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Media advisory: Groundbreaking Ceremony to Mark Beginning of UD Fieldhouse Construction

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Weather permitting, the University of Dayton will hold a short groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m. to mark the beginning of construction of a major addition to the UD Fieldhouse. Part of UD's "Campus 2000 Plan," the $3.5 million project is one of seven major building projects envisioned for campus between now and the year 2000 when UD celebrates its 150th anniversary.

Design plans include a more than 28,000-square-foot addition to the western part of the Fieldhouse that will provide additional offices, classrooms and space for intercollegiate sports and physical and health education. The design proposed by architects Edge & Tinney--brick with sandstone detailing--is consistent with the design of the new William S. Anderson Information Science Center and the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall on campus. Expected completion date is August 1990.

University of Dayton officials will finance the Fieldhouse addition through fund raising and bond issues.

The shovel that will be used in the groundbreaking ceremony was donated by NCR in May 1949 for the original Fieldhouse groundbreaking.

WHAT: Groundbreaking, UD Fieldhouse addition
WHERE: UD Fieldhouse on Alberta Street
WHEN: Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS: Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president; Thomas J. Frericks, vice president for athletic programs and facilities; Jerry Miller, chair of facilities committee of UD Board of Trustees and president of Miller-Valentine Group. Resource people will include Bob Rotterman, facilities manager, UD; David Butt, executive vice president of Butt Construction, contractor; and Jim Tinney, partner, and Larry Richter, project architect, from Edge & Tinney Architects.

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