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## Interim president embracing role at KWC

By Jack Dobbs Messenger-Inquirer 8 hrs ago

Following retirement from Western Kentucky University's Owensboro campus, Gene Tice originally intended to hike the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine this year.

However, an injury near the start of the hike resulted in him leaving the trail to recover.

Now, just a few months later, Tice is the interim president of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Tice's time as interim president comes after KWC's previous president, Bart Darrell, stepped down on June 1.

Tice said he's just temporarily filling the role until Darrell's replacement is found.

"Bart Darrell has just done an outstanding job," Tice said. "My goal is to keep all the great things going that Bart had started, keep the momentum going forward and get us in a good position so the new president can start, whoever he or she is."

Starting in 2000, Tice said he began work at Western Kentucky University as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Services. Tice said in 2008 he left WKU's Bowling Green campus to work as the Regional Chancellor of WKU-Owensboro.

Tice worked at WKU's Owensboro campus for about 10 years. From there, he went on to retirement before coming back to work at KWC in June of this year.

Tice is also a first-generation college student who attended Muskingum College, now Muskingum University, in Ohio.

Tice said that he was attracted to KWC because it is similar to Muskingum.

"(KWC) is just like (Muskingum)," Tice said. "One of the things that's different is you have a smaller institution so students typically know each other."

After graduating from Muskingum in 1968, Tice said he went to work for that college's student affairs office.

Tice said he later left Muskingum for the University of Alabama, where he attained his master's in college student personnel in 1973, and his doctorate in counseling and guidance in 1977.

Tice said he stayed on at the University of Alabama after he earned his doctorate, working for the university's housing department.

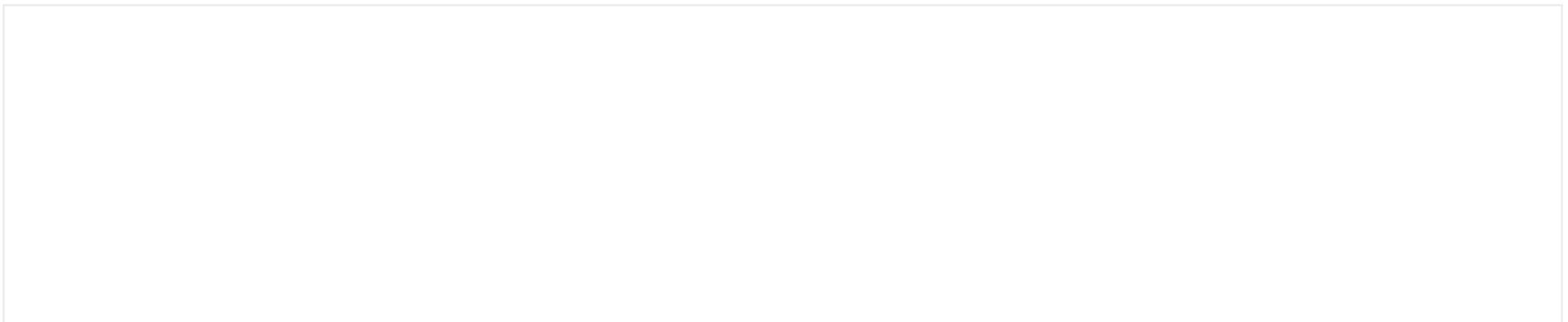
Tice's work in campus housing did not stop at the University of Alabama, however. Upon moving to Mississippi State University in 1978, Tice said he went to work initially as director of housing and residence life.

Twenty-five years later, Tice said he left MSU as associate vice president for student affairs.

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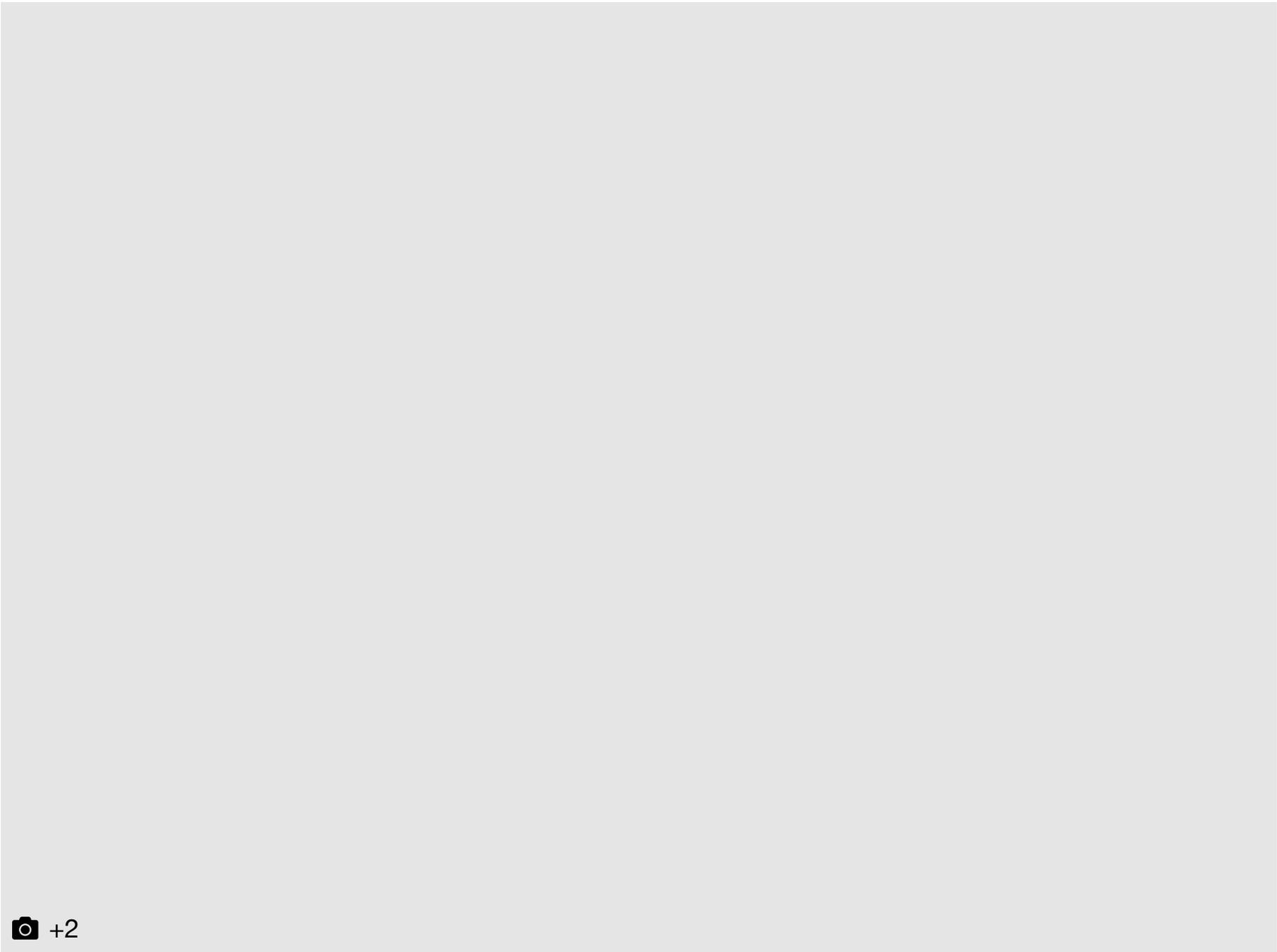


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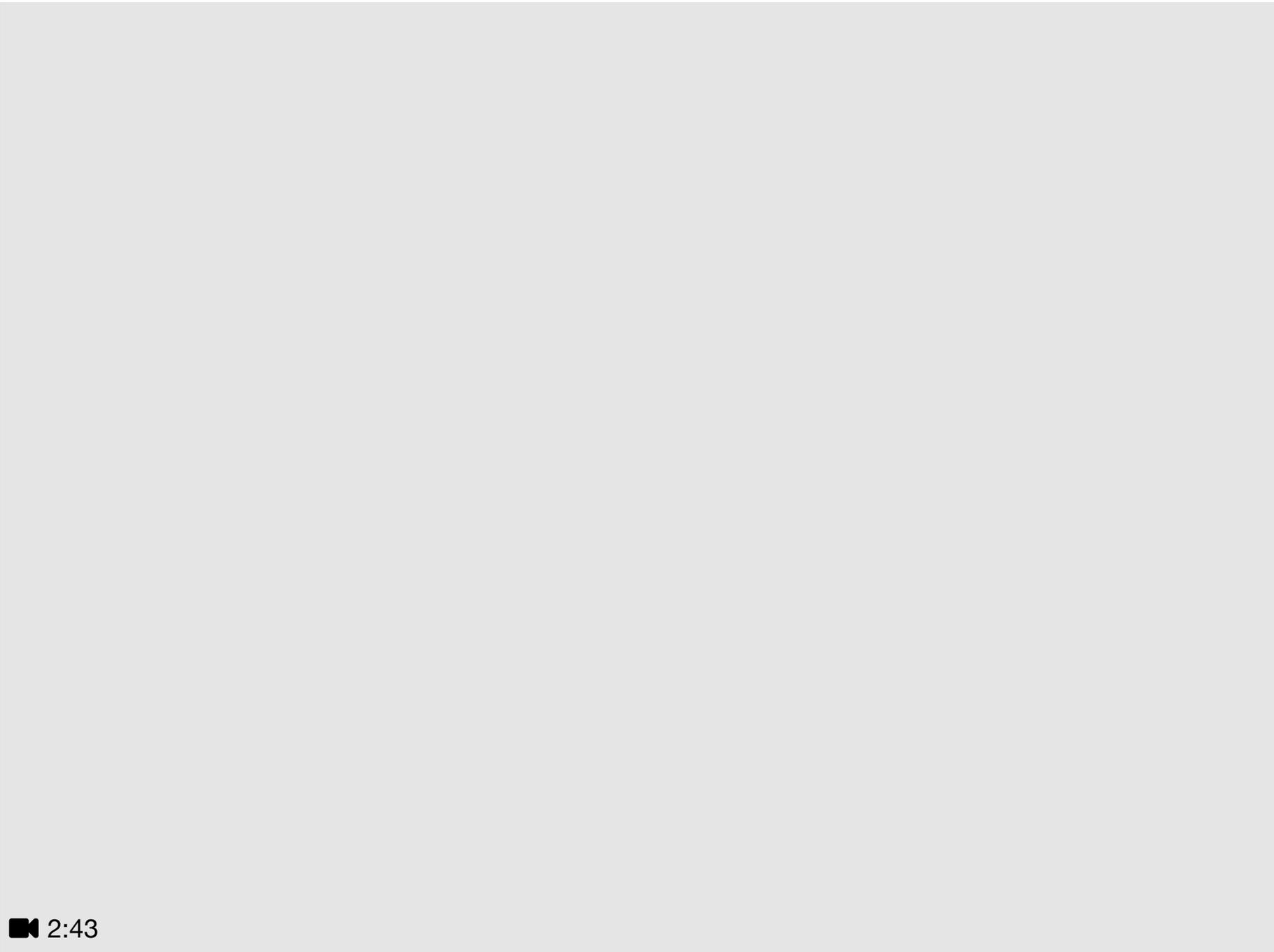
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