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The University of Toledo Board of Directors today (Sept. 1) established the position of Dean of Student Services and appointed Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to fill the position.

In his new position, Dr. Thompson will coordinate the activities of more than a dozen offices dealing with student services. These include; deans of men and women; directors of housing, placement, financial aid, student activities and student union; veteran's affairs, international students, University Health Service, chaplains, and Interfraternity and PanHellenic councils.

Dr. William S. Carlson, TU president, said the new office will serve to coordinate work which now is being done in several unrelated offices on the campus. Growth of student services, he said, required such a move. Dr. Carlson pointed out that three major offices -- Dean of Men, Director of Housing and Director of Financial Aids -- all have been created in the past two years.

"This appointment will help to organize more effectively the growing volume of student services at the University," said Donald S. Parks, dean of students. Dean Parks said he had recommended establishment of such a position for several years as the need for student services grew in number and volume.

Dr. Thompson's appointment is effective today (Thursday), but he expects to continue his work in the arts college until registration for the fall semester has been completed.

Commenting on Dr. Thompson's new position, Dr. Jerome W. Kloucek, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said: " It is obvious to me that his work in the College of Arts and Sciences merits this promotion."

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A native of the British West Indies, Dr. Thompson attended elementary and secondary school in Jamaica. He received the B.S. degree with honors from Morgan State College (Baltimore, Md.), and the Ph.D. degree in physical and inorganic chemistry from Wayne State University. He has done postdoctoral work on a fellowship at Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Thompson joined the TU faculty in 1958 as an assistant professor of chemistry. He was named associate professor in 1962, and assistant dean of the arts college in 1964, the same year in which he was selected to receive TU's "Outstanding Teacher" award.

He has taught chemistry at the Wolmers Boys School (Jamaica), served as director of physical education at Cornwall College (Jamaica), and has worked as a chemist for the Sugar Manufacturers Assn. (Jamaica).

He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association of University Professors, Sigma Xi, Phi Lambda Upsilon and Phi Kappa Phi. He has served as chairman of the Toledo section, American Chemical Society, as president of the Northwestern Ohio Chemistry Teachers Assn., and as a visiting scientist for the Ohio Academy of Science.

Dr. Thompson also serves as faculty adviser for Alpha Phi Alpha, social fraternity, and was elected a faculty member of Blue Key, men's honor fraternity. He has served on the Student Activities Committee, Convocations Committee and the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. He has been president of the TU faculty club and he helped organize and was coach for two years of TU's soccer team.

Dr. Thompson is married to the former Naomi Sims. They have two children -- a boy and a girl -- and live at 2507 Cheltenham Rd., Toledo.