

The University Centers

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

FALL 2011



New Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Al Thompson



The Dean of Student Life and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Eastern Washington University has been named the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UW-Stevens Point.

Al S. Thompson Jr. is returning to Wisconsin, having previously directed programs at UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse for a total of 20 years. He succeeds Bob Tomlinson, who retired from the position in 2010 after 14 years at UW-Stevens Point.

“I am looking forward to working with Chancellor Patterson and the university as we provide outstanding services to our University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s students,” said Thompson. “I am eager to step into the role of Vice Chancellor to lead our Student Affairs Division to continue to create a culture of transformational experiences for our student body.”

“Al brings years of varied experiences in student affairs to UW-Stevens Point,” said Chancellor Bernie Patterson. “The work he has done to promote diversity, reach out to the community and assist students in all aspects of their education ensures that his leadership will continue the thriving student-centered environment at this university.”

Named Dean of Student Life and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Eastern Washington University in 2008, Thompson managed the operations, financial and human resources of the campus’ Student Life division, including the Office of Student Activities, Campus Recreation, Residential Life and Student Leadership.

While at UW-La Crosse from 1997 to 2008, he was the Assistant to the Chancellor for Affirmative Action and Diversity and a member of the graduate faculty. He worked at UW-Platteville from 1988 to 1997, serving as the Assistant to the Chancellor for Minority Affairs, Director of Multicultural Services and the Ethnic Studies program. Thompson also coordinated minority studies programs and served as a Residence Hall Director at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

He has a long record of community service, including membership in the executive boards of the La Crosse and Platteville’s Rotary Clubs, the United Way of La Crosse and Platteville and several local school organizations. He is also a member of several professional organizations and has served as an invited speaker and guest lecturer on diversity issues.

Thompson holds a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and a Master’s degree in Counselor Education and Student Development from the University of Iowa. He also earned a Doctorate of Education in Leadership at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota.

He and his wife, Telitha, have two children. He enjoys playing golf and basketball, traveling and being involved in service organizations such as Rotary and the United Way.

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UC RENOVATIONS PAYOFF

One of the main objectives of the Dreyfus University Center renovation and addition included integrating design strategies that minimized the building's negative impact on the natural environment while creating a livable environment that protects the user's health and safety. Perkins and Will, one of the chief architects on the project, designed the building in the spirit of a silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standard.

Significant concepts included:

- + Reducing heat islands by having tree plantings on the west side of the building, and a pergola by the north parking lot addition.
- + HVAC (heating, ventilation & air conditioning) system designed around several zones within the building allowing control of areas during various usage hours.
- + All HVAC and lighting systems optimized through building automation.
- + Connection made between the indoor and outdoor spaces through the introduction of day lighting and views via windows, an open concept in the main two-story entrance, and a skylight into regularly occupied areas of the building.
- + Upgraded electrical and mechanical systems and the addition of a fire suppression system in the building.
- + Renovated kitchen with all new energy star equipment and better space layout for production and delivery of food items.

In the summer of 2009, DeBot Center was closed for a renovation to the two existing dish rooms in the building. The project included tearing out the two old dish machines and replacing these with one energy efficient dish machine and then adding a new pulping machine. The



second dish room was then turned into additional dry storage for University Dining Services. This closure allowed for the consolidation of our summer conference dining into the newly renovated Dreyfus University Center.

With the shift of the diners to the Dreyfus University Center from DeBot in the summer of 2010, there was a 1.2% utility reduction noted from pre-renovated Dreyfus University Center utility costs. These savings were seen even with the newly renovated DUC sporting the 30,000 square foot addition to the building that was part of this major renovation. Savings of 18% in utility costs were also realized from the summer of 2009 to the summer 2010 with the DeBot Center closure.

Another cost savings has been realized in water consumption. With DeBot Center closed during the summer months and the addition of the new energy-efficient dish machine and pulper, we have seen a reduction of 46% in water consumption in DeBot. In addition, the campus received a Focus on Energy rebate check of \$9,630 for the purchase of the energy-saving dish machine and pulper. At the same time, the water consumption in the Dreyfus University Center has stayed the same from the re-construction totals even with the addition of all the summer conference dining patrons using the DUC for all their conference meals.

From the initial statistics we have been able to gather thus far, the renovations to the DUC and DeBot Center by the University Centers have truly paid off in cost savings but most importantly they have also resulted in the reduction of our campus carbon footprint.

NEW UWSP CHANCELLOR Bernie Patterson



Bernie Patterson became the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in July 2010. His distinguished career of service to higher education has included leadership both in public and private university settings.

Prior to joining UWSP, Patterson was Provost and Vice President for academic affairs at Oklahoma City University, beginning in 2002. There he established the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, the Office of International Education, the Office of Instructional Technology, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and the Fine Arts Institute. Other initiatives included the university's strategic and tactical plan, campus master plan, assessment plan, summer reading program for incoming first-year students, enrollment management programs, faculty fellow program, visiting scholars program, national student scholar development coordinator, Phi Kappa Phi chapter, and a focus on faculty recruitment including an emphasis on faculty diversity.

Patterson also served as a Dean and Assistant Dean at two institutions in the University of Georgia System—Georgia College and State University and Valdosta State University.

His professional activities include the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University, a Wye Faculty Fellowship at the Aspen Institute, and a Fulbright tour in Tanzania, Africa, in 1992. He has led or participated in international delegations to Belize, the Czech Republic, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Ukraine, Slovakia, the United Kingdom, and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Patterson holds a Ph.D. and a Master of Arts in Criminology from State University of New York at Albany, an Education Specialist degree and a Master of Science from Central Missouri State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Technology from Missouri Western State University.

He now resides in Plover with his wife, Cinda. He also has a grown daughter who attends law school in Oklahoma.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

"Fun Run"

Allen Center parking lot, 12 noon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

"Decorating Competition"

The Encore, DUC, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

"Karaoke Contest"

The Encore, DUC, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

"Minute To Win It"

Laird Room, DUC, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

"Volleyball Tournament"

Allen Center Volleyball Courts, 3:00 PM

"Concert TBA"

Laird Room, DUC, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Homecoming Parade

Judging Area – Steps of Berg Gym
Campus Streets, 10:00 AM

All Campus Picnic

The official reunion area on campus
Front lawn of Old Main, 11:00 AM

**UW-Stevens Point Pointers vs.
UW-Stout Blue Devils**

Goerke Field, 1:00 PM

Homecoming Dance

Alumni Room, DUC, 7:00 PM

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UWSP Homecoming 2011

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT:

Kristie Chappa



Hello fellow Pointers! My name is Kristie Chappa. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in May 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Communications. I currently work for Associated Bank in Stevens Point in Asset Recovery on foreclosure files. In the summer of 2010, I began taking classes through Lakeland College and am now working on a Masters of Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

One of the things I appreciated the most throughout my five years at UWSP, was having the opportunity to work for the University Centers on campus. I started working at the Information Center at the beginning of my third year. I worked through the DUC renovations when the Information Center relocated to the library and then to 200 Division Street as it combined with the Box Office to become the University Information and Tickets. Not only did I learn to work with the location changes, but also the added tasks and new functions of our positions from the merging offices.

Two months after graduating from UWSP, I found a job as the Store Manager of Vanity in the Stevens Point downtown mall. As the Manager there, I was responsible for interviewing and hiring new staff. My experience as part of the interviewing panel while working at University Information and Tickets during my last year of college made the interviewing and hiring process at Vanity very easy. I had little experience with the clothing retail realm, but I had a very good idea of different things to look at when choosing people to hire for my store.

At work now, I find it easy to dive into a situation that needs fixing and ask the questions that need asking, instead of pushing them off to the side for later. The sooner you deal with a problem, the sooner you can move on to the next task. At University Information and Tickets the goal was to help each person find the answer to their questions as quickly as possible. I became accustomed to looking for information and seeking out help when needed to better serve the students and fulfill my responsibilities. I also learned to listen to constructive criticism and use it to make myself a better employee, coworker and overall better person.

I read a quote on a sticker during one of the training sessions through the University Centers that I stuck on my planner because of how much the quote resonated with me: "For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of peace of mind." College creates a very busy and stressful schedule for most students, but one thing everyone should remember is to have fun! Keep a positive attitude about everything and keep in mind all situations can be looked at from multiple perspectives.



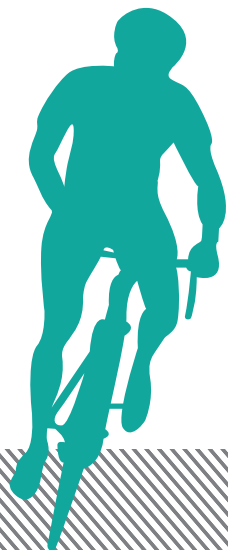
Meeting Recreational Needs on Campus

In recent years the UWSP campus has seen a huge interest in recreational clubs, sports and activities on campus. Ten years ago, there were twelve recreational student organizations recognized on campus, and last academic year that number was at twenty-eight groups. Intramural sports have also expanded from 3,564 participants in 2000 to 9,645 in 2009-2010. Students were even turned down as intramural participants because facility space was not available to accommodate all the students' requests.

With these facts in mind this past year, the UWSP Student Government Association (SGA) and the University Centers (UC) teamed up to create a new department called University Recreational Sports (URS). The newest University Centers' department is based on the model of the former Recreational Advisory Council (RAC) student organization with program funds coming from SGA, and the supervision and facilities provided by the UC. The officers of the student organization RAC became UC student employees and the

student organization "President" is now the "Student Manager". In addition to these new reporting and budgetary changes, a full-time UC staff member, Mike Piekenbrock, was recently hired as the Recreational Activities Coordinator. He will supervise the URS and Outdoor EdVentures departments within the UC. Mike is also charged with building a fun and safe campus recreation program for our students as part of the out of class learning environment the University Centers provides. Look for more exciting developments in the years to come as this program gets a strong foundation under it this year.

Also in the works this past year was a formal review of recreational and fitness facility needs on campus. This study, funded by SGA, will produce a report and formal presentation to the campus this fall. It will then be put to the students to decide if they would like to invest in a building project to address the unmet recreational and fitness needs of our campus.





NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Susan Crotteau

Susan Crotteau has been appointed as the Associate Director of the University Centers. Susan brings to the position a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel Management from UW-Stout and a Master of Science in Management from Cardinal Stritch University, along with 20+ years of experience and wisdom on campus as the Assistant Director of Conference and Reservations Office, Assistant Director of the University Centers and most recently as the Interim Associate Director in the University Centers since February 2011, when Jerry Lineberger retired after 34 years of service. Please congratulate Susan on her new position.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The University Centers has created learning outcomes for each Student Manager position description for the fall 2011 semester. The goal is to eventually have all student employee's position descriptions have learning outcomes attached. Program services is the first department to have outcomes attached to all student employee positions. Way to go!

UC J.O.B.S.

A new test program in the University Centers called "UC J.O.B.S." was designed by our former Student Employee Coordinator, Abby Tollefson, to increase the level of racially diverse students employed by the University Centers. This program achieved an increase from 2.73% of UC employees in the fall 2010 semester to 8% of current employees from racial diverse backgrounds at the end of the spring 2011 semester. How the program accomplished these increases was through better, and more high-tech communications with students who fit the definition.

What's New?

DEPARTING UNIVERSITY CENTERS STAFF

TIM BAUER

Health and Fitness Coordinator

MIKE SKEELS

UC Facility Maintenance Mechanic

JERRY LINEBERGER

Associate Director

NEW UNIVERSITY CENTERS STAFF

MIKE PIEKENBROCK

Recreational Activities Coordinator

ROGER McFARLAND

UC Custodial Lead

TROY BREY

UC Custodian

TERRA THOMPSON

US / TR Office Operations Associate

JESUS MEDINA

US / TR Assistant Manager

DON GRUSECKI

UC Facility Maintenance Specialist Advanced

KEN GRASSO

Health and Fitness Coordinator



NEW ADDITIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY CENTERS WALL OF FAME

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD 35 YEARS

CHRIS SEEFELDT

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JERRY LINEBERGER

UC Administration

October 1976 - June 2011



MIKE SKEELS

UC Maintenance

January 1979 - June 2011





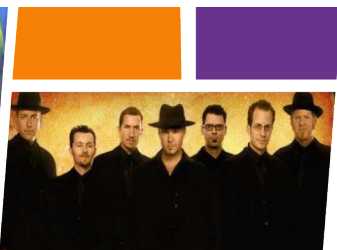
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Thursday, September 22, 2011

DePue Brothers Band

Traditional bluegrass music

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Aszure Barton & Artists

Contemporary dance performance

Monday, November 14, 2011

St. Louis Brass

Brass quintet

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Chapter 6

A cappella singing group

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company

A blend of traditional and contemporary Chinese dance.

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Spencers: Theatre of Illusion

Prepare to be mystified

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Contemporary swing revival music

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 2011-2012



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