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FRIDAY, APRIL 28: ST. JOSEPH'S HALL CONTRACTORS TO REPOSITION HISTORIC STATUE

Weather permitting, workers from Concourse Construction, Inc., the contractor rebuilding the fire-gutted St. Joseph's Hall on the University of Dayton campus, are expected to reposition the painted zinc statue of St. Joseph and Jesus more prominently on the west side of the building on Friday, April 28 at 10 a.m. The statue, donated in 1901 by the mother of two Marianist brothers, is a symbol of the building's restoration. It was salvaged from the Dec. 22, 1987, fire that virtually destroyed the century-old landmark.

Construction workers are painting and completing finishing work on the first and second floors and preparing to put up the walls on the upper floors. The building is now 65 percent finished. University officials have raised approximately $500,000 of the $2.5 million needed to modernize the building, the future home of UD's social and behavioral sciences departments. Total cost of the project is $6.75 million.

To confirm the time, call Teri Rizvi or Pam Huber at (513) 229-3241.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28: UD "CELEBRITIES" MODEL FASHIONS AT STYLE SHOW

"Celebrity" models will be featured in the annual UD Mothers' Club Luncheon and Style Show on Friday, April 28 in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. The fashion show will follow the luncheon at approximately 1 p.m. Models include William Schuerman, dean of students; Regis Lekan, director of alumni and parent relations; and Brother Bruce Giffin, S.M., assistant professor of biology. Proceeds will be used for scholarships. For information, call Joan Grayson at (513) 298-1622.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30: 1,250 UD STUDENTS TO RECEIVE COLLEGE DIPLOMAS

UD will hold its spring commencement on Sunday, April 30 at 10 a.m. at the UD Arena. Nearly 1,000 students will receive bachelor degrees, and another 250 will be awarded graduate degrees. Honorary degrees will be bestowed upon Dayton business leader John W. Berry Sr., human factors psychologist Julien M. Christensen and Catholic communicator Delores Leckey. For information, call (513) 229-3241.

MONDAY, MAY 1: UD KICKS OFF FIVE-CITY PUBLIC FORUM ON MANUFACTURING

The Ohio Department of Development, in conjunction with the University of Dayton, will kick off "The Governor's Public Forum Series on Manufacturing" with a breakfast and "idea-generating session" for 65 manufacturing leaders on Monday, May 1 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Convention Center in Dayton.

Jack L. Warne, retired president and chief operating officer of Omark Industries who turned the company around, will speak from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. Similar forums will be held in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Toledo and Columbus from May 2-5.

For media interviews, contact Carol Shaw at (513) 229-4606.