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Williams named provost

by Mosheh Oinounou
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In order to ensure proper oversight with an increasing number of off-campus commitments, University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg tapped top medical administrator Dr. John "Skip" Williams as University provost earlier this month.

The first provost in 14 years, Williams will oversee the offices of communication and governmental, international and corporate affairs as well as handles daily administrative duties during Trachtenberg's absences.



Dr. John Williams

Williams will retain his title as vice president of health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Trachtenberg cut the provost position after he came to the University in the late '80s, who said he felt a provost was needed again.

"I will be on the road a little more, and the provost acts as an insurance policy," he said, noting that he estimates he could be away from the University for almost a third of the academic year.

Trachtenberg, who regularly goes on fundraising trips and was recently named to chair the D.C. Chamber of Commerce, added that having Williams as provost will ensure the University can run properly in case of an emergency while Trachtenberg is out of town.

"If I had been out of the city on September 11, we would have needed someone to communicate to students," he said. In the absence of a provost, Trachtenberg said Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Don Lehman has historically handled administrative duties.

While Trachtenberg pegged Williams to fill the role in September, Faculty Senate concerns over the extent of Williams' authority required Trachtenberg to curtail his duties to oversight of the two offices.

The initial plan would have given Williams authority over the Law School while the other schools would still report to Lehman. Faculty Senate members were concerned that the plan would split the academic departments.

"The primary issue was that all the schools should report to one person ... this is how universities function," Faculty Senate Chair Lilien Robinson said.

Trachtenberg turned in a revised proposal cutting out the Law School in November and Robinson said the senate has been assured that all academic deans would continue to report to

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Andrew Snow/photo editor

At least 100,000 anti-war demonstrators listen to speakers on a stage in front of the Capitol Saturday.

Peace marchers flock to District

■ Activists protest potential war in Iraq

by Michael Barnett and Zach Ahmad
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GW students braved the bitter cold and joined about 100,000 protesters as they marched through D.C. streets Saturday, part of a worldwide demonstration against a possible war in Iraq.

Protesters congregated on the National Mall and urged the Bush administration to sue for a peaceful solution in Iraq. Police

were present throughout three days of largely peaceful demonstrations. Metropolitan Police arrested 16 protesters Sunday.

The Saturday march also commemorated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose legacy of peaceful demonstrating was a rallying cry for the protesters.

Demonstrators said they felt the need to bring a student perspective to the march.

"I think what we're doing is really important," junior Hannah Clark said. "People are getting together on their own campuses and then coming down here to Washington to

protest."

Among the speakers at the rally were the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton, actress Jessica Lange, Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.) and Ron Kovic, a Vietnam veteran whose life was the basis for the Oliver Stone film *Born on the Fourth of July*.

Students said they were hopeful that a strong voice of opposition would rise from college campuses as the prospect of war inches closer.

"We've heard criticism that (the campus anti-war movement) is not growing fast enough, but this war hasn't even

started yet," sophomore Mischa Sogut said. "This movement is proactive, not reactive. If a war does start, it's only going to get bigger."

Jackson accused the Bush administration of abstaining from its responsibilities to negotiate peace between the Israelis and Palestinians. He invoked the memory of Dr. King and urged the crowd to use civil disobedience if necessary. Jackson concluded with chanting, "negotiation over confrontation."

"Students are key to spreading the message of peace,"

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Magazine dubs prof most beautiful

by Kristie Schumacher
Hatchet Reporter

When anthropology professor Richard Grinker returned from a trip to South Africa over the summer, the last message he expected to receive was from Washingtonian magazine.

A 40-year-old expert on Northeast Congo, Grinker was told he would be featured as one of Washingtonian's "25 Most Beautiful People in D.C."

"I was not going to do the article until I saw that the (other people featured) were all ordinary people," Grinker said. "Since the average reader of the magazine is 50 years old, I thought I would escape."

The article was published in

the December issue of the magazine, which hit newsstands around Thanksgiving.

Washingtonian magazine came up with the idea for the spread in response to People magazine's failure to include any Washingtonians in its annual "50 Most Beautiful People" feature and a Travel & Leisure magazine article which claimed D.C. residents are the ugliest of 14 major cities.

"This whole thing has been embarrassing," Grinker said. "I was teased by a lot of people, including other GW faculty. I never thought of myself as beautiful, but I guess I am not bad looking."

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Leanne Lee/Hatchet staff photographer

Washingtonian magazine recently named Professor Richard Grinker as one of the "25 Most Beautiful People in D.C."

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