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SCRANTON--Sherman F. Wooden has been appointed director of student activities at the University of Scranton. The Susquehanna County native will assume the administrative post Aug. 27.

His primary responsibilities are providing a challenging campus community life through various programs and activities; guiding student organizations, including the various student classes, Student Government and the Student Life Board; and teaching leadership, management and interpersonal skills to students.

"We were looking for a seasoned administrator with a diverse background in higher education, and were very fortunate to find a professional of Sherman Wooden's caliber," said James T. Bryan, Ed.D., the University's vice president for student affairs.

From 1976 to 1989, Wooden was dean of academic affairs at Berean Institute in Philadelphia. He directed the academic program and was responsible for curriculum development, faculty selection and evaluation, planning, budgeting and the development of community resources.

Previously he was a higher education associate for the Pennsylvania Department of Education; chief of special projects for the United Planning Organization, Inc., which covered Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland; career development and training coordinator for the Washington, D.C. Head Start Program; and personnel specialist for the District of Columbia Board of Education.

Most recently he served as director of the Act 101 Program at Johnson Technical Institute.

He is a board member of the Pennsylvania Association of Two-Year Colleges, the advisory committee of the Susquehanna County Vo-Tech School, and the advisory board of the vocational council of Keystone Junior College; and is a former board member of the National Head Start Directors Association and the YMCA of Philadelphia.

Wooden earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Howard University. He is a Ph.D. candidate at The Catholic University of America.

A graduate of Elk Lake High School, he resides in Montrose with his wife, Reina, and their three children.