

INSTRUCTION CHIEF

Burke College Selects Dean

Dr. Gordon C. Blank, a native of Baltimore who is currently assistant professor at Indiana State College, has been appointed dean of instruction for the Western Piedmont Community College.

His selection for one of the key positions in the comprehensive community college soon to be built in Burke County was announced today by Dr. Herbert F. Stallworth, president.

Dr. Blank will move here from Terre Haute, Indiana, early in February to take up his duties, assisting in the planning phase of the college while supervising the establishment of instructional programs in the institution.

Dr. Blank, who holds a doctor of education degree from Indiana University at Bloomington,

has had an outstanding record in the field of education, President Stallworth said.

In western Piedmont, the dean of instruction will supervise the work of the director of academic programs, director of technical and vocational programs, director of general adult programs, extension director, director of evening programs, director of learning center and head librarian, director of instruction staff services.

The dean of instruction will cooperate on a continuing basis with the dean of administrative services and the dean of student personnel, the president explained.

Dr. Blank has been widely recognized in the field of audio-visual communications, in which he received his doctor's degree.

He received his master of education degree from the University of Miami and his bachelor of science degree in science and mathematics education.

Born in Baltimore February 28, 1932, he began his career in education as a teacher in Pimlico Junior High School in Baltimore, teaching accelerated programs in grades seven, eight and nine.

He spent a year as a teacher in the American Dependents School at the SAC Base at Milldenhall, England, where he taught science, social science, physical education and coached, and also taught adult evening course in American government.

While pursuing graduate studies, Dr. Blank served as instructor and program university at Indiana University, teaching graduate and undergraduate audio-visual courses and in serving as audio-visual consultant to the school of education.

In 1962 he left Indiana University to join the faculty of Indiana State College where Dean William E. Engbretson said he "has done outstanding work," adding "he is one of the most capable young men in the field of educational technology that it has been my privilege to know." He held the position of assistant professor of education and psychology.

Dr. Blank is married to Mrs. Joan L. Blank, a former high school speech and English teacher.

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er who holds a master's degree. They have two sons, ages 6 and two.

Dr. Blank served for 12 years in the U.S. Navy, being discharged in 1954 with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

He has written extensively for publication. Among his recent professional articles were: "The Growing Edge — Education Technology," for the Teach College Journal; "Beware the Instant Teacher," for the magazine Audio-Visual Instruction; "O Mice and Men—Inside the Technocratic Anthill" for Educational Screen and Audio-Visual Guide.

He has been serving as editor of the Audio-Visual Newsletter, published by audio-visual instruction directors of Indiana. He has been guest lecturer at various seminars and courses and has been serving as secretary of the College Department of Education and Psychology.