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DAYTON, Ohio, May 19, 1989--The University of Dayton's Board of Trustees today appointed James J. Gilvary, a partner in the law firm Smith & Schnacke and a UD alumnus, as chairman. Gilvary, a Dayton resident, will serve a three-year term.

Gilvary succeeds Jesse Philips, who served 18 years on the board with his last two terms as chair. Philips will continue his affiliation with UD in an advisory capacity.

Gilvary became a board member in 1972 and has served five three-year terms. Before joining Smith & Schnacke 25 years ago, he served as assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio, assistant Montgomery County prosecutor and Kettering's law director. Gilvary, who received a bachelor's degree from UD in 1951 and a law degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1954, serves on the board of the Legal Aid Society of Dayton and the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Greater Dayton. He has been president of UD's National Alumni Association and the Dayton Bar Association.

Besides Philips, John W. Berry Sr. and L. William Crotty stepped down from the board. According to UD's constitution, board members can serve nine consecutive years before a one-year break. Berry and Crotty had been members since 1980.

The board appointed the Rev. Bertrand A. Buby, S.M., as an honorary trustee. Buby resigned from the board upon completion of his term as Provincial of the Cincinnati Province of the Society of Mary. The Rev. James F. Fitz, S.M., newly named Provincial, and Brother Joseph Davis, S.M., founder and first executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics, were both selected as new members. The board reappointed Richard Glennon and Senator Richard H. Finan as trustees.