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DAYTON, Ohio, January 24, 1989—American universities are not producing enough graduates with an expertise in manufacturing engineering technology. A recent national study presented to the Society of Manufacturing Engineers estimates an annual shortfall of 22,500 graduates.

In response to local, regional and national industry demand and as part of the University of Dayton's plans to establish a Center for Advanced Manufacturing on campus, a new program in manufacturing engineering technology will be offered at UD beginning in August 1989. The Board of Trustees approved the proposal at its Jan. 20 meeting.

"The area along I-75 from Michigan through Ohio and Kentucky is experiencing a massive investment in modern manufacturing facilities and engineering," said Robert L. Mott, chair of UD's mechanical engineering technology department. "The University of Dayton is ideally situated to serve this growth by producing graduates with the B.S. degree in engineering technology with a major in manufacturing engineering technology."

According to a 1987 survey conducted with graduates of UD's mechanical engineering technology program, 42 percent of the respondents are employed in manufacturing and plant engineering jobs. The study also indicated that 30 percent of those graduates earn an MBA or a similar degree "to enhance their opportunities for promotion into industrial management positions," Mott said.

"The program will be able to capitalize on the limelight being shed on manufacturing in the news media and in business and technical literature," Mott