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UD Names New Research Leadership Team

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DAYTON, Ohio, February 25, 1983 -- University of Dayton President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., today announced the appointment of George B. Noland, Ph.D., as director of the UD Research Institute, effective July 1, 1983. Noland will succeed John R. Westerheide who will retire later this summer. Westerheide has been the director of the Research Institute since it was organized in 1956.

John C. Wurst, Ph.D., associate director of the Research Institute since 1975, was reappointed to that position with expanded duties, effective July 1. Wurst is a 26-year veteran of the Institute and is currently responsible for planning and program development.

Dr. Noland is currently associate provost, a position he has held since 1979. He is responsible for the University's graduate studies, research, and computing activities and assists in several other areas of academic administration. Prior to 1979 he was dean of graduate studies and research (1976-1979) and chairman of the Department of Biology (1963-1976). Noland will retain his position as associate provost and add the title director of the Research Institute.

Dr. Noland joined the UD faculty in 1955 and was made full professor in 1965. His degrees include a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Detroit and a Ph.D. in biology from Michigan State University. Noland
is a member of more than a dozen state, regional, and national organizations. In addition to many professional academic groups, he holds membership in the National Council of University Research Administrators; the Society of Research Administrators; the Society of University Patent Administrators; Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society; and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also serves on several University of Dayton councils and committees.

President Fitz announced the appointments of Noland and Wurst as part of a presentation on strategic planning for the University's Research Institute. In that presentation he highlighted the achievements of the Research Institute to date, calling the staff "one of the nation's and one of the Miami Valley's preeminent research groups" and pledged to work for its continued development in several advanced technology fields. The University of Dayton Research Institute last year performed work on 292 projects with sponsorship in excess of $18 million. The Institute employs over 400 full-time professional research and support staff members.