

2000-2001 Year in Review

School of HESA

General Accomplishments

In my annual review effort, it is obvious the School of HESA had another year to be proud of. We experienced our first 100% placement of graduates in physical education, had our students receive recognition from WAHPERD as Students of the Year in the state of Wisconsin, engaged in an intense effort at curricular review through campus wide efforts in PI-34, continued to work through the CAAHEP guided self-study in athletic training, enrolling our first group of sophomore students in the curriculum program, were able to creatively determine a way to hire a fourth athletic trainer with the assistance of the Dean and vice-chancellor, received campus-wide approval for a minor in adventure education, earned approximately \$3,000 in grant money, assisted in college-wide fund raising efforts, secured two new scholarships for HESA students (Bill Gelwicks – approximately \$2,500 endowed, Athletic Training Program-fully endowed), gained additional personnel necessary to keep the HEC well maintained and attractive to the thousands of annual visitors, fans, parents and students, paid off \$12,000 of college-wide debt, improved the general appearance of the strength/fitness center, enhanced collaborative relationships with Rice Clinic Sports Medicine staff, and with the Stevens Point Public Schools in adventure education programming and finally, had student athletes perform at very high levels in both the classroom and in their chosen sport. The following paragraphs serve to detail the above general statements.

Physical Education Major

We are proud of the fact that 100% of the 1999-2000 HESA graduates in physical education gained professional placement in K-12 educational settings. We are especially proud of this high number as the statewide average for graduates in physical education finding professional employment fluctuates between 25-30%. High levels of placement in the physical major (86% of people trained at UWSP over the past seven years are employed in a K-12 school physical education, health education, coaching, and/or adapted physical education settings) has led to increasing numbers of students enrolling in the major. We are currently working with various methods to effectively control the number of physical education majors in order to retain the high level of quality displayed in graduating students. While a strong advising program has been very effective with ongoing students, we continue to struggle with quality transfer students needing seats in classes that are already bursting at the seams. This is a nice problem to be faced with, but we continue to work to find ways to resolve this ongoing issue. We successfully elevated the requisite GPA necessary for admission into the program from 2.6 to 2.75 and hope to see this change impact on our growing student numbers. We placed 26 new students into the School of

Education and continue to work at ways to control our growing numbers of physical education majors (185). Finally, our graduates asserted themselves well in the classroom with 7 of 21 physical education graduates graduating with honors and 3 of 8 athletic training graduates doing the same.

HESA faculty and staff are involved in continuous curriculum review and this was challenged by the PI 34 expectations as directed by the department of public instruction. While compliance with PI 34 directives is challenging, we look forward to growing with new initiatives associated with teaching standards, assessment rubrics and portfolio development.

The student organization, SHAPER, continues to grow in strength, numbers, and involvement. A total of 32 students attended the state WAPERD convention in Waukesha in October, giving UWSP a strong, proud representation of future educators. UWSP students were recently recognized as the Student Chapter of the Year by WAHPERD in recognition of the greatest involvement at the annual WAHPERD Convention. The School of HESA's minors in health education and coaching, as does the adapted physical education 860 add-on continue to attract interested students. A typical physical education graduate possesses a minor in health education, certification as a Water Safety Instructor (WSI) and the 860 adapted physical education add-on, creating a high level of marketability.

Athletic Training Major

The 2000-2001 academic year marked the first year of teaching all the courses in the approved major as well as accepting the first group of sophomore student athletic trainers scheduled to graduate from the athletic training major. Presently, we are one of 67 programs granted permission to continue to move through the process of attaining national certification. Our athletic training staff continues to engage in the CAAHEP directed self-study to demonstrate program admission standards and determine which of the required courses meet the 567 competencies established by the national accrediting agency. Upon completion of the self-study this August, we will request an on site visit from members of the national accrediting agency. It is our goal to attain national accreditation status by spring 2002.

Our athletic training program is led by three certified athletic trainers, who work closely with 30 student athletic trainers to provide them with the necessary experiences and knowledge needed to pass the national certifying exam. In the past ten years, UW-Stevens Point graduates have passed the national examination at a rate that doubles the national average. Additionally, the athletic training staff works with orthopedic team physicians, physical therapists, and occupational therapists at St. Michael's Hospital and Rice Clinic, while meeting the needs of 600 UWSP athletes and students in dance and the performing arts.

Adventure Education Minor

After three years of staff and facility preparation, the School of HESA worked through the campus wide process of attaining a 20 credit minor in adventure education. This academic pursuit will allow students to attain skills in indoor/outdoor rock climbing, challenge course management, canoeing, kayaking, backpacking, and wilderness first aid. All these skills are imbedded in the adventure education philosophy of challenge by choice that encourages critical thinking and collaborative effort. This minor will allow us to continue to work collaboratively with the Stevens Point school district and the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) to engage in trip programming, and use of facilities. The minor is expected to attract students from among the following majors: physical education, health promotion/wellness and a variety of programs in the College of Natural Resources.

Athletics: Another Banner Year

Athletics enjoyed another banner year with many teams and individuals being recognized for outstanding performances both athletically and academically on a conference and a national level. The men's and women's combined programs finished the year ranked 6th nationally among 370 NCAA Division III Institutions in the Sears All-Sports Cup, marking the third top ten finish in the past four years. This effort marks UWSP's highest finish in the eight-year history of the award and was the best effort of any WIAC school and the highest of any non-East Coast school. Sixteen of the twenty sports were nationally ranked in the top ten during their season, with seven sports finishing their season ranked in the top ten nationally (women's cross country, women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field and men's outdoor track and field). Five of the sports had their highest national finishes ever. Five sports won WIAC championships and 12 of 20 sports qualified teams or athletes for NCAA Division III tournament competition. Thirty-one athletes were named first-team All-Americans, with four athletes being named WIAC Athletes of the Year. Academically, UW-Stevens Point had four Academic All-Americans, six All-District Academic selections and five WIAC Scholar Athletes. Finally, five UW-Stevens Point coaches were selected as conference coaches of the year.

Significant Staff Achievement

Joe Baldarotta

Continues to conduct highly respected summer hockey camps attended by approximately 300 athletes.

Presentation:

"Playing the Angles", August 2000. Dave Peterson USA Hockey Goaltending Symposium. US Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO

Jack Bennett

- Men's Basketball team finished first in the WIAC for the 2nd straight year.
- Recently selected to coach a youth basketball program in Italy during the month of July and August.
- Summer basketball camps hit an all time high of 1000 attendees this summer. UWSP Summer Basketball Camps are recognized as one of the best in the state.

Presentations:

Keynote speaker at the following banquets:

- State Convention - Aid Association for Lutheran's
- Employee Day – Miller Electric, Appleton
- UWSP Phi Eta Sigma Chapter Induction Ceremony

Al Boelk

- Men's Swimming and Diving Team finished 1st in the WIAC for the third time in the last four years.
- Women's Swimming and Diving Team finished 1st in the WWIAC Conference Meet for the second consecutive year.
- Named WIAC Coach of the Year for women's swimming and diving team.

Doug Collier

- Central District Chairperson in physical education for WAHPERD.

Presentations:

- Collier, D. (October 2000). Alternatives to Punishment: A Positive Approach to Managing Disruptive Behavior in the Gym. WAHPERD, Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- Suomi, R. and Collier, D. (November 2000). The Effectiveness of two Exercise Programs on Activities of Daily Living Measures in Older Adults with Arthritis. Convention North American Federation for Adapted Physical Activity, New Orleans Louisiana
- Collier, D. and Suomi, R. (November 2000). Can Undergraduate Physical Education Majors Accurately Score the Test of Gross Motor Development Given a Brief, Comprehensive Training Program? Convention North American Federation for Adapted Physical Activity. New Orleans Louisiana.
- Collier, D. and Hebert, F. (January 2001). Building Effective Undergraduate Physical Education Programs. NASPE, Amelia Island, Florida.

Kevin Deates

- Continues to work on coursework necessary to attain a Masters Degree in Education at UWSP.
- Worked at 5 youth football camps in the summer of 2001 representing UW-Stevens Point in front of approximately 400 area youth.

- Named Defensive Coordinator for the 2001 Pointer season

Shirley Egner

- Women's basketball team finished 3rd in the WIAC and finished the season with a record of 20-6.
- UWSP Women's camps enrolled approximately 200 athletes this summer

Scott Frazier

- Chair UW-Stevens Point Curriculum Committee
- Serves as parliamentarian on the executive council of WAHPERD.
- Serves as advisor of UWSP SHAPER Club

Presentations:

- Frazier, S. (October 2000). Mock Interviews for Council of Future Professionals. WAHPERD, Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- Frazier, S. (February 2001). Technology in Teaching Physical Education. Midwest District AAHPERD. Chicago, IL.

Fred Hebert

Presentations:

- Hebert, F. and Loy, M. (October 2000). The Evolution of a Teacher. International Society for Exploring Teaching Alternatives, Redondo Beach, CA.
- Hebert, F. (October 2000). Interactive Teaching Methods in Sexuality Education. WAHPERD, Waukesha, WI
- Hebert, F. (November 2000). Sex and the American College Student, Workshop UW-River Falls, River Falls, WI
- Collier, D. and Hebert F. (January 2001). Building Effective Undergraduate Physical Education Programs. NASPE, Amelia Island, FL

Publication:

- Hebert F, and Loy M. (2001). The Evolution of a Teacher-Professor: Applying Behavior Change Theory to Faculty Development. To Improve The Academy, POD Network, Lieberman D. (Editor), Anker Publishing, Bolton, MA

Holly Herrmann

- Received UPDC Grant to gain certification in Wilderness First Aid. Attended a 25 day series of classes and experiences at Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities (SOLO) located in Conway New Hampshire and is certified as a Wilderness EMT,
- Received a mini-technology grant for technology in athletic training
- Serves as the advisor for the UWSP Sports Medicine Club
- Committee chair for the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Lifestyle Committee

Len Hill

- Children's motor development program was detailed in a very positive article in the December 12, 2000 edition of the Stevens Point Journal.
- Women's Indoor Track and Field Team finished 3rd in the WWIAC and 4th at Nationals.
- Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team finished 3rd in the WIAC and 13th at Nationals.
- Women's Cross Country finished 2nd in the WIAC and 9th at Nationals
- Serves as a team leader for Wisconsin Interscholastic Program for Athletic Coaches Education (PACE).
- WIAC and Regional Coach of the Year for Outdoor Women's Track and Field
- Women's Cross Country team earns All-Academic honors from the USA Track Coaches Association for their cumulative GPA of 3.48
- UWSP Pole Vault Camp registered 165 male and female jumpers for the summer 2001

Chris Huot

- Functions as the webmaster for the UWSP Athletic Training web site
- Webmaster for the Midwest District of the National Athletic Trainers Association

Johnny Johnson

- Wrestling team finished 2nd in the WIAC, qualifying 3 wrestlers for the national championship.
- UWSP Wrestling Camps enrolled 73 campers for the summer 2001.
- Completed Top Rope certification from American Mountain Guide Association
- Guided HESA through the process of gaining a minor in adventure education
- Assisted John Munson's class in Outdoor Education at the Wausau School Forest with a session on adventure education

Jeff Judge

- Reviewed and directed the rewriting of all policy and procedures manuals related to the operation of the HEC.
- Worked 3 area football camps and a large football camp at the University of Illinois representing UW-Stevens Point to approximately 500 youth.

Ken Koelbl

- Camp Director for UWSP Basketball Camps and Summer Leagues that brought approximately 1000 youth athletes to campus during the summer of 2001.
- Top assistant coach in highly successful men's basketball season.

John Miech

- Recruited approximately 60 student athletes.

- Worked in 3 area football camps, working with approximately 300 youth.

Sheila Miech

- Undefeated WIAC Champions in Women's Soccer, qualifying for the NCAA National Tournament for the seventh time in the last eight years.
- Coordinated summer soccer camps for approximately 200 area youth.
- Women's soccer team finished the season 22-5 ranked 3rd in the country.
- Named WIAC and regional Coach of the Year
- Coordinated five "Health Fairs" within community elementary schools.
- Coordinated the Wisconsin High School Girls All-State Selection.

Brian Nelson

- Baseball team won the WIAC conference tournament, finishing the season 30-14. Team qualified for the NCAA tournament for the 4th time in the last five years.

Frank O'Brien

- President/Commissioner of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.
- Director of Athletics for an Athletic Department that finished 6th in the country in the Sears Cup based on athletic accomplishments at the national level.
- Recognized across campus for his years of excellence to the university community receiving the award for Academic Staff Excellence in the spring of 2001.
- Member of many campus community committees that are not necessarily related to his job as director of athletics: (Wisconsin Special Olympics, Community Parks Improvement, and Board of Directors for Camp Hope)

Kathy O'Connell

- Directed departmental efforts through the process of receiving candidacy status from CAAHEP as HESA moves toward gaining national accreditation in athletic training major.
- Chairperson of the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association Committee addressing "Quality of Life Issues in Athletic Training"
- Member of the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board
- Attended Leadership Conference on Wisconsin Women in Higher Education in Milwaukee
- Continues to work toward completion of terminal degree at UW-Madison in Educational Administration

Nancy Page

- Represented HESA in the American Heart Association walk raising \$1200 dollars
- Annually collects money from members of the department to present a Holiday Basket to a needy family in Portage County
- Aquatics coordinator for the Wisconsin Special Olympics

David Petroff

- Webmaster for the athletic web pages
- Works with Shirley Egner to offer highly successful basketball camps to high school athletes in girl's basketball.

Jim Strick

- Serves as the single WIAC member of the NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Championships selection committee.
- Member of the COSIDA ethics committee
- Selected as the public address announcer for the 2001 NCAA Division III baseball championships.
- Recently chosen to work in sports information for the 2002 Winter Games in Utah with the alpine skiing venue

Rory Suomi

Presentations:

- Suomi, R. and Collier, D. (March 2001). Effects of arthritis exercise programs on functional fitness and activities of daily living measures in older adults with arthritis. AAHPERD National Convention, Cincinnati, OH.
- Collier, D. and Suomi, R. (November, 2000). Can undergraduate physical education students accurately score the 2nd edition of the test for gross motor development given a brief comprehensive program? North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity Conference, New Orleans

Publications:

- Suomi, R. and Koceja, D. M. (2001). Effect of magnet insoles on postural sway in young and old adults. Perceptual and Motor Skills. Submitted October 2000.
- Suomi J. A. and Suomi R. (2000). The Special Needs Aquatic Program: Creating an inclusive early childhood aquatics program. Palaestra 16:2:20-30.
- Suomi R. and Koceja D.M. (2000). Postural sway characteristics of women with lower extremity arthritis Pre and Post aquatic exercise intervention. Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. 81:2:1-6.

Rick Witt

- President United States Cross-country Coaches Association.
- Men's Cross-country Team finished 5th place in the WIAC.
- Men's Indoor Track and Field team finished 2nd in the WIAC and 4th at the NCAA Division III National Meet, representing the universities highest finish in national competition.
- UWSP Indoor Track and Field had the most individual Scholar Athletes of any NCAA Division III College or University

- Men's Outdoor Track and Field team finished 2nd in the WIAC and 3rd at the NCAA Division III National Meet, representing the universities highest finish in national competition.
- Guest speaker at Physical Therapy Associates Runners Clinic
- Continues to conduct highly successful running camps for high school level athletes as well as adults enrolling approximately 175 campers for the 2001 summer.