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The University of Dayton

News Release

UD'S WOMEN IN COMMUNICATION STUDENT CHAPTER NAMED ONE OF FIVE TOP CHAPTERS IN COUNTRY

DAYTON, Ohio, December 14, 1988--The University of Dayton's Women in Communication (WICI) student chapter has been named one of the top five student chapters in the country. Founded in 1981, the chapter has received the honor three times in five years. "Dayton Daily News" reporter Mary Sikora is the group's advisor.

"We're extremely proud of this chapter," said Carol Zennie, Great Lakes regional vice president. "It is rare for such a new chapter to receive so many awards in such a short period of time."

In addition to the University of Dayton, other student chapter winners were Ohio University, Arizona State University, University of Texas and Oregon State University. The 15 chapters nominated were judged upon their number of annual programs and events, membership growth, student internships, professional programs and student members' involvement at the regional level. Top chapter award recipients were chosen by a 16-member panel of WICI's national board of directors.

"I think one of the reasons we received this award is because we had two members--Cathy Curtin, who was regional student liaison, and Terri Helbling, who was national vice-president for student affairs--involved with the regional and national WICI organization," said Robin Callahan, president of the student chapter. "We're one of the smallest universities to receive this award, and yet we have many of the same programs and opportunities that larger universities offer."

The University of Dayton's communication department has approximately 800 majors, making it the largest department on campus. The University of Dayton is Ohio's largest independent university and the nation's ninth largest Catholic university.