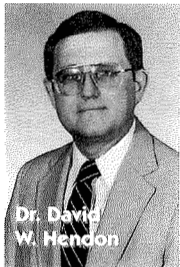


New Chairs, Faculty Named

Hendon is BIC director; three chairs appointed

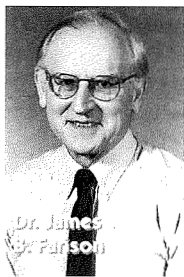
Baylor University begins the 1998-99 academic year with 51 new faculty members and several current professors in new leadership roles.



Dr. David W. Hendon, professor of history and director of graduate studies in the history department, is the new director of the Baylor Interdisciplinary

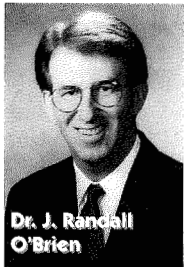
Core (BIC), succeeding Dr. Randy Todd, who accepted a position at Samford University. A native of Atlanta and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vanderbilt University, Dr. Hendon earned his master's degree and doctorate from Emory University. He joined the Baylor faculty in 1977.

Dr. James B. Farison, an authority in bioengineering and electrical engineering and computer science, is the new chair of the Department of



Engineering in the School of Engineering and Computer Science. Dr. Farison earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and his master's degree and doctorate from Stanford University. He has taught at the University of Toledo since 1969, where he served as dean of the College of Engineering from 1971 to 1980 and, most recently, as professor of

bioengineering and electrical engineering and computer science. He also has been an adjunct professor of radiology at the Medical College of Ohio.



In the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. J. Randall O'Brien, professor of religion, has been appointed acting chair of the Department of Religion. Dr.

Glenn O. Hilburn retired as chair of the department on Aug. 15, but continues his teaching duties. A graduate of Mississippi College, Dr. O'Brien received his master of sacred theology degree from Yale University and his master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He joined the Baylor faculty in 1991.

Dr. R. Alden Smith, associate professor of classics, has been appointed acting chair of the Department of Classics. Dr. Smith is a graduate of



Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. He received his master's degree from the University of Vermont and his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the Baylor faculty in 1994.

A religion chair search committee has been appointed, and a committee to search for a permanent chair of the classics department will be named soon.—BN