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The Thomas Edison Program at the University of Dayton

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On Thursday, March 31, Christopher M. Coburn, the executive director of Ohio's Thomas Edison program, will tell University of Dayton researchers, Sinclair Community College representatives, local business leaders and state representatives how to generate new technological ideas, products, companies and industries in Ohio through the creation of partnerships between industry and higher education.

The Thomas Edison Program, initiated by Ohio Governor Richard F. Celeste in 1983, finances technology development for projects that show potential for commercial success. The state legislature has committed $67.9 million to the program over the past five years. At UD, approximately $400,000 has been allocated since 1984 to fund four innovative research projects, including the development of smudgeless ink and a time-released fertilizer.

**WHAT:** Thomas Edison Program Briefing

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 31, 1988
9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

UD President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., will extend a welcome at 9 a.m. The briefing is scheduled between 9:20 and 10 a.m. This is the best time for media coverage. The rest of the morning is devoted to a question/answer period and individual project discussions.

**WHERE:** Kennedy Union, West Ballroom

**WHY:** The purpose of the Thomas Edison Program is to stimulate new university/industry research projects as a way to strengthen Ohio's economy and create new jobs.

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