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UD President Appointed to National Higher Education Board

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DAYTON, Ohio, December 30, 1988--Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of the University of Dayton, has been elected to a three-year term on the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) board.

Based in Washington, D.C., NAICU is a non-profit association founded in 1976 as the national voice of independent higher education. It initiates and supports public policies that advance the mission and promote the well being of the independent (private) sector of higher education. Fitz is also a member of NAICU's Commission on Financing Higher Education. NAICU's board consists of 44 voting members chosen from the association's 820 member colleges and universities. Fitz, an Akron native, holds one of three seats in Region 3, which covers Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He was the top vote getter in the region.

Fitz, UD's president since 1979, is actively involved in a number of education-related organizations and has served on the board of directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. He serves the Dayton community through memberships in the Dayton Area Council on Youth, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, New Futures Board, Community Affairs Committee, Dayton Performing Arts Steering Committee, Womanline Board, Gem Savings Board and the Miami Valley Research Foundation. In 1988, he chaired the Miami Valley Research Institute, which directs the Center for Artificial Intelligence Applications. Recently, he accepted a three-year position on the board of trustees of County Corp, a private, non-profit agency that administers housing and economic development loans in Montgomery County.

The University of Dayton is the largest independent university in Ohio and the nation's ninth largest Catholic university.