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Tuition Reduction Plans for the Unemployed

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DAYTON, Ohio, August 23, 1971 --- The University of Dayton today announced a special program for unemployed persons in the Dayton area to attend the University on a tuition reduction plan. The program, which was announced by President, Reverend Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., will be operative immediately and remain in effect until the close of the summer session in July, 1972. The reduction of 50 per cent in tuition and fees will apply to all undergraduate courses on a space available basis.

The proposal was submitted to the President and his Advisory Council during the past week by a special Tuition Study Committee, chaired by Brother Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., Vice President for University Relations.

The proposal read:

"In recognition of the current economic situation in the Dayton area and to provide an opportunity for unemployed persons to use their time productively, the University of Dayton offers 50 per cent tuition and fees reduction to any unemployed person in the Dayton area who may wish to register for any undergraduate course on a space available basis. Unemployed veterans will be given special consideration depending on resources otherwise available to them (government aid). The University will limit the number of credit hours for reduction in any term to eleven.

"This offer, to remain in effect through the Summer Session of 1972, applies to any unemployed person who is at least 22 years of age and had been employed on a full-time basis for at least two years.

"If necessary, deferred payment of the balance of the tuition can be arranged in most cases. In the event such person finds employment before the end of the term and is unable to continue in classes, he will be permitted to withdraw and will be issued a voucher entitling him to register for the same course without cost anytime within the next year."

"We would hope," says Father Roesch, in discussing the plan, "that unemployed persons would take advantage of this opportunity to upgrade their skills by taking courses in their special field. An individual could take as many as 33 hours during the year the plan is in operation.

"It is our wish, too, to make the procedures for entering the program as easy as possible by offering deferred payment plans in addition to the reduction in tuition and fees."

Brother Lackner noted that persons applying for the program would be considered part-time students since 12 hours a term is the minimum for a full-time curriculum schedule. This plan calls for a maximum of 11 hours per term.

The current cost for part-time students is $40 tuition and $5 fees per credit hour. Persons eligible for this program would be charged $20 tuition per credit hour and $2.50 fees per credit hour. Bank Americard and Master Charge credit cards will be accepted.

Information about the program may be obtained by calling Mr. Virgil Myers, Assistant Registrar, at 229-4141. Mr. Myers, whose office is 114 St. Mary's Hall, will also advise applicants on procedures for registration, available courses, deferred payment, etc. Registration closes at noon on Friday, August 27 and classes begin on Monday, August 30.