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Health Administration Grads A Select Group

Health administrators trained at Governors State University enjoy a distinction reserved for graduates of only two other educational institutions in the United States and Canada.

According to **Dr. Kenneth R. Whittemore**, chairperson for the Division of Health Administration in the College of Health Professions (CHP) at Governors State, the university program recently received a status previously held only by the Medical College of Virginia—a part of the Virginia Commonwealth University system—and by Pennsylvania State University.

Whittemore said Governors State has received both "Type A" and "Type B" membership in the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), the professional organization for health administration schools and educators.

"This means our graduate program is accredited and our undergraduate program has been given 'full' membership in AUPHA," Whittemore explained. "The Virginia and Pennsylvania schools are the only others with this distinction."

At the graduate level, Whittemore said, the University of Chicago and Northwestern University are the only other Illinois institutions to have graduate health administration programs accredited by the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA).

"As of January 1984, a total of 48 universities in the United States and Canada held accreditation," Whittemore said. "We're proud to be one of the 48."

"Many health administration programs say they have accreditation," he continued, "when what they mean is that the university or college itself is accredited—just as Governors State is—by the North Central Association or by some other accrediting agency."

"But they do not have 'programmatic accreditation' for health administration," he added.

Whittemore explained that the ACEHSA accreditation is important because of the op-

portunities it provides to graduates of the health administration program.

"There are many competitive residencies that are open only to students of accredited programs." He explained that positions with the Veterans Administration (VA) fall into this category.

"Our students have won these recently," he said of the VA residencies. "They've been up against people from Tulane University and Yale University, just to mention two."

An additional advantage of accreditation is the right to establish a student chapter of the American College of Hospital Administrators (ACHA). Whittemore noted that the Governors State chapter was chartered on March 1 and received certificate number "006."

"We are the sixth student chapter to be chartered."

He said student involvement in ACHA is important because it allows contact with professionals in the field of health administration.

"This is the student's first step into networking in the system," he explained.

"Even before establishing an ACHA student chapter, Governors State was participating in the organization's activities," Whittemore said. Four of his students engaged in the national "administrative management competition" at the finals which took place at the 26th Congress of the ACHA in 1983. The Governors State team took first place and won the national championship.

"They topped students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and students from Arizona State University, the other two regional winners."

Whittemore said the students were involved in competition on topics of financial management and regulation.

Accreditation also means increased opportunity for financial assistance for students, he noted. He explained that \$20,000 in health administration student aid was awarded to Governors State recipients for the past year.

"Only accredited institutions may participate in the student support entitlement pool," Whittemore said.

"Full membership" in AUPHA at the undergraduate level is not something easily obtained either. Whittemore said 14 institutions had applied for the status but only eight, including Governors State, were accepted.

The Governors State application was so appropriately prepared that Whittemore was asked to present a workshop on the topic of "Baccalaureate Program Membership" at the 1984 AUPHA annual meeting in April.

"Your comments relative to the value of the baccalaureate review process were insightful and well delivered," Whittemore was told by Ann Ward Tourigny of the AUPHA staff.

"The perspectives you shared, in particular the relationship between the faculty's critical examination of the program and the process of team-building among the faculty, were extremely beneficial," she said.

Whittemore has obvious pride in the accomplishments of the Governors State health administration program, a program he describes as "non-traditional."

"As far as I know, we're the only non-traditional program ever to be accredited," he said. He explained that "traditional" health administration programs, such as those at the University of Chicago and at Northwestern, are very selective in accepting enrollees and generally admit only 20 to 25 students per year.

The Governors State policy, on the other hand, is to maintain "a relatively open enrollment," according to Whittemore.

"We will give almost anyone who looks deserving a chance," he said. "More than 80 percent of our students are full-time employees, many working in hospitals, who come evenings as part-time students in our program."

But the fact that more students are admitted
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ted to the Governors State program does not mean that its standards are less than those of the "traditional" programs, Whittemore stressed.

"Each year we graduate about the same number as the traditional schools do. We have a high attrition rate because of the academic rigor of the program."

Whittemore said the average age of the Governors State undergraduate in health administration is 37 and the average age of the graduate student is 36. More than 50 percent of the students are women and more than 25 percent are minorities, he added.

"This is a place where blacks and women can have equal access to careers in health administration," he said.

Whittemore came to Governors State University in September 1979 after working for the American Management Association and for DePaul University. He formally was named chairperson for the health administration program in September 1980.

"Back then we were only a program in a school," he notes. "Now we're a division in a college."

Whittemore is pleased with the development of the health administration program and believes the opportunity for employment is a key to its popularity.

"We now have a full graduate and undergraduate day program." He said all courses for the health administration degrees now are scheduled for both day and evening offerings.

"One of the reasons for our success is the fact that there are jobs available in hospital administration," he said. "More than 94 percent of our graduates are employed."

"This accreditation is a significant achievement for the College of Health Professions," explained CHP Dean John Lowe III.

"The college enrollment has increased 22 percent in the past year and accreditation of several programs is an important factor," Lowe said.

The CHP also houses programs in nursing, social work, alcoholism studies, communication disorders, health professions education, and medical technology.

Creative Drama for Children at GSU this Summer

How would you feel if you were as small as an ant? How can you make an incredible machine just out of yourself? How would you move under water? On the moon? If you were a balloon?

The answer to these and other questions will be explored in an adventure in "Creative Dramatics for Children," grades 1-3. The learning experience is offered this summer at GSU. Weekly meetings will be held on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, July 2 through August 6. Under the direction of GSU students and staff, youngsters will participate in theatre games, exercises, and improvisa-

Honors Students, Class of 1984

For the first time in its history, Governors State University recognized academically superior graduates with baccalaureate degrees at the commencement exercises on June 2-3. Twenty-six persons were designated in the commencement program as having graduated with honors, based on all courses taken at GSU.

Ten earned high honors with a cumulative point average of 3.95-4.0. Sixteen earned honors with a grade point average of 3.80-3.94. Because the program became effective in September, 1983, those graduates who completed the bachelor's degree requirements during the spring/summer trimester of 1983 were not eligible.

Those who were honored are:

High Honors

Bourbonnais—Claire E. Oliver, BOG
 Calumet City—Diretha Triplett, BOG
 Chicago—Michael S. Maling, CE
 Country Club Hills—Danielle Shaw, CE;
 Jacqueline Jean Flynn, CAS
 Manteno—Lawrence V. Posanka, CAS
 Oak Forest—Ellen Norine Gentleman, BPA
 Orland Park—Patricia F. Smith, CE
 Park Forest—Donna Kay Williamson, BPA
 University Park—Barbara E. Sullivan, CAS

Honors

Chebanse—Glen P. Dams, BOG
 Chicago—Samuel G. Curry, BOG;
 Lawrence J. Greichunos, CAS
 Chicago Heights—Kathleen M. Markiewicz, CE
 Crete—Larry J. Clark, BPA
 Flossmoor—Marthann Lebar, BPA
 Glenwood—Lona Jean Dawson, CE
 Grant Park—Colleen K. Johnson, CE
 Harvey—Karen A. Swacker, CE
 Homewood—Barbara R. McLennan, CAS
 Huntington Beach, CA—Janice M. Pfolsgrof, BPA (formerly of Midlothian)
 Kankakee—Mary Jo Koronkowski, CE
 Orland Park—Diane L. Fields, BPA
 Deborah L. Kelly, CE
 Park Forest—Monica Louise Johnson, BOG; Mary Susan Zinkan, CHP



Graduate typifies the spirit of the day as she tosses her mortarboard in the air.

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Send to Betty Kott, Editor, UR.

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tional techniques as they observe the world around them, interact with others, and increase their personal resources. Activities will be geared to the needs of the particular age group, presenting the children with opportunities to develop their imaginations during sessions designed to be entertaining and enjoyable.

There is no fee for the program. It is offered as a community service by the Division of Communication. Places will be filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Enrollment will be limited, so that each participant can receive individual attention and assistance. Interested parents may call Temmie Gilbert, 534-5000, extension 2119 for further information.

Warrick Carter Accepts Post in Boston

A 13-year era will pass on Thursday, June 21, when Warrick Carter, one of the most highly respected jazz educators in America, conducts his final concert at GSU.

The program also will serve as a reunion of former members of GSU jazz ensembles and combos to pay tribute to Carter. He leaves for Boston to become dean of the faculty of the Berklee College of Music. The free public concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Music Recital Hall.

Carter is calling for a rehearsal of his former students on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 19-20, at 7:30 p.m. to brush up on some of the "oldies but goodies" from the early days of jazz at GSU.

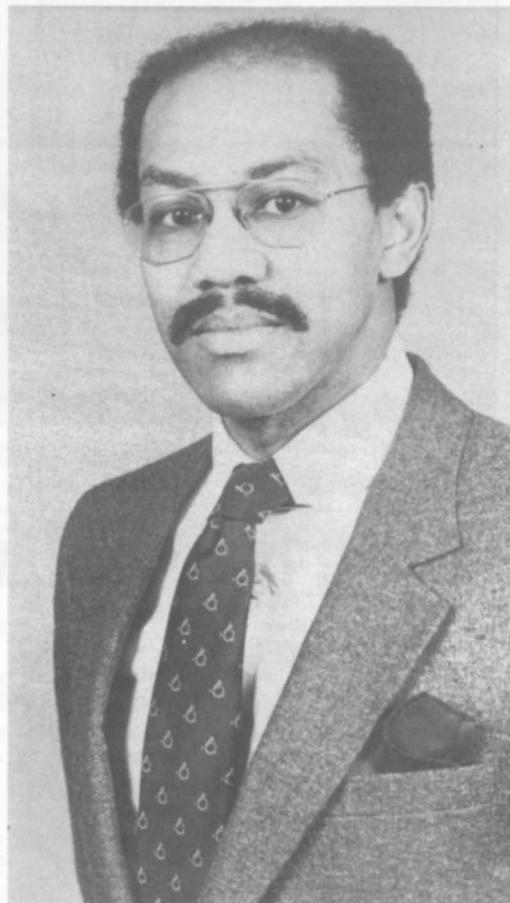
Carter came to Governors State in 1971 as coordinator of fine and performing arts and university professor of music. He established jazz as the primary medium of musical expression at the young school and developed it into a nationally recognized curriculum. He has been chair of the fine and performing arts division since 1979.

The fame of Carter, as a jazz educator, and the GSU Jazz Ensemble, as a topnotch group of student musicians, grew rapidly. A year after joining GSU, he was invited to take his young musicians on a tour of U.S. military bases in Korea, Japan, Guam, the Philippines, Okinawa and Taiwan. The next year, they appeared at the 7th International Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland. In 1976, they made their first excursion to Sao Paulo, Brazil, returning for the second time in 1982.

In the meantime, Carter was composing (he's a member of American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers), lecturing, performing, writing, consulting and, most of all, teaching young musicians to become professional jazz artists and composers.

As a result, in 1983 he was named one of ten "Outstanding Music Educators" in the U.S. by *School Musician*. He ascended through the chairs to the presidency of the National Association of Jazz Educators for 1982-84. He has been a member of the Jazz Panel of the National Endowment for the Arts since 1982 and is co-chair of the Music Policy Panel. He currently is serving on the Artists Division Panel of the Illinois Arts Council. He is listed in a number of prestigious directories of achievers. He has composed under commissions from the Chicago Symphony Association and Chicago Chamber Orchestra and performed with many of the top jazz musicians of the past decade or more.

Through Carter's efforts, many of the top names in the world of jazz have visited the GSU campus to play and conduct seminars. This past year alone has witnessed the appearance of such internationally known performers as Clark Terry, Toshiko Akiyoshi and Wynton Marsalis.



Warrick Carter

John Lowe III New CHP Dean

John Lowe III, director of Governors State University's former School of Health Professions for the past two academic years, has been named dean of the recently renamed College of Health Professions, according to David Curtis, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Lowe's appointment was confirmed at a recent meeting of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, the governing body for GSU.

Lowe is one of the longest-term members of the staff, having been appointed a university professor of communication science in the former College of Human Learning and Development (CHLD) in 1972. He developed the university's communication disorders area, and held various faculty and administrative positions in CHLD and later in the School of Health Professions. He was named chair of the communication disorders division in the reorganization of 1980, and became director of the school in 1982.

As dean, Lowe heads a faculty of 26 full-

time university professors and several part-time lecturers and community professors in four divisions—communication disorders, health and human services, health administration and nursing. There are more than 600 students in both undergraduate and graduate programs. This year, the College of Health Professions graduated more than 131 students with bachelor's or master's degrees, compared with only 105 as recently as 1980.

Of the seven academic majors in the college, health administration, medical technology and nursing have received professional accreditation. The communication disorders major has program approval from the Illinois State Board of Education. Other majors are in social work, alcoholism sciences and health professions education.

Lowe earned the bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and the master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois.

Published

Paul M. Green (CBPA), and Melvin G. Halli have edited a book, *The Making of a Mayor: Chicago 1983* published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., May, 1984.

GSUings

Dixie Butz (CAS), being the featured entertainer at an honor night for the 16th District VFW Auxiliary president at Leon's restaurant, Calumet City, May 29. Dixie is co-chairperson for the August National VFW Auxiliary convention (Chicago) opening program. Her chores include writing, directing and choreographing the 45 minute show. She's also responsible for lyrics and skit at the Illinois state VFW convention in Peoria, June 24.

Michael Purdy (CAS), offering a workshop with Bob Bostrom of the University of Kentucky on "Teaching and Researching Listening," at the International Communication Association in San Francisco, May 24. Also, running a workshop on "Listening," for the South Suburban Hospice group, June 6.

Sydney Drum (CAS), being awarded a Chairman's Grant from the Illinois Arts Council on the basis of her studio work.

Paul Wieg, son of **Ken Wieg** (CE), graduating summa cum laude from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. He was named Tech scholar, and was recipient of the faculty Estwing award and the New Mexico Geological Society award. He has received a fellowship and a tuition scholarship at Duke University where he will continue his graduate work in geology.

John Payne (CAS), with 10 of his sculpture students, exhibiting work at the Art Supply Store and Gallery, Crete. The exhibit runs through June 22.

Linda K. Ziemann (CHP), studying "Transcultural Nursing" at the University of Surrey in Guilford, England during the month of June.

Paul R. O'Brien (CBPA), being a speaker at the conference, "Local Government Finance: Strategies for the Future" at the Hyatt Oakbrook, Oakbrook, Illinois on May 14.

Dave Matteson (CE), presenting on mixed-orientation marriages at the International Conference of Gay Fathers Coalition in New York June 1-3.



"You advertised for a Quality Control man?"

Honorary Degree Nominations Sought

We wish to extend to the entire university community our appreciation for your participation and cooperation in helping the university honor our graduates at our 14th Annual Commencement.

Thank you,
Virginio L. Piucci

Administration and Planning is calling for nominations for the June 1985 Commencement exercises. There are two criteria for awarding honorary degrees:

1. Degrees may be awarded "in recognition of persons who have achieved a record of major distinction at the state or national level...."
2. "...in exceptional cases, candidates may be considered, who...., have made an especially outstanding and significant contribution to the BOG, its universities, or higher education in Illinois..."

Deadline for recommendations is July 1. Nominations should be sent to **Virginio L. Piucci**, Administration and Planning.

Milam Reception

A farewell reception honoring Robert L. Milam is planned for Wednesday, June 27, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Milam leaves soon to assume the position of dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Job Opportunities

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Position: Director of Payroll Operations, Office of Business Affairs.

Responsibilities: Direct and monitor automated payroll programs; supervise, train, and hire staff for the Payroll Office; establish and monitor internal procedures and controls; establish and monitor procedures for transmission of data; establish production schedules; review operating procedures with departmental units; and provide assistance to other administrative units.

Qualifications: B.A. in business related field, ability to communicate effectively, experience with computerized business systems, must manage and supervise a staff of comparable type and size, and skill in interpersonal relationships with a wide variety of individuals.

Salary: Competitive.

Deadline: June 29, 1984. Send resume with list of 4 references to Harold G. Poindexter, Director of Business Affairs, 104 Coble Hall, 801 South Wright Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

Note of Thanks

Robert Leftwich (CHP), wishes to express appreciation to the GSU family for the concern and support shown him during his father's year-long struggle with pancreatic cancer and subsequent death on May 22nd in Colorado.

Holiday Closings

Following is the holiday closing schedule for Academic Year 1984-1985.

Monday, September 3, 1984	Labor Day Holiday*
Thursday, November 22, 1984	Thanksgiving Holiday*
Friday, November 23, 1984	Thanksgiving Holiday*
Saturday, November 24, 1984	Closed#
Sunday, November 25, 1984	Closed#
Monday, December 24, 1984	Christmas Holiday*
Tuesday, December 25, 1984	Christmas Day*
Wednesday, December 26, 1984	Closed#
Thursday, December 27, 1984	Closed#
Friday, December 28, 1984	Closed#
Saturday, December 29, 1984	Closed#
Sunday, December 30, 1984	Closed#
Monday, December 31, 1984	New Year's Holiday*
Tuesday, January 1, 1985	New Year's Day*
Tuesday, January 15, 1985	Martin Luther King's Birthday*
Tuesday, February 12, 1985	Lincoln's Birthday*
Monday, May 27, 1985	Memorial Day*
Thursday, July 4, 1985	Independence Day*

Note: This schedule provides for weekend closings in conjunction with Thanksgiving and between Christmas and New Year's. The university will be open on the other weekends even though there may be a holiday on Friday or Monday.

*Official BOG holiday.

#Energy conservation closing day.

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, July 2
10:30 a.m.-12 noon Creative Dramatics for Children - Temmie Gilbert

Tuesday, July 3
3-4:30 p.m. SAM Meeting, HD*

Wednesday, July 4
Holiday: Independence Day, University closed

Thursday, July 5
100% refund deadline for Block 3

Friday, July 6
50% refund period for Block 3 (total withdrawal for trimester through 6/19)

Saturday, July 7
Withdrawal deadline for Block 1

Last Minute Reminder

Wednesday, June 20
3-4:30 p.m. Treeside Cafe: Moose River Band, HG*

Thursday, June 21
12 noon-2 p.m. Civil Service Senate picnic, Patio (HG)*
6-7 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening for the general community conducted by the Department of Public Safety, HG*
7:30 p.m. Concert: GSU Jazz Band, MRH*

Saturday, June 23
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Leadership Training Program, T. Dascenzo

* (EH) Engbretson Hall (HG) Hall of Governors (HDR) Honors Dining Room (IG) Infinity Gallery (MD) Media Dome (MRH) Music Recital Hall (UAG) University Art Gallery (UT) University Theatre

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