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DAYTON, Ohio, May 5, 1968 --- The University of Dayton will receive a $25,000 grant from The Kresge Foundation toward the establishment of an Electron Microscopy Center, Very Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., University President, announced today. The grant, which covers a portion of the cost for the creation of the Center, is contingent upon the University's certification that it can raise the balance of the funds.

Father Roesch indicated that with the potential of this new instrumentation, so badly needed in the Dayton area, the University should be able to meet the April 1, 1969, deadline set by the Kresge Foundation.

The Center, first of its kind in the Dayton-Miami Valley area for diagnostic purposes and biological and medical research, will be a part of the Department of Biology.

The University has already spent $28,000 in hiring a director, renovating an area and purchasing some equipment for the Center. Dr. M. Arif Hayat has been at the University since last August laying the groundwork for the proposed Center.

The Center, according to Dr. George B. Noland, Chairman of the Biology Department, will be a big step forward in the University's plans to continue the development of its laboratory facilities to provide adequate support for the research work of its faculty.

"Our biology faculty is currently using the Electron Microscopy Center at Ohio State University," says Dr. Noland. "It has been tremendously helpful in several research projects but we have to use the facility at night. This is a hardship on our faculty.

"Five UD biologists," continued Noland, "can make immediate use of the new Center. This facility will give us the capacity to research more fully the study of organs and tissues, cancer, leukemia, heart development, mechanisms of plant growth, relationship between disease-causing fungi and their hosts, the function of pigments in cells and the effects of vitamins and drugs on the tissues.

"Research," concludes Dr. Noland, "is the lifeblood of any scientific discipline. In a University it requires top faculty, first-rate facilities and financial support. We have a highly competent faculty and the Center will strengthen our facilities which, in turn, should bring meaningful financial support."

The $25,000 grant brings to $37,500 The Kresge Foundation has awarded the University of Dayton since 1956.