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05.22.2007 | Faculty  Jack Proud, an attorney with Porter, Wright, Morris and Arthur and a University of Dayton trustee, has been named to chair the board at his alma mater.

Proud, who begins in July, succeeds R. Daniel Sadlier, who steps down after a decade on the board, the last four as chair.

In addition, UD has appointed two new trustees: Steve Cobb, president and CEO of Henny Penny Corp. in Eaton, Ohio, and Brother Ed Brink, S.M., newly named assistant for education for the Marianist Province of the United States in St. Louis.

Proud, a two-time University of Dayton graduate, rejoined UD's board of trustees in 2004 after serving a three-year term from 1998-2001, when he was president of UD's National Alumni Association.

Prior to joining Porter, Wright, Morris and Arthur where he specializes in business and estate law, he served as president of Monarch Marking Systems Inc. and spent more than 28 years in various roles at the Reynolds and Reynolds Co., most recently as a division president. He graduated from UD with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1970 and a law degree in 2004.

"Serving the University of Dayton and my fellow trustees in the chair's role is a labor of love for me," Proud said. "The entire UD community is united in devotion to our great university and the Catholic and Marianist education it delivers to help develop the next generation of servant-leaders."

Both Cobb and Brink also graduated from UD. Cobb, who received an MBA in 1986, has served at the helm of the food service equipment company since 1996. He is part of a group of investors who owns the Cincinnati Reds. Brink, who received a bachelor's degree in engineering technology in 1982, has served as director of UD's Center for Catholic Education since 2005. Since 1998, he has directed the center's Lalanne program that places education graduates in urban Catholic schools, where they live in community and take classes at UD to earn their master's degrees. For 13 years, he worked at Chaminade-Julienne High School as a teacher, campus minister, assistant principal and principal.


The University of Dayton is the largest private university in Ohio and is recognized as a top-tier national university. Founded by the Society of Mary (Marianists) in 1850, the University of Dayton ranks among the 10 best Catholic universities in the nation.

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