

CEE Program Updates 2002

January 2002

- On Thursday, January 3, 2002 our newly titled publication, *Access*, formally *LifeTimes*, will hit the streets. *Access*, which will be inserted into the *La Crosse Tribune*, is intended to **connect the university and the community** by informing Coulee Region residents about learning opportunities.
- “**Current & Potential Substitute Teachers Workshop**,” was attended by 18 educators on Saturday, January 12. Developed in partnership with the **Clinical Field Experience** office, this workshop focused on practical techniques used by successful teachers. A second workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 2.

February 2002

- Last week a new **Community Programs** web page was added to the UW-L web site. Reached by clicking on Community Programs on the UW-L home page, this web page presents a comprehensive menu of educational activities available to the community. Included are various **continuing education programs, other campus outreach programs, precollege programs, campus lectures, art exhibits, and music and theater performances**. Each menu option is linked to other web pages that contain detailed information about specific programs and events of interest to people of all ages. We are grateful to the campus web committee for assistance in developing this web page, particularly, Debbie Veglahn, Jim Jorstad, Larry Sleznikow, and Mary Christie. www.uwlax.edu/community.htm
<<http://www.uwlax.edu/community.htm>>
- **Women in Leadership Forum**, a series of eight, three-hour sessions presented by exemplary women leaders in Wisconsin, begins Wednesday, February 13 and runs through May. This series was developed by a campus and community committee (Ellen Alexander, Patricia Anderson, Colleen Miron, Petra Roter and Dorothy Zeisler-Vralstad) in partnership with Chancellor Hastad and local businesses and community organizations to recognize the essential role women play in the transition to the next economy. The program targets women in the Coulee Region who seek additional support, guidance and educational information in the area of leadership.
- **Five new ME-PD Learning Community sites** have been established this semester in New Richmond, Richland Center, the Stanley-Boyd area, Sun Prairie and Watertown, enrolling more than 170 new students. Since its inception in 1997, approximately 600 teachers and school professionals have received their ME-PD degree to date as a result of this **School of Education, Learning Quest**, and Continuing Education and Extension partnership.
- CEE is working with continuing education offices at Eau Claire, Green Bay, Oshkosh, and Stevens Point and various Cooperative Extension offices to conduct a **statewide Hmong educational needs assessment**. Supported by a UW-Extension cross-divisional grant, each office is organizing **local focus groups** to determine the educational needs of Hmong individuals, families and organizations. Our office is working with local Hmong leaders to conduct the La Crosse area focus groups this Saturday morning, February 23 in Morris Hall.

March 2002

- More than 150 conservationists are expected to attend the 14th annual **Prairie Enthusiasts** conference March 8-9, held on campus in cooperation with the Biology Department and Continuing

Education. **Archaeology professor James Theler** opens the conference with a keynote address "Prairies, Pre-historic to Present." Other sessions cover land trusts, management, birds, butterflies and fungi of the prairie. The banquet and conference are open to the public.

- **Kid's College** was attended by 211 **5th and 6th graders** on Friday, March 1. In partnership with the Mississippi Valley Gifted and Talented Network, this program offers opportunity to explore challenging, hands-on courses in a university environment.
- The **2002 Wisconsin Shoulder Symposium and Workshops** takes place March 23-24, the result of a long-term partnership with the **Physical Therapy Department** and **Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine** developed by **Professor George Davies**. A distinguished faculty of orthopedic surgeons, physical therapists, and athletic trainers will address recent advances in the field of orthopedic and sports injuries. More than 90 physical therapists from throughout the U.S. are expected to attend.

April 2002

- **Donell Kerns** is working with **UW Learning Innovations** and continuing education colleagues at Extension, Madison, Milwaukee, Parkside, and Superior to develop an **online Gerontology Certificate** program to begin Fall 2003. The certificate will have both credit and non-credit options and could serve both **on-campus** students and **off-campus** individuals.

May 2002

- CEE organized local focus groups in February, as part of a statewide **Hmong educational needs assessment** funded by UW-Extension. From the research conducted, three key areas were identified as challenges facing the local Hmong community: **family, education and economics**. Issues such as the westernization of youth versus the tradition of elders, stereotyping and racism occurring in schools, and the need for more Hmong working in city, state, local agencies and government were a few topics of discussion. Planning for addressing the needs identified are underway.
- **Tomorrow afternoon** Continuing Education is recognizing 17 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 group is the second to graduate from the program. You are more than welcome to join us, beginning at **5 p.m.** in the **Cleary Alumni & Friends Center**. We will have refreshments, and we promise to leave some for you.
- More than **1,000 blacksmiths** from throughout the world are expected to attend the 2002 biennial Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America (ABANA) conference to be held **on campus June 5-9** in cooperation with the **Art Department** and CEE. Professor **Bill Fiorini**, long-time member of ABANA, was instrumental in bringing this conference to UW-L. Participation in most activities is limited to conference registrants, but the public is invited to visit a designated demonstration area and to attend the ABANA auction Saturday, June 8.

June 2002

- The 4th Biennial **Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Institute**, developed by Professors **Gary Gilmore** and **Leslie Oganowski**, takes place on campus **June 20-22**. This year's Institute, A Focus on Youth and Families, includes a special general session, Government's Role in Violence Prevention, featuring

(tentative) panelists Senator Russell Feingold, Senator Herb Kohl, Congressman Ron Kind, and Administrator of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Dave Steingraber. This session is open to the public.

- CEE's summer pre-college programs kick off with **Girls In Science, June 22-23** and **Environmental Explorers, June 25-26**. More than 75 elementary and middle school youth will attend. Associate Professors **Sandra Grunwald** and **Susan Kelly** led the development of Girls in Science.
- **Basic Plant Identification**, a recent addition to the Wetland Delineation workshop series, takes place twice on campus **June 24-26** and **June 26-28**. More than 30 natural resource professionals are expected to attend the two workshops, developed by Assistant Professor **Tim Gerber** in response to requests from past participants.

July 2002

- More than 260 upper elementary, middle, and high school students will attend CEE's **pre-college programs** during the next two weeks.
- The 13th annual **Young Scholars** program begins today, offering students a choice of 12 classes in the arts and sciences. **Sixteen UW-L faculty and academic staff** are teaching classes during this weeklong program.
- **Vocal Jazz Camp**, a four-day workshop, developed by associate professor **Gary Walth**, starts July 14.
- **Teacher World**, hosted for the 14th summer with the School of Education and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, runs July 14-20.
- **Cool Science for Coulee Kids**, developed by associate professors **Sandra Grunwald** and **Susan Kelly** for students from minority groups or households with financial needs, takes place July 19.
- The 9th annual **Washburn Academy**, a partnership between UW-L and CESA #4 designed to improve K-12 classroom instruction in science, math and technology, will result in 328 enrollments from the two academy weeks held **July 15-19** in **Holmen** and **July 29-August 2** in **Onalaska**.

August 2002

- **Access**, a publication describing UW-L outreach programs and related news, will be distributed tomorrow via the *La Crosse Tribune*. It includes greetings from Provost Elizabeth Hitch.
- This summer four **Wetland Delineation Training** workshops and two **Plant Identification** workshops are being offered in partnership with the River Studies Center, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and other state and federal agencies. The workshops have attracted more than 130 natural resource professionals from throughout the state.

September 2002

- Continuing Education and Extension has had another full summer of pre-college programs and professional conferences. We introduced three new pre-college programs: Vocal Jazz Camp; Environmental Explorers, conducted at the Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center; and Cool Science for Coulee Kids, for students from minority groups or households with financial needs. Ongoing programs included Young Scholars, Girls in Science and Teacher World. Total enrollment for all pre-college programs was 352.

- Professional conferences and workshops were also well attended. The North American Benthological Society conference drew 900 scientists from 19 countries. The 8th annual Washburn Academy designed to improve classroom instruction in science, math and technology, resulted in 302 enrollments. Four Wetland Delineation Training workshops and a new workshop, Plant Identification, attracted more than 100 professionals throughout the state.
- **Six new ME-PD Learning Community sites** have been established this fall in West Salem, Bloomer, Medford, Monona, Monroe, and Turtle Lake, enrolling more than 250 new students. Total enrollment in the Learning Community program this year is approximately 875. CEE administers the program in partnership with the **School of Education and Learning Quest**.
- The **Exercise and Sport Science Physical Education Teaching** graduate program will begin a new three-year rotation of classes this fall in Beaver Dam. For the first time, the department is using a **cohort format** so that students can proceed through the entire program as a group. To date, 18 students are enrolled in the cohort, of which 8 are UW-L graduates.

October 2002

- **Assessment of Ecological and Human Health Impacts of Mercury in the Bay-Delta Watershed** workshops were held in Monterey, California, Sept. 16-17 and Oct. 8-10 in partnership with **professor James Wiener**, a nationally known expert on mercury pollution. Dr. Wiener has received a grant from CALFED, a consortium of more than 20 federal, state and other agencies, to assist California in determining scientific and management approaches for reducing mercury pollution in the Bay-Delta Watershed.
- More than 150 environmentalists are expected to attend the 19th annual meeting of the American Chestnut Foundation, focusing on **The West Salem Stand: Implications for Restoration**, Oct. 17-20. The Badgersett Research farm in West Salem represents the largest remaining stand of American chestnuts in the nation. The program features a tour of the farm, which the public may attend for \$40 per person.
- We are happy to announce that **Dr. Judy Beck**, Educational Studies, received an **Excellence in Teaching and Faculty Service award** from the University Continuing Education Association Region IV this month. This award recognizes Dr. Beck's contributions to the ME-PD Learning Community program, the annual Washburn Academy for science and math teachers, the annual CESA #4 Renaissance Workshop, various teacher education credit outreach courses, and the Young Scholars pre-college program.
- CEE was recently named the **western Wisconsin partner** of the **Wisconsin Geriatric Education Center (WGEC)**. The WGEC is a federally funded center, based at Marquette University, whose mission is to enhance, through education and training, the quality and availability of health care for Wisconsin's aging population. CEE's professional certificate program in Gerontology was the primary impetus for WGEC's invitation to join the consortium.

November 2002

- The **Learning in Retirement (LIR)** organization has continued to expand course offerings for its nearly 200 members. Ten classes are offered this fall on such topics as Birding, Global Energy, Understanding Prejudice in America and Music: Composer to Concert. Total enrollment for all fall courses to date is 164.

- A group of **37 LIR members** will also travel to **Cuba**, Nov. 5-13, to explore the country from a historical and contemporary perspective through visits to museums, landmarks and cultural centers. This is the first LIR group in the United States to go to Cuba. Emeritus professor Burt Altman organized this study tour.
- **Carol Fertig**, a specialist in gifted and talented education, will offer a workshop, "Curriculum for High-Ability Learners," on Nov. 5 for teachers and other school professionals. She will also offer an **evening program** for parents, "**How to Develop Creativity in Your Child**," Monday, Nov 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. Cost for the evening program is \$5.

November is a busy month for conferences this year. This week our staff is in the midst of managing three professional conferences in seven days.

- The 26th annual **Waterbird Society Meeting**, held Nov. 6-10 in partnership with the Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, brought 120 scientists and conservation-minded individuals together from throughout the world to present findings and hear what experts have discovered about waterfowl.
- Nov. 8-11 our staff traveled to Chicago with **Jay Lokken**, International Education, to manage the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (**NAFSA**) regional conference, attended by more than 650 international education professionals.
- Tomorrow we are working with the **Business Development Center** on the **United Coulee Region economic summit** "Building on Success: Tools for Collaboration" at the La Crosse Center. More than 150 community members are expected to attend.

December 2002

- On Thursday, January 2, 2003, **Access**, will be distributed via the *La Crosse Tribune*. To heighten awareness of UW-L outreach programs, **two billboards** on the north and south entrances to La Crosse, will promote the publication and the learning opportunities for the community.
- **K-12 educators** can earn graduate credits from a four-week program in **London** this summer. A **Summer Teacher Institute**, offered in collaboration with London Metropolitan University and the State University of New York at Cortland, will examine cultures and communities and the integration of art into the curriculum.