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University of Dayton Announcing First Freshman Orientation Week

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DAYTON, Ohio, August 1, 1966 --- More than 2,000 freshmen coming to the University of Dayton will be academically, spiritually, culturally, socially, emotionally and generally exposed to their new alma mater in the school's first Freshmen Orientation Week, Sunday, August 28 through Monday, September 5 (Labor Day).

The announcement was made today by Rev. Charles J. Lees, University Provost, who explained that Sunday, August 28, would be Welcome Day for freshmen and their parents; that Monday, August 29 through Saturday noon, September 3, would be Freshmen Orientation; and that the rest of the Labor Day weekend would be the Student Council Orientation Weekend until classes start Tuesday, September 6.

He revealed that the entire program, new to the Miami Valley area but done extensively throughout the United States, was under the directorship of Professor Richard Peterson of the College of Arts & Science, with a University Committee composed of faculty and staff members.

"The new freshmen," said Father Lees, "will be exposed this nine-day period to every facet of University life. This is an effort to assist students in acquiring the techniques of living in college.

"It is well known that students who have potential but find it difficult to adjust to college life are lost to colleges early every school year. Our orientation is a concerted effort to cut down on those losses while also introducing our University-in-depth to our more than 2,000 freshmen."

The opening phase of the program, Sunday, August 28, will be sponsored by the U.D. Parents Association with an administrative assist from members of the University's Development Office.

The Association has scheduled several morning Masses on the main and west campuses as a convenience. Breakfast and lunch will be available on both campuses. Tours of the campuses will be made until 12:30 noon when a Welcome Assembly is planned for the Fieldhouse.

Very Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., University President, and Mayor David (more)
Hall, will be featured speakers at a program to start at 1 P.M. Other speakers will represent the Orientation Committee, faculty, students and Parents Assoc. Tours of the campus and a reception in the ballroom of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union will continue through the afternoon.

Father Lees, representing the University, will be the speaker at the Welcome Convocation in the fieldhouse Monday, August 29, which starts the orientation at 8:30 A.M. Father Lees will point out the importance of attending the functions of orientation, their application to the operation of the University, and the opportunity to learn, in detail, the physical plant.

In an effort to facilitate the program, the committee has established individual groups limited to 35 freshmen each with faculty and upper-classmen leaders. Freshmen are assigned alphabetically to the groups and will meet each morning Tuesday through Saturday before other scheduled events. Daytime scheduled events are mandatory while the social and cultural activities in the evenings will be by free tickets on a first come, first served basis.

Academically, the committee has scheduled guidance, placement and scholastic aptitude tests, How To Study panels, meetings with the deans and departmental chairmen, tours of Albert Emmanuel Library, and registration. The last named activity, together with the purchase of academic supplies, is set for Thursday and Friday.

Spiritually, meetings are scheduled with the Catholic chaplains on campus for the Catholic students, and with a Protestant minister and Rabbi for the Protestant and Jewish students. Daily Masses will be said.

Of a general nature will be tours of campus buildings, showing of the UD promotion film, and a TV presentation by the Public Relations department.

Socially and culturally, the programs of the yearly Arts Series and Cameo Concerts, Players, Classic Film Society, Intellectual Frontiers and the Religion in Life Series, have been moved up to include orientation week. These programs, along with a Variety Show, pizza party, and dances, will fill the evening hours through Friday.

The Student Council Weekend will start Saturday afternoon, September 3, with an introduction of the football team and coaching staff, followed by the normal Saturday pre-season, intra-squad scrimmage. A hayride, jam sessions, dances, picnics, Bar-B-Q dinner, formal introduction of student organizations, and a Communion Breakfast will fill out the weekend.