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RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES

School of Health Extended Programs

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 25, 1981, AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

SANITARIUM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MERVYN G. HARDINGE

Emeritus Professor of Health Education

Emeritus Dean of the School of Health

Director, Health and Temperance Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Dr. Hardinge graduated from Pacific Union College (B.S. 1939); Loma Linda University (M.D. 1942); Harvard University (M.P.H. 1949, DR.P.H. 1952); and Stanford University (M.A. 1953, PH.D. 1956). His nearly four decades of service at Loma Linda University included teaching and administrative positions. Dr. Hardinge is presently director of the Health and Temperance Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He has served on numerous committees and holds membership in many professional health-related societies and associations. A prolific writer, he has published numerous articles in denominational, scholarly, and medical journals. He is an authority in the field of health sciences and has traveled throughout the United States, Australia, Europe, and the Far East lecturing at spiritual and health retreats, campmeetings, workshops, and seminars. Dr. Hardinge's ardent promotion of healthful living has benefitted not only the church and its institutions but also humanity in general.

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

**JULY TWENTY-FIVE, EIGHT FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK
SANITARIUM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES

July twenty-five, eight forty-five, Sanitarium Seventh-day Adventist Church



ACADEMIC PROCESSION KAREN RUYBALID, organ
SHERILYNNE WILL, School of Health Marshal, leading
Rigaudon . . . *Campra*

INVOCATION BETTY M. BAHR

MUSICAL SELECTION PRISCILLA PORTON
Because He Touched Me . . . *Mieir*

WELCOME W. BRYCE PASCOE
Director of the Stewardship, Temperance, and Health Departments
Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

ADDRESS MERVYN G. HARDINGE
WHAT OF TOMORROW?

*PRESENTATION
OF CANDIDATES* ELMER A. WIDMER
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Health

INVITATION TO SERVICE RONALD M. WISBEY
President, Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

PRAYER OF DEDICATION MICHAEL F. ORTEL

ACADEMIC RECEPTION Psalms 19 . . . *Marcello*

RECEPTION Immediately following in the Cafeteria,
Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, Maryland

Because a color picture of the candidates will be provided,
guests are asked to reserve picture taking
until after the program.

CANDIDATES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Betty Myrtila Bahr B.S. Pacific Union College 1952	Karin Lynn Johnson B.S. California State College 1969
Pierre Paul Buch B.S. Columbia Union College 1960	Richard Gregory Knight B.S. Columbia Union College 1975
Laurel Jeanne Brown B.S. Pacific Union College 1973	Vel Eric Kotter M.TH. Andrews University 1968
Carol Olavia Dickson B.S. Walla Walla College 1971	Kenneth Boyd Lauren M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1972
Gerald L. Finneman B.A. Union College 1971	Geraldine Gatten Lundstrom M.A. University of Maryland 1973
Shirley June Finneman B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1967	Michael Fred Ortel M.DIV. Andrews University 1969
Heather Ann Guttschuss B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1968	Valmae Joyce Read B.S. Columbia Union College 1959
Forrest Lee Howe M.DIV. Andrews University 1974	Susan Benna Sickler B.S. Columbia Union College 1961
Roberta Sue Howe B.A. Columbia Union College 1965	

Degrees will be conferred August 27, 1981, at Loma Linda University,
Loma Linda, California.

Department History and Development

The offcampus degree program was developed in the early 1970s. It was the result of inquiry from professionals within the Seventh-day Adventist organization who desired public health and preventive medicine concepts they could use to enhance their professional services to the public. In the fall of 1973 the School of Health responded with a pilot program in the Canadian province of Alberta. An average of 25 students from the prairie provinces pursued coursework so that 18 students were granted the M.P.H. degree in the fall of 1978.

The success of the offcampus degree program in Alberta gave impetus to beginning a second degree program. In the summer of 1975 the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists cosponsored an offcampus program serving the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. An average of 60 students attended the courses offered, and in the fall of 1979 52 students were granted the M.P.H. degree.

The offcampus degree program continued to develop and grow in numbers of centers and students. Presently the Office of Extended Programs directs 10 teaching centers in the United States and Canada, with approximately 275 students taking coursework toward the M.P.H. degree.

Effective April 1, 1981, the Office of Extended Programs assumed administrative responsibility for the Inter-American offcampus degree program. The M.S.P.H. degree program is presently operating at 4 centers, with approximately 150 students taking coursework.

The School of Health was established by the Seventh-day Adventist church for the purpose of educating people in concepts of true health. The church believes that true health encompasses health of body, mind, and soul. It believes that true education leads to the harmonious development of all these aspects of man, and that all can achieve true health through true education.

Recognizing an obligation to promote an understanding of true health to all, the School of Health seeks to develop a larger and more comprehensive educational outreach program. In keeping with this obligation, the Office of Extended Programs was instituted.

Through the Office of Extended Programs, the true health concepts studied at the School of Health are made available to individuals in cosponsorship with the union or conference level of administration in the Seventh-day Adventist church throughout North America. Because of employment and family responsibilities, these individuals are unable to arrange for time off to pursue full-time academic and professional study programs. However, they still desire health and preventive medicine concepts for the continued enhancement not only of their own health but also for the improvement of health in individuals met in their professional contacts. To accommodate and serve these people, the offcampus M.P.H. degree program continues to be offered.