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DAYTON, Ohio, April 17, 1972 --- Dr. Kenneth Schraut, chairman of the department of mathematics at the University of Dayton since 1954, received a new title today at the annual President's Recognition dinner. He was named Distinguished Professor, the first UD teacher to receive this honor.

Dr. Schraut, who has taught at UD since 1940, was cited for "chairing with distinction one of the most prestigious departments of the University."

Forty of his former students are now professors of mathematics at colleges and universities throughout the U.S., 36 holding the Ph.D. degree. Fifteen are presently engaged in doctoral studies and seven are likely to finish this year. Nine of his students are Ph.D.'s in industry and other non-academic areas.

The unusually high percentage of mathematics majors at UD who go on for the doctoral degree was revealed in a study published in The American Mathematical Monthly several years ago. Of the nation's 2500 colleges and universities, UD ranked 16th in percentage (or, mathematically speaking, in the top 0.7%, that is, at the top of the list for every 175 colleges in the U.S.).

The National Science Foundation has recognized the excellence of the department by funding its summer institutes for teachers of high school mathematics. A grant of $55,000 for last summer's institute brought the total for the past 10 years to nearly a half million dollars.

The citation naming Dr. Schraut "Distinguished Professor of Mathematics" noted that during his tenure "the department has played a major role in the education of a generation of engineers, physicians, and secondary school teachers. The roster of Ph.D.'s in mathematics and science whose roots rest in this department would be a tribute to any institution in the country."

Dr. Schraut is a native of Hillsboro, Illinois, and received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from the University of Illinois. He was awarded a teaching fellowship at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his Ph.D. in 1940. He has been acting professor, graduate school, University of Cincinnati; visiting lecturer, graduate school, Ohio State; and summer instructor, University of Notre Dame.

He is a member of the executive committee of the American Society for Engineering Education, mathematics division, and was founder of the National Mathematics Honor Society of Secondary Schools. He is listed in Outstanding Educators of the U.S., Who's Who, and American Men of Science.

Dr. Schraut will relinquish chairmanship of his department on July 1, but will continue to teach at U.D. He lives at 412 Manchester Drive, Kettering.