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DAYTON, Ohio, April 18, 1988--The University of Dayton will confer
honorary degrees upon a medical researcher, an educational leader and "the
father of the jet age" during its spring commencement ceremonies on Sunday,
April 24.

More than 1,350 undergraduate, graduate and specialist degrees also will
be awarded at the 10 a.m. ceremony in the UD Arena. Approximately 1,080
undergraduate students are expected to receive degrees. Nearly 300 master's,
one associate, one doctoral and two education specialist degrees will be
bestowed.

Edward L. Buescher, a retired colonel from the United States Army Medical
Corps, will receive an honorary doctor of science degree. John W. Harewood,
retired assistant superintendent of administration for Dayton Public Schools,
will receive an honorary doctor of education degree, and Hans J.P. von Ohain,
the inventor of the first jet engine to power an aircraft, will receive an
honorary doctor of engineering degree.

Buescher graduated from UD in 1945 with a bachelor's degree in biology and
then received a medical degree from the University of Cincinnati. During his
long career as a military medical officer, he isolated and characterized the
rubella virus, contributed to the development of anti-malarial drugs and
vaccines and helped to upgrade the nerve agent antidote carried by soldiers. In
1972, UD presented Buescher with a Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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During 36 years in public education, Harewood served as teacher, guidance counselor, principal, director of secondary education and a leader during a period of great change in Dayton education, especially in the area of desegregation. He currently serves on or leads the boards of trustees of the United Way, the Montgomery County Council on Aging, the Dayton Boys Club, the Family Service Association and the Educational Task Force of the Metropolitan Churches United.

von Ohain has earned more than 70 patents and national and international recognition during a distinguished career in aeronautics research. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1979 after having served as chief scientist of both the Aerospace Research Laboratories and the Air Force Aero Propulsion Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He continues his research as a senior research engineer with UD's Research Institute and as an associate professor of mechanical engineering and aerospace engineering.

A special graduation Mass at 4:30 p.m. followed by a reception for graduates and their guests will be held in the UD Arena on Saturday, April 23. For more information, contact UD's Division of Academic Affairs at 229-2245.

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