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Miss Elizabeth Ann Eckert Selected for Teaching Project

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DAYTON, Ohio, July 31, 1967 — Miss Elizabeth Ann Eckert, a senior in the University of Dayton's School of Education, has been selected to perform her student teaching in the Canary Islands under a project initiated by Miami University at Oxford. She is one of five student teachers selected and is the only one from U.D.

Miss Eckert is a native Daytonian and lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Eckert, at 2155 Bickmore Avenue. She is a 1964 graduate of Julienne High School and will graduate from U.D. in December. She is majoring in the field of secondary education specializing in English and History.

The Miami University project is to open a school for grades one through twelve in Las Palmas, which is the capital of Las Palmas Province on Grand Canary Island. The school will serve children whose parents are employed by the government at the NASA tracking station and by the Bendix Corporation, both on the island.

Approximately seventy students are expected to enroll at the school which will conduct classes in English. Such a small group will give the student teachers experience in small-group instruction and an opportunity to teach more than one discipline.

The Canary Islands, which includes thirteen islands in the Atlantic Ocean about sixty miles off the Northwest coast of Africa, are a Spanish Archipelago. The population of the islands numbers almost one million and Spanish is the language spoken by the people.

Mr. Thomas Covault of Miami U. is headmaster for the project. He and his wife will accompany Miss Eckert and the four student teachers from Miami. On August 15 they will attend an orientation session at Miami U., and depart from Dayton for the Island on August 20. The group will stop in London, Paris and Madrid en route and arrive in Las Palmas on August 27. After days of orientation and enrollment, classes will begin on September 11. Later in September, consultants from Miami will arrive to finalize plans and consult with the teachers. On December 20, the students will leave the Islands to return home.

While at U.D., Miss Eckert's extra curricular activities included membership in the Dayton Club, the Student Education Association and the Freshmen Orientation Committee. Since last December she has been employed by the University of Dayton Public Relations Department.