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News Release

CONSTITUTIONAL CONTROVERSY EXAMINED DURING PROGRAM AT UD

DAYTON, Ohio, October 7, 1986--Four Constitutional scholars from the University of Dayton will participate in a panel discussion entitled "Perspectives on the Constitution" Wednesday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. in UD's Kennedy Union West Ballroom. The panel will examine the Constitution from the perspectives of history, political science, philosophy, and jurisprudence.

According to Roberta Alexander, panel member, program coordinator, and chairperson of UD's History Department, the document was written based on society in the eighteenth century. "During the program, we will discuss whether the original intent of the Constitution can be discovered and, if so, if that 'original intent' is relevant in today's courts," said Alexander.

In addition to Alexander, panel members are: Gerald Kerns, associate professor of political science; Michael Payne, associate professor of philosophy; and Richard Saphire, professor of law. Audience discussion will follow the panel's remarks.

The event is the second in a series of programs at UD commemorating the bicentennial of the Constitution. The program is made possible in part by the Ohio Humanities Council, a state-based agency of the National Endowment for the Humanities, which makes grants to non-profit organizations in Ohio for public programs in the humanities.

The discussion is free of charge and open to the public. Call Roberta Alexander for more information at 229-2848.

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