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DAYTON, Ohio, March 7, 1968 --- Eighty-four University of Dayton students, including top April graduate James B. Cross, son of Major and Mrs. William B. Cross, 5792 Access Road, Dayton, were honored last night (Wednesday) as April honor graduates or recipients of academic awards of excellence in specific disciplines. Thirteen students were honored in both categories at the annual Honors Banquet in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Fifty-three April honor graduates were enrolled in Alpha Sigma Tau, Honor Society of the University of Dayton. They received their honor keys from Very Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., University President.

The Department of Elementary Education in the School of Education led in honor graduates with eight while the Department of Mathematics and Department of Chemistry in the College of Arts & Sciences had seven and six respectively. The departments of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, and pre-med had four each.

Five students are graduating summa cum laude (3.9 to 4.0). They are James B. Cross of Dayton, chemistry (3.953); Sr. Paula Gero, C.P.P.S. of Dayton, elementary education (3.937); Patricia A. Kelly of New Berlin, Wisconsin, biology (3.913); Janet E. Weber of Cincinnati, chemistry (3.913), and Robert L. Krause of Kettering, electrical engineering (3.903).

Three of the academic awards are new. The Very Rev. John A. Elbert, S.M., Memorial Award for the best paper on contemporary human problems was given to Sr. Constance Marie S.N.D., a graduate assistant in philosophy who graduated from the University with a 4.0 in April, 1966. This award has been donated by Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Debons in memory of the former University President and Provincial of the Society of Mary's Cincinnati Province. Dr. Debons is chairman of the Information Science Department at UD.

The Eugene W. Stenger '30 Memorial Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Junior in Political Science was presented to Christopher Dunskey. This award was established by Mrs. Eugene Stenger in memory of her husband. Dunskey also received The Mary Elizabeth Jones Memorial Award to the Outstanding Debaters. This award is donated by Dr. D. G. Reilly in memory of the UD debating coach who was killed in an automobile accident.

The third new award is The Charles R. Kendall '29 Memorial Award of Excellence for Overachievement in academic and athletic effort. Mrs. Kendall, who donates the trophy, flew from Hawaii to make the first presentation. It was presented to Gale Wiesenhahn, a guard who was one of the tri-captains on the 1967 Flyer grid team.

A special award of excellence for senior women, donated by the school's Central Women's Organization, was revived. Three senior women, Jane E. Dwyre of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Kathleen J. Grieshop of Dayton and Mary Louise Gallagher of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, were the recipients. This award is for scholarship and service to the University.

Cross, whose 3.953 represents only two Bs in four years, took the top chemistry prize, the Bro. George J. Geisler, S.M., Award for Excellence in chemistry.

Winning the top award in the College of Arts & Sciences, the University's largest school, was C. Eugene Steuerle of Louisville, who was vice president of the Student Government this year. He won The Bro. Leonard Mann, S.M., Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Senior in the College of Arts & Sciences. This is donated by Joseph Zusman, '65, '67, who, in his 50s, has received two degrees from the University in the past three years.

Besides, Dunsky, two other students won two awards. Daniel E. Spinella, a senior from Bay Shore, L.I., New York, won both History awards, The Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship key for excellence in the study of history in the senior class, and the Doctor Samuel E. Flook Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Junior Majoring in History. Dr. Flook is a Dayton physician.

Miss Patricia M. Kain of Dayton was the recipient of the Rev. George J. Renneker, S.M., Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Teacher Education, donated by the Montgomery County Chapter, University of Dayton Alumni Association, and the John L. Macbeth Memorial Award of Excellence to Outstanding Student in Health and Physical Education. The latter award was given by Mrs. John L. Macbeth of Dayton.

In all, 25 awards were given in the College of Arts & Sciences, four in the School of Business Administration, five in the School of Education, 10 in the School of Engineering, and one in the Technical Institute.

Dr. Leon Goldman, Chairman of the Department of Dermatology, College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, was the guest speaker on "The Laser--Temporary or Permanent Omnipotence."