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DAYTON, Ohio, November 29, 1984 -- In keeping with the mission of the University of Dayton to provide educational opportunity and experience for scholars and to be of service to the area community, the Urban Relations Task Force presently has four university faculty working on projects for the City of Dayton and will add one more in the winter term.

The four faculty in the program for the fall term are Raghava Gowda, Edward J. Dunne, Ph.D.; Patrick Sweeney, Ph.D., and Rebecca Yates, Ph.D. Patrick Donnelly, Ph.D., will begin his research in January.

Gowda, a member of the Computer Science Department since January 1983, is working on "An Empirical Study for Assessing the Role and Effect of the Organization Structure on the Productivity and Performance of Software Houses" at the Department of Human and Neighborhood Resources.

Dunne is doing a "Case Study of the City of Dayton Management Information Systems" at the Office of Management and Budget. He has been a member of the Decision Sciences Department since August 1982.

Sweeney, who came to the University's Engineering Management Department from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in July 1978, is working with the Office of Management and Budget and the Planning Department. His project is "A Computer-Economic-Demographic Model of the City: A Dynamic Simulation of Dayton, Ohio."

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Yates, who has been in the Marketing Department since August 1980, is working on "An Exploratory Investigation of the Use of Facilities, Services, and Activities in the City Among Consumer Segments." The Planning Department and Human and Neighborhood Resources is facilitating this project.

Next semester, Donnelly, of the Sociology and Anthropology Department, will be working with the Police Department. His project will be "An Investigation of Neighborhood Watch Groups." He has been with the University since August 1979.

The Urban Fellowship Program is planning an expansion which will incorporate "representatives from Dayton's neighborhood-based organizations, such as representatives from Dayton's Priority Boards, Neighborhood Leadership Program graduates, and organized neighborhood associations." The purpose of the expansion is to aid neighborhood leaders in improving the quality of life in their respective neighborhoods, which reflects the University's desire to provide education and service to the community.