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DAYTON, Ohio, April 19, 1982 -- The University of Dayton, along with the Trotwood-Madison Spectrum Program, is hosting the first annual Conference for Gifted Kids titled, "Toward Tomorrow." The workshop sessions take place on the UD campus Saturday, May 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The conference is designed for students in grades three through eight who are enrolled in programs for the gifted and talented as well as adults who work with them. Students will have their choice of three workshop sessions from a variety of 19 topics. Some of these topics include: "Your Honor, I Object," the trial of Goldilocks conducted by the UD Criminal Justice Department with the help of participating students; "To the Moon and Back," a demonstration of rockets including an actual rocket launching by UD professor Paul Lutz; "Penny Principle," an examination of the stock market by stockbrokers Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith, Inc.; a session on puppetry techniques and improvisations; "Monsters, Monsters, Monsters," UD art professor Bernard Plogman explores fun with paper and imagination in art; active participation in theatre games will be provided by Ann Britton of the Dayton Teen and Children's Theatre; and many other sessions from stars, to computers, to lasers, to engineering and music.

Presentations for the adults attending the conference will include Robert O'Donnell of the Aerospace Medical Research Lab at Wright Patterson Air Force Base speaking on "Brain-Hemispheric Functions: Implications for Giftedness;" "Parenting the Gifted," by Boyd Marcum, principal of Donnelsville Elementary School; and

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"Fostering Creative Thinking at Home with Gifted Students," presented by Nancy Hammett, consultant for Talented and Gifted, Hamilton County Board of Education.

The opening session of the conference begins at 9 a.m. when the 98-member Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra performs. Conducted by William Steinohrt, the orchestra will attempt to inspire a cultural awareness and appreciation of symphonic music.

Several area businesses are assisting in the conference by providing equipment and supplies needed. The Mead Corporation is supplying paper products, Dayton Power and Light is providing buses to transport the participants, and Radio Shack has offered the use of their computers for the day.

For more information on the conference, contact Lelia Boyd at 854-3050, ext. 283 or Brother Jerry O'Neil at 229-4619.