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Physical Education Teacher Receives National Recognition

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DAYTON, Ohio, March 25, 1982 -- Craig E. Lyon, '73, has been honored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) organization with the Chavin Memorial Award. This is the first time this national award has ever been presented.

The Chavin award is presented to an individual who despite a handicapping condition has not only achieved but attained great heights, and serves as an inspiration for others because of accomplishments despite handicapping conditions. He has demonstrated a commitment to excellence as a leader and participant in a number of disciplines represented by the AAHPERD.

Working as a physical education instructor at Valley Elementary School in the Beavercreek school system since his graduation from UD, Craig also serves as intramural director and assistant wrestling coach at Beavercreek High School.

The handicap of being born with no feet or legs from below mid-thigh has not stopped Craig from serving on the University of Dayton Department of Physical and Health Education Advisory Board and making numerous professional presentations at local and state health and physical education workshops. Craig has also competed in two-mile road races with the aid of artificial legs.

Nominated for the award by Don Morefield, assistant professor of Physical and Health Education at UD and a former teacher of Craig's, the Chavin Memorial Award includes an engraved chalice which will be presented to him at the AAHPERD convention in Houston on April 26 and a plaque in his name displayed in the National Center of the AAHPERD in Reston, Virginia.
Craig resides on Cleveland Avenue in Beavercreek with his wife Patricia and one child. For more information, contact Ro Nita Hawes at 229-3241.