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BATU Recommendations Approved

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DAYTON, Ohio, April 1, 1969 --- The University of Dayton's Human Relations Board has approved implementation of some recommendations made by Black Action Through Unity (BATU), an organization of black students on the University of Dayton campus, Rev. George B. Barrett, S.M., University Vice President, revealed today.

"The Board approved an intensive recruiting effort toward black high school students who can academically and financially qualify for entrance into the University," Father Barrett said. "This would be done through the hiring of two black recruiters in the Admissions Office. These two students would operate in the same manner as other recruiters but would be assigned, for the most part, to high schools which have a predominantly black population.

"We would also enlist the help of our Student Aid and Scholarship Office in the same manner it is utilized for any other incoming student," he said.

BATU had asked for 1,000 black students by the Fall of 1971 but Father Barrett commented: "We don't want to be concerned with just numbers in this recruitment. We would rather try to encourage as many qualified black students as possible to consider the University of Dayton in their quest for higher education."

Curtis Hicks, Director of UD's Office of Human Relations who has worked closely with the Board and Father Barrett, revealed that the Board also had agreed to recruit and supply the needed financial and support services for a number of high-risk students for the 1969-70 school year. BATU had asked that 50 such prospective students be recruited for next year.

"The Board felt this was a commendable suggestion," said Hicks, "because we would be giving an educational opportunity to young people who would not otherwise be able to go to college. One such program for high-risk students currently in effect at UD since September has proven successful.

"We are now exploring means of continued financing of this program," Hicks continued. "Our own Student Aid Office may be able to help us and then there is a possibility that foundation money might be available. The Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium in cooperation with the Board of Education and Model City Educational Component has established Talent Search. This group is seeking ways and means of placing disadvantaged youths in college. Financial aid for the students would be a part of this group's function."

The Board also passed a resolution asking the University to recognize the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, April 4, and Malcolm X's birthday, May 19.

The resolution reads:

"That those in the University Community who wish to do so arrange appropriate observances for the anniversaries of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and the birthday of Malcolm X. It is further recommended that those participating in such observances during the regular hours of scheduled classes shall not be penalized for classes missed."