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Former U.S. President Dedicates University of Houston Center for Public Policy

Former President Gerald Ford recently honored the University of Houston by officially dedicating the UH Central Campus Center for Public Policy, a two-year-old organizational center dedicated to the dissemination of public policy information and research related to public issues that operates under the umbrella of the College of Social Sciences.

Presenting a plaque to UH System President, Dr. Charles Bishop, Ford called the UH center "vital" and its role important in "the continuing search for knowledge about important local and national policy issues."

The former President was the keynote speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the Forum Club, a Houston-based organization that provides a forum for discussion of public issues by bringing together business leaders, academicians and public service officials with those involved in the public policy decision-making process.

The luncheon was the climax of a workshop for discussion of a five-year study conducted by the American Enterprise Institute, a public policy research organization located in Washington, D.C., that looked at ways to involve the private sector in solving social problems, as the federal government continues to decrease social spending programs. The workshop was co-sponsored by AEI and the Center for Public Policy.

Established in 1980, the UH center has engaged in a number of community service activities, including: sponsoring conferences such as "The Media and Social Responsibility," which brought former CBS head Fred Friendly together with local media representatives, public officials and scholars for debate on media responsibilities and "Developing Energy Resources of Latin American," co-sponsored by The World Bank, which focuses on discussion of financing economic development in Latin America; holding mini-conferences that provide a forum for local business leaders and public officials to discuss policy issues relevant to local business operations; operating seminars for community and business leaders to help them better understand the public process and its implications; sponsoring Congressional Internships for minority students; facilitating public policy research by assisting UH scholars in securing funding; and conducting the only public polling service in Texas.



John E. Kolb

Kolb Named Chairman Of Regents Committee

John E. Kolb, chairman of the University of Houston Board of Regents, was recently elected chairman of the Committee of Governing Boards of Texas State Universities.

Kolb, who assumed the new position on September 1, replaces Leonard Rauch, a UH regent who served as chairman of the committee since May of 1981.

Formed in the early 1950s, the committee seeks to promote the interests of higher education generally and to achieve unification of effort among the boards of state universities in Texas. Membership on the committee is restricted to regents of Texas state universities.

Kolb, an attorney and partner in the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins, was appointed to the Board of Regents at the University of Houston in 1981 by Governor William P. Clements.

An active UH alumnus, Kolb has served as past president and past director of the UH Law Alumni Association and was a member of the dean search committee for the law school. In 1980, he was named the UH Law Association's Outstanding Alumnus, and he has served as president of the UH Law Alumni Foundation.

Kolb's professional activities include membership on the boards of directors of Superior Oil, the Western Company of North America, Oil and Gas Investment Managers, Ltd., Taywood Energy Services, Inc., and Oil and Gas Investment Finance.



Former President Gerald Ford presents a plaque to UH President Charles E. Bishop dedicating the University of Houston Center for Public Policy.

UH Regents Committee Approves Degree Plans

The Academic Affairs Committee of the University of Houston Board of Regents recently approved master's degree plans for the College of Law and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts at the UH Central Campus.

The degree plans for a Master of Law program and two new Master of Music programs must now be approved by the full board at its September 20 meeting before being submitted to the Coordinating Board, Texas State College and University System for final approval.

Dean Robert L. Knauss of the UH Law Center said that law graduates would use the LL.M. to specialize in areas where the Law Center has exceptional curriculum strength, particularly in the areas of energy and natural resources law, international economic law, and taxation.

Dean Knauss anticipates an enrollment of 10 full-time U.S. law graduates, 30 part-time U.S. law graduates, and 10 foreign graduates in the program. Similar programs are currently in existence in 45 law schools throughout the country.

The two new music degree programs are designed to provide options for performers who do not wish to pursue solo careers or public school teaching.

According to Dr. Michael Williams, associate professor of music and director of graduate studies in the School of Music, the proposed Master of Music in Accompanying and Chamber Music (Piano) will provide specific coursework on methods of collaborating with other musicians and singers.

Pointing out that opportunities for solo performances for pianists are limited, Dr. Williams stated that the new degree offers greater diversity of training in both solo and collaborative performance.

The other proposed music degree plan, the Master of Music in Performance and Pedagogy, is designed for private music teachers and will initially focus on piano and strings.

Dr. Williams said the program would include specialized courses in methods of individualized teaching and additional work in the student's chosen instrument.

Spanish Government Honors Two UH Professors

Two University of Houston Central Campus professors have been recognized by the Spanish government recently for their academic achievements and for their contributions toward strengthening the ties between the United States and Spain.

Dr. Walter Rubin, professor of Spanish, was presented the prestigious Officers Cross of the Order of Isabel the Catholic Queen and a citation from His Majesty, Juan Carlos, King of Spain.

Dr. Juan Oro, professor of biochemistry and biophysical sciences, was awarded a medal for scientific achievement from the government of the Spanish province of Catalonia.

The Officers Cross of the Order of Isabel the Catholic Queen was granted to Dr. Rubin in recognition of his academic achievements, humanistic contributions, and continuous dedication to diffusing knowledge of Spanish culture, literature, and language.

Additionally, Dr. Rubin was recently appointed an Academico (academician) of the Real Academia de Bellas Artes' y Ciencias Historicas, a respected Spanish institution of higher education that is located in the historic city of Toledo, Spain.

Dr. Oro, who was presented with an award for scientific achievement from the Catalanian government during May in Barcelona, has also been named by the Spanish government as a member of an international awards selection committee. The committee, a group of internationally recognized scientists, is charged with selecting the recipient of the Prince of Asturias Prize given for scientific and technological research to scientists from Spain and Hispano-American countries.

Summer School Enrollment Increases in Second Term

Enrollment for the second summer term for the University of Houston System increased by 11 percent over last year's figure for the same period.

The largest increase, 26 percent, was reported by the University of Houston Victoria Campus, which recorded a headcount of 354 students.

The UH Downtown College registered 1,601 students for an increase of 13 percent. The UH Central Campus showed a 10 percent increase with a figure of 7,419.

The total enrollment for the three campuses which report enrollment for the second summer term is 9,374.

The UH at Clear Lake City combines its three, six, and nine weeks terms into a single figure reported under the first summer term. This year, the campus' summer enrollment was 3,723 students, an increase of more than 13 percent over 1981's total.

The figures by campus are as follows:

	Summer II 1981 Headcount	Summer II 1982 Headcount	Percentage Difference
UH Central Campus	6,720	7,419	+ 10.4%
UH Downtown College	1,414	1,601	+ 13.2%
UH Victoria Campus	281	354	+ 26.0%
UH System Total	8,415	9,374	+ 11.4%

*All summer enrollment figures for the University of Houston at Clear Lake City are reported during Summer I.

Institute Improves Location

In an effort to improve administrative and instructional services, the University of Houston West Houston Institute has moved to a more spacious facility.

This off-campus institute, operated by the UH Central Campus, is now located at 16360 Park 10 Place, Suite 101, of the NUS Building, a project of Dalton/Lightfoot Interests, Inc.

The building's location, near the main entrance of Park 10 at the intersection of Park 10 Boulevard and Park 10 Place, offers direct access to Interstate 10 near the State Highway 6 exit, a central position in West Houston.

The facility, with a spacious, lighted parking lot, will now be able to house both administrative and instructional services in one location. Grouped around the central atrium will be large classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, seminar and reading rooms, a student lounge and faculty offices.

The additional space will also facilitate proposed expansion of course offerings at the West Houston location, according to Institute Director Lois Phillips. The institute, created at the request of community leaders in West Houston to provide UH services and instructional opportunities to students living some distance from the UH Central Campus, has previously offered credit courses taught by UH faculty from a variety of disciplines.

Students who prefer to attend classes at the West Houston location will eventually be able to choose from individual courses for intellectual enrichment, personal growth and career development, as well as special degree programs, certification courses and a wide variety of non-credit adult education classes.

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Connie Wallace, UHCC assistant vice chancellor and associate dean of students, will serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees for the Mortar Board Foundation.

Dr. Jerry Rosner, UHCC professor of optometry, recently published a new book, *Pediatric Optometry*, through Butterworth Publishing Company.

UHCC Program Combines Business and Language Study

As part of an overall program in professionally-oriented foreign language education at the UH Central Campus, the German department is offering, for the first time, a course to acquaint business students with the German language and German business administration.

The three-hour course, "Business Administration in German-Speaking Countries," addresses language, culture, and professional practices in such business areas as marketing, accounting, management, and finance.

The new course expands the range of opportunities open to students who wish to combine language study with preparation in a professional field. Currently, Houston Opera Studio students can study professionally-oriented German, French, and Italian courses, and hotel and restaurant management students can take advantage of a program involving intensive instruction in German or French. French students are then eligible to continue their training during internships in French hotels or restaurants.

The new business course is designed to give students an edge over other job applicants with the more than 50 firms in Houston from German-speaking countries. Houston is also one of the few American cities with a German-American Chamber of Commerce.

Following the course, students who qualify linguistically and professionally can participate in a summer practicum in Europe in their chosen specialty. The practicum will help the students solidify both their linguistic ability and their cultural knowledge.

Chemistry Professor Receives National Research Award

Dr. Thomas Albright, UH Central Campus assistant professor of chemistry, is one of 88 young scientists in the United States to receive a two-year, \$25,000 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship.

This award is the second consecutive Sloan Research Fellowship awarded to a UH Central Campus chemistry department faculty member. The fellowship, which extends from September 1982 through September 1984, is also the second research stipend awarded to Dr. Albright. Currently, he is a Camille and Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation initiated the Sloan Research Fellowship program in 1955 to fund basic research of promising young scientists starting academic and research careers in chemistry, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, and physics. The stipend is designed to permit the greatest possible flexibility and freedom for the researchers.

Dr. Albright's research interests include organometallic chemistry and catalysis, which draws from areas of organic, inorganic, and physical chemistry. His research involves synthesizing new compounds as well as predicting and testing the properties of the synthesized compounds.

A graduate of North Dakota State University with a B.S. degree in chemistry, the new Sloan Fellow also holds a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from the University of Delaware and was a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell University before joining the University of Houston Central Campus faculty in 1977.

Fitzgerald Named UHCC Vice Chancellor

Dr. Peter H. Fitzgerald, formerly associate vice president of administration for planning and budget at the University of Kentucky, became vice chancellor of administration at the University of Houston Central Campus on September 1. His appointment is subject to the approval of the UH System Board of Regents at the September meeting.

Dr. Fitzgerald replaces Dr. Robert W. Lawless, who left the university on July 1 to become vice president of Southwest Airlines.

As vice chancellor of administration, Dr. Fitzgerald will be responsible for coordinating the planning and budgeting functions of the campus. He will supervise the academic and administrative computing operations, institutional studies, management data systems, personnel department, and the physical plant.

Dr. Robert H. Walker, interim chancellor of the UH Central Campus, announced Dr. Fitzgerald's appointment stating that he was the top candidate among the approximately 100 nominations and applications received for the position.

"I am delighted that Dr. Fitzgerald has accepted our invitation. He has the educational background and the professional expertise, developed at the University of Kentucky and the University of Maine, that make him ideally suited to provide the administrative leadership required for our programs," commented Dr. Walker.

Dr. Fitzgerald joined the University of Kentucky in 1976 as director of the Office of Policy and Operations Analysis. Prior to that time, he served in numerous positions at the University of Maine at Orono.

The new vice chancellor holds an A.B. degree in history from Manhattan College, and an M.A. degree in English from the University of Maine at Orono, and a Ph.D. degree in organizational and administrative studies in higher education at Stanford.

New Chairman Selected For UHVC Business Division

Dr. Arthur Palmer, assistant professor of marketing at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, has been named chairman of the division of business administration at the University of Houston Victoria Campus, according to an announcement by UH Victoria Campus Chancellor Martha Piper.

Dr. Palmer, who joined the Victoria Campus faculty in the second summer term as a professor of marketing, began his duties as chairman in late August.

During his two years at Pan American University, Dr. Palmer taught principles of marketing, retailing, market research, marketing management, and introduction to business.

The new chairman holds three degrees from North Texas State University: a B.A. degree in history, a master's degree in business administration with a major in marketing, and a doctorate in marketing.

UH System Holiday Schedule for 1982-83

	UH/CC	UH/CLC	UH/DC	UH/VC	SYSTEM
Labor Day (9/6)	1	1	1	1	1
Thanksgiving (11/25-26*)	2	3	2	2	2
Christmas-New Years (12/24-12/31**)	6	6	6	7	6
Spring Break (3/18)	1	—	1	—	1
Good Friday (4/1)	1	1	1	1	1
Memorial Day (5/30)	1	1	1	1	1
Independence Day (7/4)	1	1	1	1	1
	13	13	13	13	13

*Clear Lake City celebrates Thanksgiving from 11/24 through 11/26.

**Victoria celebrates Christmas-New Year's from 12/23 through 12/31.

Around the Campuses

Dr. Glenn Aumann, associate dean of the UHCC College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, began serving as interim dean of the college on September 1. He will hold the position until the newly appointed dean, **Dr. Roy Weinstein**, arrives on campus on January 1.

Dr. John Ettling, UHCC assistant professor of history, will serve as interim director of the Honors Program during the next academic year while **Director Ted Estess** is on leave.

Cynthia Macdonald, UHCC professor of English and director of creative writing, was elected president of Associated Writing Programs, the national organization for creative writing programs, and will serve through April of 1983.

An Institute for Drug Education and Research has been established in the department of pharmaceuticals in the College of Pharmacy. The institute will offer educational programs to both professionals and the public as well as conduct investigations and evaluations of new drugs.

Mary Williams, clerk in the UHCC registrar's office, retired at the end of August after 23 years with the University.

Sue Rouse, UHCC associate professor of pharmaceuticals for the past 33 years, died in late August after a brief illness. Donations to the memorial fund established in her honor should be sent to The Sue Rouse Memorial Student Fund, UH College of Pharmacy, 4800 Calhoun Blvd., Houston, Texas 77004.

Xerox Corporation presented the UH Central Campus with a Kurzweil Reading Machine which will read aloud in a synthetic voice virtually any English language document, printed or typewritten. UH is the first Texas university to receive this contribution from Xerox. The machine is located on the third floor of the M. D. Anderson Library.

Carole Goodson, chairperson of the department of related courses in the UHCC College of Technology, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Education Research and Methods Division of the American Society for Engineering Education.

The UHCC chemical and mechanical engineering departments have received postdoctoral fellowship grants from the Shell Companies Foundation. The one-year grants, which pay tuition, fees, and a stipend up to \$11,500, are awarded to leading universities with strong graduate programs. The mechanical engineering department was one of five mechanical engineering departments nationwide to receive a grant; the chemical engineering department was among 20 chemical engineering departments awarded a grant.

Dr. Joseph Buckley, dean of the UHCC College of Pharmacy, and **Dr. Mustafa Lokhandwala**, chairman of the pharmacology department, have collaborated on a new text on the brain's role in the development of hypertension. *Central Nervous System Mechanisms in Hypertension* was edited by Dr. Buckley and coedited by Dr. Lokhandwala. The book ties together the latest interpretations on the contributions of the central nervous system to the onset of hypertension.

Carla S. Danbury, director of the UHCC community development project, and **Dr. Baltazar A. Acevedo**, UHDC dean of students, are among 45 people who have been selected to participate in the first class of the Houston Chamber of Commerce Leadership Houston Project. Designed to ensure that a well-informed and knowledgeable leadership base is available to meet Houston's future challenges, the project provides opportunities over a 10-month period for the participants to learn about such areas as government structure, the city's growth and development, transportation, health, crime, education, and energy.

The UHCC College of Education has proposed establishment of a Center for Gifted/Talented Students and a degree proposal for a graduate program for teachers of the gifted/talented. If approved by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, the degree program will be the first in the state. The center would house activities for gifted/talented children, hold seminars for their parents, offer consulting and testing services to school districts, serve as a training ground for UHCC students majoring in gifted/talented teacher education, and facilitate curriculum development for this group of children.

Dr. A. Benton Cocanougher, dean of the UHCC College of Business Administration, was named to the Marvin Hurley Professorship of Business Administration at the May meeting of the UH Board of Regents. The professorship, named for the long-time executive director of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, was established in his memory in 1981. Dr. Cocanougher also was elected recently to the executive committee of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Dr. G. Warren Smith, dean of the UHCLC School of Sciences and Technology, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Association of University Administrators. Organized in 1970, the AAUA seeks to promote excellence in the administration of higher education and to assist career administrators in continuing their professional growth through organization affiliation. The membership consists of more than 1,200 administrators from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Dr. John Ivancevich, UHCC Cullen Professor of Management, is the first recipient of the Distinguished Doctoral Alumnus Award from the University of Maryland's College of Business and Management.

Dr. William Georgiades, dean of the UHCC College of Education, received the Distinguished Leadership Award for 1982 from the Doctoral Alumni Association of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Lawrence J. Wolf, dean of the UHCC College of Technology, will serve as secretary of the Engineering Technology College Council of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Dr. Charles Hardwick, UHCLC vice chancellor and provost, and **Dan Williams**, UHDC vice chancellor for finance and operations, will serve on a special study committee on early retirement for the Coordinating Board, Texas State College and University System. Appointed by **Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth**, the committee's eight administrators and educators will help formulate final recommendations on early retirement to be presented at the October 28-29 meeting of the Coordinating Board.

Farris Block, UHS executive director of university relations, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Communications Advisory Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

The UH Board of Regents meeting scheduled for September 13 has been rescheduled for Monday, September 20.

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