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Dr. Newell Williams named president of Brite; will arrive on campus June 2

DR. D. NEWELL WILLIAMS, PROFESSOR OF church history at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, has been named the president of Brite Divinity School by the Brite Board of Trustees, effective June 2.

"Dr. Williams is gifted with a combination of skills as a scholar and administrator, and possesses a collegial, inclusive management style that will serve Brite well," said Roy Snodgrass of Austin, chairman of the Brite Board of Trustees, which voted on the appointment Thursday.

Dr. Williams will become the eighth leader of the institution since its incorporation in 1914.

"There is no seminary presidency more appealing to me than that of Brite Divinity School," said Dr. Williams, who is returning to the educational community he served as both associate and assistant dean between 1978 and 1984. "Brite has a gifted faculty and student body, devoted and visionary trustees, a tradition of service to the churches, innovative programs in Hispanic and Asian ministries, developing Ph.D. programs that serve the long-term educational needs of the church, the benefits of affiliation with a strong

university, and a deeply rooted commitment to the Disciples of Christ understanding that hospitality, both to persons and ideas, lies at the heart of the Christian gospel."

Dr. Williams was hired after a six-month, nationwide search. Brite Trustee Larry J. Smith of Houston chaired the 12-member search committee.

Prior to his current teaching position at CTS, Dr. Williams served as its vice president and dean from 1992-1998, and was an associate professor of modern and American church history there, beginning in 1984. He was a member of the board of directors of the Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 1995 to 1997.

A 1971 graduate of the University of Tulsa, Dr. Williams received his M.A. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1975 and his Ph.D. degree there in 1979.

Dr. Williams and his wife, Susan McDougal (also an ordained Disciples of Christ minister), have three school-aged children. ♦

Former Rise School to become independent, named KinderFrogs School

THE TCU SCHOOL OF EDUCATION laboratory preschool for children with Down syndrome, founded in August 2000 as the Rise School at TCU, will now operate as an independent preschool called KinderFrogs School. The program, the only one of its kind in Tarrant County, currently serves 20 students, ages 2 to 5.

Dr. Sam Deltz, dean of the TCU School of Education, announced the new name last week to donors and parents. The announcement also included a surprise gift of \$25,000 to KinderFrogs School by TCU students Ryan Foley and Brian Casebolt on behalf of a nonprofit organization founded by members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. The organization seeks to involve the entire TCU community in raising money for the school by participating in a relay race from Fort Worth to Houston. In addition, another gift arrived in support of the school in the amount of \$25,000 from the W.B. and Ellen Gordon Stuart Trust.

Sharon Hodges, one of the program's current teachers, has been appointed interim director of the school. ♦

Peggy Watson appointed director of Honors Program

PROVOST **WILLIAM KOEHLER** announced last week that **Dr. Peggy Watson**, associate professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies, is the new director of the University's Honors Program, effective June 2, 2003. She succeeds **Dr. Kathryne McDorman**, who served as the Honors Program director for nine years.

As director, Peggy will be responsible for the overall direction of the program, including recruiting and advising honor students, facilitating the Fogelson Honors Forum and Honors Week, and coordinating national undergraduate and graduate honors scholarships.

"We are pleased that Dr. Watson has accepted the appointment as director of TCU's Honors Program," said Dr. Koehler. "She is a seasoned scholar who has served the University in a variety of capacities, including as a guest lecturer

EVENTS

Today - May 9

Design, merchandising and textiles senior interior design exhibition, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 6 - 8 p.m. Friday, Student Center. Call ext. 7499.

May 7

KinoMonda World Film Series, *8 (Italy)*, 7 p.m., Sid Richardson LH 1. Call ext. 7292.

May 8

Neeley Exec. Speaker Series speaker Dr. James I. Cash, Harvard business professor, 7 a.m., \$15 per person includes breakfast. Call ext. 7122 for reservations.

May 10

Spring Commencement, 2 p.m., Fort Worth Convention Center. Chancellor's reception, 10 a.m. - noon, Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center. Call ext. 7808.

for our Honors Program."

Peggy has been a faculty member of the Spanish and Latin American Studies department since 1995. In addition to her teaching role, she has been active in the TCU community, serving as the 2002-03 chair of the Faculty Senate, mentoring undergraduate minority students through the Ronald E. McNair program, and playing an active role in shaping TCU's new undergraduate core curriculum. ♦

Cantrell named Erma and Ralph Lowe Chair of Texas History

GREGG CANTRELL, PROFESSOR OF history at the University of North Texas, has been named the first Erma and Ralph Lowe Chair of Texas History. The endowed position, created in October by a \$1.5 million gift from local businesswoman Mary Ralph Lowe in honor of her parents, is the first of its kind at any Texas college or university.

Cantrell will join the TCU faculty in August 2003.

"I was thrilled that this endowed chair position was established," said Cantrell. "It sends a clear signal that the field of Texas history should be valued as highly as other fields of history."

Cantrell received bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration and a doctorate degree in history from Texas A&M University. During stints at the University of North Texas, Hardin-Simmons University, Sam Houston State University and Texas A&M, he has taught courses in

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Texas history, Texas revolutionary era, Civil War and reconstruction, the Old South, western history and U.S. history.

One of his recent publications, *Stephen F. Austin, Empresario of Texas* (Yale University Press, 1999) won 10 awards and was the first major biography of Austin written since 1925. Cantrell, after more than a decade of research, also uncovered details about John B. Rayner, the illegitimate son of a North Carolina Congressman who became the pre-eminent black leader of the Populist Party in Texas during the 1890s. He also wrote two books about Rayner, *Feeding the Wolf: John B. Rayner* (University of Illinois Press, 1993) and *Politics of Race and Kenneth and John B. Rayner and the Limits of Southern Dissent* (Harlin Davidson Press, 2001). ♦

AddRan College names new members to BOV

ADDRAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES and Social Sciences has named six new members to its board of visitors. The group, which serves in an advisory capacity to the dean, was created last September.

The new members are: William W. Harrell, senior vice president of the Rogers Companies and a TCU alum; Betty Lynn Georges, Fort Worth educator and TCU alum; Judge Terri Livingston, 2nd Court of Appeals for the State of Texas; Dr. Jack McCallum, local neurosurgeon and a TCU alum; **Phil Record**, former *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* ombudsman and current professional-in-residence in the

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TCU journalism department; and Dr. Gleniece Robinson, director of the Fort Worth Library. ♦

Don Jackson selected as 2003 Piper Professor

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR **DON JACKSON** has been selected by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation as a 2003 Piper Professor. The Foundation established the Piper Professor Program in 1958 to "bring recognition to outstanding achievement in the teaching profession in colleges and universities in the State of Texas," according to the Piper Foundation's 40th Anniversary Report.

Nominations from all accredited institutions of higher learning in Texas are submitted annually and reviewed by a selection committee comprised of members of the academic community.

The Piper Foundation gives 15 awards each year, and each recipient receives a check for \$5,000, a certificate recognizing selection and a gold pin commemorating the event. **Chancellor Michael Ferrari** will present Don with his award. He is the sixth TCU professor to receive this prestigious recognition.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation was organized in 1950 with donations from Randall Gordan Piper and his wife, Minnie Stevens Piper, to support education and the general welfare of the State of Texas. ♦

TCU alum and Harvard prof James Cash here this week

DR. JAMES I. CASH, FORMER CHAIRMAN of the Harvard MBA Program and TCU trustee from 1988-1996, will discuss the future of corporate governance at 7 a.m. Thursday at the Kelly Center. His appearance is part of the Neeley School's Charles Tandy Executive Speaker Series.

Cash has served as a board member for 10 U.S. public companies and will draw on these experiences to project possible changes in corporate governance. Cash has a B.S. degree in mathematics from TCU, a master's in computer science from the Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences at Purdue and a Ph.D. in management information systems (MIS) from Purdue's Krannert Graduate School of Management.

As a faculty member at Harvard Business School since 1976, he has taught in the MBA Program, Program for Management, Program for Global Leadership, and Advanced Management Program. The event is \$15 per person and includes breakfast. For more information or to make reservations, contact **Linda Smith** at ext. 7122 or visit the Neeley School's Web site at www.neeley.tcu.edu, and click on the news and events bar. ♦

Editor's Note: Beginning today, *TCU This Week* will be published every other week throughout the summer. We will return to a weekly format on Aug. 18.

KUDOS

Roby V. Key (associate vice chancellor, advancement) was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International during a luncheon April 11.

Linda Hughes (English) was featured on National Public Radio's *Weekend Edition* April 27, hosted by Jacki Lyden, as part of the National Poetry Month observance. She read Alfred, Lord Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade" (based on a Crimean War battle), and commented on its historical context and meaning.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 2000 Nissan Xterra, loaded, 64K mi., clean, like new, \$13,750. Call 817-244-1404.

FOR LEASE: 2/2 duplex plus garage, 1,500 sq. ft. within walking distance of campus, new paint, hardwood floors, enclosed porch, \$1250/mo. (1st & last months). Available between June 1 and July 1 to non-smokers only/two tenant maximum. Call 817-921-3446.

FOR SALE: Greek flokati wool rug (9x12), had one year, perfect condition, \$600. Call 817-731-1633.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of April 30. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Archivist - Library
Accompanist/Ballet/Temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance
Assistant Director of Marketing - Athletics
Assistant Director Athletics Media Relations - Athletics
Director - Development Information Services
Academic Advisor - TRIO Programs
Assistant Director - Executive MBA Program
Assistant Director - Center for Professional Communication
Media Relations Intern - Athletics
Data Control Specialist - ID Card Center
Administrative Assistant - Nurse Anesthesia
Security Guard - TCU Police
EMC Center Operator - Physical Plant
Horticultural Assistant - Physical Plant
Electrician - Physical Plant-effective 6/1/03
Equipment Operator - Physical Plant-effective 6/1/03
HVAC Technician - Physical Plant-effective 6/1/03
HVAC Tech (Fire Sprinkler) - Physical Plant-effective 6/1/03
Groundskeeper Helper - Temporary - Physical Plant
Painter's Helper - Temporary - Physical Plant
Electrician's Helper - Temporary - Physical Plant
HVAC/Boiler Helpers - Temporary - Physical Plant
Warehouse Assistant - Temporary - Physical Plant
CAD Technician Assistant - Temporary - Physical Plant
Night Service Assistant Supervisor - Student Center
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Residential Housekeeping
Service Assistant-50% - Facility Services

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak in physical plant: By now, you should have applied a turf fertilizer to your lawn. Use one that has at least 50 percent slow-release nitrogen, and a ratio of 3-1-2.