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DAYTON, Ohio, May 26, 1988--The University of Dayton has received a record 5,844 applications for freshman enrollment--18 percent more than the same period last spring, according to James W. Hoover, UD's assistant vice president for enrollment management.

"We have virtually closed the admissions process for fall and have a huge waiting list. It's the earliest UD has ever closed admissions," said Hoover, who attributes UD's popularity to its affordability among private universities and recognition in several national publications.

Most recently, U.S. News and World Report ranked UD among the top 10 universities in the category of Midwestern and Western comprehensive institutions. UD's reputation for both academic excellence and as a "bargain school" has been recognized in Selective Guide to Colleges and Best Buys in College Education, two well-known annual guides edited by Edward B. Fiske of The New York Times.

"For the fall 1988 class, we've exceeded 50,000 inquiries about the University," Hoover said. "That's at least 3,000 more than we've ever received for one year. Approximately 11.5 percent of those inquiries end up as applicants."

UD, Ohio's largest private university and the country's ninth largest Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded in 1850 by the Society of Mary, a Roman Catholic teaching order. Approximately 11,500 undergraduate and graduate students currently attend UD.