Executive Program Accreditation

Professor Dolores G. Clement, Director, Graduate Programs in Health Administration, on November 26 received a congratulatory letter advising her that the Master of Science in Health Administration Program’s accreditation had been renewed. The letter stated, "Congratulations! This is a major accomplishment for you and all those who play a role in the Master of Science in Health Administration Program. The reaccreditation of the Program demonstrates your commitment to providing quality education in health services administration." (Frederick J. Wenzel, FACMPE, Chair, Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration)

Professor Jan P. Clement and the Executive Program Accreditation Committee worked diligently to collect pertinent information for the visiting accreditation team. The visit, conducted last April, meant having extensive information on all aspects of the Department compiled in four volumes for review by the accreditation team and satisfactorily responding to a battery of random questions from the team. The key to a successful accreditation visit is detailed, well-planned preparations. The Department would like to thank the following people who made this accreditation site visit a success:

The Accreditation Committee
The Committee included Jan P. Clement, Ph.D, who chaired and coordinated the preparations for the accreditation site visit, and faculty members Drs. Charles Breindel, Dolores Clement, Yasar Ozcan, and Lou Rossiter.

A special thanks to our executive program alumni committee members: Robert (Bob) Leek (90) and Susan Shackelford (93). Executive Program alumni and current students attending a site visit session were: Steve Clark (96), Nina Hobcroft (95), Tom Miller (94), Lauren Piskie (97), Eric Silfen (95), Mack Sisson (92), Jennifer Weddle (96), and Steve Zimberg (96).

Others who played a major role were: Dr. Thomas Wain (preparing the faculty and department reports), staff members Suzanne Havasy and Carroll George and student assistants David Falkoner (MHA Class of ‘97) and Kathy Scott (MHA Class of ‘98).

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(January, 1996-December, 1996, a partial listing)

The Department wishes to thank the following alumni and friends for their generosity:

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Program News

Doctoral

Drs. Lih-Wen Mau and Jim Cotter successfully defended their dissertations and received the Ph.D. degree in December, 1996. Lih-Wen works for Bristol-Myers Squibb in Taipei, Taiwan, while Jim is manager of the Quality Assessment and Improvement Program for the Division of General Internal Medicine, VCU.

Masters

Three traditional MHA students have been named to the 1996-1997 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They are: Melissa Spain ('97), Thomas (Tripp) Welch ('97), and Karen Wilson ('98). Congratulations.

Fifty Years Old in 1999

The Department's golden anniversary committee has begun to prepare a variety of activities under the leadership of M. Caroline Martin (MHA '76), William R. Reid (MHA '86), and Richard Kraus (MHA '64). Dick Kraus, the Executive-in-Residence, is coordinating plans for a special history book. This book will compile information about health care and its changes pertaining to all programs in the Department. We are looking for memorable pictures and events from each class. If you have class information or pictures, please contact Dick soon. His telephone number is 804/828-5509 and his e-mail is:

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Your suggestions for publishing a history book are greatly appreciated.

Thomas T.H. Wan, Ph.D.,
Chair
Alumni Updates

Ph.D. Program

Peter Olden ('94) has been teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in health policy and health services marketing at the University of Scranton (PA). Last fall, he was a faculty member for a week-long health care management workshop in Slovakia, sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the American International Health Alliance. Pete also has been speaking and writing about health care delivery issues and organizations.

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Carolyn Anderson ('93) is now with Cigna Health Care of Virginia...Wendy Bass ('94) and Eric Monzon ('95) have left Coastal Doctors Health Plan in Durham, NC and are working for a new HMO/PPO, Pennsylvania Physicians Health Plan in Harrisburg...Peggy Bologna, ('93) on July, 1996 became Vice President, Omni Home Medical, Inc., Kingspoint, TN...Donald S. Broas, FACHE ('65) has become President and CEO, The ExcelCare System, Inc., Bronxville, NY...Robert S. Clauser ('94) is now Group Manager, MSGP for Mary Black Health Systems...Deo Garlock ('86) continues to reside in Research Triangle Park and is Associate Director of Business Integration at Quintiles Transnational Corporation, a highly regarded statistical and pharmaceutical company...Douglas L. Johnson ('85) will be advanced to Fellow at the Convocation Ceremony on March 2, 1997, during the 63rd Congress on Healthcare Management in Chicago, Illinois...Charles H. Keaton ('90) is now President, South Alabama Division of Columbia Healthcare Corporation...Lester L. (Skip) Lamb ('58) Executive Vice President, Carilion Health System, was honored by receiving The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association's Distinguished Service Award at their annual meeting November 7, 1996...Neda S. McGuire ('93) has been appointed Vice-President, MediCorp Health System, Fredericksburg, VA...Stephens Mundy ('89) and his wife recently relocated to Vienna, West Virginia. Stephens has joined St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, West Virginia as its CEO...Mark Pile (MSHA '95) has assumed the position of Senior Vice President, Planning and Operations, Lutheran System, Allentown, PA...Captain William L. Roach, Jr., MSC, USC ('72) recently relinquished command of the Naval Medical Clinic in Quantico, Virginia and has assumed command of the Field Medical Service School in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina...Susan Shackelford (MSHA '93) has been promoted to Administrative Director/Support Services, Bon-Secour Stuart Circle Hospital, Richmond, Virginia. William E. (Bo) Turner, III, Ph.D., FACHE ('83) is Regional Vice President, FHC Health Systems, Nashville, TN and is also an adjunct Professor with Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University.

Retirement

Richard Brooke, Jr. (MHA '65) retired after serving 36 years with Independent Life & Accident Insurance Company, Jacksonville, Florida. When retired he was Vice President of Group Insurance.
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International Scholars
Visiting the Department
Dr. Hwang Gun Ryu is on a one-year sabbatical leave from Koshin University where he holds a faculty appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor of Health Administration. During his visit here, he will work with Professor O'Hallaron and Dr. Wan to develop a strategic plan entitled "Efficient Alternative Long-Term Care Services for the Elderly in Korea." Dr. Ryu was a former student of Dr. Hee Hoe Ahn (MHA '76) in South Korea.
Also, Professor Ivan Gladkij, M.D., Ph.D.; Stanislav Komenda, Ph.D.; and Zdenek Papes, Ph.D., are visiting from Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic. They will be here January 28-February 6, 1997.

Institute Member Updates
James W. Begun spoke at the November, 1996 meeting of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, delivering a paper co-authored with Professor Roice D. Luke, "The Emergence of Complex Organizational Forms in Local Health Care Markets." Jan P. Clement co-authored a new textbook with Bruce P. Neumann and Jean C. Cooper. The book is entitled Financial Management: Concepts and Applications for Health Care Organizations (Fourth edition, 1997). Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. The book includes both payer and provider perspectives on the following topics: financial accounting, financial statement analysis, management of short-term assets and liabilities, capital budgeting and financing decisions, and managerial accounting for health care organizations...Roice Luke and Karen Swisher conducted a site visit in Atlanta, Georgia January 23-24, 1997, for the Institute's National Forum for the Study of Local Health Care Systems and Networks. During the project's site visits, the visiting team (including representatives from the project sponsors) conduct interviews with healthcare executives in the area...Vasar A. Ozcan has been elected president of the Health Care Technical Section, Institute for Operations Research and Management Science (INFORMS). As president-elect he becomes the health applications sessions' program director for Fall, 1997 meeting of the INFORMS society in Dallas, Texas...Kenneth R. White was the keynote speaker at a Virginia Nursing Leadership Conference in Charlottesville, Virginia on November 22, 1996. The topic of his presentation was "Altering Nursing's Dominant Logic." Dr. White also presented "Profession Building in the New Health Care System" at the 29th Annual Lectureship of the School of Nursing on November 17, 1996.

Partners for Progress
In October, 1996, the University kicked off "Partners for Progress," a $125 million fundraising campaign running from 1996-2000. The campaign will financially prepare the University to enter into the 21st century and remain a leader in health care education. The Department of Health Administration will kickoff its $1.6 million fundraising part of "Partners for Progress" this year and conclude with its golden anniversary celebration in 1999. With this campaign, including funds for scholarships, student support/professional development, equipment and program promotion, the Department will establish itself as the nation's best in educating health care executives. You will receive additional information concerning the campaign soon.

Steve Harvey, Director, External Affairs, SAHP

New Projects
Dr. Yasar Ozcan received a grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to investigate the Medicaid mental health managed care implementation in the Tidewater area of Virginia. This grant is a collaborative work among three centers including Sheps Center, University of North Carolina, South-eastern Rural Mental Health Research Center, University of Virginia and the Williamson Institute, Virginia Commonwealth University. The project will run from September 30, 1996 through September 28, 1999.

Dr. Thomas Wan is principal investigator on a Health Systems Management Training project. The project is sponsored through Bristol-Meyers Squibb, Princeton, New Jersey and its second group of sessions begins in March. The first meeting of this distance learning project will be held at the Grant House. Karen Swisher is project manager and the faculty team leaders are: Dolores Clement, Roice Luke, and Lou Rossiter.