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DAYTON, Ohio, April 12, 1977 -- David C. Kraft, Dean of the School of Engineering, has announced that he will relinquish his position as dean and return to teach within the department of Civil Engineering. He will remain in his position as dean until his replacement is found.

Kraft, who served as assistant dean from 1970-72 and dean since May 1972, considers the 80% increase in Engineering enrollment since 1973 as the most significant achievement of his tenure. The enrollment increase and the development and growth in academic and research programs he attributes to the dedication of Engineering's faculty and staff.

"Dr. Kraft has made an outstanding contribution as dean," reflects Brother Joseph W. Stander, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, "we regret his decision to step down."

Among these programs, Kraft cites the initiation of the Ph.D. and the D.E. degree programs in 1973 which now enroll 50 students; the Late Entry Bachelor of Engineering and the Fast-Track Late Entry Women's programs which he feels will serve as educational models assisting UD in attracting non-traditional students; special activities such as the aircraft design short course, solar energy and rare-earth magnets workshops and the Women in Engineering summer institute; the dual degree program with Wilberforce University, increasing engineering opportunities for minorities; and the growth in sponsored research.