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DAYTON, Ohio, July 26, 1972 --- Beverly Sue Gilmore's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred E. Gilmore of 33 N. Pleasant Avenue, Fairborn, had a fear in 1969 that her impending marriage would effect her grades in college. It was a typical parental concern but, in this case, there was no need for that concern.

Sunday, Beverly, now Mrs. Lester Smith of 347 Red Oak Drive, Fairborn, will graduate summa cum laude as the top graduate in a class of 462 men and women receiving associate, bachelor and master's degrees at the University of Dayton's third diploma exercise of its 122nd graduation ceremonies. The program, as were the others in December and April, will be held in the UD Arena at 10:30 A.M.

Mrs. Smith graduates with a cumulative academic average of 3.976 out of a 4.0. She received only one B in her four-year college career and, as her husband laughingly puts it, "she got that B before we were married." She is receiving a bachelor of science in education, secondary education, degree.

Two men graduates, Lt. William Riley of the Dayton Police Department and former Ballbrook policeman, Dave Franklyn, whose marriages did not interfere with their academic pursuits either, are receiving their diplomas with high achievement. Lt. Riley is finishing 49 hours of academic work with a perfect 4.0 average and is receiving an associate degree in police administration with a major in criminal justice. Mr. Franklyn is completing his four years of academic work in two years with a 3.4 average, just one tenth of a point under honors. He will receive a bachelor of science in criminal justice.

Lt. Riley, who looked around at 28 years of age and saw that men coming into police work had more education than he, decided if he were going to be competitive in the field he enjoyed, it was time to pursue a formal degree. He will have the bachelor's degree Sunday and expects to continue his education, hopefully through a fellowship or assistantship. His wife, Mary, and daughters, Michele, 11; Vickie, 7; and Kimberley, 4, are all for it.

Mr. Franklyn felt, too, that a college education was a needed tool for advancement in police work. He started his academic career at Sinclair Community College, finished two years in one and graduated with honors. He's also completing two years in one at UD and has just received a one-year fellowship in criminal justice education at Eastern Kentucky University.
Before his college career, Mr. Franklyn worked five years as a game protector and five years on the Bellbrook Police force. He and his wife, Carol, have four children, Brigitte, 11; Shelly 10; Christy, 6, and David, Jr., 2.

Of the 462 graduates, 255 will receive bachelor's degrees, another 201 master's and six associate degrees. The 462 brings to 2,169, the number of men and women who have received diplomas in the University's 122nd commencement year.

The list on honor graduates, which includes six Dayton-area people, is:

**Summa Cum Laude**

Beverly Sue Smith, wife of Mr. Lester Smith, 347 Red Oak Drive, Fairborn, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Gilmore, 33 N. Pleasant Avenue, Fairborn, bachelor of science in education, 3.976.

Sr. Janet C. Schlichtling, O.P., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schlichtling, 3720 Kent Rd., Stow, Ohio, bachelor of science in art education, 3.967.

**Magna Cum Laude**

Judith M. Connellie, wife of Thomas Connellie, Saunderstown, Rhode Island, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Schwindeman, 4567 Hannaford Street, Dayton, bachelor of science in home economics, 3.839.

Marianne McCracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McCracken, 5253 Rahway Court, Dayton, bachelor of science in education, elementary education, 3.795.

Sr. Carol Jean Crimi, O.P., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Crimi, 721 Patterson Street, Akron, bachelor of arts in theology, 3.795.

Thomas P. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin, 573 Woodview Drive, Dayton, bachelor of science in business administration, accounting, 3.766.

Jacqueline S. Prasnikar, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Prasnikar, 10 S. Salem Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois, bachelor of science in social work, 3.702.
Carol Sue Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gibson, 4050 Far Don Road, Dayton, bachelor of science in education, secondary education, 3.692.

Donna Day Ashworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel B. Ashworth, 1012 W. Fairview Avenue, Dayton, bachelor of science in education, secondary education, 3.627.

Barbara Jo Hynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hynes, 4910 Mechanicsburg Road, Springfield, Ohio, bachelor of fine arts, 3.624.

Timothy K. Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Doyle, 1004 44th Street, Vienna, West Virginia, bachelor of mechanical engineering, 3.580.

Rita Ellen Cipalla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cipalla, 3805 Peach Street, Erie, Pa., bachelor of arts in English, 3.570.

Mary Elizabeth Twark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Twark, 114 E. South Street, Alliance, Ohio, bachelor of science in psychology, 3.500.