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UD ALUMNUS NAMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

DAYTON, Ohio, July 7, 1988--Dayton native and University of Dayton graduate Gary Philip Hughes has been appointed as an Assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of export enforcement in the United States Department of Commerce.

Hughes oversees the export enforcement branch of the Department of Commerce, which is responsible for enforcing all laws concerning the export of strategically important goods and the control of exports to countries under embargo, such as South Africa. In layman's terms, Hughes explains that he leads a sort of "mini law enforcement agency," which is also involved in some "politically sensitive" work combatting Egypt's boycott of Israeli goods.

"There are a number of investigations of 'techno-bandits' that we are responsible for," he said in a telephone interview from his office in Washington, D.C.

President Reagan announced his intention to nominate Hughes for the newly created position on March 21, and after the appointment was confirmed by the Senate, Hughes was sworn in on June 15 in Washington, D.C.

Hughes was born in Dayton in 1953. He attended Chaminade High School from 1966 to 1970. In just two and a half years, he completed a political science major at the University of Dayton, graduating summa cum laude in 1972.
He then earned M.A. degrees from Tufts University in 1974 and 1975 and an M.P.A. from Harvard University in 1978.

In his career of public service, Hughes has worked as Assistant Analyst for National Security and International Affairs Division for the Congressional Budget Office from 1975 to 1978; Research Fellow for the Brookings Institution from 1978 to 1979; Assistant Director for Intelligence Policy for the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1979 to 1981; Deputy Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs for the Office of the Vice President from 1981 to 1985; Director for Latin American Affairs for the National Security Council from 1985 to 1986; and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Transfer and Control at the Department of State from 1986 to 1988. In 1985, Hughes received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

Hughes lives in Falls Church, Va., with his wife, Victoria, a 1974 UD graduate.

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