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DAYTON, Ohio, April 18, 1968 --- Fifty-three honor graduates will be among the more than 1,000 who will receive diplomas this Sunday, April 21, at the 118th Commencement Exercises of the University. Five of the honor students will graduate summa cum laude (3.9-4.0) in the UD Fieldhouse.

The University, following a custom begun last April, will conduct two ceremonies because of the large number of graduates at the Spring exercises. The College of Arts & Science will graduate more than 400 at the 11 a.m. exercises while graduates from the schools of Business Administration, Education and Engineering, and the Technical Institute will receive diplomas at 2:15 p.m.

Included in the afternoon exercises will be the presentation of an honorary degree of doctor of humanities to Dr. Walter Reiling, M.D., of Dayton, '30. Dr. Reiling is a noted Dayton surgeon who has been active for the past 30 years in local, national and international human relation programs principally through Optimist International and the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

His daughter, Barbara, will receive her associate degree in Business Administration, Specializing in Secretarial Studies at the same ceremony. It will be the second time that this has occurred in the Reiling family. Dr. Reiling's father, Mr. Charles H. Reiling, the late vice president of Elder-Johnson Department Store, was given an honorary doctor of business degree in 1939 when his son, Thomas, received his bachelor's degree. All of Mr. Charles Reiling's nine children received degrees from the University. The two sons of Dr. Walter Reiling are UD graduates and currently serve as surgical residents at the Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Rev. William Cole, S.M., of the UD faculty, who has been conducting research on the role of a Catholic university, will be the speaker at both exercises. He will discuss his research as it applies to the restating of the objectives and purposes of the University of Dayton.

Summa Cum Laude graduates will be James B. Cross of Dayton, chemistry (3.953); Sr. Paula Gero, C.PP.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).

Other honor graduates from Dayton:

Magna Cum Laude: Richard A. Leese, chemistry (3.839); Richard M. Creamer, English (3.809); Gerald F. Simpson, Civil Engineering, (3.769); Frank J. Wenzke, premedical (3.745); Howard J. Moore, accounting (3.711).

Cum Laude: Kathleen A. Grieshop, chemistry (3.669); Patricia M. Kain, physical education (3.659); Carol L. Finley, home economics (3.640); James F. DeLong, premedical (3.619); Carol A. Sanders, elementary education (3.595); Suzanne M. Gasper, chemistry (3.594); Kathleen T. Monaghan, mathematics (3.581); Roger M. Clay, chemical engineering (3.577); Joseph C. Pacileo, computer science (3.567); Thomas M. McGreevy, premedical (3.537); Sister Edna Hess, C.PP.S., elementary education (3.535); Patricia A. Basilotto, political science (3.521); Christine Sheehan Oatis, french (3.518); Mary A. Leibold, elementary education (3.515); John P. Lutz, chemistry (3.507); Barbara A. Zimmerman, computer science (3.503).