

## **2003-2004 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. In a very tight teaching market, we placed 86% of last year's graduates in physical education/health education and 100% of our graduates in athletic training. Our university gained first time national accreditation from the Joint Review Committee-Athletic Training (JRC-AT) for our athletic training major, with no issues of non compliance for national standards. We earned approximately \$10,000 in grant money, assisted in college-wide fund raising efforts, and secured two new scholarships for HESA students (Nancy Page Scholarship (approximately \$5,000 endowed) and Colonel and Phyllis Nemec Scholarship (\$3,000 endowed). In April, we conducted our largest spring awards banquet, with over 200 in attendance to honor academic and athletic excellence. Additionally, in a time of reduced budgets HESA reduced college-wide debt, while continuing to work at improving the general appearance of the health enhancement center. We enhanced collaborative relationships with Rice Clinic Sports Medicine staff and with the Stevens Point Public Schools in physical education adventure education programming. Finally, we again 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 86% of the 2002-03 HESA graduates in physical education/health education gained professional placement in K-12 educational settings. The teaching profession is experiencing a tight job market as budgets tighten and many districts attempt to compact positions to do more with less. The multiple certifications our physical education graduates possess in health education, water safety instruction and CPR/First Aid continue to serve them well. Additionally, our graduates asserted themselves well in the classroom with 7 of 19 physical education graduates graduating with honors.

We placed 20 students into the School of Education and it appears our earlier efforts to curtail overwhelming numbers in the major seems to be having the desired effect, as enrollment in most classes is becoming more manageable. HESA faculty and staff are continually involved in curriculum review to insure our students are well prepared and to comply with PI-34 legislation. While compliance with PI-34 directives is challenging, we continue to grow with initiatives in teaching standards, assessment and portfolio development. In response to PI-34, we taught two new courses this year: PED 150 - Lifetime Fitness and Technology and PED 280 Curriculum in K-12 Physical Education.

The student organization, SHAPER, continues to grow in strength, numbers, and involvement. A total of 37 students attended the state WAPHERD convention in Green Bay in October, giving UWSP a strong, proud representation of future educators. The School's minors in health education, coaching and adventure education continue to attract interested students, as does the adapted physical education 860 add-on. 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 2003-04 academic year was critical for our athletic training students and staff because this was the final year a program could obtain national accreditation. In March of 2004 we hosted two on site visitors from the Joint Review Committee for Athletic Training (JRC-AT) and were found to be in complete compliance with all expectations necessary to obtain national accreditation. Our athletic training staff, college and university worked hard to respond to the non compliance issues cited in the first JRC-AT review in March 2002. Obviously, this hard work was recognized and we are pleased to have the required status necessary to offer a program in athletic training. Our athletic training students continue to perform well on the national exam with 100% - 7 of 7 passing on their first attempt. This excellent carried into the graduates grade point averages with 5 of 8 graduating with honors. Finally, 100% of the 2002-03 athletic training graduates received professional placement in their chosen field.

Our athletic training program is led by four certified athletic trainers, who work closely with 32 student athletic trainers to provide 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 650 UWSP athletes as well as students in dance and the performing arts.

### **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 5th nationally among 370 NCAA Division III Institutions in the Directors Cup based on athletic achievement at the national level, marking our fourth top ten finish in the past five years. This effort is UW-Stevens Point's highest finish in the ten-year history of this award, the best effort of any WIAC school and the highest of any non-East Coast college and/or university.

Six teams finished in the top four nationally, with the men's basketball team capturing the NCAA Division III championship. The men's cross country and women's ice hockey teams were national runner-up, while women's cross country and women's indoor track and field placed third and women's basketball placed fourth. Sixteen of twenty teams finished third or higher in the WIAC standings, with three first places (women's cross country, women's basketball and men's swimming and diving), 7 second places and 6 third place finishes. Thirteen of twenty sports qualified teams or individuals for NCAA Division III tournament competition, with 8 sports placing in the top ten.

Individually, we had 3 athletes named athlete of the year in their sport and 22 athletes were recognized as first team All-Americans. UW-Stevens Point had 4 WIAC Scholar athletes, 5 student athletes recognized all district and 3 academic All-Americans. Finally, three UW-Stevens Point coaches were selected as conference coaches of the year (Al Boelk, Shirley Egnor and Len Hill) and Jack Bennett was recognized as the national coach of the year in men's basketball.

## **Significant Staff Achievement**

### **Joe Baldarotta**

- Continues to conduct highly respected summer hockey camps attended by approximately 300 athletes.
- NCHA Schedule Committee Chair
- Numerous volunteer presentations at area youth associations and high school hockey programs

### **Jack Bennett**

- Men's basketball team finished first in NCAA Division III National Championship 29-5 (first in history)
- Named Division III National Coach of the Year
- Summer basketball camps hit an all time high of 1000 attendees last summer. UWSP Summer Basketball Camps are recognized as one of the best in the state.
- Keynote speaker at numerous events, ranging from high school athletic banquets to commencements.

### **Pat Bloom**

- Baseball team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in WIAC with a record of 25-16.

### **Al Boelk**

- Men's Swimming and Diving Team finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the WIAC for the fifth straight year (13<sup>th</sup> nationally).
- Women's Swimming and Diving Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WIAC Conference Meet for the second consecutive year (35<sup>th</sup> nationally).
- Named WIAC Coach of the Year for men's swimming and diving team.

## **Greg Breitbach**

- Served as offensive coordinator of the football team, directing offense to a record setting year and an 8-2 record, 2<sup>nd</sup> in WIAC.
- Guided the Health Enhancement Center through a series of policy changes and revised numerous policies and procedures

## **Paul Caufield**

- Assistant coach in the summer 2003 for the USA National U18 boy's ice hockey team that won a gold medal during international competition in Slovakia

### **Presentations:**

- USA Hockey Advanced Clinic

## **Shirley Egner**

- 2004 Division III Final Four appearance for the second time in 3 years – 4<sup>th</sup> place
- Women's basketball team finished 1st in the WIAC and 1<sup>st</sup> in the WIAC Tournament finished the season with a record of 28-5.
- WIAC Coach of the Year
- UWSP Women's camps enrolled approximately 230 athletes this summer
- Co-taught "Tools for Academic Success" to first semester freshman athletes without any compensation
- Member of Sportsmanship Committee for WIAC and NCAA
- Hosted youth basketball tournament (April 2004)
- Guest speaker at many banquets and area functions

## **Kelly Erickson**

- Coached women's softball team to 5<sup>th</sup> place in the conference

## **Colleen Evans-Fletcher**

- WAHPERD Student Advisor
- WAHPERD Chair-elect Technology Division
- Member of Teacher Education Subcommittee
- Member Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee
- Area Workshops:
  - Playground Safety – Park Falls Elementary School
  - PDA Applications – Madison Area Schools

### **Presentations:**

- Evans-Fletcher, C. (February, 2003). Integrating Technology Tools into Physical Education, Central Wisconsin Teacher's Conference, Wausau, WI.

- Evans-Fletcher, C. (April, 2003). Using PDAs and Digital Technology on Physical Education, American Association for Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), Philadelphia, PA.
- Evans-Fletcher, C. (April, 2004). Integrating Digital Technology, PDAs and LCD Projectors into your K-12, Teacher Prep or Health Education Program, American Association for Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), New Orleans, LA.

### **Scott Frazier**

- Serves as parliamentarian on the executive council of WAHPERD
- Currently past-president of WAHPERD responsible for planning a directing the 2003 convention and convention coordinator for 2004
- Wisconsin representative to the Midwest District of AAHPERD
- Serves as advisor of UWSP SHAPER Club
- Recipient of mini-grant for technology
- External PEP Grant Reviewer for Mosinee and Medford School Districts
- Curriculum Workshops presented at Wilmot Unified School District in November 2003 and February 2004

#### **Presentations:**

- Frazier, S. (March 2004). Student Portfolios in 6-12 Physical Education. Central Wisconsin Educators Meeting, Wausau, WI

### **Fred Hebert**

- Volunteer Camp Hope and member of the Board of Directors
- Advisor for Phi Eta Sigma – Freshmen Honor Society
- Advisor UWSP Water Ski Team
- Lakeside Wellness Conference planning team member
- Member of the PI-34 planning team within the SOE
- Recognized for UWSP Teaching Excellence

#### **Publication:**

- Collier, D. and Hebert, F. (January 2001). Undergraduate Physical Education Teacher Preparation: What Practitioners Tell Us. The Physical Educator, Fall 2003.

### **Holly Herrmann**

- Committee Chair for Wisconsin Athletic Trainers' Lifestyle Committee
- Serves as the advisor for the UWSP Sports Medicine Club
- Instructor for SOLO School of Emergency Medicine
- Committee chair for the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Lifestyle Committee
- Developed Lab Modernization profile for HEC 116
- Chair – HESA Banquet Committee

#### **Presentation:**

- Herrmann, H. (June 2003) Wilderness Preparedness, National Athletic Trainers Association Convention, St. Louis, MO

- Herrmann, H. (October 2003). Current Trends on Athletic Training, UW-Milwaukee Athletic Training Educational Program.

**Publication:**

- Herrmann, H. (February 2004). Professional Internship Opportunities for Female Athletic Training Students, NATA News.

**Len Hill**

- WIAC Sports Chair
- Women's Indoor Track and Field Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the WIAC and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Nationals.
- Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the WIAC and 21<sup>st</sup> at Nationals.
- Women's Cross Country finished 1st in the WIAC and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Nationals
- Serves as a team leader for Wisconsin Interscholastic Program for Athletic Coaches Education (PACE).
- WIAC and Regional Coach of the Year for Women's Cross Country fall 2003
- WIAC and Regional Coach of the Year for Women's Track and Field spring 2003
- 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
- Received Mini-Tech Grant

**Presentation:**

- Huot, C. (June 2003). Do's and Don'ts of Website Design. National Athletic Trainers Association Convention, St. Louis, MO

**Brian Idalski**

- Women's ice hockey team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in NCHA and won NCHA Playoff
- Finished the season with a 19-7-4 record and runner-up in the NCAA Division III National Tournament
- Works with USA Hockey as the Central District Player Development Coach

**Johnny Johnson**

- Coordinator of the Adventure Education Minor
- Wrestling team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WIAC and 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation
- Coached Dennis Hall through Olympic Trials where he obtained a berth on the Olympic Team.

### **John Miech**

- Coordinated the recruitment approximately 60 student athletes.
- 2003 Football team finished 8-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> in WIAC.
- Keynote speaker at the Wisconsin Football Coaches Convention.

### **Sheila Miech**

- Coordinated summer soccer camps for approximately 200 area youth.
- Women's soccer team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in WIAC (record 15-4-3) and won the conference tournament, qualifying for the NCAA National Tournament for the tenth time in eleven years
- Chair UWSP Hall of Fame Committee
- Coordinated six "Health Fairs" within community elementary schools.
- Coordinated the Wisconsin High School Girls All-State Selection.

### **Frank O'Brien**

- Director of Athletics for an Athletic Department that finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the country in the Directors Cup based on athletic accomplishments at the national level.
- Member of many campus/community committees:(Wisconsin Special Olympics, Community Parks Improvement, Kiwanis, Sentry Classic Committee and Board of Directors for Camp Hope)
- Co-taught "Tools for Academic Success" to first semester freshman athletes without any compensation
- Chair of NCAA Division III Women's Hockey

### **Kathy O'Connell**

- Directed departmental efforts through the process of 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
- Chair - Disciplinary Review for Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association
- Continues to work toward completion of terminal degree at UW-Madison in Educational Administration

### **Nancy Page**

- RETIRED after 31 years of dedicated, meaningful contributions to UW-Stevens Point

### **David Petroff**

- Assistant coach of 2004 Division III 4<sup>th</sup> place team
- Hosted youth basketball tournament (April 2004)
- HESA Banquet Committee chair-elect
- Webmaster for the athletic web pages
- Guest speaker – Pride basketball camp

### **Bob Semling**

- Assistant coach for the national championship men's basketball team

### **Jim Strick**

- Member of the COSIDA ethics committee
- Selected as the public address announcer for the 2004 NCAA Division III baseball championships and the WIAA boys and girls basketball state tournament
- Community Parks Improvement Committee

### **Rory Suomi**

- Member of the Individually Planned Major Committee
- Director of the Special Needs Aquatic Program

#### **Publications:**

- Suomi, R. & Collier, D. (2003). Effects of arthritis exercise programs on functional fitness and activities of daily living measures in older adults with arthritis. Archives for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. 84:10 1589-93

### **Nate Weiler**

- Recipient of mini technology grant for a Macromedia Software Package

### **Stacey White**

- Coaching clinic instructor (July 2003)
- Advisor for men's volleyball club team
- Women's volleyball team continues to improve within the conference

### **Rick Witt**

- Men's Cross-country Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the WIAC and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NCAA Division III National Championship.
- Men's Indoor Track and Field team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WIAC and 7<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division III National Meet,
- Men's Outdoor Track and Field team finished 3<sup>nd</sup> in the WIAC and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the NCAA Division III National Meet,
- Guest speaker at Physical Therapy Associates Runners Clinic
- Guest speaker at Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association Convention

- Cross Country Team recognized as USA Cross Country All-Academic Team with a 3.26 team GPA
- Continues to conduct highly successful running camps for high school level athletes as well as adults enrolling approximately 175 campers for the 2003 summer.