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DAYTON, Ohio, February 24, 1970 --- The University of Dayton's new engineering and research building has been formally named "The Eugene W. Kettering Engineering and Research Laboratories", according to an announcement by Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., U.D. President.

Mr. and Mrs. Kettering pledged \$1.0 million toward the cost of the \$7.0 million structure in the Kettering Challenge campaign.

The six-story structure, now in the process of being occupied, will house the departments of electrical and industrial engineering, the Research Institute, and electrical and industrial engineering technology. Part of the departments of mechanical and civil engineering will also occupy the building.

The new facility, with 211,000 square feet of space, is the largest academic structure on campus. It has 88 laboratories, 14 classrooms, 115 faculty offices, eight seminar rooms, and is air-conditioned.

Ground was broken for the new structure in March, 1968. The building was designed and engineered by Pretzinger & Pretzinger. General contractor was the B.G. Danis Company.

At the time the \$1.0 million matching pledge was announced in January, 1968, Mr. Kettering said that it was "inspired by the development program recently outlined for the next five years by Father Roesch. This is a bold and forward-looking program and for what it means for the Dayton community, deserves all the support necessary to realize it."

Three million of the building's cost is a 30-year loan from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare while approximately \$2.0 million is in the form of grants under Titles I and II of the Higher Education Facilities Act. The balance is to come from individual donors and alumni.