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Dr. Martin R. Houston is named Dean, Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health

Dr. Martin R. Houston has been chosen to replace Dr. Charles E. Kupchella as Dean of the Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health.

Dr. Houston has been a member of WKU's biology faculty for 23 years and says his administrative philosophy "has and will be that educating students must be our primary concern. An outstanding faculty must be maintained, and the end result will be the recognition of Ogden College and Western Kentucky University as centers of educational achievement in teaching, research/scholarly activity and service."

Western's new dean says his personal experience moving through the ranks from assistant professor to full professor during his first 15 years at WKU will strengthen his ability to fulfill the obligations of the dean's office, and his knowledge of the faculty and administrative procedures will help him make decisions in favor of the college "during a time of change in higher education at both the national and state levels," he says.

"I believe that the dean of the college must, under the current economic atmosphere in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, be more of a "stay-at-home" one, meaning that the college must be represented continuously at the local and state levels," says Dr. Houston, adding:

"Administrators must remember that their role is to assist students, faculty and other administrators."

"A dean must place the welfare and reputation of the college and university above his/her aspirations, must be fair, honest, willing to make necessary decisions, and to obtain the needed resources for college programs to achieve and maintain national recognition.

"Administrators must remember that their role is to assist students, faculty and other administrators. They must lead by example and must remember that their position is a temporary one," WKU's President, Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, said, "Dr. Houston certainly is familiar with Western and our direction, and he has the talent to ensure our success in Ogden."

Martin Houston began his career at Western in 1970, teaching cell biology. He's degreed from Memphis State University with a B.S. in biology and chemistry and a master's degree in microbiology. He received his Ph.D. in 1970 in biochemistry and biology from Vanderbilt University where he was an N.D.E.A. graduate fellow in biology.

He conducted microbiology and enzymologic research as a postdoctoral fellow funded by the National Science Foundation at Arizona State University from 1969-1970.

He was a research scholar at Vanderbilt University's Medical School's Center in Toxicology from 1977-78 and served as a University Administrative Intern at WKU during the 1985-86 school year.

In 1987 he was appointed Associate Dean of the Ogden College.

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Dr. Martin R. Houston, Ogden College Dean

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During the 1992-93 school year he served as Interim Head of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and in 1993 Dr. Houston was named Interim Dean of Ogden College following Charles Kupchella's appointment as Provost of Southeast Missouri State University.

During his tenure at Western, Dr. Houston has authored numerous publications in his field as well as directed research through external grants.

He has served on many university committees, including chairs of department head search committees.

A priority, he says, which underscores his dedication to putting education of students first, will be finding ways to fund needed instructional equipment for the college.

Western Kentucky University Opera Theater Presents

A Double Bill of
One Act Operas

Friday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center Recital Hall

Free Admission

Signor Deluso
by Thomas Pasatieri, with libretto by the composer after Moliere's "Sganarelle."

Trouble In Tahiti
by Leonard Bernstein, with libretto by the composer.

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Exxon grant to help teachers make ‘new connections’

WKU has been awarded a grant from the Exxon Education Foundation to help the Department of Mathematics prepare future teachers for teaching under the Kentucky Education Reform Act.

The $39,500 grant is for “New Connections—Partnerships Between Mathematics Faculty and K-8 Teachers.” It will enable WKU mathematics faculty and kindergarten-eighth grade mathematics teachers to visit each other’s classrooms to better understand what future K-8 teachers need to be taught while at WKU.

“With the changes brought about by KERA, this grant will help our faculty to better understand what we need to be teaching our students who are preparing to be K-8 mathematics teachers,” said Dr. Wanda Weidemann, professor of mathematics.

Dr. Weidemann or Mary Barr Humphrey, also a member of the math department faculty, are co-directing the project.

Dr. Gary Karner, a compliance representative from the National Collegiate Athletic Association, was on campus last month to brief members of WKU’s institutional self-study steering committee on the athletics certification process. The steering committee will review WKU’s athletic program this spring and will issue the self-study report next fall. The campus visit by the peer review team is scheduled during the spring of 1995. Dr. James Heck, Executive Assistant to the President, chairs the steering committee.

Every $1 invested in Kentucky higher education yields the state $3.40 in return. That figure represents an amazing return of 340 percent, but it’s only the tip of the economic iceberg that Kentucky’s universities provide to the state.

A better-educated work force and outstanding university research facilities will attract scores of blue-chip companies to the Bluegrass. The ripple effect of new businesses coming to our state is increased jobs, higher earnings and an overall better quality of life—even for Kentuckians who never went to college.

If Kentucky and its citizens are to continue succeeding in the 21st century, it’s critical we maintain the economic momentum created by our colleges and universities. Don’t let Kentucky’s economic engine run out of fuel. Support higher education: an investment in Kentucky’s future.
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
Dr. Jim Wayne Miller presented a paper on humor at the Appalachian Symposium Nov. 13 at Berea College. He was keynote speaker Nov. 16 at the Western Virginia State Reading Council and Nov. 20 he was a participant in the 12th annual Kentucky Book Fair in Frankfort.

Business Administration

ACCOUNTING
Dr. Nace Magner presented Municipal Officials' Reactions to Justice in Budgetary Resource

Science, Technology and Health

NURSING
Michele Salisbury presented Health Behaviors of Pregnant Adolescents Nov. 30 at the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Convention in Indianapolis.

Student Affairs

PUBLIC SAFETY
Sgt. Terry Moore, a WKU police officer, has received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Apprehension of Impaired Drivers. Moore made the most arrests in apprehending drunk drivers of any university police officer in Kentucky last year.

The award was presented by the Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police.

Valerie C. Brown

The Kentucky Credit Union League has awarded Valerie C. Brown, President/CEO of Service One Credit Union, the 1993 Frank Moore Outstanding Professional Award, annually presented to a credit union leader who most embraces the credit union movement with dedication and support. Brown has been CEO for 13 years and has been active in various state and national credit union organizations.

Exhibit features young artists' best

Arts, humanities, and social sciences are on exhibit through Feb. 13 in the Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts.

The Scholastic Art Exhibition includes ceramics, computer graphics, design, drawing, fiber art, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

In conjunction with the exhibition a closing reception will be held Sunday, Feb. 13 from 1 until 2 p.m. central time, and an awards ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. that day in Room 235, Grise Hall.

A panel of art professionals selected the approximately 150 pieces in the show from about 800 pieces submitted.

Winning entries will be eligible for a national competition to be held in New York City.

The South Central Kentucky Regional Exhibition is sponsored by Beaver Dam Deposit Bank Foundation, the Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce, The Capitol Arts Center, Dollar General Stores, First American, Greenview Hospital, The Medical Center, National City Bank, Rivendell Hospital, South Central Bank, Glasgow, Trans Financial Bank and WKU.

The gallery is located on the second floor of the Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts and regular hours are weekdays: 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., and by appointment weekends. All exhibits are free.
$sharing & $saving the taxpayers dollars

Through a cooperative effort, Western Kentucky University and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have given a federal program a new twist: they’re enhancing services to veterans while shaving instead of costing the taxpayers dollars.

And it’s the brainchild of a 1973 graduate who heads the Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Division in the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Louisville.

“With military downsizing, we have gone from 850 disabled veterans receiving rehabilitation training in the state to serving more than 1,500, and we have a smaller staff than we had two years ago,” said Leonard Mullins, Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Division of the Louisville office. Mullins had the idea that if some cases could be handled by cooperating institutions in the state, some of the load of his staff could be lightened.

WKU’s Counseling Services Center has a been able to help. Disabled veterans receiving help from Veterans’ Affairs’ Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Division are getting face-to-face counseling regarding appropriate job training or academic programs that may suit their needs.

“WKU has been doing excellent work; the veterans I’ve spoken with are delighted to have someone close by to work with them,” Mullins said.

Dale Smith, a Ph.D. candidate in Social Work at the University of Alabama and staff counselor in WKU’s Counseling Center, is currently helping 43 veterans find out where it is they need to be in school and what programs to pursue.

Smith, an Owensboro native, provides personal counseling and individualized assistance, depending on their special needs. He follows his clients’ academic progress throughout the duration of their programs, ensuring that all coursework attempted is consistent with the provisions of their individualized written rehabilitation plan.

Smith also evaluates and assists in placement of disabled veterans, whether it be at Western or some other program. Smith meets with veterans who live in the area and administers evaluations to help them determine what vocational direction they may want to take, whether they’re pursuing a four-year bachelor’s degree program, vocational-technical training, or other vocational endeavors.

How the program saves money is in utilizing WKU’s services instead of having the VA regional office in Louisville send counselors to this area.

‘The program has been mutually beneficial... a very good relationship has developed between VA and Western’s Counseling Center staff.’

-Dr. Richard Greer

Ray Hill, a counseling psychologist with the Louisville office who travels this area, says the arrangement with Western is the first of its kind under the Veterans Administration Vocational-Rehabilitation Program, and since its inception July 1, has been “very successful. Results have been totally positive.

“It happened at Western because there was looking for ways for VA staff to devote more time to direct client services and reduce travel expenses. Through this cooperative agreement, the disabled veteran receives professional counseling services and immediate access to campus and community resources,” said Hill.

Dr. Richard Greer directs WKU’s Counseling Services Center.

“The program has been mutually beneficial in that VA provides us with personnel resources and we provide VA with assessment and counseling services,” Dr. Greer said, adding:

“As a result, a very good personal and professional relationship has developed between the VA staff and Western’s Counseling Center Staff.”

Hill says the Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to look for ways to save dollars and at the same time enhance services.

Mullins and Hill both say since Western’s program is so successful, they are looking into approaching other institutions which might also be able to help.
**Coming soon...**

**FAMILY WELLNESS DAY AT WKU**

Wellness is a “family affair.” The first annual Family Wellness Day will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center. Come for a fun-packed day of fitness activities for adults and kids. There will be clinics, demonstrations, activities, refreshments and door prizes — and it’s FREE. You do not have to be a Preston Center member to participate, so don’t miss it. Watch for details coming shortly.

**Positive Lifestyle classes**

**Basic Fitness Clinic I, II**

Learn the basics for developing a personal fitness program. One instructional class plus two hours on your own each wk.

- **Dates:** Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 7 (4 weeks)
- **Time/Place:** 12:00-1:00 p.m., Preston Ctr., $5/person fee

**NO BUTTS! Smoking Cessation Program**

A program to help you quit the smoking habit for good!

- **Dates:** Feb. 16, M-Th 21-24 + M, W, Feb. 28, Mar. 2, and 7, 9
- **Time/Place:** 4:40-5:45 p.m., TBA, $25 fee (refundable)

**Weight Training Orientation Classes**

A brief orientation session to strength training equipment in the Preston Center - for beginners and experienced lifters!

- **Dates:** Jan. 19 // Feb. 23 // Mar. 23 // Apr. 20
- **Time/Place:** 12:00-12:30 p.m., Preston Center

Call 745-6531 to pre-register or for more information.

**WELLNESS CENTER NOTES**

**Wellness Profiles: People You Know**

Can simple lifestyle changes really lead to dramatic improvements in health? It’s easy not to be a believer...until you meet someone like James Conovar.

In 1989, Mr. Conovar, at age 42, was already at high risk for heart disease. He had a cholesterol level of 269 mg/dl, a high-fat diet, was overweight, had high stress, and a sedentary lifestyle. By age 45, his cholesterol was up to 301 mg/dl and triglycerides level, at 660 mg/dl (both levels in the high risk range.) At their peak, in April, 1993 his levels had reached an alarming 380 mg/dl for cholesterol and 750 mg/dl for triglycerides.

We met Mr. Conovar at the faculty/staff Health Screening '93. After April '93, he decided he’d better get serious about making some lifestyle changes - or think about dying early. With the help of his wife, Susan (Student Financial Aid office), **within six months** Mr. Conovar brought his cholesterol down to 223 mg/dl and triglycerides, to 234 mg/dl.

Mr. Conovar himself will tell you he did not believe lifestyle changes could make such a big difference in his health status. He now believes. His principal strategies were eating a very low-fat diet and exercising daily, at least an hour a day. These methods also contributed to weight loss and less stress.

Don't miss 'Hand Me Down' Exhibit!

The Kentucky Museum continues 1993's celebration of the creative work of the hand with "Hand Me Down: A Photographic Celebration of Traditional Craft," a Morehead State University Folk Art Center exhibition, which opened Jan. 16 in the museum's Harry L. Jackson Gallery.

The photographs by John Flavell feature seven Kentucky folk artists: Emma Everman, a tatter; Homer Ledford, a musical instrument maker; Leroy Lewis, a chairmaker; J. P. and Anna-Denee Fraley and Libby Snowden, all musicians; and Charlie Messer, who, before his death in 1992, made ox-yokes and tool handles.

In the introductory panel, the exhibit's researcher Susan Scheiberg writes, "Having been inspired by, or learned directly from, their family, friends, and neighbors, each person's work invokes the skills, judgments, and artistry of those who came before them."

"Yet," she continues, "each piece of lace, each dulcimer, ox-box, musical interlude and chair says something unique about the person who created it....This is the hallmark of traditional craft: there exists a harmony between the invocation of the past and the celebration of the present of the self; between tradition and creativity."

"Hand Me Down" will be exhibited through March 16.

Some healthy 'First Steps'

First Steps, Kentucky's Early Intervention System Regional Resource and Assistance Center, assists parents and professionals ensure that children ages birth through two years with disabilities receive appropriate early intervention services.

WKU's center is located in Room 322 of Tate Page Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The philosophy of the center revolves around the belief that all children deserve the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. Services the center offers include:

- assistance in locating appropriate services and resources for infants/toddlers with disabilities;
- assistance for infant/toddler programs already in place and aiding in establishing new programs;
- a resource "library" where materials related to infants/toddlers with disabilities are available for short-term loan and — in-service trainings to help both parents and professionals ensure that quality services are being provided to infants/toddlers with disabilities.

If you want more information about the center, call Janet Fugate, Program Consultant, or Rebecca Earls, Parent Consultant, on campus at 3711.

**The Faculty Development Committee**

The Faculty Development Committee will meet the second Friday each month to consider applications for funding. Applications must be received in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by the last Friday of each month, dates varying to accommodate holidays.

For application materials and guidelines, contact either your college dean’s office or the Office of Academic Affairs, 2296.

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**Glasgow? Call 5096.**

**WKU Owensboro? Call 5095.**

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This column prepared by Wellness Center Staff.
‘Sno classes!
Chris Morrow, a junior from Bowling Green, left, Cindy Davis, a senior from Hendersonville, Tenn., center, and Scott Panella, a sophomore from Hudson, Ohio, had a class in snow appreciation when weather shut down the campus week before last.

Meet Lou Anne Beckham, your Coordinator of Special Events
Lou Anne Beckham, former Executive Director of the Opelika, Ala. Chamber of Commerce, has been named coordinator of special events in the Office of University Relations at Western Kentucky University.

She previously served as assistant director of alumni affairs for the Auburn University Alumni Association and as director of community relations for the Tuscaloosa County, Ala. Park and Recreation Authority.

As coordinator of special events, Beckham is responsible for maintaining the University’s master event calendar, coordinating the scheduling of University special events and assisting University departments with event planning. She will also serve as a liaison between the University and community organizations and agencies in the scheduling of events.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work at Western,” Beckham said. “The Office of University Relations has done a super job in working with University and community events and I plan to continue this tradition.”

Beckham replaces Gene Crume who was named director of Alumni Affairs.

WKU has a new mailing address. All University mail should be addressed to the appropriate individual and campus department, Western Kentucky University, 1 Big Red Way, Bowling Green, KY 42101-3576.
Addresses should not include individual building names or room numbers.
Big Red Way, formerly Center St., runs from 15th St. to University Blvd.

With Hearts and Hands
Few things are made by hand in today’s post-industrial age. The Kentucky Museum’s Exhibit “Hand Me Down” examines seven traditional folk artists and their efforts to preserve the handmade. In this unique exhibit, meet chair makers, dulcimer makers, song writers and others through the camera’s lens.

The Kentucky Museum
The best-kept secret in Kentucky—
Discover it for yourself!
Coming Up

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7:30 p.m. Lady Topper Basketball at New Orleans. 4298.

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7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Honors Day program. Contact Carol Calamaio, 2081.
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Ag Day, Ag Expo Center. 843-3542.
7:30 p.m. - Lady Topper Basketball vs Texas PanAmerican. E.A. Diddle Arena. 4298.

A note about Leadership for the '90s:
The Jan. 20 Leadership for the '90s session has been rescheduled for June 16, 1994, according to Dr. James Heck, Executive Assistant to the President. The next regular session will be held on schedule (weather permitting), Dr. Heck says, on Thursday, Feb. 17. Mark your calendar!

3:15 p.m. - Faculty Senate Meeting, Garrett Conference Center Ballroom.

7:30 p.m. - Lone Star Championship Rodeo. L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. Through Feb. 13. Tomorrow, 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. WKU Ticket Office has tickets, 5222. All seats Thursday, $7; All other performances, Adults $7 in advance, $8 at the door; Children under 12, $6 in advance; $7 at the door. Preston Fowlkes Rodeo Productions. 1-915-799-2345.

3 p.m. - Super Saturday Seminars, Tate Page Auditorium. Contact: Sue Porter, 6323.

7 p.m. - Hilltopper Basketball vs. Jacksonvile, E.A. Diddle Arena. 4298.

8 p.m. - Lone Star Championship Rodeo, Ag Expo Center. 5222.

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1 p.m. Reception for participants in the Scholastic Art Exhibition. Gallery, Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts. See next entry.

2:30 p.m. - Scholastic Art Exhibition Awards Ceremony, Grise Hall Auditorium. See story, page 4.

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8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Southern KY Market Hog Show. L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. 2497.
8 p.m. - Valentine Pops, Van Meter Auditorium. Tickets, $15/adults, $7/students.

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8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Southern KY Market Hog Show. Ag Expo Center. 2497.
7 p.m. - Hilltopper Basketball vs Kansas State, E.A. Diddle Arena. 4298.
8 p.m., through Feb. 20, "MacBeth," presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance, Russell H Miller Theater. 3121.

Next On Campus
Wednesday, Feb. 16
Deadline: Monday, Feb. 7
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