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DAYTON, Ohio, November 21, 1969 --- Dr. Rocco Donatelli, chairman of the Department of History at the University of Dayton since last February, has been named to a new position that of Associate Dean for the Humanities in the University's College of Arts & Sciences. The creation of the position and Dr. Donatelli's appointment was confirmed by the President, Reverend Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., and announced by Dr. Leonard Mann, S.M., Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

The new position, according to Dr. Mann, is "a line rather than a staff position. Dr. Donatelli therefore has autonomy and jurisdiction within a specific area, and this includes the following programs and departments: American Studies, Communication Arts, English, Fine Arts, History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, and Theological Studies.

"Dr. Donatelli is accountable to the dean," Dr. Mann continued, "but this does not detract from his authority to make final decisions that affect these departments. We will permit him the full jurisdiction that any administrator should have within the checks and balances that accountability provides.

"The new dean's duties extend to faculty in such matters as salary, tenure, promotions, teaching load, office space, and includes departmental budgets. All student affairs, except those of the freshmen, will come under Dr. Donatelli. Freshmen will continue under the dean of the college with Miss Ann Franklin, Assistant Dean, supervising."

Dr. Mann also indicated that the move was just one of several which are being studied to afford more effective management for the College of Arts & Sciences which has almost half the 7,500 fulltime students in the University. Dr. Mann indicated that new structural studies include the natural and social sciences.

Dr. Donatelli, a native of Vernon Center who has been with UD since 1954, sees his appointment as more than just a new position. He looks upon it as a challenge in a technically-oriented world.

"In a practical sense," he says, "my appointment is made possible by the continued growth of the Humanities Departments at the University of Dayton.

"In a deeper sense, the creation of the position of Associate Dean for Humanities is a reaffirmation of the traditional humanistic emphasis of the University of Dayton in its teaching and research functions and in its role as critic and servant of society. It is a particularly appropriate reaffirmation at a time when the problems of society and the problems of the young seem to meet in the classroom.

"The Humanities classroom these days is not a mere prop for clinging ivy. The Humanities classroom is a crucible in which alienated students try with faculty help to blow the breath of human values into the molten social agony of environmental pollution, cadaverous cities, racial inequality, war, semi-permanent poverty, and used-part dealers in human bodies. The salvation of the young and of society as a whole lies in humanely coming to grips with such issues as these.

"Young hearts should sing with the excitement of begetting the future. Instead all too many young persons wear sackcloth or its commercial equivalent, or search the dark corridors of drug use for alternatives to the human condition. All too many perceive our society so pessimistically that they opt for no option, embracing barrenness. Clucking our tongues and wagging our heads is an inadequate response to youth. They are too sincere, too bright and too numerous. A society which can not muster its own young is dead or dying and must look to its purposes and priorities. In our time our foremost priority is to replace man at the center of God's creation. Humanists must dialogue with their scientific colleagues for the purpose of resurrecting the future and restoring it to the young."

Dr. Donatelli received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from St. John's University of New York in 1949, his master's degree in English from Rutgers University in 1952 and his doctoral in American Civilization from Western Reserve University in 1965.

Dr. Mann also announced the appointment of Dr. Leroy Eid, S.M., as new chairman of the Department of History. Dr. Eid has been with the University since 1961. Dr. Eid received his bachelor's degree in education from UD in 1953, his master's in history from St. John's University of New York in 1958, a doctoral in history from St. John's in 1961 and a doctoral in philosophy from the University of Toronto in 1968.