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The University of Dayton to Hold 121st Commencement

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DAYTON, Ohio, April 21, 1971 --- Chris T. Corcoran of Englewood, Ohio, and Joseph E. Scherger of Delphos, Ohio, carrying perfect 4.0 academic averages, will be the top graduates Sunday, April 25, at the 121st Commencement of the University of Dayton in the UD Arena.

Ninety honor graduates will be among the 1364 receiving diplomas at two ceremonies. This is the largest single graduation exercise in the University's history.

The College of Arts and Sciences graduation, at which the University will award its 25,000th diploma since 1885, will begin at 10 a.m. while the 2:30 p.m. ceremony will include the Schools of Business Administration, Education and Engineering, and the Technical Institute.

The 121st graduation also includes last December's exercises at which 514 men and women received diplomas and the summer ceremony on August 1.

Of the ninety honor graduates, 11 will graduate summa cum laude (4.0 - 3.9), another 22 magna cum laude (3.7 - 3.9) and 57 cum laude (3.5 - 3.7). The Dayton area summa cum laude graduates besides Corcoran are:

David J. Bradley, electrical engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley, 4600 Wingview Lane, Kettering (3.947); Linda D. Kilian, secondary education, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilian, 4325 Clarendon, Kettering, (3.923).

Scherger, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scherger, 505 W. Second Street, Delphos, is completing his perfect record in three years. A pre-medicine major, Scherger is a graduate of St. John's High School, Delphos, and will continue his education in medical school. He has not selected a school as yet.

During his UD tenure he has been a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, pre-medical honor society; treasurer of the Ohio Eta Chapter at UD and a member of the UD Players theater group and the Appalachia Club. He was the top freshman in premed and received a similar honor as the top senior this year. He was the recipient of the Tom Blackburn Upperclass Scholarship this year.

He served as a student coordinator in establishing the Freshman Honors Program in the College of Arts & Sciences last fall, including an interdisciplinary course, "Developing Values in Education." It was taught by five upperclassmen. He also was the coordinator in developing an interdisciplinary course, "Medical Ethics," this spring. Each program was worth three credit hours.

Corcoran, who is a chemistry major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Corcoran, 662h Templehurst Road, Englewood. He received the American Chemical Society Award as the outstanding graduate in chemistry and is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, the Physics Honor Society.

He is a graduate of Northmont High School and will continue his schooling at Indiana University.

Also graduating with honors is Cole C. Kingseed, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kingseed, R.R. #1, Piqua, who is the Honor Graduate in Military Science. He and 69 other men, including 20 Distinguished Military graduates, will receive their commissions Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Boll Theater.

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