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DAYTON, Ohio, April 14, 1982 -- The University of Dayton Model United Nations Club received top recognition as an "Outstanding Delegation" at the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City, April 6-10. This distinction was awarded to only six of the 110 colleges and universities attending the conference.

Under the leadership of students Kevin Zerrusen and Janet Sollinger the UD delegation of 21 students represented the United States. According to Sollinger the conference helps teach diplomatic skills and UD's goal was to portray the United States as an awesome, rather than aggressive, nation.

Sessions were held by 19 committees with students from different schools composing the committee membership. United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Political and Security Committee, Committee on Terrorism, Human Rights Committee and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) were some of the committees formed. Issues discussed at the committee sessions included the Falkland Islands, Nicaragua, Poland, freedom of information, non-intervention, and the Mideast.

With 1,350 students from 110 colleges and universities representing 135 countries, this year's conference was the largest ever held. The conference took place at the United Nations Building and the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Political science professor Margaret Karns serves as faculty advisor to the UD Model United Nations Club.

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