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DAYTON, Ohio, June 4, 1971 --- Mrs. Virginia Kettering, wife of the late Eugene W. Kettering, has been appointed to the University of Dayton Board of Trustees, H. Talbott Mead, Chairman of the Board and President of the Mead Investment Company, announced today. Mrs. Kettering, while living in Hinsdale, Illinois, during the late 1940s and the 1950s, was known for her philanthropy, particularly at the Hinsdale Sanatorium & Hospital.

Mrs. Kettering and Mrs. Bette Rogge Morse of Dayton are the first women in 50 years to be appointed to the University's Board of Trustees. They were appointed to three-year terms.

The wife and daughter-in-law of General Motors Corporation executives and inventors, Eugene W. and Charles F. respectively, Mrs. Kettering has devoted much of her life to the relief of human suffering. While a resident of Hinsdale, Mrs. Kettering was instrumental in the equipping of Hinsdale Hospital with a contagious diseases ward and supervised the equipping and staffing of a full floor during the polio outbreak of 1949.

She has continued that interest in Dayton where she and her husband were principally instrumental in the development of the Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital and Heart Research Clinic. She also has devoted much of her time to the Society Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

She also contributes her time to the Dayton Art Institute, Philharmonic Orchestra, the Women's Club and the YWCA. She serves the World Service Council in New York City.

Mrs. Kettering was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at the University of Dayton in 1966. She and her husband, who died in 1969, contributed $1,000,000 to the University's $7,000,000 Eugene W. Kettering Engineering and Research Laboratories in 1968. Their generosity was matched by the UD Alumni in a three-year campaign ended last December.

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