

2001-2002 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.
- NCHA Schedule Committee Chair

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 3rd straight year.
- 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.

Al Boelk

- HESA School Committee Chair
- Men’s Swimming and Diving Team finished 1st in the WIAC for the four in the past two years.
- Women’s Swimming and Diving Team finished 1st in the WIAC Conference Meet for the second consecutive year.
- Named WIAC Coach of the Year for women’s swimming and diving team.

Paul Caufield

- Social Committees Athletic Department

Presentations:

- USA Hockey Advanced Clinic

Doug Collier

- Central District Chairperson in physical education for WAHPERD.
- Director of Physical Education

Presentations:

- Collier, D. and Hebert, F. (January 2001). Building Effective Undergraduate Physical Education Programs. NASPE, Amelia Island, Florida.
- Collier, D. and Suomi, J. (March 2001). Factors Affecting the Social Experience of Students in Elementary Physical Education Classes. AAHPERD, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Collier, D. and Suomi, R. (March 2001). Effects of Arthritis Exercise Programs on Functional Fitness and Activities of Daily Living Measure in Older Adults with Arthritis. AAHPERD, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Collier, D. (July 2001). A Skill Building Approach to Teaching Students with Difficult Behaviors. WAHPERD, Appleton, Wisconsin.
- Collier, D. (November 2001). A Skill Building Approach to Teaching Students With Difficult Behaviors. Los Angeles, California

Publication:

- Collier, D. and Lytle, R. (2001). Adapted Physical Education Specialist’s Perceptions and Role in the Consultation Process. Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly.

Kevin Deates

- Continues to work on coursework necessary to attain a Masters Degree in Education at UWSP.
- Named Defensive Coordinator for the 2002 Pointer season
- Appointed to Facilities Committee
- Youth Football Board and Rules Committee Member
- Named WFCAs Assistant Coach of the Year

Shirley Egner

- 2002 Division III National Champions
- Women's basketball team finished 2nd in the WIAC and finished the season with a record of 30-3.
- UWSP Women's camps enrolled approximately 230 athletes this summer
- Member of Sportsmanship Committee for WIAC and NCAA
- Hosted youth basketball tournament (April 2001)

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

- Volunteer Camp Hope
- Chairperson for NCAA Survey Study on "Conversations on Character in Sport"

Presentations:

- Collier, D. and Hebert F. (January 2001). Building Effective Undergraduate Physical Education Programs. NASPE, Amelia Island, FL.
- Hebert, F., McClain-Ruelle, L. and St. Maurice, H. (November 2001). UW-Stevens Point's Approach to the Challenges of PI 34 Implementation. DPI Workshop, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.
- Hebert, F. (February 2002). Keynote Address: Presented at a workshop at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, River Falls, Wisconsin.

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

- Collier, D. and Hebert, F. (January 2001). Undergraduate Physical Education Teacher Preparation: What Practitioners Tell Us.

Holly Herrmann

- Committee Chair for Wisconsin Athletic Trainers' Lifestyle Committee
- 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

- WIAC Sports Chair
- 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 17th 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 Outdoor Track and Field team earns All-Academic honors from the USA Track Coaches Association for their cumulative GPA of 3.23

Chris Huot

- Functions as the webmaster for the UWSP Athletic Training web site
- Webmaster for the Midwest District of the National Athletic Trainers Association
- Assistant Athletic Trainer/Head SC Committee
- Received Mini-Tech Grant

Brian Idalski

- Member of the American Hockey Coaches Association
- Finished the season with a 20-1 record
- Team nationally ranked as high as 4th

Johnny Johnson

- Head of Adventure Education Minor
- Wrestling team finished 3rd in the WIAC

- Claimed National Title for Division III
- 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.
- Conference Championship in 2001

Presentations:

- Ashwaubenon Football Clinic. (January 2002).

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.
- 2001 Conference Champions

Sheila Miech

- Reached 200 wins and NSCAA Coaching Award
- Undefeated WIAC Champions in Women's Soccer in last nine of ten years, qualifying for the NCAA National Tournament for the eighth time in the last nine years.
- Coordinated summer soccer camps for approximately 200 area youth.
- Women's soccer team finished the season 18-2 ranked 9th 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 and conference tournament, finishing the season 37-10 and ranked 13th nationally.
- 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)
- Chair of NCAA Division III Women's Hockey

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.
- GLATA Research Committee Member
- 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
- Completed JRC-AT/CAAHEP Self-Study
- Continues to work toward completion of terminal degree at UW-Madison in Educational Administration

Nancy Page

- Member of Board of Directors for the Women's Athletic Fund
- Member of SOE screening committee for the School of HESA
- 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

- Assistant coach of 2002 Division III National Champions
- Hosted youth basketball tournament (April 2001)
- HESA Social Committee
- Webmaster for the athletic web pages

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
- Community Parks Improvement Committee

Rory Suomi

Presentations:

- Suomi, R. (August 2001). Aquatic exercise and its effects on functional fitness measures in person with arthritis. NATS, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 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.

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, R. (2001). Aquatic Therapy: Pool work helps patients improve balance. BioMechanics.

Robert Thorne

- Facility Committee
- Developed in and off-season strength and conditioning programs for UWSP athletic teams

Stacey White

- Coaching clinic instructor (July 2002)
- Social Committee (2001-2002)

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.