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DAYTON, Ohio, December 4, 1970 --- Dr. Raymond Fitz, S.M., Professor of Electrical Engineering, has been appointed Faculty Moderator for Project Interface, a student-oriented academic program at the University of Dayton which deals with innovative education in cooperation with business, industry and the community.

The appointment was made by Rev. Charles J. Lees, S.M., Provost, with the approval of the President, Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M.

In announcing the appointment, Father Lees said: "Relevance in education is rapidly becoming a trite phrase in institutions of higher education--but the concept, nevertheless, looms large in importance.

"The University of Dayton regards "Project Interface" as a pioneer venture in relevancy, and the prospect of its possibilities adds a large measure of optimism and hope to the University's educational task.

"The appointment of Doctor Fitz as its Director is the outcome of the University's enthusiasm for "Project Interface." Dr. Fitz is singularly qualified for his task. He has an understanding of the concerns of college students; he has an impressive record in studying and appreciating innovative education; he is more than adequately knowledgeable in the texture of modern technology and commerce, and their attendant complexities."

Dr. Fitz, in accepting the position, said that he would urge the students to continue their research efforts and academic programs with industry and in the community. He pointed to the Project's recent joint venture with the Ohio Bell Telephone Company in the multi-media presentation designed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Entitled "Take a Fresh Look" the three-screen presentation was a commentary on contemporary American Culture.

The Project also has on-going programs with Community Research Inc., National Alliance of Businessmen, Winters National Bank, Inland Manufacturing Company and high and grade schools in Dayton.

The Project continues its contacts with business, industrial and community organizations and local, state and national government offices.

The efforts of such UD students and recent graduates as Frank Surico, Marty Corry, Charlie Caldwell, and Ed Barrett, who conceived the program 18 months, has brought a comment from its first patron, C. William Verity, President, Armco Steel Corporation.

"We hear a lot of talk these days about the 'Military-Industrial Complex.' I would like to see us encourage the idea of the 'Educational-Industrial Complex' --the concept that American universities and industry have a close and on-going relationship that is a true partnership for human progress," Verity said.

Dr. Fitz, who is a 1964 engineering graduate of UD, received his master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1967 and 1970 respectively. He has been with the University of Dayton for 18 months.