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26 Daytonians Graduate With Honor's in Saturday's Commencement Exercises

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DAYTON, Ohio, April 25, 1974 — Connie and John Begovich, a couple native to the Dayton area, and Victoria Ann Knipper of Oakwood will be among 105 students to graduate with high honors from the University of Dayton during Spring commencement exercises Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 A.M. in UD Arena.

Twenty-six Daytonians are among 105 honor graduates in a class of 1,106 students. The spring commencement is one of three diploma exercises in the University’s 124th graduation year. The first was held in December and the other will be conducted on July 28.

Victoria Knipper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Knipper of 264 Volusia Avenue, a graduate of Julienne High School, will graduate summa cum laude in elementary education with an academic average of 3.93 (out of a possible 4.0). She worked for a year as a research assistant in elementary education and explains: "This practical experience greatly enriched my education."

Connie Lygm Begovich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horiss of 1934 Turnbull Road, Dayton, a graduate of Beavercreek High School, will graduate summa cum laude in mathematics with a 3.94 academic average. Her husband, John, graduates magna cum laude in chemical engineering. The couple confess "We guess marriage does help. Our only B’s were during the semester before we were married." The Begovichs are moving to Oak Ridge, Tennessee where John has accepted an engineering position with Union Carbide at the Oakridge National Laboratory.

Other summa cum laude graduates include three students with perfect 4.0 academic averages: James McKenna in Communication Arts from Munster, Indiana; Carol M. Welu in Philosophy and English from Dubuque, Iowa; and Don P. Steiner, in Mathematics from South Euclid, Ohio. Scott Serasin of Ridgeville, Ohio received a 3.94 in Political Science; Monica Sullivan of Columbus, Ohio received a 3.95 in American Studies; Philip Anthony of New Bremen, Ohio received a 3.97 in Physics, and Cynthia Paskin of Arlington Heights, Illinois received a 3.91 in Accounting.

HONORARY DEGREES

Honorary degrees will be presented during commencement exercises to four prominent Daytonians. Norman Gebhart, who recently retired after a 48-year career with General Motors, and who was involved in extensive community work will be awarded a Doctor of Humanities. Monsignor Joseph D. McFarland who celebrated the golden anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and the silver anniversary of his being named pastor of Holy Angels Church in Dayton will receive the Doctor of Humanities. The Reverend Gordon Price, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Dayton will receive a Doctor of Humanities. Josephine Schwarz founder of the Dayton Ballet Company, will be awarded the Doctor of Fine Arts.

A complete list of Daytonians graduating with honors includes:

MAGNA CUM LAUDE:

Julie Ann Miskimen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James T. Miskimen of 325 Kenilworth Avenue, is a graduate of Julienne High School. She majored in biology, was on the Dean’s List all four years and received a 3.8376 academic point average.

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Jerry M. Gaulding, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gaulding of 345 Brooklyn, Dayton, a graduate of Roth High School. He majored in engineering technology and came to UD on the Sloan Foundation Scholarship Grant. Jerry received a 3.8603 academic point average.

Thomas C. Wendel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Wendelin of Waltham Avenue, Kettering, a graduate of Chaminade High School. Tom majored in political science, was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, and received a 3.8309 academic point average.

Alan J. Carney, son of Mr. Clyde W. Carney, Jr. of Greene Street, Fairborn, a graduate of Carroll High School. Alan majored in electrical engineering and plans to attend graduate school and will major in computer engineering and biomedical engineering. He received a 3.7900 academic point average.

Karen Sue Trick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Trick of 1128 Highview Drive, Xenia, a graduate of Carroll High School. Karen majored in engineering technology and received a 3.7168 academic point average.

Deborah Ann Scherack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Scherack of 2375 Mayfair Road, Dayton, a graduate of Julie ne High School. She majored in secondary education with a specialization in social studies and received a 3.7459 academic point average.

Gary W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, of 2448 Neff Road, Dayton, a graduate of Northridge High School. Gary majored in civil engineering and was president of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. He received a 3.7968 academic point average.

Heidi S. Faust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Faust of Crestwood Hills Drive, Vandalia, a graduate of Troy High School. She majored in fine arts, had a one-woman exhibit of paintings, drawings, and prints in March 1973 and has also participated in student musical recitals for voice and piano. Heidi received a 3.7224 academic point average.

Karen E. Shoemaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurlo Shoemaker of Martin Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of Northridge High School. She majored in psychology and was treasurer for Psi Chi, the psychology honor club. Karen is graduating after only three years at UD and plans to attend graduate school here. She received a 3.8713 academic point average.

Barbara Ann Giambrone, daughter of Mrs. Letitia Giambrone of Rondeau Ridge Drive, Kettering, a graduate of Alter High School. She majored in accounting and was awarded the accounting honor society's Award for Academic Excellence. She received a 3.7339 academic point average.

Mary M. Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Collins of Richmond Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of Julienne High School. She majored in physical education and was the holder of an upperclassman scholarship and the winner of the J.M. Landis Award from the Physical Education Dept. Mary received an academic point average of 3.5982, the highest average in the science area of any physical and/or health education senior.

David J. Lesko, son of Mrs. Mary Lesko of Pritz Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of Chaminade High School. David majored in psychology. He was involved in the Exceptional Students Program and the Program for Self-Directed Learning. David received a 3.737 academic point average.

CUM LAUDE:

Mary M. Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Collins of Richmond Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of Julienne High School. She majored in physical education and held the holder of an upperclassman scholarship and the winner of the J.M. Landis Award from the Physical Education Dept. Mary received an academic point average of 3.5982, the highest average in the science area of any physical and/or health education senior.

David P. Deeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Deeter of Beechwood Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of Patterson Co-Op High School. He majored in chemistry and holds a three year ROTC scholarship and has won the superior cadet award from the department. David received a 3.5175 academic point average.

Ann B. Feldmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raye Bell of Hush Drive, Dayton, a graduate of Centerville High School. She majored in communication arts and journalism and received a 3.5565 academic point average.
Michael D. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Webb of Brantford Road, Dayton, a graduate of Northridge High School. He majored in pre-medical and was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medical fraternity. He received a 3.5576 academic point average.

Ann M. Weisenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weisenbach of Livingston Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of St. Joseph Commercial High School. Ann majored in accounting and belonged to Phi Gamma Nu sorority and served as treasurer for two years. She received a 3.6846 academic point average.

Janet Marie Vocke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Vocke of Bowen Street, Dayton, a graduate of Julienne High School. Janet majored in elementary education and received a 3.9932 academic point average.

Timothy Joseph Wabler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wabler of Fountain Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of Chaminade High School. He majored in accounting and played on the UD Flyers baseball team for four years and was co-captain for one year. Tim received a 3.6306 academic point average.

Jackie R. Marchbanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Marchbanks of N. Upland Avenue, Dayton, a graduate of Roth High School. He majored in political science and finished his degree program in three years. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and was awarded the College Student of the Year Award. He received an academic point average of 3.6542.

Patricia A. Ciambro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ciambro of Delaine Avenue, Kettering, a graduate of Fairmont West, Kettering. Pat majored in elementary education and belonged to the Education Honor Society. She received a 3.6944 academic point average.

Daniel S. McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus A. McClure of Helenwood Drive, Dayton, a graduate of Stebbins High School. Dan majored in pre-dentistry and came to UD on a four year full scholarship. He received a 3.6909 academic point average.

Michael D. Rancurello, son of Mrs. Carmella M. Rancurello of Woodedge Drive, Bellbrook, a graduate of Alter High School. Mike majored in premed and psychology and plans to attend medical school. He received a 3.6785 academic point average.

Paul Kehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Kehl of Matthew Street, Marietta, a graduate of Marietta High School, Marietta, Ohio. Paul majored in communication arts with a minor in business. He has been in broadcasting for 19 years and been employed at WHIO for the past 12 years and holds the position of production director. He received a 3.5588 academic point average.