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JUST THE NUMBERS:
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON EXPERIENCES EXPLOSIVE GROWTH DURING FITZ ERA

DAYTON, Ohio — The numbers tell only part of the University of Dayton story under the leadership of Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., but they illustrate an era of expansion — in both academic reputation and facilities.

Consider:

• Academic quality: Test scores have climbed from 989 to 1162 (SAT) and 22.5 to 25.2 (ACT). They now stand at an all-time high. For the past three falls, UD has instituted a waiting list for its first-year class.

• Faculty distinction: Nearly 91 percent, compared to 62 percent in 1979, hold either a doctorate or the highest degree in their field. During Fitz’s tenure, UD has created endowed chairs and professorships in every academic unit.

• Endowment: Explosive growth from $7.7 million to $275 million. UD currently ranks eighth among all Catholic colleges and universities who reported to the National Association of College and University Business Officers in 2000.

• Budget: More than quadrupled from $51.4 million to $230 million.

• Research volume: Sharp increase from $15 million to $40 million annually.

• Student body: 10,253, up from 9,649 in 1979. Today, UD attracts 53 percent females, compared to 43.1 percent when Fitz took office.

• Alumni giving: UD ranks fourth among Catholic universities in alumni giving, according to U.S. News and World Report’s national doctoral university category. “The Call to Lead” Campaign, which closes at the end of Fitz’s presidency, will raise more than $150 million, the largest fund-raising campaign ever undertaken by an organization in Dayton.

• Innovative curricula: All undergraduate students complete a mandatory humanities-based general education curriculum, unparalleled among comprehensive universities of UD’s size. New majors include entrepreneurship, international business, computer engineering, computer engineering technology, pre-physical therapy, biochemistry, environmental biology, environmental —over—
geology, art history, applied mathematical economics, operations management, a human rights concentration in international studies and a 150-hour accounting degree that includes a one-year, accelerated MBA degree. New doctoral programs include educational leadership, electro-optics and theology.

- A residential focus: In the past 20 years, UD has bought property in the neighborhoods surrounding campus and now owns 85 percent of the houses in the central south student neighborhood. In addition, UD built the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall, Lawnview Apartments, Garden Apartments and a number of student duplexes.

- New construction: Joseph E. Keller Hall, Donoher Basketball Center, Ryan C. Harris Learning Teaching Center, Jesse Philips Humanities Center, William S. Anderson Information Sciences Center, Rudy’s Fly-Buy (student-operated convenience store), Shroyer Park Center, Alumni House and the Bombeck Family Learning Center. An archway marking the main entrance on Stewart Street opened in 1997, and UD recently modernized Miriam Hall, home to the School of Business Administration. The insured value of UD’s buildings has quadrupled, from $135.5 million to $553 million.

- Networked campus: complete networking of the campus, including high-speed Internet access and wireless computing to 25 blocks of single-family homes in three student neighborhoods. Under UD’s computer initiative, all students are required to have computers loaded with the same software their professors use.

- Expanded partnerships: AIM (Advanced Integrated Manufacturing) Center, Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute, Genesis Project, Center for Leadership and Executive Development, Center for Catholic Education, Institute for Pastoral Initiatives and Center for Leadership in Community, among other initiatives.

- An international resource: For more than 15 years, Fitz was one of the key Catholic university presidents involved in discussions with bishops and other church leaders about guidelines for maintaining Catholic identity on Catholic campuses. The University of Dayton has kept the spirit of the Dayton Peace Accords alive by bringing Balkan experts and policymakers to campus for international conferences.

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