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News Release

PRESIDENT REAPPOINTED,
BUDGET APPROVED

DAYTON, Ohio, May 18, 1984 -- The University of Dayton Board of Trustees, meeting today on the campus, reappointed President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., Ph.D. for a second five year term. Fitz, 42, was selected as University of Dayton president in 1978 and succeeded Reverend Raymond A. Roesch, S.M. as president on August 15, 1979.

The Board also approved a balanced budget of $84.9 million for the University's fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984. The operating budget represents a 6.8 percent increase from the current $79.5 million budget and a 35 percent growth in the University's annual budget in the past five years.

Other actions and announcements

-- With the approval of the Board's Executive Committee, the University has requested and received preliminary authorization from the Ohio Higher Educational Facilities Commission for the issuance of $5.6 million of tax exempt revenue bonds for upcoming capital projects, including a new University telephone/telecommunications system and continuing renovation (Phase IV) of St. Joseph and Zehler Halls. The renovation of St. Joseph and Zehler Halls has been initiated and will replace the century old heating system and all accessible plumbing, add central air conditioning, and repair the north facade of Zehler Hall, the oldest UD building. Other projects are still in the planning or discussion stages. Another review of each project's plans by the Ohio Higher Educational Facilities Commission is required before issuance of the bonds.

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The University of Dayton, Wright State University, and Sinclair Community College have submitted a formal proposal to the State of Ohio for Thomas Alva Edison Partnership Program matching funds to establish an Advanced Materials Technology Applications Center in Dayton. UD would accept responsibility for operating the Center and serve as the recipient of State funding for apportionment to the partner institutions according to agreed upon policies. A Partner Advisory Board and an Industry Advisory Council have been proposed as part of the Center concept. Notification by the State is expected in late summer.

The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic Policy and Programs Committee that the Department of Executive Secretarial Studies be discontinued effective May 1985. Students are not currently being admitted to the two-year program which is being phased out by the School of Business Administration in order to focus resources on four-year, bachelor's degree programs.

In order to encourage research, teaching, and learning which explores the Catholic intellectual tradition and its application to contemporary problems, the University of Dayton will establish in September 1984 in the College of Arts and Sciences a program entitled "The Enduring Dialogue: Christian Humanism and Western Culture." The program is planned for two and one-half years, with the possibility of extending the most promising projects which result from it. Grants are expected to be awarded to faculty and students in five categories: research, curriculum development, projects, arts, and publication. The University hopes to eventually endow this program to assure the continued pursuit of its objectives.

The Board's Objectives and Purposes Committee, after reviewing "The Report by the Committee on University Goals and Priorities" and "The Mission of the University" and the report of the Academic Senate Ad Hoc Committee on these
documents, identified key issues resulting from discussion of these documents and 
made recommendations to stimulate and reward scholarly achievements in Catholic 
intellectual areas; clarify documents governing internal goal-oriented efforts; 
promote student academic, social, and spiritual growth; increase faculty profes­

tionalism and confidence; and elevate faculty-administration understanding and trust. 
The recommendations will be addressed by the University in its planning process. 

-- John E. Riley was named acting vice president for student development 
and Walter Gilliard, Ph.D. acting dean of students in March. Each will serve in that 
capacity until a new vice president for student development is selected. Judith 
Allik, Ph.D., professor of psychology is chairing the Search Committee for the new 
vice president. The Committee is expected to begin the search process in July 1984. 
A new vice president is expected to take office by July 1, 1985. 

-- Cumulative cash gifts to the University for the 1983-84 fiscal year are 
running 2.8 percent ahead of last year's rate. Through April, $2.1 million in 
cash gifts had been received. 

-- "The Direction Statement for the University of Dayton" was reviewed at 
a workshop on Strategic Planning held May 4. Participants in the workshop were the 
President's Management Conference, the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate, 
and the University Council on Planning. Revisions are expected by September 1984. 
The document, which serves as the basis for annual and long-range strategic planning, 
identifies the University's mission, situational analysis, strategic planning 
principles, and major goals and objectives. 

-- Enrollment prospects for 1984-85 are very encouraging. Tuition deposits 
from entering freshmen are ahead of the same date last year. More than 1650
new freshmen are expected. Total full-time undergraduate enrollment is expected to exceed 6,150.

The University of Dayton is Ohio's largest independent university and the nation's eighth largest Catholic university.

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