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Physics professor installed as fifth principal of Canterbury College

Gordon Drake, professor in the University of Windsor physics department, was formally installed as the fifth principal of Canterbury College in a ceremony Monday.



Gordon Drake

Canterbury College, an Anglican college, is one of three denominational colleges affiliated with the University of Windsor. It offers courses in Christian studies, ministry and languages; conducts Anglican chaplaincy services, and hosts student residences.

Dr. Drake first came to the University of Windsor in 1969, and has been an active member of the physics department. He has served as head of the department and three terms as president of the Windsor University Faculty Association. Among his other distinctions, he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

He says that one of the primary missions of Canterbury College is to be the off-campus residence of choice for students at the University of Windsor, especially international exchange students.

Drake also has a keen interest in the current debate over the apparent conflicts between science and religion, and finding ways to resolve them. He points out that many of the great universities of the world, including the University of Windsor, grew out of theological institutions, and that connection continues to play an important role in the life of universities.

"The mission of Canterbury College, and the other affiliated colleges, is to continue working with the University of Windsor to provide an academic environment that is greater than the sum of its parts," Drake says.

Yesterday's installation ceremony was attended by Right Rev. Robert F. Bennett, Anglican bishop of the Huron diocese; UWindsor president Alan Wildeman; Rev. Paul Rennick, principal of the Roman Catholic Assumption University; and Rev. BoJeong Kim, principal of the United Church's Iona College