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The appointment of Donald C. Powell of Greenwich, Conn., senior vice president of Champion International Corp., Stamford, Conn., as dean of the UT College of Business Administration was approved today (June 27) by the UT Board of Trustees. The appointment is effective Sept. 5. Champion is one of the "Fortune 100" forest products companies.

"I am delighted to have a dean with the corporate background presented by Mr. Powell. With his assistance we will join hands with the industrial/business community and move to a new plateau of mutually beneficial interaction. We hope to exploit the laboratory around us and we expect the business firms to use us. I am most anxious to have Mr. Powell on board. This is a very exciting appointment," President Glen R. Driscoll said.

Mr. Powell, 52, joined the forest products company in 1959, and during his 25-year career has compiled extensive management experience, including 10 years in Brazil as chief executive officer and financial vice president of Champion's pulp and paper subsidiary near Campinas, Brazil.

Since 1974 he has been senior vice president, working primarily in corporate planning and human resources. A major recent assignment has been development of a long-term organizational effort. He also developed and implemented company-wide strategic planning, and was senior adviser and coordinator in a major acquisition. Mr. Powell also was senior officer responsible for personnel development, labor relations, compensation, and benefits. He also is experienced in public affairs, materials, and safety and environmental affairs.

He was the first president of Champion's corporate Timberlands division, serving in 1972-73, and was responsible for cost-effective fibre procurement, forest management, and supply strategies.

Mr. Powell was chief financial officer of Champion's Brazilian subsidiary from 1961 to 1968, and chief executive officer from 1968 to 1971. He directed its major plant expansion, introduced new product lines, and implemented innovative budgets and controls.

Mr. Powell was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and also lived in Peru and Brazil during his childhood and teen years. He speaks Spanish and Portuguese. His late father Gerard Powell, originally from Nelsonville, O., was financial vice president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Brazilian subsidiary, and his late mother, Eleanor Wernert Powell, was a Toledo native.

Mr. Powell moved to the United States in 1950 to attend college, and was graduated in 1954 from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in commerce. In 1959 he was graduated with distinction from Harvard Business School with a master of business administration degree.

Mr. Powell is a member of the University of Illinois Business Advisory Council, University of Connecticut Business School Board of Visitors, Columbia Business School Management of Organizations Committee, American Assembly Collegiate Schools of Business Management Panel, American Industrial Health Council Board of Directors, and chairman of the Cancer Task Force, and the Brazil-U.S. Business Council. He also is president of Stamford Museum and Nature Center. His hobby is tennis.

"The University of Toledo is an attractive school because it's integrated into the city and is a part of the community," Mr. Powell said. "This deanship will be a new challenge and a new career for me, and I'm looking forward to working with the UT faculty."

Mr. Powell's wife, Helen, is an Australian born in Argentina, and is interested in volunteer work. She was assistant director of volunteers for Norwalk Hospital, Norwalk, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have two children: Douglas, 25, a graduate student in architecture at the University of Texas, Austin, and Jennifer Powell Runyeon, 24, of Nashville, Tenn.