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DAYTON, Ohio, July 6, 1970 --- In a move to give greater innovation and impetus to the creative arts at the University of Dayton, Dr. R. M. Donatelli, Associate Dean for Humanities of the College of Arts and Sciences, has announced the formation of the Performing and Visual Arts Department and the appointment of Professor Patrick Gilvary to Chair the federated department.

The new department will be formed by the federation of the Music Department, Fine Arts Department, and the Theatre Division of the Communication Arts Department. Acting under one chairman with division heads for each of the different areas, the new department hopes to extend the offerings in each area and simultaneously create an interdisciplinary program that would offer a wide variety of selections to the students.

Although this interdisciplinary formation is not unique at the University of Dayton, it is part of a very recent trend among Universities and Colleges to align the creative arts in unicellular form.

Mr. Gilvary, who joined the faculty in 1955, is Associate Professor of Theatre at the University of Dayton and has served as Director of the University of Dayton Players and Director of the Theatre division of the Communication Arts Department.

He came to the University after serving three years as a director and producer for the American Broadcasting Company in Washington, D.C. He also worked with the Globe Repertoire Theater in Washington while doing graduate study at the Catholic University of America.

Mr. Gilvary is a 1950 graduate of the University of Dayton. He received a bachelor of science degree in social studies. Following his two years at Catholic U., he returned to Dayton and completed his master's work in communication arts at Xavier University. He received his degree in 1962.

Professor Gilvary is currently a doctoral candidate at Ohio State University. He and his wife, the former Dorothy J. Webster, have four children and live in Kettering.