

# Acting dean of arts and sciences appointed to position permanently

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Donald Van Houten, acting dean of the college of arts and sciences, has been appointed permanently to the position on Wednesday, according to Richard Hill, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Van Houten was appointed to the position of acting dean in July 1986 when the current dean Robert Berdahl resigned to take the post of vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois.

A nine-member University committee, composed of Journalism School Dean Arnold Ismach, seven faculty members and one student, conducted a nation-wide search for a replacement for Berdahl. The search attracted 91 applications from around the nation, Hill said.

"Don has very extensive knowledge of the college of arts and sciences and the University," Hill said. "He has great skill as an administrator and experience as both department head and acting dean.

"He also has had some special developmental opportunities in that he has recently attended an academic management seminar at Harvard," he said.

"I was nominated by the University and applied to attend the two-week Harvard seminar" and resultantly was chosen, Van Houten said. Only about one-third of those who apply are asked to attend the seminar, he said.

Van Houten, 50, specializes in sociology of work and organizations. He received his bachelor's degree in 1958 from Oberlin College in Oberlin,

Ohio. He received his doctorate in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1967.

Van Houten came to the University in 1968 as an assistant professor in the sociology department and became a full professor in 1981.

Van Houten has been the associate dean of the college of arts and sciences since 1983 and has held several other positions at the University since he came to the University in 1968, including vice chairman and head of the sociology department and research associate in the Center for Advanced Study of Educational Administration.

"Being appointed is a privilege, and it's going to be a challenge to sustain and enhance the quality of this institution while it continues to

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### MEETINGS

The Black Student Union will meet tonight at 6:30 in the BSU office. Those interested in being models for the fashion show should arrive at 6 and speak with Tammy Jo Rhodes.

Circle K will meet tonight at 6 in Century Room D, EMU. All students are welcome.

Student Campaign for Disarmament will meet tonight from 6:30 to 7:20 at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid. All students and other interested citizens are invited.

The Riverfront Design Advisory Committee meets today at 3 in Century Room A, EMU. The EWEB master site plan and the Central Area Transportation Study will be discussed.

### LECTURES

Alex Cockburn, media critic for *The Nation*, will speak tonight at 7:30 in 150 Geology.

"Adult Illiteracy" will be the topic of a lecture by Marjorie Smith from the Lane County Literacy Coalition tonight at 7 at Sponsors, Inc., 767 W. 8th.

Richard Phillips of the Geography Department will defend his doctoral dissertation today at 2 in 106 Condon, with

refreshments served beforehand. His topic is "Prospects for Regional Groundwater Contamination due to Nuclear Waste Disposal."

N. Kent Peters from Stanford University will discuss the role of plant molecules in rhizobium-legume symbiosis today at 2 in 331 Science II.

### MISCELLANEOUS

IFC budget hearing schedule for today: Legal Services, 5; Office of Student Advocacy, 6; Panhellenic, 7.

The Rape Awareness Symposium continues tonight with music and poetry in the EMU Courtyard from 6 to 9:30. Take Back The Night March begins at 8:15.

A job search for education workshop will be held today at 4 in 12 Hendricks. Resume materials are available in 244 Hendricks.

The Council for Human Rights in Latin America and the Latin American Support Committee will show the United Farm Workers video "The Wrath of Grapes" several times between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. today at the Latin American Cultural Center, 1236 Kincaid.

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