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**NEWS RELEASE**

**HANLEY GIFT ESTABLISHES REAL-WORLD DERIVATIVES TRADING CENTER AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON BUSINESS SCHOOL**

DAYTON, Ohio – In the course of building several Chicago-based derivatives trading firms, Hanley Group President George Hanley directed the design and construction of state-of-the-art trading rooms.

But the latest one – Hanley's \$520,000 gift to the University of Dayton's School of Business Administration – may be his most important creation.

It's a state-of-the-art trading room, equipped with the same hardware, software and real-time data used by practicing traders. It's also a classroom, offering a powerful learning experience for the next generation of aspiring traders in one of the hottest specialty areas of finance.

UD graduate Hanley will join University of Dayton officials at **11:45 a.m. Thursday, May 15 in Miriam Hall 107** to cut the ribbon on the new Hanley Group Derivatives Trading Center, adding a new experiential learning tool to the school.

"Building a center at the University of Dayton gives students a chance to have some real world trading experience in one of the fastest growing businesses in the country," said Hanley, a 1977 management graduate. "When students come out of UD with this experience, they're two steps ahead because they've had that real-world, experiential learning.

"It's very important that they know and are familiar with the software and hardware that they'll be using as professional traders," Hanley said, noting that students will be able to make trades on a simulator using real-time, live market data as well as historic, archived data.

University of Dayton President Daniel J. Curran said Hanley's gift will build an important new capacity for the business school.

"Mr. Hanley is well-known for his ability to build successful businesses. We are pleased and honored he's helping us increase our capacity for applied learning in such a distinctive and innovative way," Curran said. "He is helping us build our unique brand of business education."

Hanley explained that derivatives encompass a wide variety of trading instruments, including options, futures, commodities and even stock indexes. It's a rapidly growing and exciting field with great opportunities.

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