

## CEE Program Updates 2003

### February 2003

- A “**laptop learning community**” has begun this spring in Rice Lake. Thirty-seven students will use individual laptop computers, streaming video equipment and networking devices throughout the ME-PD Learning Community program. Students are purchasing these laptops by paying a special course fee each semester. **Chris Bakkum**, interim ME-PD director, lead the way in establishing this pilot project.
- Four additional **new Learning Community sites** have begun this spring in Burlington, Durand, Pewaukee and Reedsburg, enrolling more than 110 new students.
- February offerings include two music programs. **Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People** was offered for the third time. **Therapeutic Use of Music with Elders**, an elective for the Gerontology Certificate Program, will feature Dr. Diane Schneider, researcher in the Mayo System hospitals.

### March 2003

- **Parenting Teens: the Joys and Challenges Facing Hmong Parents** was held Saturday, March 1 at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center attracting **130 local Hmong** residents. Conducted in Hmong, the program featured Dr. Cher Teng Vang, a nationally known and well-respected speaker throughout Hmong communities in the U.S. Feedback from participants was extremely positive.
- The **2003 Wisconsin Lower Extremity Symposium and Workshops** take place March 28-29, 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 present recent advances in orthopedic and sports injuries. More than 90 physical therapists from throughout the U.S. are expected to attend.

### April 2003

- “**Current & Potential Substitute Teachers Workshop**,” focusing on practical techniques used by successful teachers, takes place Saturday, April 12. Developed in partnership with the **Clinical Field Experience** office, this workshop offers classroom management techniques, lesson planning and tips for communicating within the school district.
- Twenty master educators in the Black River Falls school district enrolled in a credit course, “**Enhancing Teacher Quality II**,” that informs them about the new state teacher license regulations (PI-34) and the implications for initial educators. CEE has been working with the **School of Education** and **CESA #4** on this pilot program for the past two years.
- CEE organized a roundtable discussion earlier this month to obtain feedback from the community about our marketing activities. Key community professionals offered valuable insights specifically centered on *Access*, our semi-annual publication. From the information obtained, we plan to implement changes in the fall issue.
- Three workshops on fishing and hunting attracted 25 individuals this spring. *Hand Crafting Lures that Catch Fish*, *Stalking Wild Turkey* and *Early Season Northern Pike* were offered by professional angler and sportsman, Bob Bott. Additional classes will be offered in summer both for youth and adults.

## May 2003

- The International **Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference** takes place **May 25-28** on the UW-L campus. Developed in partnership with the Center for Death Education and Bioethics and led by **Professor Gerry Cox** and **Professor Emeritus Robert Bendiksen, Sociology**, the conference will bring together professionals and those dealing with grief from Canada, Japan and throughout the United States.
- **Professor Sara Sullivan, Psychology**, will be the lead instructor for a new **online** gerontology course this fall. **Foundations of Gerontology** is part of a seven campus collaborative online credit certificate. Dr. Sullivan, **2002 winner** of the University Continuing Education Association Mid-America Region **Faculty Service Award**, has been involved in curriculum development and teaching in the UW-L Gerontology Certificate program since its inception.

## June 2003

- More than 30 cyclists, ages 15-22, will attend the **USA Cycling Athlete Development camp**, June 16-20. The top six men and women riders from the three days of competition will advance to the National camp at the Olympic Training Center in Michigan this July.
- The **Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired** will hold its annual **fine arts summer program**, June 22-28. At least 45 students, ages 8-18 that are blind or have visual impairment, will attend courses in art, theater, dance and music on campus.
- Other CEE summer pre-college programs this month are the **Harmony Explosion Camp**, June 12-15, **Environmental Explorers**, June 17-18 and **Hooked on Fishing**, June 24-26. More than 95 upper elementary, middle and high school youth will attend.

More pre-college programs are scheduled during the next few weeks.

- **Girls in Science**, designed to encourage girls to stay active in science and math, will draw more than 45 middle school girls to campus, June 28-29. Associate Professors **Sandra Grunwald, Chemistry** and **Susan Kelly, Mathematics** are the lead faculty members.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Young Scholars** program begins July 7, offering 136 students hands-on experience primarily in the arts and sciences through inquiry, creativity and problem solving. **Fourteen UW-L faculty and academic staff** are teaching classes during this weeklong program.
- **Vocal Jazz Camp**, developed by associate professor **Gary Walth, Music**, starts July 20. Eighteen high school students will participate in the workshop, concluding with a public performance July 24 at Valley View Mall.

## July 2003

- The 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Washburn Academy**, originally designed to improve K-12 classroom instruction in science, math and technology, has expanded to include language arts, reading, writing and curriculum integration. The academy, a partnership between UW-L and CESA #4, will result in 318 enrollments from the two academy weeks held **July 14-18 in Holmen** and **July 28-August 1 in Onalaska**. Associate Professor **Judy Beck** and Assistant Professor **Teri Staloch** are the lead faculty members.

- **The Responsive Classroom**, a pre-academy workshop promoting strategies for integrating the teaching of social and academic skills throughout the school day, drew more than 150 K-6 area teachers. The program runs **July 7-11** in Onalaska.

### August 2003

- **Jazz on the Mississippi**, an **Elderhostel** program offered in conjunction with the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Great River Jazz Fest, runs **August 6-11**. Professor emeritus **John** and **Rita Jenks** have developed this program, which will draw a full enrollment of 51 seniors from across the country.
- **Access**, our semi-annual catalog of UW-L outreach programs and related news, is scheduled for insertion in the *La Crosse Tribune* on **Thursday, August 7**.
- Five **Wetland Delineation Training** workshops are being offered this summer in La Crosse and Wisconsin Rapids, attracting 83 natural resource professionals. CEE first partnered with the **UW-L River Studies Center**, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Department of Administration, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and other state and federal agencies to offer these workshops in 1999. Since then, the program has trained 464 individuals and has added an advanced workshop, two plant identification workshops and a regulatory IV workshop. **Associate Professor Tim Gerber, Biology/Microbiology** continues to oversee the implementation and growth of these workshops.

### September 2003

- Five new ME-PD Learning Community sites have been established this semester in Melrose, De Soto, Sun Prairie, Oregon and Germantown enrolling 172 new students to date. In addition, 16 communities continue throughout Wisconsin with a total enrollment of 626 students.
- **Transforming the Difficult Adolescent: A Step-by-step Approach to Restoring Love and Limits** will take place September 22 in Eau Claire, led by well known author and speaker, Dr. Scott Sells of the Savannah Family Institute.
- CEE Program Assistant Jan Olson has received an Award for Exceptional Service from the University of Wisconsin-Extension. She will accept this award at the Extension awards banquet in Madison on September 25.

### October 2003

- **Donell Kerns** has worked with UW Learning Innovations and colleagues at seven UW institutions to develop an **online Gerontology Certificate** program. The 18-credit undergraduate program uses the Internet to bring UW education to working professionals and students around the country. **Professor Sara Sullivan, psychology**, was the lead course developer for the first class, Foundations of Gerontology, which begins October 6.
- In cooperation with **Chileda**, we are offering the **Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate** program again this fall for 16 participants. This certificate is for health and human service professionals, educators, paraprofessionals, parents, and persons working directly with an individual with an autism spectrum disorder.
- UW-L will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual state **Learning in Retirement (LIR) conference**, Oct. 21-22. More than 100 LIR members from 11 other state universities will participate in two days of outstanding lectures and workshops. The conference is open to all.

- The **Basic Emergency Lifesaving Skills in Schools (BELSS)** workshops will be offered Oct 23-24 in Ashland and Nov 11-12 at CESA #4. **Professor Leslie Oganowski**, health education and promotion, is the lead program developer and instructor for these workshops for health educators and social workers.

## **November 2003**

- Bertie Kingore, a specialist in gifted and talented education, is offering a workshop, **"How to Simplify Differentiation for All Students,"** today for 90 teachers and other school professionals. An evening program for parents on Monday evening, "Understanding Your Gifted Child at Home and at School," unfortunately was cancelled due to her travel delay.
- More than 900 ME-PD Learning Community students and alumni, school district administrators, and UW-L faculty and staff will convene **Nov. 8-9** at the La Crosse Center for the **6<sup>th</sup> annual Learning Community conference**, developed by CEE, the School of Education, and Learning Quest. Keynote speaker, Linda Lambert, will hold a pre-conference workshop for faculty and facilitators Nov. 7.
- Sally Kope, co-author of **"Sex Matters for Women: A Complete Guide to Taking Care of your Sexual Self,"** will share insights from current research and her own clinical experience regarding women and sex. The presentation is **this evening at 7 p.m.** in the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center and is open to the public. Cost for the evening program is \$5.
- More than 30 health and human service professionals will attend the **Human Sexuality conference on Friday** at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. Sally Kope, along with Virginia and Keith Laken, authors of "Making Love Again: Hope for Couples Facing Loss of Sexual Intimacy," will present their knowledge and explore the latest on sexual health.