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# *The University of Dayton*

## *News Release*

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LOOK AHEAD

DAYTON, Ohio, October 21, 1983 -- The University of Dayton Board of Trustees looked at several issues facing UD at its meeting today. The University's General Education program, to be introduced with students entering in the fall of 1985, was previewed. Student financial aid issues requiring attention were explored by University President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M.

The General Education document, approved by the University's Academic Senate on September 23, will eventually require all undergraduate students to meet certain course requirements deemed essential to a general or "liberal" education. Freshman students entering in the fall of 1985 will be the first required to follow the program. Students in all disciplines will take at least two courses in the history of civilization, two courses in the physical and life sciences and technology, one course in social sciences, one course in the arts and their relationship to civilization, and four courses in philosophy or religious studies. This includes undergraduates in UD's professional schools of Education, Business Administration, and Engineering. The program was previewed by Brother Joseph W. Stander, S.M., vice president for academic affairs and provost. The Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Programs committee will review the proposal in detail at its November meeting.

The University's role in financing its own financial assistance programs for students was reported by President Fitz. Student aid from the University's own budget and endowed scholarship funds has grown from \$1.5 million in 1979 to \$4.5 million this year. The University expects its role in providing direct aid to continue to increase

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as federal and state programs either level off or are cut back. These financial aid needs will be a consideration in the development of the 1984-85 operating budget, according to Fitz, and are major components of the University's fund raising efforts.

The current financial health of the University of Dayton is good. Trustee Richard F. Glennon of Dayton, chairman of the Audit Committee, reported that the past fiscal year, which ended on June 30, saw the University of Dayton again finish with revenues in excess of expenditures and transfers. The University's financial records are audited by Ernst and Whinney.

The 1983-84 operating budget is similarly sound, according to Gerald W. VonderBrink, vice president for finance and business. UD took in \$330,000 more than expected in tuition for the fall term and has revised the budget upward by just over \$400,000 to \$79.3 million. Uncertainties regarding second term enrollment, graduate enrollment, interest rates and expenses, however, will keep the University from deciding on the use of the funds until later in the fiscal year.

The trustees approved earlier actions of the Executive Committee setting compensation for the University's executive officers, establishing the position of vice president for administration, and appointing a University Relations Committee of the Board.

The Board approved a motion for the University to proceed with planning for an addition to the UD Arena in 1984. The addition would contain a locker room, laundry, storage area, training room, and offices. The project, which would be financed from gifts to the University, would provide facilities for UD athletic teams using Welcome Stadium for games and practices. The current facilities, located under the south stands of Baujan Stadium are deteriorated beyond repair. Plans call for the eventual



demolition of the south stands of Baujan Stadium to provide space for the expansion of Baujan field for recreational sports. Funding for the Arena addition will be sought from the supporters of the UD athletic program. It is hoped that the Arena addition can be opened to bidders in January. The Board will review plans and cost estimates at that time.

A new Student Center at 301 Lowes Street, the sight of the former Alternative Learning Center of Dayton Public Schools, was also discussed by the UD Trustees. An open house and dedication ceremony last Sunday officially recognized the conversion of the facility to a center for UD's off-campus resident students. The center includes a laundry, study area, food co-op, lounge, meeting room, multi-purpose room, and offices for the director and a member of UD's Campus Ministry team.

The building was purchased last year at auction for \$60,000 from Dayton Public Schools. Since that time the University has spent \$50,000 to ready the building, staff it, and provide limited programming. The new Student Center is a project of the UD parents through their gifts to the University's Annual Support Program.

Overall, the University's fund raising efforts are continuing to produce favorable results, according to Peter H. Kuntz, chairman of the UD Board of Trustees and of its Advancement Committee. Through the first quarter of the current fiscal year, cash gifts received are 47 per cent ahead of the same quarter last year. The Annual Support Program, which is conducted on a calendar year basis, is running ahead of last year in both dollars and the number of alumni, parent, and other donors. So far this fall, Phonathon volunteers in 20 cities have raised pledges for \$58,000 from 3,306 alumni. Of these pledges, 1,922 are from new donors. The Phonathons are one part of the University's multifaceted fund raising program.