in Evansville. Barbara and husband, David, care for their sons, Zac and Jake, students at North Posey High School, and Luke, a student at North Posey Jr. High School. Her office is HP 2107.

Terry Dean joins the School of Nursing and Health Professions as an assistant professor for the Dental Assisting program. A graduate of Western Kentucky University, Terry received his doctorate from the University of Louisville’s School of Dentistry and he completed a General Practice residency at the University of Louisville Humana Hospital. Terry has spent 10 years in private practice and 6 years in teaching/administration, including serving as program director for dental hygiene at Henderson Community College and more recently serving as Dean of Faculty for Trinity Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Tabitha, live in Evansville; they are expecting a baby in April. His pastimes include reading, Bible study, and teaching a couple's Sunday school class. His office is HP 2106.

Pat Ellison comes to the School of Nursing and Health Professions as Registered Nurse Case Manager for the Vanderburgh Co. Jail Grant. She received her BS in Nursing at the University of Evansville and completed her master’s degree at Indiana State University. Pat has served as adjunct faculty in the School of Nursing at Vincennes University and as a case manager for the Area Agency on Aging. She has also been a nursing educator and director of community health services at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. The mother of three sons, one of whom is a student at USI, Pat enjoys reading and gardening. Her office is HP 2060.

New Offices Created for Growing Faculty

In case you haven't heard, or at least seen, construction on four new offices on the second floor of SNHP began with a bang in mid-August. Near the end of October, spaces had been created from a former classroom to house members of our faculty.

Respiratory Therapy Accreditation

The Respiratory Therapy Program of SNHP was awarded the maximum ten years continuing accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in their meeting on October 17. The next comprehensive evaluation will be in 2013. Congratulations to Bob Hooper, faculty, and students.

Healing Touch Certification

Cindy Goodwin, instructor in Nursing, has recently received certification as a Healing Touch practitioner from Healing Touch International. Cindy participated as a reflexology practitioner in the October 28 Healthy Hoedown. One student commented, “My feet have never felt so good!”

Valadares Publishes Article

Dr. Kevin Valadares, professor in Health Services, and Mehmet Kokciiilah, from the School of Business, have co-authored an article titled Cost Offset Effect Strategies for the Provision of Mental Health Care Services. It is published in the fall 2003 issue of The Journal of Health Care Finance.
Mayola Rowser Named Alumna of the Year

The School of Nursing and Health Professions recently honored its alumni with a festive celebration at Carter Hall. Jean DiMotto, nurse, attorney, judge, educator, and speaker for the following day’s educator conference, provided encouragement and a bit of humor for the attendees. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the distinguished alumna award to our very own Mayola Rowser. Mayola, a registered nurse since 1994, received her BS and MS in nursing at USI. She is the recipient of an ANA minority Fellowship which is helping to fund her doctoral study at the University of Tennessee at Memphis.

Victoria Pigott, president of the Alumni Association, shared these quotes from letters of nomination in support of Mayola. “She exemplifies the profession of nursing in all that she does and maintains a professional standard many have only read about in text books." “Mayola maintains the highest degree of professionalism and encourages those around her to do the same. She invites students to share in her enthusiasm for learning and supports them in their own educational goals.”

We salute you, Mayola.

SNHP Student Notes

- Reva “Jody” Hill, a graduate nursing student from Bedford, IN, is a recipient of a $2000 scholarship for the 2003-2004 academic year. The Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives awards scholarships to students enrolled in a Master’s of Nursing Administration program within the state of Indiana. Ms. Hill was honored, along with other awardees, at a luncheon during the annual meeting of the IONE in Brown County, Indiana, on October 16.

- Radiology students who attended the annual meeting of Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists earned a statewide second place in the scientific exhibit competition.

- Health Services Organization members will be conducting a bake sale and chocolate fest on November 6 under the UC bridge starting at 7:30 to benefit the Salvation Army.

- Junior Dental Hygiene students will be attending the Indiana Dental Hygienists’ Association annual session November 6-8. Shelby Craig, SADHA president, will serve as student delegate; Michelle Collier is the alternate delegate and Natalie Page is serving as a page. Students will be presenting table clinics on various oral health topics.

- The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association scholarship program will be providing $125,000 in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students. The scholarships are for the 2004-2005 academic year. Applications are available at Renee Schofield’s desk. You may also apply online at www.nsna.org (click on Foundation). Applications must be received by January 22, 2004.

- USIANS will be conducting a food drive for ARCHIBALD’S CLOSET at their meeting, November 18. Please bring non-perishable items. Also, Littman stethoscopes can be ordered now. Forms are available at Renee Schofield’s desk.

- The Radiography Club has designed the front entrance display case to promote National Radiologic Technology Week.

- Respiratory Care Club is selling candy bars on campus to pay for their annual trip to the Sputum Bowl in Covington, KY.

Mindi Haines and Melissa Bayer, HP students, teaching First Aid to a local Brownie troop
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NO CLASSES NOVEMBER 26, 27, 28

Thanksgiving Tongue Twisters
- Greedy gobblers grabbed the gravy.
- Peter Pilgrim picked pretty plump pumpkins.
- Ten tricky two-toed turkeys trotted on the table.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

TIPS FOR REDUCING STRESS
Make a to-do list.
Manage your time.
It’s OK to say no.
Simplify your life by clearing clutter at home.
Be positive.
Be flexible.
Be willing to give in sometimes.

You can manage your stress.
It’s the best thing you can do for yourself.

Dates to Remember
November 4 Student Occupational Therapy Association, 5:00, ED 1101
November 5 Basic Parish Nurse Education, Ferdinand IN
November 11 Assessment Day, Veterans’ Day
November 14 Joan Borysenko, “Power of the Mind to Heal,” Carter Hall, 8:00 am — 2:15 pm
November 18 Student American Dental Hygienists Association, 12:00, HP 1006
November 18 USIANS, 11:00, HP 2025, Ellen Wathen, “Healthcare Options for RNs”
November 19 Sigma Theta Tau, 12:00, HP 2025
November 19 HSO, monthly meeting, 4:15, HP 110
November 25 Dean-Student Forum, 11:30, HP 110
November 25 Last Day of Classes before Thanksgiving Break

Harlaxton Summer Session Update
There is still time to enroll in the 2004 summer session at Harlaxton college in England. A non-refundable deposit of $150 is due on December 1. If you’d like more information, access the School of Nursing and Health Professions website, http://health.usi.edu, and click on the Harlaxton Manor photo. There is an application, tentative itinerary, and video of Harlaxton on the website. Debbie Carl, program leader, is available to provide more information. Her phone number is 464-1702; her email is dcarl@usi.edu.