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The University of Dayton

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN UD AND BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES

News Release

DAYTON, Ohio, September 9, 1983 -- As part of an educational exchange program, the University of Dayton and two southeastern Brazilian universities will sign an agreement Tuesday, September 13, that will "open the door" to the exchange of ideas, faculty expertise, and general educational resources.

The Federal University and Catholic University of Parana, Brazil, will be represented by Alcy J. Ramalho, president and Sergio Martenetz, professor of economics at Federal University.

The University exchange program is part of "Partners of the Americas" -- a private, non-profit organization linking the citizens of 43 states with those of 27 Latin American and Caribbean states, countries, and regions. Parana and Ohio were made "partners" due to the similarity in their agricultural and industrial makeup. Both combine agriculture with industry and rural areas with urban centers.

According to John Weiler, chairman of UD's Department of Economics and Finance and one of the coordinators of the university exchange program, UD is one of five universities in Ohio that will sign agreements with the Parana universities. Ohio State, Miami, Cincinnati, and Cleveland State universities will also participate.

"The exchange of ideas will flow from both the north and south," said Weiler, who recently visited Parana, where he discussed economic issues, including U.S. economic policies. "The similarities between Parana and Ohio are many. The land even looks the same, if you take away the palm trees. It's these similarities that will make our exchange of ideas even more valuable in solving common problems or reaching common goals."

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NOTE: The Brazilian visitors will be taking a tour of the UD campus all day Tuesday, September 6. Contact the Department of University Communications for photo or interview opportunities.

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