

CEE Program Updates 2001

September 2001

- We are happy to announce that our honorable **Interim Provost Ron Rada** has received an **Award for Excellence** from the **University of Wisconsin-Extension**. He was selected for leading new program initiatives primarily during the three years he worked 25% with our office as associate dean of Science and Allied Health. New programs included annual Wetland Delineation workshops for natural resource professionals, approximately ten scientific conferences, annual offerings of introduction to biology for advanced high school students, and two summer enrichment programs for middle school youth.
- In cooperation with the **Chileda Institute**, we are offering the third **Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate Program** this fall to 15 students. **Donell Kerns** developed this certificate program with Chileda staff for health and human service professionals, educators, paraprofessionals, parents, and persons working directly with an individual with an autism spectrum disorder. Due to its success, discussions are underway to expand the program outside the La Crosse area.

October 2001

- More than 600 archaeologists are expected to attend the 2001 **Midwest Archaeological Conference** Oct. 12-14, hosted by the **Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC)** and the **Archaeological Studies Program** in cooperation with Continuing Education and Extension. These three units worked together very successfully on the 1991 conference and look forward to another excellent conference this year. The program will take a retrospective look at Midwestern archaeology. The keynote banquet is open to the public; tickets are \$29 per person.
- As most of you know, CEE has collaborated with the **School of Education** since 1997 to deliver the **ME-PD Learning Community** program. Eight new communities have been established this fall in Onalaska, Holmen, Sparta, Chippewa Falls, Spooner, Columbus, McFarland, and Milton, with total enrollment approaching 300 students. An additional 250 students are continuing in the program in six communities organized last year.
- **This afternoon** CEE is recognizing eight people who have recently completed the **Gerontology Certificate Program**, a two-year program designed for health and human service professionals and other interested individuals. This first group of graduates of the program includes Joyce Beekman, Mary Bosman, Kathy Brudos, Genevieve Dlugolecki, Shirley Johnson, Mary Kernan, Mary Millis, and Rachelle Wright. You are more than welcome to join us, beginning at **5 p.m.** in the **Cleary Alumni & Friends Center**. We will have refreshments, and I promise to leave some for you.
- **Jacki McKinney**, a survivor of trauma and abuse, is one of three nationally known speakers that will present at a two-day **conference on sexual assault and domestic violence** November 1-2. McKinney will also share her story with the general public **Thursday evening, November 1 at 7 p.m.** in the **Cleary Alumni & Friends Center**. **Faculty and students are welcome to attend this free evening program.**

November 2001

- **Dr. Herman Frankel**, pediatrician, professor and director of The Divorcework Center in Seattle, Wash., will offer a workshop on Nov. 9 on helping families more effectively complete the tasks of dealing with divorce. Frankel will also offer a **free evening program**, Helping your Children During and After Divorce at 7 p.m., **Thursday, Nov. 8** at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. Faculty and students are welcome.
- Since its inception in 1994, the **Learning in Retirement** organization has continued to expand course offerings for its nearly 200 members. Nine classes are being offered this fall on such topics as Digital Photography, Writing your Life Story and Stock Market and the Dynamics of Capitalism. Total enrollment for all fall courses to date is 257.
- "**Working Effectively with Students At-Risk**", a series of online courses for teachers and other professionals working with students "at-risk" of school failure is planned to begin Spring Semester. This series is being developed in partnership with the **School of Education, Learning Quest and UW Learning Innovations** and aims to decrease school failure and the negative outcomes associated with it. "Effective Motivation and Teaching Behaviors" is the first of three, 3-credit graduate courses to be offered online.
- **Dr. Sally Walker**, author, consultant and national speaker, will present a two-day conference on gifted and talented youth November 27-28. Walker will also offer an **evening program** for parents, "**Surviving your Gifted Child,**" at 6:30 p.m., **Tuesday, Nov. 27** at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. Cost for the evening program is \$5.