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UD to Host WOCTELA Conference

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DAYTON, Ohio, October 7, 1982 -- The University of Dayton Department of English is hosting and co-sponsoring the 1982 Fall Western Ohio Council of Teachers of English/Language Arts (WOCTELA) Conference on October 13. The conference, which will cover various areas of education, will have as its highlight a discussion of censorship.

Keynote speaker will be Judith Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association. She will speak at 10:30 a.m. on current censorship efforts threatening American classrooms and libraries.

Krug, who is deeply involved in the issue of censorship, has served as director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association since 1967 and has acted as executive director of the Freedom to Read Foundation since 1970. She has co-edited the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom since 1970 and has been co-editor of the Freedom to Read Foundation News since 1972. For her many contributions to the cause of the book as an instrument of culture in American life she received the Irita Van Doren Award from the American Booksellers Association in 1976, as well as numerous other awards and honors. Krug appeared on the Today Show and has given many lectures.

Other presenters for the conference include Elaine Hairston, Ohio Board of Regents; Leila McCluskey, Miami Valley School; Ellen Duel, Lincoln Elementary School; Lelia Boyd, Trotwood-Madison City Schools; Alan Kimbrough, University of Dayton; Jim Davis, Ohio University; and Barbara Farrelly, Sinclair Community College.

Anyone interested in attending the conference must register. On-site registration will be available at 8:30 a.m., October 13, in the Kennedy Union Art Gallery. The $7 registration fee includes a one-year WOCTELA membership. For more information, contact Mary Sue Gardetto at Ankeney Junior High School, 429-9021.