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DAYTON, Ohio, July 17, 1970 --- Officials of the University of Dayton and St. Elizabeth Medical Center today announced the signing of a new affiliation agreement, referred to as an umbrella document, that will bring the two institutions together in a broad program of education and research.

One of the principal purposes of the alliance is to utilize in a very practical and effective manner the combined talents of the professional staffs of each institution, meaning the faculty at U.D. and the M.D.'s, Ph.D.'s, and technicians at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The staffs, working cooperatively, will develop an overall program to implement the affiliation. The umbrella coverage will apply and become obvious as individual departments, particularly in the sciences, proposes and work jointly on specific projects.

Besides the benefit of greater professional rapport, and the welding of academic and clinical skills, there will be one, most significant, additional benefit for both groups. Each has equipment, some quite sophisticated and expensive, that the other does not have. Sharing, rather than dual purchase, will effect a substantial saving.

The affiliation probably will function initially in the area of research. Staffs of both institutions foresee, however, a progressive broadening of educational experiences in the form of courses, seminars, and workshops. For instance, a course in hospital administration could be instituted. It is anticipated that the departments of chemistry, biology, physics, sociology, pathology, physical medicine and psychology will be involved in the program.

According to Dr. Leonard Mann, S.M., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Dayton, and Mr. E. C. Kuhbander, Executive Director, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, the affiliation stems from a comprehensive study made by Dr. J. Gerhard Hartman, Dean of the School of Hospital Administration, University of Iowa. It was his recommendation that the affiliation would offer broad advantage to both institutions and to the community.

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The team approach - involving university staff and facilities, medical center staff and facilities, and students - represents a dynamic technique that brings a new practical dimension to education. This team concept, too, can be effectively applied to research for many of the health questions of the day.

As specific programs are inaugurated, students will be involved through scientific research in the physical sciences, or as participants in survey teams studying hospital procedures or community health needs. Hospitals, as they are presently staffed, do not have the personnel to either complete or analyze in-depth surveys. Students would get academic credit for their participation.

Students will rotate through the participating departments at the Medical Center and certain St. Elizabeth staff members will become instructors and take their professional expertise into the classroom at U.D.

At some point, the two institutions might find it feasible to work on medical research as a team with supportive funds furnished by the government or private organizations.

In the affiliation agreement that has been signed, it is stipulated that programs will be cooperatively developed and administered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. It is agreed that the University will provide the student with an academic background and guidance, while the Medical Center will provide clinical patient environment, equipment unique to hospital facilities, and guidance in the clinical processes.