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DAYTON, Ohio, July, 1966 — "The time has come for the development of coordinated Honors Program at the University of Dayton" states Br. George Ruppel, S.M., chairman of the University's Honors Program Committee. The group, which represents all schools within the University, was appointed last winter by Rev. Charles L. Lees, S.M., University Provost.

Honors courses are presently available to students, but there has been little coordinated effort in this direction throughout the University. The Honors Committee, according to Bro. Ruppel, Professor of History, "hopes to coordinate the efforts of those who have been operating separately. Instead of each discipline running its own program, we are trying, through this committee, to unify the efforts of all.

"We can achieve this collaboration by disseminating information on honors courses already established at the University, by supplying knowledge of honors courses, sections, credits and programs in other universities, by urging our people to structure honors courses, and by encouraging the development of an honors program."

In line with these early coordinating efforts the committee, which consists of Prof. Jerome Bauer of Chemical Engineering, Prof. Mary Civille of the School of Business Administration, Dr. Donald R. Geiger, S.M., of Biology, Dr. Ellis Joseph of the School of Education and Prof. Lawrence Ruff of English, will present their findings and recommendations at the first fall faculty meeting, Wednesday, September 14, in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union.

Dr. Samuel Jasper, Director of the Honors College at Ohio University, will speak on the subject, "Honors in Colleges and Universities". The committee will give a brief history of honors programs in Ohio and nationally, will present the differences and similarities in honors courses, programs and colleges, and explain how the student, as well as involved and non-involved faculty members, is helped by honors plans in the university.

Bro. Ruppel, in discussing the future, emphasized that his committee is strictly advisory and that the content of an honors program is in the hands of the departments. He said that, besides honors courses, of which there are 17, he expects some areas to have honors sections and some courses for honors credit during the 1966-67 school year. Theology has four honors sections.  

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