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DAYTON, Ohio, November 18, 1988--The University of Dayton's Board of Trustees has authorized $2.5 million to build a 29,900-square-foot addition to the Fieldhouse and $5 million to renovate Sherman Hall, one of the major science buildings on campus, as part of a bold "Campus 2000 Plan."

These are just two of seven major building projects envisioned for the University of Dayton campus between now and the year 2000 when UD celebrates its 150th anniversary. In all, University officials expect to spend an estimated $53 million in major renovations of existing facilities and new construction by the turn of the century, according to Bernard J. Ploeger, vice president for administration.

The "Campus 2000 Plan" is a mixture of the University Facilities Plan and the 1988 Environmental Design Plan prepared by Woolpert Consultants, a local land planning and civil engineering firm. The Environmental Design Plan, approved by UD's Board of Trustees last spring, looks more than three decades into the University's future with proposals for expanded academic facilities, improved student housing, a formal campus entrance, distinct campus boundaries, a student athletic and recreational complex, consolidated parking and conversion of several public streets into pedestrian walkways.

University officials have spent several months consulting with interested campus groups, Dayton city officials, the Brown Street Business Association and others about the feasibility of implementation of the Environmental Design Plan. Groundbreaking on the Fieldhouse addition is expected in the spring, while initial remodeling of Sherman Hall will begin when the Psychology Department moves out and into St. Joseph's Hall in August 1989. St. Joseph's Hall, currently
undergoing a $5.5 million reconstruction, was destroyed by a fire on Dec. 22, 1987.

The addition to the western part of the Fieldhouse will provide additional offices, classrooms and space for intercollegiate and intramural sports. In later project phases, the building is to be further improved for use as an attractive convocation center. The initial phase is expected to take 14 months.

The Fieldhouse addition's proposed design by architects Edge & Tinney--brick with sandstone detailing--is consistent with other campus buildings (most notably, the William S. Anderson Information Science Center and the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall). According to Ploeger, the Ionic columns envisioned for the Fieldhouse's new, more attractive entrance will symbolize the "Greek and Roman tradition of athletic competition" and match the classical look of the columns on nearby Albert Emanuel Hall. The proposed entry vault with its glass roof will serve as a lobby and a "showcase" to celebrate UD's achievements in athletics.

"We see the Fieldhouse improvements as very important for recruitment efforts in the new conference," said Thomas J. Frericks, vice president for athletics. The University of Dayton has recently joined the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

A weight room, training room, staff locker rooms and large classroom are proposed for the ground level of the Fieldhouse addition. The first floor is expected to contain offices for the Physical and Health Education Department, two classrooms and a large multi-purpose recreational room. The more than 9,000 additional square feet on the second floor will support administrative offices for intercollegiate sports.

The Sherman Hall renovation is expected to take five years. Plans include new plumbing, air conditioning, improved accessibility for the handicapped, bigger faculty offices, more classrooms, additional space for the expanding Biology Department, laboratories for the Medical Technology Program, a consolidation of the building's various departments and a connector between Sherman Hall and Wohlleben Hall--another major science center.

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The other five major building projects envisioned by the year 2000 include:

* New or expanded facilities for the School of Engineering and Research Institute;

* An addition to the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall that would add approximately 170 beds;

* A new Humanities building next to Zehler Hall and the thorough renovation of Zehler Hall and Liberty Hall. With space then vacated in Miriam Hall, Wohlleben Hall and the Kennedy Union, renovation would occur in these buildings;

* A new School of Law Library on College Park and a renovated Roesch Library;

* A 450-car parking garage and multi-purpose facility in the parking lot next to Kettering Laboratories. The building would house facilities management, central receiving, the post office, a food storage and preparation area and the bookstore.

"I think all of these projects are achievable," Ploeger said. "I don't see any of them as hopelessly blue sky."

The building projects will be financed through what Ploeger calls a "mix of possibilities," including user charges, general University income and fund raising.

The University of Dayton, Ohio's largest independent university and the nation's ninth largest Catholic institution of higher learning, began as St. Mary's School for Boys on July 1, 1850 on a Dayton farm four Marianist missionaries purchased while ministering to victims of cholera. By 1860, enrollment had increased from 14 to 100 primary students. Renamed the University of Dayton in 1920, the campus has grown from the original farm to more than 100 acres on the southern edge of the Dayton city limits and from its single large building, St. Mary's Hall, to a campus of more than 38 buildings.

More than 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students currently attend the University of Dayton, which operates under a $130 million annual budget.