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Dedication of an Economic Driver, National Protector: The University of Dayton's Ladar and Optical Communications Institute (LOCI) now has a permanent home, which the University will dedicate at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. LOCI is located on the fifth floor of College Park Center near the corner of Brown and Stewart streets.

Nick Uros, Raytheon vice president of advanced concepts and technology and chair of LOCI's board of governors, will discuss the industry perspective on LOCI. Col. Gary Hopper, or Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will represent the Air Force Research Lab and discuss AFRL's interest in the establishment of LOCI. Students will give demonstrations and tours of the facility starting at 3 p.m.

UD, the U.S. Air Force and regional businesses launched the \$3.2 million institute in 2006 to consolidate the brainpower of the region's researchers to put laser radar on a faster track to the battlefield and business. LOCI Director Joe Haus said the institute has created three high-tech jobs for the region and six more student assistantships. LOCI will create an additional six assistantships in the next year that will help recruit bright minds to the area, Haus added. Raytheon, Lockheed-Martin, Textron Systems, Boeing, BAE Systems and Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems support LOCI as founding corporate members.

UD students, many of whom will be enrolled in UD's School of Engineering, are learning in what is believed to be the nation's first ladar curriculum. They will have opportunities to perform research on campus and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with government researchers.

A governing board comprising representatives from the Air Force Research Laboratories, Air Force Institute of Technology, NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab and UD, as well as a technical advisory group represented by the institute's constituencies, will guide LOCI's planning. For more on LOCI, visit the related story and link.

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow: UD Students Make the Cut to Help Children: University of Dayton students will be losing their hair, but not because of a big test or job hunt. More than 70 students, both men and women, have volunteered to have at least six inches of their hair cut to benefit Locks of Love.

Locks of Love uses the donated hair to create free or discounted hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children under the younger than 18 who suffer from long-term medical hair loss. Since 1998, Locks of Love has helped more than 2,000 children. UD's Student Government Association is encouraging the general public to participate as well from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, March 3, at Ashworth's Beauty Group on the corner of Brown and Woodland streets in Dayton. Ashworth's will donate free haircuts for Locks of Love and discounted services such as eyebrow waxing and manicures to anyone waiting to donate their hair. Contact Meg Lynskey or Andrew Gerbetz at 937-229-4444 to make an appointment to donate hair or for more information.

Author to Talk About Challenges to Western Military Supremacy: Victor Davis Hanson, a senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, will deliver a talk about "Challenges to Western Military Supremacy" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the University of Dayton's Wohlleben Hall auditorium. It is free and open to the public. Hanson, the 2002 recipient of the Eric Breindel Award for opinion journalism, is the author of hundreds of articles, book reviews, scholarly papers and newspaper editorials. He writes about Greek, agrarian and military history; foreign affairs; domestic politics; and contemporary culture. The New York Times named his newest book, *A War Like No Other: How the Athenians and Spartans Fought the Peloponnesian War*, one of its Notable 100 Books of 2006.

Religion in Prison: A Scam or a Means of Salvation? Harry Dammer, chair of the sociology and criminal justice department at the University of Scranton, will discuss religion in the correctional environment at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the University of Dayton Science Center Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. Dammer, a 1979 UD alumnus, is the author of *Religion in Corrections*, two other books and numerous articles about a variety of criminal justice subjects. Dammer, a former juvenile probation officer for Montgomery County, Ohio, has served as a consultant for the National Institute of Justice, the National Institute of Corrections, the American Correctional Association and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

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