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DAYTON, Ohio, April 10, 1985 -- The University of Dayton will award three honorary doctorates at its spring commencement on Sunday, April 28, at 10 a.m. in the UD Arena.

WILLIAM S. ANDERSON, sixth chairman of the NCR Corporation and architect of its major reorganization in the mid 1970s, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree. The honorary degree recognizes Anderson's leadership in the Dayton community, especially on behalf of the Dayton Council on World Affairs, the Dayton Performing Arts Fund, and the University of Dayton. His citation reads, in part, "William S. Anderson...continued his company's legacy of leadership and service, and in so doing earned the lasting respect and gratitude of his company, his community, and the University of Dayton." Anderson is a member of the UD Board of Trustees and associate chairman of the Campaign for the University of Dayton.

ROBERT J. KEGERREIS, PH.D., retiring president of Wright State University, will be awarded the Honorary Doctor of Education degree. Kegerreis will step down this year after 12 years as president. His honorary degree recognizes his educational leadership, community involvement, and state-wide service. The degree citation reads in part "President Kegerreis was instrumental in the development of the Miami Valley Research Foundation with the University of Dayton and others, exemplifying his skill in uniting different interests for the betterment of the community and its citizens."
CHARLES E. TAYLOR, PH.D., who retired from the presidency of Wilberforce University in 1984 to become director of contributions and community affairs for The Standard Oil Company (OHIO), will also receive an Honorary Doctor of Education degree. Taylor was the youngest person ever to guide the school, which is one of the nation's oldest predominantly black, private universities. The honorary degree recognizes his leadership, service to the area, and partnership with area universities. Specifically, the degree citation notes that during Taylor's presidency "An innovative dual degree program in engineering was established between Wilberforce University and the University of Dayton as a result of shared concerns for the role of blacks in advancing America's technological excellence."

UD will award 1,361 degrees at the spring commencement exercises on Sunday, April 28. The degrees include nine associate's, 1,075 bachelor's, 269 master's, five earned doctorates, and three honorary doctorates.

A baccalaureate Mass for graduates and their families will be celebrated Saturday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m. in the UD Arena, followed by a reception hosted by President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M. There will be a dance for graduates and their families, sponsored by the UD Alumni Association, in the UD Fieldhouse from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 27.

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