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DAYTON, Ohio, February 26, 1968 --- The traditional Honors Convocation held in the UD Fieldhouse each year will be replaced this winter with an Honors Banquet, Rev. Charles J. Lees, University of Dayton Provost, announced today. The change, according to Father Lees, is being made to place more emphasis on the students being honored.

Heretofore, the Honors Convocation was an afternoon affair at which 38 students received academic awards for excellence in specific disciplines, the April honor graduates were enrolled in Alpha Sigma Tau, the University's Honor Society, and three professors received Professor-of-the-Year awards. Besides, the creation of the evening Honors Banquet on Wednesday, March 6, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom at 6 p.m., the Professor-of-the-Year Awards will be moved over to the President's Faculty Appreciation Banquet in April.

"These moves," says Father Lees, "are an effort to place greater emphasis on the students being honored. The students are guests of the University at this banquet and they are permitted to invite their parents and one professor of their choosing.

"It is felt by the new Honors Committee," continued Father Lees, "that this approach might underscore the commitment of the University to academic excellence in a way that the student would appreciate."

Father Lees also revealed that, as a part of the program, Dr. Leon Goldman, M.D., will talk on "Lasers--Temporary or Permanent Omnipotence." Dr. Goldman is Chairman of the Department of Dermatology, College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati. His talk will be given in the O'Leary Auditorium of Miriam Hall at 7 p.m.

Academic awards of excellence will be given to 38 students in 25 different academic disciplines. Three general awards will be given from the College of Arts & Sciences, School of Engineering and Technical Institute.

Dr. Perry Yaney, Assistant Professor of Physics, is general chairman of the Honors Committee.