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DAYTON, Ohio, February 16, 1971 --- Open house and guided tours through the laboratories of the University of Dayton's new engineering and research building will highlight the observance of Engineers' Week, February 22-27, co-sponsored this year by UD, Wright State University, Sinclair College, and the Dayton Society of Professional Engineers.

There will be a joint display of engineering and technical exhibits and demonstrations from the three schools during open house, Saturday, February 27, from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited. Tours of the five-story, \$6.5 million structure will be conducted by student members of Epsilon Delta Tau, professional engineering fraternity. Laboratories will be staffed by faculty and students during the open house period.

Thirty-three Dayton area high schools have been extended special invitations to send interested students to the open house on Saturday, and about 100 of the high school visitors will receive free tickets to the U.D.-Miami basketball game.

Other events of the week will include film festivals on Monday and Tuesday, February 22-25, showing such documentaries as The Wasteland and Byproducts of Space Research.

In the more than 100 specialized laboratories, Saturday's visitors may see projects related to solving air, water, and soil pollution problems, including research on solar cells, the most pollution-free source of energy known. Also on view will be a seismometer for detecting earthquakes; lasers, an electron microscope and other sophisticated equipment.

William Sopko, senior in mechanical engineering technology from Cleveland, Ohio, is program chairman of Engineers' Week at UD and planned the joint effort with Wright State, Sinclair and the local engineering society.

Engineers' Week, a project of the National Society of Professional Engineers, has been traditionally observed during the week of Washington's birthday because of our first President's early career as surveyor and builder. With the change in the calendar from February 22 to the 15th as a combined day of observance of both Washington's and Lincoln's birthday in Ohio, this year's events during the last week in February will be the last on the old date.

Theme of the week is "Engineering--to improve the quality of life." Purpose of the observance is to promote interest in engineering education on both the high school and college level, to explain the role of engineering in today's society, and to emphasize engineering's contributions to the betterment of mankind.

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