TSU Graduate Horace Young to Lead Santa Fe University Art & Design Music Department

Horace Alexander Young, a jazz musician and former educator at Texas Southern University, has joined Santa Fe University of Art and Design (SFUAD) as chair of the university’s Contemporary Music Department.

Young holds a Bachelor of Music degree from TSU. His teaching roles were first as visiting associate professor of Jazz Studies and later as interim director of Jazz Studies. He conducted the award-winning Jazz Experience Big Band and served as the musical director of the Joe Sample Jazz Orchestra.

“Welcoming Horace Alexander Young to lead the Contemporary Music Department is a great evolution of our program, which began almost 20 years ago,” said Debra Terval, interim provost at SFUAD. “Horace brings his wealth of live concert, touring and educational expertise to this new role, and we are confident that these professional experiences will influence and inspire SFUAD music students.”

In addition to performing and recording with artists all over the world, Young authored the book Improvising Jazz Flute and has bylined articles in journals such as Flute Talk, American Music Teacher, Flute Focus and Gig Magazine. In 1993, Young was invited to conduct the National Symphony of South Africa for a televised concert to honor the South African–born Abdullah Ibrahim (formerly known as “Dollar Brand”). In so doing, Young became the first African American to conduct an orchestra in that country.

Clyde E. Duncan, Jr. Returns to Harvard University

Clyde E. Duncan, Jr., Ph.D., visiting assistant professor in the School of Communication, travels to Cambridge, Massachusetts to once again serve as Public Address Announcer for the Ivy League Intramural Indoor Track and Field Championships hosted by Harvard University. The “elite eight” institutions, Harvard University, Yale University, Princeton University, Dartmouth University, Brown University, Cornell University, Columbia University, and the University of Pennsylvania will compete in conference competition Saturday and Sunday, February 28th and March 2nd.

Duncan, Jr. is widely recognized as the official voice of the TSU Relays…providing insight and excitement to the fifth largest track and field meet in the country since 1999. Duncan, Jr. has also served as the P.A. Announcer for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Big-12 Conference Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships, SWAC Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Conference-USA Cross Country/Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Southland Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, AAU Indoor National Track and Field Championships, Southwest Preparatory Conference Track and Field Championships, the University of Houston, Rice University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A&M University, Sam Houston State University, the Awty International School, TAPPS Regional Track and Field Championships, UIL High School Regional Track and Field Championships and several High School and Youth track and field competitions.

The National African American Read-in Features Top Literary Works

In observance of Black History Month, the Department of English and the Robert J. Terry Library will present the National African American Read-in Friday, February 20, from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the first floor Exhibit Room of the library. Hosted by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English and organized by English Chair Dr. Emily Williams and Library Director Norma Bean, the National African American Read-in showcases various works of distinguished African American publishers, writers, poets and novelists. Faculty, staff, students, and friends of the university are invited to participate by selecting a piece to be read with enthusiasm and commitment. This event is free and open to the entire community. For more information, contact Barbara Ritcheson at 713-313-7844 or Dr. Obidike Kamau 713-313-7121.

School of Public Affairs Professor Appointed to Lead Research Project

Administration of Justice professor Dr. Anita Kalunta-Crump has been invited by the Inter-American Development Bank to serve as a consultant. She will lead and direct a team of international scholars/experts on a research project on race, ethnicity and citizen security in Latin American countries Brazil and Colombia, and one Caribbean country Trinidad/Tobago.

The consultancy is for a period of one year with the opportunity to extend the project additional years.

TSU Education and Curriculum Grad To Lead Health Museum as President & CEO

Dr. Melanie Johnson, who received the Doctorate of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Texas Southern University has been named president and chief executive officer of the Health Museum. The announcement was made by Karen Tellepsen, Museum Board Chair.

“We are pleased to have Dr. Johnson in this leadership role,” said Tellepsen. “She is well-respected within the museum and science center community and is a nationally recognized museum education innovator by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). The Health Museum has experienced notable growth and is poised for even bigger successes.”

Dr. Johnson adds, “I am so honored to be selected to lead this outstanding organization. The museum’s mission of health, medicine and the human body has become so relevant in recent years, I look forward to engaging visitors in unique ways to make the Health Museum an innovator in informal health education and a leader in the science center industry.”

A native of Alabama, Dr. Johnson began her career in education at Houston area schools ranging from early childhood to higher education.

TSU News

The deadline to submit news or information for TSU E-News is Thursday’s at noon for the following week’s edition. Submissions may be sent to calliskl@tsu.edu or pickensek@tsu.edu.

For any questions or comments, call Eva Pickens at 713-313-4205.

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Governor Abbott stresses education

Governor Greg Abbott stressed the importance of education in his State of the State address February 17. Abbott wants to continue to make strides in graduating and educating minority students. He noted that the Irving ISD has the number one advanced placement program in the country. Abbott added that he has allocated $500,000,000 to his budget proposal to elevate Texas’ universities national research standing with the rest of the country. He wishes to attract national researchers and noble laureates to campuses across Texas. In addition, Abbott stressed the importance of making college more affordable and accessible to all Texans.

Tigers get overtime win over Jackson State 71-70

Malcolm Riley scored 19 points and 15 rebounds as Texas Southern came from behind to beat Jackson State 71-70 in overtime on Monday night.

Riley connected on a three point jumper with 1:22 left in the extra period to give Texas Southern a 69-68 lead. JSU answered with a layup to go out front 70-69 with 31 seconds remaining.

TSU’s Madarious Gibbs missed a layup but Jason Carter came away with the rebound and was fouled. Carter left the game with an injured elbow. Chris Thomas was selected to shoot the free throws and he made both to help TSU claim the win.

David Blanks had 16 points and Gibbs added 15 for Texas Southern. Gibbs also made two free throws with eight seconds left in regulation to send the contest into overtime.

Lady Tigers win eleventh straight game defeating JSU on the road

The Lady Tigers of Texas Southern defeated the Lady Tigers of Jackson State 54-46 Monday night at the Lee Williams AAC. Briana Sidney led the way for TSU by scoring 12 points. She also added five rebounds and four steals. Kianna Vines recorded her first double-double with 11 points and 11 boards.

There was back and forth action the entire first half with the score tied three times. The biggest lead was by five points for either team. Going into the second half down by 4, Texas Southern quickly turned things around by scoring the first four points to tie the game. With 2:24 remaining Texas Southern took its biggest lead of the entire game, 48-38. Jackson State fought to get back in the game, cutting the lead to five, but it wasn’t enough as the Lady Tigers sealed the win.

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TSU continues its Black History Month
February Calendar with the following events:

15  TSU Choir and Jazz Ensemble Performance  
   Lilly Grove Baptist Church, 7034 Tierwester Street, Houston, TX 77021, 11:00 a.m.

18  TSU Confucius Institute Presents: 2015 New Years  
   Celebration  
   In front of Student Center / 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Live Entertainment / Food / Prizes  
   TSU Choir and Jazz Ensemble Performance  
   Brentwood Baptist Church, 13033 Landmark Houston, TX 77045 / 7:00 p.m.

Black Texans Selma and the Voting Rights Act of 1965  
Featuring Dr. Merline Pitre and Dr. Franklin Jones / Public Affairs Bldg. room 114  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

19  TSU Theatre Presents: Top Dog/Under Dog  
   TSU Ollington Smith Playhouse next to Sawyer Auditorium, Playing thru the 22nd, 8:00 p.m. / February 22 at 4:00 p.m.

20  The National African American Read-in Hosted by the  
   Black Caucus of NCTE  
   Robert J. Terry Library Exhibit Room, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

22  TSU Choir and Jazz Ensemble Performance  
   Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, 4027 Irvington Boulevard, Houston, TX 77009 / 9:00 a.m.

24  14th Annual Barbara Jordan Memorial Lecture  
   "The Pursuit of Excellence in the Forensic Arts'  
   Lecturer: Previn Jones, former member of TSU Debate Team / Rod Paige Education Bldg. Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. / Free and Open to the Public / A Concert of Art Music By Composers of the African Diaspora, Rhinehart Auditorium, 1:00 p.m. Featuring TSU Students, Works for Piano, Voice and Chamber Instruments  
   TSU Sport Management Lecture Panel Remembering our Past: Oral Stories of African American Sport History  
   Rod Paige Education Building Auditorium, 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

26  Dedication and Naming of Almeda Post Office to George  
   "Mickey" Leland  
   4110 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX, 11:30 a.m.

27  Dan Breen “Our Future” Speaker Series  
   Keynote Speaker: Mr. Milton Carroll / Location TBA, 12:00 p.m.  
   Houston Go Texan Day at TSU  
   Photo Shoot at High Noon on Sawyer Auditorium Plaza Dress in Your Best Western Attire  
   Department of History and Geography Presents: Keeping It Real  
   Sister Scholars Discuss the Psychological Impact of Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality on Black Women’s Mental Health School of Public Affairs, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

28  Department of History and Geography Presents: Keeping It Real  
   Film Screening and Discussion: The New Black: LGBT Rights and African American Communities / School of Public Affairs, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.