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Dayton, O. - Oct. - A jet plane and a helicopter, top officers from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, dancing girls and two bands will be among the highlights of the second annual Homecoming parade of the University of Dayton to take place in downtown Dayton at 11:00 a.m., Saturday morning, October 9.

Parade route has been established from Second Street in to Main, down Main Street through the center of Dayton to the National Cash Register Company, up "K" Street to Alberta and from there into the UD campus.

Bands from UD and Roosevelt High School will provide the music for the floats and marching units. These marching groups will include the newly formed UD Flyerettes, girls' precision dance and marching group, the Pershing Rifles Drill team from UD, and a unit from the US Naval Reserve Center in Dayton.

Other participants will include a Box 21 unit and the Triangle R Riders on palominos, providing an escort for the float of the Queen of Homecoming.

Some 19 Floats representing various student organizations and built around the parade theme of "Dayton, Home of Aviation," will make up the remainder of the parade.

The displays from the Air Force Orientation group will include two aircraft- an F-80 Shooting Star jet fighter and a YH-23 helicopter.

Orientation Group technicians have modified the F-80 for display purposes by removing its wings and stabilizers and mounting it on a special 40-foot
flatbed trailer. Metal fuselage panels have been removed so parade spectators may get a glimpse of the aircraft's powerful jet engine.

The YH-23 "whirleybird" helicopter is similarly mounted, and is complete from huge overhead rotary blades to small, tail-end directing propeller.


City Manager Herbert Starick and Fire Chief Forrest Lucas have also accepted University invitations to participate.

UD groups preparing floats for the parade include: the Women's Athletic Association; the Art Club; Psychology Club; Latin American students; the Accounting Club; UD Players; the Blue Grass Club; Phi Alpha Theta, the history club; the Home Economics Club; Future Teachers of America; the Hoosiers; Cleveland Club; Hui-O-Hawaii; Knickerbocker Club; Flyers' Hangar; student chapter of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers; Sigma Delta Pi, the honorary pre-medical fraternity.

The parade is the second in a variety of activities scheduled at UD for the mammoth Homecoming weekend. The festivities will commence Friday evening with a rally at Low's Theater at 9:00 p.m., at which the Queen of Homecoming will be first announced.

Other weekend events include: football game between UD and the University of Louisville at 2:15 p.m., Saturday; the President's Reception, annual banquet of the alumni association and reunion time, in the Fieldhouse, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Saturday; and for students, the Homecoming Dance, Saturday night at Lakeside from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The weekend will close with a memorial Mass in honor of all departed alumni in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, October 10.