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UD COMMENCEMENT -  
FIVE HONORARY DEGREES  
APRIL 30, 1978 - UD ARENA

DAYTON, Ohio, April 13, 1978 --- At commencement exercises (Sunday, April 30, 10 a.m.), the University of Dayton will confer honorary degrees upon five persons.

Receiving those honorary degrees will be: Edward R. Burroughs, Doctor of Fine Arts; the Reverend William Ferree, S.M., Doctor of Humane Lettres; Jessie Valeria Scott Hathcock, Doctor of Humanities; Robert H. Meyer, Doctor of Humanities; and the Most Reverend Edward E. Swanstrom, Doctor of Humanities.

After graduating from the Maryland Institute of Fine Arts in 1926, Edward R. Burroughs was invited to join the faculty of the then new Art School in Dayton. Appointed dean of the school in 1936, Burroughs retired in 1965 from the Dayton Art Institute with the rank of dean emeritus.

He also taught several years at the University of Dayton. From 1965 to 1969 he was head of the art department and organized plans for a four-year art program and art education program.

His work has been included in exhibits of institutions such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Library of Congress. Museums exhibiting his work include the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Toledo Art Museum, the Seattle Art Museum, and the Los Angeles Museum of Fine Arts.

A calligrapher, Burroughs has lettered many citations, including honorary degrees for the University of Dayton.

The Reverend William Ferree, S.M., received bachelor's degrees from the University of Dayton in 1928 and 1929. He pursued his graduate education in philosophy, theology, and psychology at the University of Fribourg and the Catholic University of America.

Father Ferree served as chairman of the University of Dayton Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1971. From 1966 to 1968, he was president of Chaminade College of Honolulu.

Ordained a priest in 1937, Father Ferree has served the Marianists in several posts including that of provincial superior of the Cincinnati Province (1968-1973). He currently is director of Second Career Vocations Project.

He has written widely on social justice, Catholic action, Catholic inter-American collaboration, education reform, and international development.

Jessie Valeria Scott Hathcock graduated from the University of Dayton in 1932. Having received a master's degree from Wittenberg University, she was appointed dean of girls at Dayton's Dunbar High School when that school opened. She served in that capacity for several years, and later as guidance counselor and English teacher.

During her 29 years at Dunbar, she organized the P.T.A., Student Council, Junior Red Cross, and Junior Council on World Affairs. At the time of her retirement in 1964, she was chairman of the English Department.

She has served since then as coordinator of Adult Basic Education for the Dayton schools. Very active in community affairs, Mrs. Hathcock is founder and current chairman of the Dayton and Miami Valley Committee for UNICEF.

Robert H. Meyer joined Reynolds and Reynolds Co. in 1950 as a member of its business forms marketing staff. As director of marketing, Meyer influenced top management's decision to enter the field of providing electronic data processing (EDP) services. (This field in 1977 accounted for over 40 per cent. of the firm's sales.)

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Meyer was named vice president of administration in 1967. He was elected to the board of directors in 1968; the following year he became executive vice president.

In 1971 he became president and general manager, then president and chief executive officer in 1972, and later vice chairman and chief executive officer in 1976. He left these posts in 1977 and today acts as a consultant to the company.

During Meyer's presidency, Reynolds and Reynolds's sales increased from \$51.3 million in 1971 to \$82.4 million in 1975.

He has served numerous community organizations and won a number of awards for community service and business leadership.

The Most Reverend Edward E. Swanstrom, auxiliary bishop of New York, served as executive director of Catholic Relief Services -- United States Catholic Conference from 1947 to 1976.

Under his direction the overseas relief and development program of the organization became one of the largest of its kind in the world, having reached as many as 40 million needy people in 68 countries with more than 900,000 tons of supplies in a single year.

A native of New York City, Bishop Swanstrom graduated from Fordham University in 1924 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1928. After serving ten years with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop Swanstrom was named assistant director of Catholic Relief Services in 1943.

A prolific writer, Bishop Swanstrom is author of a book on the labor problems of the New York waterfront and of an account of the plight of refugees following World War II.

Bishop Swanstrom has been awarded the Peace Award of the Catholic Association for International Peace, the French Legion of Honor, and the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. Earlier this year, Pope Paul VI named Bishop Swanstrom an Assistant at the Papal Throne in acknowledgement of the bishop's accomplishments for the poor of the Church throughout the world.