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DAYTON, Ohio, October 16, 1972 --- Reverend Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., University of Dayton President, in a letter to UD faculty, staff and administration today, announced that he would nominate Mr. Thomas Frericks, the University's Athletic Director, to the post of Executive Director of the University Relations Department. The nomination will be made to the Board of Trustees this Thursday at their annual fall noon meeting in the Kennedy Union.

Mr. Frericks, who has been UD's Athletic Director since the spring of 1964, would replace Brother Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., who retired in July as the Vice President for University Relations. He had held the top executive post in UD's public relations program for more than 20 years.

Father Roesch, in his letter to the UD community, noted that the search process for Brother Lackner's successor had continued for five months. The search committee, made up of one Trustee, alumni, faculty, students and administrators, had been chaired by Reverend George B. Barrett, S.M., University Vice President.

He further noted: "Mr. Frericks was chosen out of a field of more than a hundred candidates as the person who possesses the best combination of personal and professional qualifications to meet the challenges of the post at this particular time of the University's history. His accomplishments as Director of Athletics are well known to you. The abilities and personal strengths which brought him outstanding success in this field are the very ones which, we feel confident, will enable him to accept this greater responsibility and meet its challenges with every assurance of the same success."